

1998

Scarborough

Caving Club

Newsletter 12th March. Annual General Meeting.

The clubs annual general meeting was held on Thursday 12th March at The Buck public house Wreton and commenced at 8:30pm. Eleven members were present. Apologies were received from Lee and Chalky.

Reports were read out by the chairman, tacklemaster and treasurer detailing the current status of the club copies enclosed.

The reports were followed by the results of the ballot for the committee posts. The posts of Chairman and Training Officer remain unchanged with Jerry and Jamie staying in their respective posts. The new members on the committee are Peter Fambely, Chalky Thomas and Andy Brennan who are now occupying the posts of Secretary, Tacklemaster and Novice Trip Supervisor. A new post has also been introduced that of Vice Chairman with Pete Shaw being the first holder of the position. Our thanks go out to the members who have left the committee and best wishes go to those who have just taken up office.

The photo competition saw twelve pictures being entered for the four categories unfortunately two of the categories did not have any entries. The winners of the two categories that were entered are Jerry for best colour and Richard for best black and white.

Vercors Trip. Richard has asked that those members who are going on the Vercors trip need to pay the outstanding £130.00 to him as soon as possible and before the end of April any problems contact Richard on 01751 432953.

To raise some badly needed cash it has been decided that we get rid of a stock of T-Shirts and Sweatshirts, which have done nothing but sit in a corner for the past few years. These T-Shirts and Sweatshirts are available at £2.50 each or £5 for a pair. They come in various sizes and are green with Scarborough Caving Club printed on them with a picture of a caving troll.

The meeting closed with a selection of sandwiches kindly provided by the bar staff.

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Chairmans Report. March 1998.

On the whole this has been a good caving year. There have been some truly memorable trips including Car Pot, where Chalky got stuck at least three times or Disappointment Pot where some people didn't like the duck and I came out in the dark with two failed lights.

Although caving tailed off towards the end of the year, which wasn't helped by the theft of a lot of caving equipment, digging has still been strong. It is thanks to the support and determination of the digging teams that the club can boast of several recent breakthroughs including the one in Bog Hall Rising. It is thanks to members like Richard Wilsdon who supported Nial and myself in our early cave dives in Bog Hall and through Richard and Nial's persistence that the club has forged a new link to the surface. Thanks also go to the patient surface crews who carried the equipment and combed the surface searching for the signals coming from below for it is without this help the club wouldn't have had so much success. Lets hope the year ahead will prove as successful as the last year especially with the French trip to look forward to.

Jerry.

Tacklemaster Report. March 1998.

The club equipment is in generally good condition. All of the old ropes have previously been retired. The knackered tackle sacks were stolen late last year and have been replaced. The age retired ropes have not been scraped as yet as they are to be used on the Vercors trip. One 80ft rope retired has already found a new home as a line in the entrance of Bog Hall Rising.

The club is currently short of a few ropes and I suggest that another 110ft 10mm rope is purchased as this is our most used length and ropes of this length are usually retired due to wear rather than age. I also suggest the club buys another 80ft rope and another rope protector to replace the one stolen.

After the theft of some club equipment in November it was decided not to replace the two ladders which were taken as we still have three left. We do though need to obtain two or three spreaders and two or three wire belays of various lengths to enable us to use these ladders.

I must take this opportunity to thank all the members of the club who contributed to the drill fund. Without these donations the purchase of the drill would not have been possible and many of the recent results in our digging may not have happened. It is this reason alone that makes this purchase one of the best buys the club has made.

Jerry & Chalky

Treasurers Report. 01/03/97 to 28/02/98.

Income.

Subscriptions	310.00
T - Shirts	00.00
Donations	00.00
Interest	0.71
Equipment Hire	00.00
Fund Raising	00.00

Payments.

Equipment	391.00
Membership Fees	10.00
Stationery	34.62
Misc :-	
Flowers	
Wine	
Raffle	
Posters	
Insurance	
Food	39.05
Trophies	13.00

Income Total 310.71

Payments Total 487.67

Net Credit / Deficit -176.96

Accounts at 01/03/97

Current	125.28
Petty Cash	12.58

Total 137.86

Net Credit / Deficit 176.59

Accounts at 28/02/98

Current	15.36
Petty Cash	-54.09

Total -38.73

Tacklemaster's Report 12/03/98.

