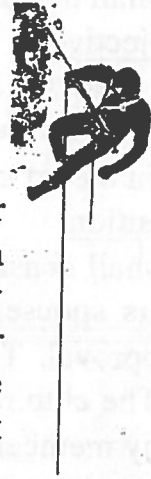


Scarborough

Caving Club



Annual General Meeting 2nd March 1996.

9 members present.

The A.G.M. this year started off with the presentation of the trophies for the photo competition. The competition was well turned out with several members entering for the first time. The entries were judged by Ernie and Ruth Shield who travelled from Thrisk to do so. To show our appreciation the club presented Ruth with a bunch of flowers and Ernie received a bottle of wine and a years membership to the club. Thank you again for being our judges.

The winners were ; Richard Ward for best black and white print; Mark Rowe for best colour print; Mike Ward for best slide; Tony Manton for most humorous.

The changes to the constitution as detailed in January's minutes were voted upon and passed with no objections. Copies of the new constitution are enclosed.

Volunteers for the posts of training officer and novice trip supervisor were received and voted upon. Jamie Dixon is now the new training officer and has already found a quarry near Burniston that appears to be an ideal spot for S.R.T. practice. Tony Manton now holds the new post of novice trip supervisor.

Sunday 24th March has been made into a novice trip day, this does not alter the planned trip to Gillgarth cave as the novice trips will be taking place in the same area ie. Alum Pot. Don't forget to ring around to arrange transport, equipment and meeting place etc.

Saturday 13th April mining with Mike Mitchell is going to be at Nent Head which will only be an afternoon trip. A visit to a mining museum, which is on the way is suggested for the morning, details later.

Kirkdale cave dig is progressing well with approximately 10 to 20 foot of new passage dug out a week this means that the cave has now got a length of 600feet. Chalky still requires any old garden tools that anybody has especially hoes and trowels.

Membership fees are due and are now £20, you were warned that they would go up after the A.G.M. Non payment of membership means that those not paid will not receive any minutes after April's set and will not be able to sign out club equipment from the tacklemaster.

Jamie is planning in buying some stainless steel maillons, if any one wishes to buy some please contact him so that discount can be haggled for if sufficient maillons are required.

Jamie can be contacted on 01947 602135.

Forthcoming Events.

Sun 24th March Gillgarth Cave & Novices

Sat 30th March Top Sinks (Permit) & Red Moss Pot

Sat 6th April Meeting. Slip Gill Windypit or Crackpot Cave

Sat 13th April Mining with Mike Mitchell

Chairman's Report 2nd March 1996.

This year has seen a lot of activity within the club, most of the permits used and lots of Thursday night digging. There has been some truly memorable experiences that only our club could have.

This year has seen the Cave Rescue Organisation called out twice, once for two cavers lost in Dentdale and once for a sheep in Notts Pot. Not the only sheep there was one in Cherry Tree Hole as well.

The club has learnt a lot about the mining techniques used at the turn of the century, and through digging we have discovered a large iron stone mine near Whitby. We have also learnt how to survey and what a nightmare it is to draw them up. We learnt about the Windypits and again through persistent digging we were able to extend and even double the size of some of them.

The more we dig the more digs we find and the more we discover, let us keep this up in the future. Some great digs have been; finding more than 90% of Birtley Iron Mine on two levels; nearly doubling the length of Antofts Windypit; making Noddle End Windypit a through trip to Peak Scar; we have dug, surveyed and filled in slip rifts in Troutsdale and Silpho; we have trebled the length of Silpho Quarry Cave and have now found more than 10% of Kirkdale Cave.

Praise goes to everybody who spent a lot of time, often in atrocious conditions digging in the hope of finding something. Praise also goes to everybody who has attended the trips, meetings and made the club possible. Thanks go to Richard for being Chairman for the first half of the year and for helping me when I get stuck.

Jerry.

SRT Ropes.

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|----------------|---------------|-----|--------------|---------------|-----|
| 9mm Edelrid | 50ft (15m) | x 2 | 10mm Edelrid | 35ft (10.5m) | x 1 |
| | 60ft (18m) | x 1 | | 40ft (12m) | x 1 |
| | 74ft (22.5m) | x 1 | | 80ft (24m) | x 2 |
| | 80ft (24m) | x 1 | | 90ft (27m) | x 1 |
| | | | | 110ft (33.5m) | x 1 |
| 10mm Viking | 100ft (30m) | x 1 | | 140ft (42.5m) | x 1 |
| | 200ft (60.5m) | x 1 | | 180ft (54.5m) | x 1 |
| 11mm Bluewater | 300ft (91m) | x 1 | | | |

Safety Ropes.

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| Unknown | 22ft (6.5m) | x 1 | Unknown | 80ft (24m) | x 1 |
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Ladders & Belays.

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| Ladders | 25ft (7.5m) | x 4 | Wire Belay | 15ft (4.5m) | x 1 |
| | 12ft (3.5m) | x 1 | | 10ft (3m) | x 2 |
| Spreader Belay | x 2 | | | | |

Hangers & Maillons.

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| Petzl Twist & Bolt Hangers | x 29 | 7mm long Rigging Maillons | x 50 |
| Troll Angled Hangers | x 8 | | |

Slings.

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| Long Sling | x 2 | Med. Sling | x 2 | Short Sling | x 2 |
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Tackle Sacks.

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| Red 100ltr | x 2 | Blue 120ltr | x 1 |
| Blue 150ltr | x 1 (For Bluewater) | V. Large 200ltr | x 2 |
| Red TSA Sacks | x 2 (Ladders only) | Hauling Sacks | x 2 (Digging only) |

Accessories.

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| 3ft Stake | x 2 | 100ft Surveying Tape Measure | x 1 |
| 20ft Scaling Pole | x 1 | | |