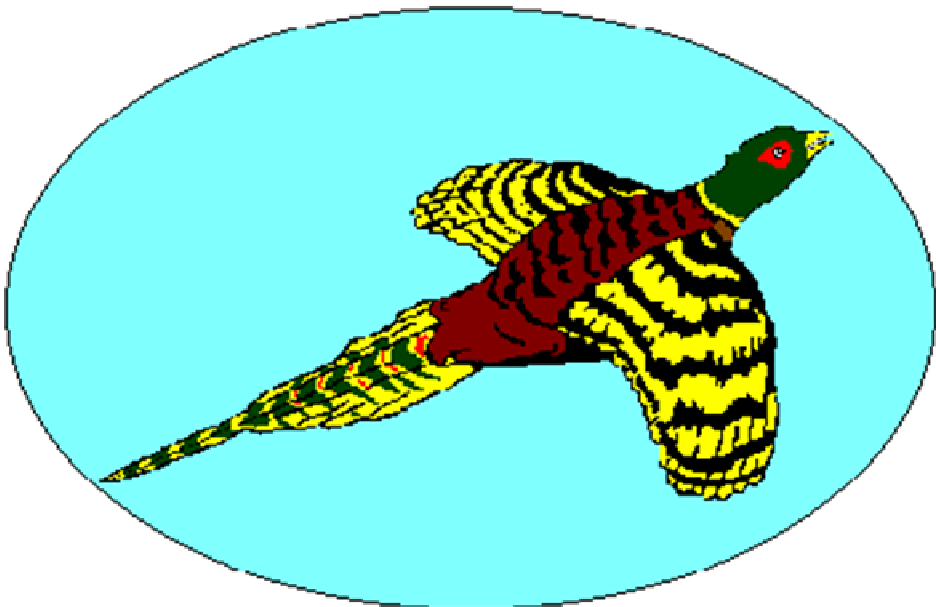




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Happy New Year!
All the very best of health, wealth and happiness to you all!
Lang mae yur lum reek!

I drink to the health of another,
And the other I drink to is he -
In the hope that he drinks to another,
And the other he drinks to is me!

Welcome to the first edition of Pheasant Chatter 2015. Where did 2014 go? In this edition, catch up with what we have been up to in the last few months and take a look at the fun-packed programme of meets we have planned for 2015. Get the dates in your diary!

Remember, this is your newsletter. Do you have some news for your fellow members? Do you want to share any anecdotes or photos from out on the field? Have you found some gadget that your fellow campers just can't live without? If you do, please send it to me at the email address above.

If you would like to receive a copy of the newsletter by email, please send me your name and email address. If not, look out for it on the website - www.perthandangusda.co.uk

Thank you to everyone who has submitted a piece for this edition.

Happy camping!
Lesley

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Well what a second half to our 2014 season we had. I attended Aberfeldy THS in June when our Scottish Region youth were there. It was a fantastic weekend and the site was absolutely full. On the Saturday morning we all went mountain biking which was an experience I shall not forget. Taken to the top of the mountain in a Land Rover with our bikes safely behind us on a custom fit trailer. We then had to tackle the descent on two wheels. I was one of the unfortunate ones to leave my bike unintentionally causing a few bruises. The afternoon saw us set up



volleyball nets in the park for an afternoon of sport which climaxed in a no holds barred game of football with us big kids again emerging victorious, but only just. Year by year the youth are getting bigger, stronger and faster, while the adults (myself included) are just getting older! We still have the edge but I'm not sure how long for! Saturday night we attended a ceilidh in the village hall and again the behaviour from our younger element was fantastic! Well done again youth.

I next attended Scougall Farm THS, North Berwick and the weather was kind. I was lucky enough to spend some lovely quality time fishing with Rhiannon from our little boat. Rhiannon pulled in a cod at almost 5lb in weight after some tuition from the grand master himself Ralph Russell. We had some great fun with lots of entertainment including a game show hosted by Nick Groome-Vine in which I was one of the dolly dealers for play your cards right. Thank you Amy for the loan of your leotard! This is a fantastic THS which goes from strength to strength with 2014 even seeing a wedding onsite.

