

MountainMind Quiz – 2025

Information Sheet

- Date** - Wednesday 19 March 2025
- Time** - Doors open 7.00pm, teams to be registered by 7.20pm for a 7.30pm start
- Venue** - Strathmore Rugby Football Club, Inchmacoble Park, Forfar DD8 1 RL

Directions

From the A90 - Leave at the Glamis junction, take Glamis Road (A94) towards the centre of Forfar, turn left onto Lochview Terrace. At the end of this short road turn left onto a single track road and follow it for about 300m until you reach the rugby pavilion on your right.

From the centre of Forfar – leave via Glamis Road (A94), turn right onto Lochview Terrace and follow directions as above.

Event Format

Hill walking clubs, mountaineering clubs and organisations associated with the Scottish outdoors are invited to this year's MountainMind Quiz. Traditionally this event has been contested by teams from Tayside and the surrounding area, but participants from further afield are always welcome.

As in the past, teams should consist of no more than three people. Guests and supporters are welcome.

Teams will be asked questions primarily associated with Scottish hills and mountains, although there will be the occasional question associated with mountains further afield. The winners will become the proud holders of the historic MountainMind Trophy.

Registration

Teams can register on the evening. However, it would be helpful if teams can, where possible, register in advance by sending an email to president@fdhwc.org.uk . An indication of numbers will help in setting up the venue in advance. Refreshments will be available.

Organiser

This year the quiz is being organised by the Forfar & District Hill Walking Club.

Entrance Fee

All attendees are asked to donate £5 (cash please). This will cover entry and a raffle ticket. Attendees will be encouraged to purchase further raffle tickets. **Please note that all proceeds will go to charity.**

Charities

The majority of proceeds will go to Tayside Mountain Rescue. A donation will also be made to Strathmore Community Rugby Trust, who organise a wide range of rugby and non-rugby events in the community, and are providing the venue free of charge.

History

In 1977, Alfie Ingram the then secretary of Carn Dearg Mountaineering Club (CDMC), was inspired by the hit TV programme Mastermind, to have a climbing quiz called Mountain Mind – and so history was made. Invitations were sent out to all known climbing and hill walking clubs in the surrounding area of Dundee, with the first eight clubs accepting the invitation to participate. In the meantime, a trophy had to be found, and fortuitously (or not!) one of the CDMC member's boot fell apart going to and from Winter Corrie on Driesh, this was proudly mounted in all of its hill glory on a plaque of varnished chipboard by the CDMC Secretary.

The first quiz was held on 15th September 1977 in Dundee at the Civil Service Club on Perth Road, eight teams with three members each taking part. In this quiz there were only questions with no photographs, paper or pens, but considerable enjoyment and hilarity. So much so, that it was decided to hold one the following year, just the same except with the addition of slide photographs and a much prized new trophy – a miniature ice axe. This, Alfie Ingram no doubt keenly bargain hunting, had spotted in the shop window of a souvenir shop in Chamonix. It was then mounted onto a block of real wood as more befitting as the winner's trophy, and thus became the "MountainMind Trophy", whilst the "Boot" became the Booby prize, and so is still today.

Apart from a break because of covid, theMountainMind quiz has been held annually since 1977. There is a claim it is the longest running annual mountain orientated quiz in existence?

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