

Eagle Ski Club Archives

Basic catalogue of contents of archive compiled by John Barnard (archivist@eagleskiclub.org.uk). This is very much a preliminary effort at this stage, and my plan is ultimately to create a full itemised catalogue, with accession numbers allocated to each item. I also plan to scan selected items from the hardcopy material, so that they can be made available to the membership via the website.

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Archive is currently contained in eight 35-litre plastic boxes (numbered 1-8) and five cardboard storage boxes (numbered 9-13) labelled "EAGLE SKI CLUB Archives" and kept at the Archivist's house. Two sets of bound Yearbooks are shelved at the Archivist's house, and one set is shelved at the former Yearbook editor Mike Hendry's house.

Donated material from Terry Hartley (box 9), John Harding (box 10) and Jeremy Whitehead (boxes 11-13) still requires considerable sorting and weeding.

Secretarial material since 2005 (which is mainly in electronic form) still needs to be added. The Archivist already retains most of this material from his time as Secretary and President, and committee and AGM Minutes from 2010 onwards are on the club website.

Bound Yearbooks

Pre-war Yearbooks 1929-1939	3 identical copies (A4 landscape size) with blue cloth binding	Reprinted in 2019 from computer files listed below. One copy is held by the former Yearbook Editor Mike Hendry.
Set A: Bound Yearbooks 1947 to date	5 bound volumes (1947-60, 1961-70, 1971-80, 1891-90, 1991-2000) and 3 slipcases (2001-10, 2011-15, 2016-20) in azure blue cloth	This is a complete run as no Yearbooks were produced 1940-46 inclusive, nor in 1948
Set B: Bound Yearbooks 1953 to date	5 bound volumes (1953-60, 1961-70, 1971-80, 1891-90, 1991-2000) and 3 slipcases (2001-10, 2011-15, 2016-20) in powder blue cloth	This set is held by the former Yearbook Editor Mike Hendry
Set C: Bound Yearbooks 1964 to date	4 bound volumes (1964-70, 1971-80, 1891-90, 1991-2000) and 3 slipcases (2001-10, 2011-15, 2016-20) in royal blue cloth	Formed from a set donated by John Harding
Set A: Slipcase with Yearbooks 2001-2010	Light blue binding	
Bound Yearbooks 1981-1989	Dark blue binding. N.B. Includes 9 years, plus (at end) membership list and rules as at 25 Oct 1989, and club jubilee history reprinted from 1975 yearbook	Not part of a complete set

Pre-War Yearbook Scans (Computer files)

1929 Handbook and Rules; Notices and List of members 1929	Marked as "2nd edition". Signed "Enid Fernandez, Maloja 1929" on title page. Notes on avalanches etc, tour descriptions around Maloja, list of original members (45 names, 12 female 26.7%). Officers, Programme of events for 1929-30; Rules, List of members and their classifications [55+ii+48pp (original) in 54pp (scan)]	
1930 List of Members, Club Notices, Touring Notes, Racing Rules, Changes and New Members 1929-30	Officers, Programme of events for 1930-31; Rules; List of members and their classifications (Honorary, Golden, Silver, Bronze, Eaglet) [ii+59pp (original) in 31pp (scan)]	
1931 Eagle Heil	First genuine Yearbook with reports on tours; account of club's early history and transformation from racing to touring [i + 32 + i pp (original) in 18pp (scan)]	There are original JPG-format files for each double-page spread scanned (by Andrew Kydd in 2014/2015) from the bound copy at the Alpine Club, which was inadvertently donated to them in the early 2000s. From these a set of PDF files were compiled and OCR data added by John Barnard, Apr 2019. There is a total of 174 scanned (double) pages, which have been combined to form a
1933 Handbook	Officers, Notes, Rules, List of original members, list of current members [i + 16pp (original) in 10pp (scan)]	