Our big 40th birthday party bash was the highlight of our autumn calendar with over 80 units attending. There was fun and games all weekend with a heated marquee and jam packed entertainment including Jolene and Barry on Friday night. Saturday night saw Caitlin and Laura start off with a ceilidh followed by our very own Lesley Cook. Ewan and Ryan finished the night off with a fantastic disco for us, proving that our DA really does have talent, and lots of it. Lots of effort went into designing the games for 'Its a knockout' and the big haggis auction and race. A huge thanks to everyone who helped make this meet a success and also to the other DAs for supporting us .

Our meet at Cairnsmill in November was full to capacity and has forced us to make this a booked meet going forward. Anyone wishing to book can do so by contacting me on 07403572627. We had a great time in the swimming pool throughout the weekend with our customary ceilidh on the Saturday night A fantastic site with great facilities, roll on March.

Our booked New Year meet was again full and it was fun and games throughout the week. Everyone had a fantastic time with some great pictures of our 1920s themed night. Bookings for the New Year meet 2015 can be made through Sarah Martin. The pantomime coincided with the New Year meet and we all had a lovely afternoon with another entertaining show followed by a high tea in the theatre restaurant .

I am now looking forward to our first meet of the year which is our AGM meet at Noah's Ark Caravan Park. This was a great meet last year and I hope everyone will support us again this year.

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way last year. This ensures our DA continues on its successful journey. I hope we can count on you all to help us make 2015 even better. We are always looking for volunteers to help at meets or steward, so if anyone would like to help out please get in touch with any of our Commitee or through John on our webpage. Our webpage is a fantastic tool which is full of information regarding our DA. A big thanks to John Johnstone our webpage designer and administrator.

Hope to see you all soon at one of our meets

Phil

Catch up with what we've been up to at our THS's ...

Balhomais Farm, Aberfeldy

Aberfeldy had a great start last year. We had a very busy first week, more caravans than we have had in previous years. The weather was good for most of the three weeks. The only bad evening was the first Saturday with rain and muddy conditions. It did not last long and we had our coffee morning outside the Pheasants Rest on the Sunday morning.

We had all the usual events taking place over the three weeks. The on-site entertainment centre (The Pheasants Rest) was well attended during the week for our bingo, quiz and games evenings.

Our Scottish evening at Camserney Hall was a great success, it was very well attended. Our accordion player Craig Paton was fantastic. He had us all up dancing; even the people that could not dance were up enjoying themselves. He even had some obscure requests from the audience, but he came up with the music for the dances. We had our youth and parents in tow with us again this year for the weekend, and they had a great time at the Scottish evening.

We had our annual putting contest on the Sunday after the coffee morning. The weather was good. The contestants really enjoyed it. We would like to congratulate the winners - the Ladies, Mrs Christine Ormandy and the Gents, Mr Richard Murchie. I would also like to thank Norrie Lovell for all his hard work he put in organising the putting contest and printing score cards and tickets for the Scottish evening.

Steve and I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thanks to all the stewards for their hard work and help before and during Aberfeldy. They are Sandy and Norrie Lovell, Irene and Thom McIntosh, Morris Clarkson, Ian McConnell, Liz Shepherd and Lynda Jamieson. If I have forgotten to thank any one please forgive me it. Thanks to all our visitors joining us, hope you all had a great time and will come back this year.

This year Aberfeldy will start on Saturday 6th June and finish Sunday 28th June.

We will have the usual events taking place this year, a Scottish evening and our bi-annual 'Miss Aberfeldy' contest (only open to the boys), so start looking out those glad rags and come along and join in.

Bye for now, happy camping

Nancy & Steve Ruck

Scoughall Farm, North Berwick

North Berwick THS was a great success again last year with a fun filled programme with something for everyone.

Congratulations to Leeds DA members Lee and Amy Brown on their marriage which took place on the beach at North Berwick.

Congratulations also to Jill Hawtin who was the winner of the biggest fish completion weighing a whopping 8lb 2ozs! Not forgetting our very own Rhiannon Grant. Her catch weighed almost 5lbs.

This year North Berwick starts on the 12th of July until the 9th of August.

Look forward to seeing you all there.



Congratulations Perth & Angus DA Happy 40th Birthday!

The Haugh, Glendevon

As most of you will know we had a 40th birthday celebration. We set the date in September and our venue was Glendevon. Everything was set up for our Thursday morning opening in time, all we needed were some campers. We were not disappointed with over 85 units joining us to celebrate. Thursday night was game show night in the heated marquee with a strange looking dolly dealer for 'Play your cards right'. It was a great night with everyone having a good laugh.