SRT Ropes.

9mm Edelrid	50ft /15m ('94)	x 1	10mm Edelrid	35ft /10.5m ('94)	x 1
	60ft /18m ('94)	x 1		40ft /12m ('94)	x 1
	80ft /24m ('94)	x 1		150ft /45.5m ('98)	x 1
				200ft /60m ('98)	x 1
10mm Marlow	80ft /24m ('96)	x 1			
	110ft /33.5m ('96)	x 1			
11mm Bluewater	300ft /91m ('95)	x 1			

Ladders & Belays.

Ladders	25ft (7.5m)	x 2
	12ft (3.5m)	x 1

Hangers & Maillons.

Petzl Twist & Bent Hangers	x 32	7mm long Rigging Maillons	x 60
Troll Angled Hangers	x 8		

Slings.

Long Sling ('96)	x 2	Med. Sling ('96)	x 2
Short Sling ('96)	x 2		

Tackle Sacks.

Red 100ltr	x 1	Yellow 100ltr	x 1
Blue 150ltr	x 1	Blue 150ltr	x 1 (For Bluewater)
V. Large 250ltr	x 2	Red TSA Sacks	x 1 (Ladders only)
Hauling Sacks	x 2 (Digging only)		

Accessories.

3ft Stake	x 6	Rope Washer	x 1
20ft Scaling Pole	x 1	Pulley	x 2
Rope Protector	x 2	Bag Full Of Assorted Items	
100ft Surveying		Cave Safe	
Tape Measure	x 1	Videos 1 / 2 / 3	x 1
Eco Rigging		Eco Rigging	
Guide No. 1	x 1	Guide No. 2	x 1
Bosch GBH Drill	x 1	Leads For Drill	Various
Drill Bits In Rocket	x 1	12v Battery For Drill	x 2
Tube		Ammo Can For Drill	x 2

Trip List 1998

Month	Day	Date	Pot Hole / Cave	Permit	Grade	Requested By
March	Sat	7th	Cow Pot	yes	4	Mark
	Sat	14th				
	Sat	21st				
	Sat	28th				
April	Sat	4th	Car Pot	yes	4	Jerry
	Sat	11th				
	Sat	18th	Nettle Pot (Derbyshire)	no	3/5	Richard
	Sat	25th				
May	Sat	2nd	Ireby Fell	no	3	Shaun
	Sat	9th				
	Sat	16th	Echo Pot	no	5	Jamie
	Sat	23rd				
	Sat	30th				
June	Sat	6th	Gingling Hole	yes	4 / 5	Jamie
	Sat	13th	Magnetometer	no	3 / 5	Chalky
	Sat	20th				
	Sat	27th				
July	Sat	4th	Crescent Pot	no	5	Chalky
	Sat	11th	Gaping Ghyll Main Shaft	yes	4 / 5	Jerry
	Sat	18th				
	Sat	25th				
August	Sat	1st	Hammer Pot	yes	5	Jerry
	Sat	8th	Redmire Pot	no	5	Richard
	Sat	15th				
	Sat	22th				
		Sat	29th	Birks Fell Cave	yes	4
September	Sat	5th	P8 (Derbyshire)	no	3	Richard
	Sat	12th				
	Sat	19th	Notts Pot	yes	3 / 4	Mark
	Sat	26th				
October	Sun	4th	Lost Johns	yes	4	Shaun
	Sat	10th	Stream Passage	yes	4	Mark
	Sat	17th				
	Sat	24th				
	Sat	31st				
November	Sat	7th	Giants Hole	no	?	Lee
	Sat	14th	Bull Pot The Witches	no	3	Shaun
	Sat	21st				
	Sat	28th				
December	Sat	5th	Winshaw Gill Pot	no	3	Jerry
	Sat	12th	Coppice Cave	no	3	Jerry
	Sat	19th				
	Sat	26th				

