

Inverness Backcountry Snowsports Club
(Vice) President's Report 2015/16
November 2016

I have been tasked with writing the President's Report for 2015/16, as our club President, Peter MacKenzie, has embarked on a year-long adventure in Madagascar with his wife. I would like to thank Peter, on behalf of the committee and all club members for his time as President of the club. I wish whoever takes on the role next, the best of luck.

The past year has proved to be another very successful year for the club, with membership increasing on the previous year. There were 114 members in 2015/16. 83 people have already joined for the coming year, so we are well on the way to another successful year.

It is not just the number of members in the club which is important. The quality of the club trips is vital to the success of the club. Looking back at last year's programme, it was busy and varied, and all trips were well subscribed to. I am not going to go through every trip, but want to highlight a few of them.

Special thanks needs to go to the Mike Cawthorne, for the idea of a club trip to Glenuaig Lodge, in the North-West. This really was one of the club highlights, and I suspect will be very popular this year, so sign up ASAP if you are interested. Another successful weekend trip, was Loch Ossian Youth Hostel, which has become an annual club event. This has always proven to be a fun and adventurous weekend, and we always seem to pick one of the windiest weekends in winter! Maybe this year will be different.....

Other overnight trips included a bivvy at the bottom of the Braveheart Chair and a weekend in the CIC hut for skiing on The Ben.

As well as weekend trips, there were plenty of day trips, for all abilities. Trips included Cairngorm, Glen Feshie, Ben Wyvis, Ben Alder, plus many more.

The upcoming agenda looks just as busy, varied and fun.

In poor form, I want to single out and thank a few committee members for their work and dedication throughout the year.

- Donald Morris, Club Secretary. Donald has, once again, been the driving force behind the club, and keeps everything going. Without him the club would not be the success that it is.
- Troy Wardrop, Club Treasurer, for taking on the role and keeping on top of the finances. Troy also became the unofficial Club Chef, and I hope he will continue in this unofficial roll! So, if you see Troy's name on an overnight trip, book on it, just for the food!!
- Rose Norman, Membership Secretary. Rose was thrown in at the deep and has done a wonderful job on managing membership.

The Club has a wonderful year ahead to look forward to. There will be several changes within the committee, with the President, Peter MacKenzie stepping down and myself stepping down as Vice

President, purely because neither of us are going to be around to fulfil our roles. Kevin Neal is also stepping down as a committee member for the same reason.

I wish the future committee the best of luck, and I look forward to seeing the club continue to grow.

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