Our youth breakfast cafe opened on Friday morning and everyone that helped did a fantastic job helping to raise money for youth funds.

On Friday evening we were entertained by Jolene and Barry for a great selection of music. They were fantastic entertainers and the evening flew in.

Saturday was a really busy day with the junior youth starting things off with a scavenger hunt. The afternoon started with 'It's a knockout; which was great fun. There were three teams, young youth, old youth and over 25's ... Okay, over 40's then! With a little help from one youth lady.

As always, the oldies won ... But it was very close!

Next was our haggis race which was such a success it has been decided to make it an annual event. We followed with our hog roast before dressing up for the evening. The theme was The Wizard of Oz.

Saturday night saw us entertained by Caitlin and Laura's ceilidh band, Lesley Cook our very own singer and Euan and Ryan finishing the evening off with a disco.

We had our FOL happening while all this was taking place and it was a great night.

Sunday morning again saw many people supporting the youth breakfast cafe again as we waited on the raffle draw. The raffle was a great success with fantastic prizes. Sunday evening saw Ralph finishing the weekend with an evening of bingo.

I would like to once again praise the youth for their excellent behaviour and hard work.

I would also like to say a huge thanks to all the committee and volunteers who helped pull everything together.

Watch this space for details of next years meet planned at Glendevon.

Phil



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The CCY and Junior Youth

On the first weekend in July, Wendy and most of the youth travelled by air to the 2104 National Youth Rally in Bedford but typically the flight was delayed by 6 hours. However that could not quell their excitement. The playing cards came out and some of the youth's adventures took them to the airport ball pit. Wendy maintained an air of professionalism and stayed out but I'm sure I would have dived in with the rest of them. Eventually they arrived at the rally site just after midnight in the dark and I believe a HUGE THANK YOU is due to Debbie, Sarah, Sean and Wee Nick who had already put up all the tents – no mean feat as there were 15 tents!

Oh and talking of tents can I take this opportunity to apologise to Wendy because I mistakenly gave her the wrong tent to take down and she spent the whole weekend with her and her luggage squeezed into the smallest one man lightweight tent that money can buy. Oops!

The weekend saw fair weather for the most of the sports on the Saturday, and although they didn't win in the football, volleyball or netball, it was a very creditable performance and spirits remained high.

On Saturday night there was a 'Wild West' Party in the barn – costumes were fantastic. On Sunday morning they woke up to sunshine – ideal weather for the Austin Trophy. For her first ever National, Patrice was a star and Jarrod continued to amaze everyone with his acrobatics in the Glutton Race.

During July and August the majority of the youth were at Scoughall Farm, North Berwick which was a quiet affair as far as youth sports go but the efforts in fund raising were outstanding. With the bonus ball, sweeties in a jar, penny fair, and the barbecue, the youth raised a staggering £563 for their funds – well done everyone!

Also in August the youth joined the Scottish Region THS at Dalkeith where we joined everyone for a ceildh in the marquee – everyone thoroughly enjoyed eating the haggis, neeps and tatties cooked and served by a number of our youth.

The first weekend in September saw PADA celebrate its 40th Birthday Party – what a fantastic weekend that was. Some of our youth manned the breakfast cafe which was a huge success.

On the Saturday I had organised an 'It's a knockout' style competition. Our youth formed one of the teams and as usual showed great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. They even let the 'old yins' win the event. Although I think Ryan won the unofficial 'Under Tarpaulin' wrestling competition with our Chairman Phil.

In October our youth travelled to Alton Towers for the Autumn Youth Rally. The rally field was a ten minute drive from Alton Towers and had a party tent and the onsite catering was a huge benefit. On Saturday we all went into Alton Towers Theme Park and spent most of the day queuing with the occasional thrill ride thrown in!

Everyone took full advantage of the catering tent enjoying breakfast rolls and the carvery meal on the Saturday night was deeeeeelicious.

Also in October was the Halloween Meet at Lathalmond. Huge congratulations to Thomas Wright and Kira Dibben who sat and passed their Youth Test. Many thanks to Allan McDermid for being the examiner that weekend, your continued support is very much appreciated.

As usual Euan and Ryan played their part at the New Year Rally providing the music and playing at being croupiers on Casino Night and a right couple of gangsters they were too!

