**Black Dog Meet**

**No. 251 Corran**

**23rd to 25th June 2023**

**In Attendance**

Charles Alexander, David Cameron, Wull Clark, Bill Clark, Valerie Inglis, John McGill,

Alan Sewell, Russell Shanks, Barry Smith, Lorna Smith, Tony Smith and James Yeats.

# Plus three guests: Dave Binnie, Mandy Simpson and Darren Luck.

# **Hills Climbed**

**Friday**

Lorna, Charles & Tony Creag an Sgliata (697m)

Alan, Dave & Mandy Bruach na Frithe (958m)

Barry & Darren Stob Coire Sgriodain (979m) & Chno Dearg (1046m)

**Saturday**

James Geal Charn (804m) & Glas Bheinn (732m)

Lorna, Charles & Tony Meall nan Ruadhag (647m) & Meall a' Phuill (448m)

Alan & Russell Climbing routes:

The Groove HS 4b \*\*, Capped Corner MS\*
Right Hand Crack HVS 5a \*\*, Quartz wall VS 4c
Grooved Arête VS 4c
Left Hand Crack (deputy dog finish) HVS 5a

Barry & Darren Gairich (919m)

Valerie & Wull Glas Bhienn (792m)

John Aonach Mor tops (Stob an Chul-Choire, 1070m &

Tom na Sroine, 919m)

**Sunday**

No hills climbed.

**Weather**

Cloudy and wet/damp with limited visibility. Still grim on Sunday morning.

**Notes / Highlights**

**Friday**

**Tony**: Lorna, Charles and I decided to say reasonably well east to get the better weather (according to the forecast anyway). We parked in Acharn, South Loch Tay, and headed up the steep track signed to the Hermit's Cave (which we explored with the aid of Lorna's torch) and Acharn Falls in the adjacent rather fine deep gorge.

Leaving the Rob Roy Way, we continued on good estate tracks before a short rough walk to the Creag an Sgliata summit cairn. Perhaps unwisely we took a direct NE route down to "Remony Burn" (too much deep heather!) and followed a second estate road back towards our start point, diverting down a pleasant and popular path through the trees on the east side of the Falls for the final few hundred meters.

**Alan:** I met up with Dave and Mandy at the Slig hotel just as the rain started. Having not seen Dave for over 10 years it was great to spend the day on a hill that we first climbed together over 30 years before (yikes!). A real trip down memory lane and top banter made the miles into Coire Bhasteir fly by. Although the weather was wild - pouring rain and 40-50mph winds we soon reached the summit of Bruach na Frithe.
The walk back out proved problematic due to the rapidly rising river levels but were soon back across the moor and ringing our pants out back at the Slig.

**Wull:** Me and Valerie met up with David at Ballachulish to go and climb the Graham Sgorr A’ Choise. Unfortunately we couldn’t get across the river so we headed back to the cars and drove to Aviemore.

**Davie:** “Got to Avie more and no more. Bought some gloves and went home” – to the Proclaimers concert.

**Saturday**

**James:** I set off from the Achnasaul parking area and headed up the Glen of Allt Dubh. The air was very humid and threatening to rain, after approximately 3 km I turned left and climbed the slope up to Geal Charn by now it was raining and lost visibility at about 600m. Once at the top of Geal Charn I turned around and went down the same way I came up. After crossing the Allt Dubh it was straight up the side of Glas Bheinn across the short ridge to the top, with no views I set off downhill to break through the cloud at around 500m to a nice sunny day, and a short walk back to the car.

**Tony**: From a small parking area behind the Kings House Hotel we (same group as yesterday) followed the excellent track (where's the bike?) almost to Black Corries Lodge. A useful ATV track heads off directly up the hill from there so we were soon at the summit, by now in cloud so only fleeting views down to Blackwater. Dropping towards the reservoir we rejoined the track to follow it back round to the Lodge (with a short detour to bag the second hill).

**Alan:** Russell and I headed east to find some dry rock. We ended up at Kingussie crag and managed to avoid the showers all day.

**Wull:** Me and Valerie drove to the Grey Mares Tail waterfall car park. We were heading for the Corbett Glas Bhienn 792m above the south side of Loch Eilde Mor. A long humid walk up to the loch from the car park, then followed a boggy track to the summit. Dry to start with then got wetter as the day went on. Not much visibility on the summit.

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