1934 Members	List of members elected 1933-34 [1p (original) in 1p (scan)]
1936 Handbook	Full Yearbook, including "Recent History of the Club", covering moves to Sestrières and Grindelwald [33pp (original) in 17pp [scan]]
1937 Yearbook	Includes "Resurrexit" article also covering moves to Sestrières and Grindelwald (32pp (original) in 17pp [scan])
1938 Handbook	Full Yearbook [27pp (original) in 14pp (scan)]
1939 Handbook	Full yearbook and note that club activities will be brought to a standstill by the outbreak of war [22pp (original) in 12pp (scan)]

174 scanned (double) pages, which have been combined to form a single printed and bound volume. The OCR-enhanced PDF files occupy 144MB between them.

Box 1 – Minute Books

1 st AGM (3 Jan 1926) to 7 th AGM (22 Apr 1932); 10 Nov 1933; 16 Jan 1934 (inoperative); 29 Jun 1934; 19 Nov 1935; 18 Nov 1936; 17 Nov 1937; 16 Nov 1938. 1 st Committee Meeting (3 Dec 1925) to 50 th (14 Feb 1929)	Black with maroon spine
52 nd committee meeting (8 Mar 1929) to 171 st (12 May 1953); AGMs on 9 Oct 1947 and 15 Nov 1949	Black with black spine. There were no committee meetings between 1939 and 1947
172 nd Committee Meeting (21 Jul 1953) to 267 th (25 Aug 1983); Committee meetings to 20 Jan 1995	Brown with red spine label
AGMs 15 Nov 1949 (attendee list only) to 2 Jun 1973	Light blue. There were no AGMs 1939-1946 or 1948; the Minutes of the 1947 and 1949 AGMs are in the Committee Minutes book 1929-1953
AGMs 22 Jun 1974 to 28 Oct 1995	Dark blue.
Candidates Book 1925-1928	Dark blue.

Early Minutes were handwritten into the Minute books. For more recent meetings, typewritten Minutes were pasted into the pages of the Minutes Books

Box 2 – Yearbooks – miscellaneous unbound copies

	No copies held
1940-1946 inclusive	No Yearbooks issued
1947	(none)
1948	No Yearbook issued
1949-1952 inclusive	(none)
1953 handbook	3 copies (there does not seem to have been a Yearbook as such in 1953)
1954-1964 inclusive	(none)
1965	2 copies
1966	2 copies
1967	2 copies
1968	2 copies
1969	(none)
1970	2 copies
1971	2 copies
1972	(none)

1973	2 copies
1974	2 copies
1975	3 copies
Club History reprinted from 1975 Yearbook	2 copies
1976	2 copies
1977	2 copies
1978	3 copies
1979	4 copies
1980	3 copies
1981	3 copies
1982	2 copies (one from JJW donation)
1983	3 copies
1984	2 copy
1985	2 copies (one from JJW donation)
1986	4 copies
1987	3 copies
1988	4 copies
1989	4 copies
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2003	4 copies
2004	3 copies
2005	3 copies
2006	5 copies
2007	4 copies
2008	5 copies
2009	4 copies
2010	2 copies
2011	2 copies
2012	2 copies
2013	3 copies
2014	2 copies (one from JJW donation)
2015	2 copies
2016	3 copies

2017	4 copies
2018	3 copies
2019	2 copies
DVDs with electronic files for Yearbooks 2005-2015 inclusive	11 DVDs

Box 3 – Miscellaneous Books and Pamphlets

Public Schools Alpine Sports Club Yearbooks 1926-31	With mentions of ESC
British Ski Yearbook 1938-39, 1943	With mentions of ESC
Ski Notes and Queries 1933-38	With mentions of ESC
Miscellaneous maps, guidebooks and reports	Mainly retained material from the club library
<i>Men Women and Mountains</i> by Claud Schuster (1933). Signed by the author	Purchased 2019
<i>Arnold Lunn Ski-Mountaineer Extraordinary</i> by J.M. Collard (2015)	Purchased 2019
<i>The First Fifty Years of the British Mountaineering Council: A Political History</i> , eds G. Milburn, D. Walker, K. Wilson (1997)	Complimentary copy from the BMC
<i>Distant Snows: A Mountaineer's Odyssey</i> by John Harding (2016)	Signed copy presented to the Archivist by the author, and donated to the Archive