The youth joined the rest of the Scottish Youth for their annual Skiing Weekend at Glenshee in February staying at Blackwater Scout Hall. This is always a popular weekend and the cost is kept low thanks to all the hard work fundraising from the previous year.

Other notable events to look forward to are the meets at Noah's Ark the weekend of the AGM (13th to 15th March) where we have access to the onsite indoor Go Karts and Ten Pin Bowling. This year I believe that we are to monopolise the venue and have a private party so I have requested leave so that I can attend.

During the Easter break some of our Youth will be attending the International Youth rally in Italy and Debbie has organised yet another outstanding itinerary.

This year's Jean Stewart Walk will be over the 'Devils Staircase' (16th and 17th May). I believe that our Chairman will be joining us again and this year he has an added incentive to complete the walk as he is collecting sponsors for a very personal and worthy cause. All money raised is going to help the Royvon Autism Support Dogs.

After the success of the Munro Walk last year it is my intention to plan a number of other walks for the youth where we can perhaps wild camp and practice our outdoor skills. After completing last year's Munro I was introduced to Rodger Barr at the Aberfeldy Meet. Rodger, a former Youth Leader with the Sea Cadets has an unbelievable wealth of experience where walking is concerned. He has completed every Munro at least once and has walked the length and breadth of the country. Rodger has offered advice about what Munros to tackle and what routes to avoid.

Lastly and most importantly I would say is this Year's National Youth Rally (3rd to 5th July) to be hosted by the Scottish Region and held at North Berwick. This is going to be epic. Planning is well under way to make it a most memorable occasion but I need all the youth not just from PADA but from the whole of the Scottish Region to start thinking about those all important sporting events. Start practicing your ball skills and keep up the backward running, stove lighting and tent building.

Who knows the Austin Trophy could come back to Scotland!

Nick Groome-Vine
Youth Leader



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What have we got to look forward to? ...

19 to 23 March	Cairnsmill Caravan Park
27 to 29 March	Linwater Caravan Park (join Fife DA)
3 to 19 April	Pitlochry Recreation Ground (joint THS with Scottish Region)
24 to 26 April	Hattonburn Nurseriesw (join Fife DA)
28 April to 5 May	Scottish Region Meet Strathallan Games Park, Bridge of Allan
8 to 10 May	Bus Museum (join Fife DA, birthday meet)
16 to 17 May	Jean Stewart Walk Luss Club Site
19 to 25 May	Montrose Music Festival (THS) Montrose Sports Ground
29 to 31 May	Scoughall Farm (join Edinburgh DA)
6 to 28 June	Balhomais Farm Aberfeldy THS
3 to 5 July	National Youth Rally Scoughall Farm, North Berwick
12 July to 9 August	Scoughall Farm North Berwick THS

**Look out for the next Pheasant Chatter or check out our
webpage for further fixtures**

Web wise ...

You can follow Perth & Angus DA through our web page:

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Keep up to date with the latest news from your DA. This was particularly useful last year when one of the roads to one of our meets was closed. The webmaster was contacted and immediately alerted our followers through the website, sending notifications to their email addresses. Do get this, you need to register through our web page:



log on to the website



click the pheasant to enter the site



select the + Follow icon at the bottom right corner

App aware ...

App for Iphone or Android

If you would like to have the PADA app on your device click the link at the bottom of the home page from your device. The app will not automatically update but does give you all the information to hand.

Going Logo!!

Polo Shirt	£12
Sweatshirt	£14
Hoodie	£19
Zoodie (Hoodie with zip)	£22
Waterproof jacket	£42
Kids hoodie	£12.85 (up to 13 years)

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Names £1.20 for adults and £1 for kids up to 13 years

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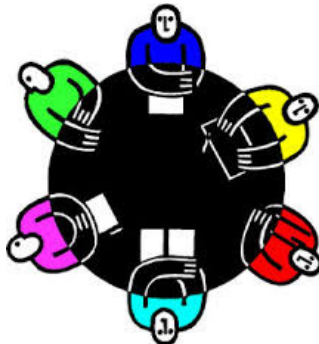
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And lastly but by no means least ... A huge congratulations to Mike and Gill Wild who were awarded the Certificate of Recognition by the Scottish Region at their Dinner Dance in January. Well done guys! Very well deserved.





Don't you all scrub up well

looking good everyone!





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