 **Black Dog Meet**

**No. 237 Corran**

**24th-26th June 2022**

**In Attendance**

Valerie Inglis, Wull Clark, David Cameron, Alan Sewell, Russell Shanks, Lorna Smith,

Tony Smith, Rachel Yeats, James Yeats, and Alice Cottis (guest)

# **Hills Climbed**

**Friday**

Alan: Sgorr Mhic Eacharna (650m) and Beinn Bheag (736m)

Lorna and Tony: Fiaclach (749m) & Meall Dubh (608m)

David: Beinn a'Chochuill (980m)

Valerie & Wull: Beinn a’ Chaorainn (1049m) + North (1042m) & South (1048m) tops and Beinn Teallach (914m)

**Saturday**

Tony: Sgurr Dhomhuill Mor (714m), Sgurr a'Mheadhain (608m) and

Rois-Bheinn West top (877m)

James & Alice: Stob Ban (999m) and Mullach nan Coirean (939m)

David: Stob Coire Easain (1115m) and Stob a'Choire Mheadhoin (1105m)
Valerie & Wull: Geal Charn (804m) and Glas Bheinn (732m)

**Sunday**

David, Valerie & Wull: Gairbeinn (896m)

**Weather**

Weather was bright and sunny with a pleasant cooling breeze/wind on Friday. Saturday was fair most of the time but locally variable and windy. Sunday was wet and very windy.

**Notes / Highlights**

**Friday**

Alan climbed the two Grahams across the Corran Ferry.

Lorna and Tony started from Kinloch Rannoch following a well marked (signed to Craig Varr) and popular trail north. The initial ascent is quite steep but in very pleasant woodlands which provided useful shade on a hot and sunny afternoon. About a mile on the path splits and thereafter we saw nobody else bagging the Simms (no surprise there then!). The final pull to Fiaclach summit was unexpectedly awkward with a very stiff breeze blowing directly across a quite narrow ridge. Meall Dubh was more straightforward before our descent back to the original track. Both tops gave very wide ranging views.

**Saturday**

Alan. “Russell and I headed up Glen Nevis to climb but the rocks were wet and didn’t look like they would dry anytime soon. Plan B was to do an easier climb on the Buachaille but the weather was no better in Glencoe, - so we went for plan C and headed to the indoor wall at Kinlochleven. After a good session we walked up to the Grey Mare’s Tail waterfall and checked out the via ferrata in the gorge.”

Tony reports “I did these three typically rough Moidart hills starting from Roshven Farm on the A861 a few miles south of Lochailort. The reported footpath up Gleann Dubh turned out to be, at best, a very rough and muddy cattle trod but I eventually made it to the col after a detour to avoid said beasts. After the shelter of the glen all three tops on the traverse were unpleasantly windy and the persistent rain showers were an unwelcome addition. That said the resultant clear atmosphere allowed quite exceptional views west from Rois-Bheinn to Rhum, Skye and Knoydart. My attempted direct descent back to the road inevitably ended in trees, bracken and a deer fence with no visible gate.”

Rachel and Lorna walked in Glen Nevis.

James and Alice set off from the Polldubh car park at 08:20 and followed the Allt Coire a’Mhusgain which was relatively sheltered from the weather. However, on reaching the bealach the impact of the wind was immediately felt with occasional shower thrown in. The top of Stob Ban was reached, where the wind had died down a bit, only to come back on the way up Mullach nan Coirean with torrential rain for a short time. After the top of Mullach nan Coirean the ridge was followed down to the trees and arrived back to the car park at 14:00.

Valerie and Wull set off to do the Arkaig Corbett in mixed conditions, quite windy when the rain came in but decided to add the Graham as it was there and it would have been rude not to!

On **Sunday** Valerie, Wull & David climbed the Corbett Gairbeinn from Melgarve just beyond Garva Bridge. We had a wet and very, very windy walk - not much more to report.

Alan has loaded up a few pictures on the Flickr page. If folks have any pictures to share please load them up here. [Corran June 2022 4 photos](https://www.flickr.com/photos/190421987%40N07/albums/72177720300148611%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

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