Box 4 – Miscellaneous

Correspondence Aug 1964 – Dec 1965	Orange folder in buff transfer case
Correspondence 1 Jan 1966 – 31 Dec 1966	Orange folder
Correspondence 1967	Blue
General Correspondence 1974-1982 in bundles covering 1974-1976, 1977-1979, May 1979 – Jun 1980, Jul-Dec 1980, Jan 1981 – Mar 1982, Mar-Nov1982	Buff transfer bag with ties
National Ski Federation (NSF) Correspondence 1963-1973	Buff folder in buff transfer bag with ties
Silver Eagle (SE) and Golden Eagle (GE) correspondence 1967-1972	Pink folder in buff transfer bag with ties
Golden and Silver Eagle Applications, with ski-touring CVs 1920s-1975	Package tied with ribbon in buff transfer bag with ties
Golden and Silver Eagle Applications, with ski-touring CVs (mainly 1950s)	Package tied with rubber band in buff transfer bag with ties
Photos, signed menus and letters of thanks for Eagles Jubilee Dinner 1975	Blue folder in buff transfer bag with ties
Touring Committee papers	Yellow folder marked "Touring Committee" but also include various main committee minutes, application form blanks etc.

Box 5 – Miscellaneous

Correspondence 1 Jan – 31 Dec 1968	Folder in buff transfer case with tie
Correspondence 1969	Folder in buff transfer case with tie
Correspondence 1970	Folder in buff transfer case with tie
Correspondence 1971	Folder in buff transfer case with tie
Correspondence 1972	Folder in buff transfer case with tie

Correspondence re Eagle Ski Club (Gstaad) (1958)	<p>The club was concerned by the formation of an "Eagle Ski Club" in Gstaad, which appeared to have purloined the club's name. There was a somewhat intemperate correspondence with the (7th) Earl of Warwick, who was the new club's Honorary President, but the conclusion was that nothing could be done.</p>
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Box 6 – Secretary's Files

From "Secretarial Filing cabinet"

Including Committee and AGM Minutes 1995-1999

Needs sorting

Box 7 – Secretary's Files

From "Secretarial Filing cabinet"

Including Committee and AGM Minutes 2000-2004

Needs sorting and "weeding"

Box 8 – Secretary's Files

From "Secretarial Filing cabinet"

Needs sorting and "weeding"

Box 9 – Donated material from Terry Hartley

1 cardboard box

Collection of photographic slides in boxes, and film reels for projector, covering a variety of trips in the 1960s and 1970s, mainly European, but also Lapland, Norway Iran (1969), High Atlas (1965). With covering letter (dated 26 Jan 2010) from Catherine Hartley to Mike and Jenny Spencer and list of contents.

Terry Hartley (1924-2009) joined the club in 1953 and was President 1974-1976. Obituary in 2009 Yearbook, page 9.

Box 10 – Donated material from John Harding

File of miscellaneous papers 1979-83
File of miscellaneous papers 1993-94
File of miscellaneous papers 1995
File of miscellaneous papers 1996
File of miscellaneous papers 1997
Envelope of correspondence marked "Ski Touring Initiative 1996"

Binder of miscellaneous papers
JGR Harding: Mountain Chronicle 1954-2012
JGR Harding: Mountains in my Life: A Mountaineer's Anthology

Box 11 – Donated material from Jeremy Whitehead

Hardcopy and drafts for Jeremy Whitehead's Ski-touring guidebook to the French Alps

Box 12 – Donated material from Jeremy Whitehead

Ski-touring maps of France

Box 13 – Donated material from Jeremy Whitehead

Ski-touring maps of Switzerland, Italy and other countries