Alpine Club Isolation Ideas

We are gathering ideas for activities for Alpine Club members whilst we are all in social isolation.

Please add ideas for shared activities to this document. If you are logged in then it will be easier to see who is doing what.

Talks

The club is already starting some plans for talks that are being announced on Alpinet. Add other suggestions below

Hello - sorry for butting in here, but I wanted to get in touch with the people organising the AC talks. I'm a member of the Rucksack Club and by a quirk of coincidence I organised our first ever 'virtual indoor meet' last Tuesday, at exactly the same time as the AC lecture! We've got a series of events planned - see the post on our website (which also includes a link to the first show (A trip report from North America Wall on El Cap) on Vimeo)

https://rucksackclub.org/2020/04/10/virtual-indoor-meet-tuesday-14th-april-a-scottish-odyssey/

My reason for getting in touch is to see if we could / should join forces in some way… No fixed ideas, but maybe:

a) We could each move our shows half an hour (say one starts at 7 and one at 8) so that we don't clash - maybe not such an issue if they're available on catch up?
b) We could invite eachothers' members to eachothers' shows (we plan to make the Rucksack Club series open to the public anyhow, but could publicise to AC members)

...any other thoughts.

Anyway, if nothing else, I wanted to get in touch to say well done on the initiative and so you understood that we weren't deliberately treading on toes!

Cheers, Dom

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Films

Watching together

Small groups of members (and non-members) have enjoyed watching climbing films simultaneously whilst commenting to each other on WhatsApp groups created for the purpose. There's amazing content both on YouTube and Vimeo and on subscription platforms like Amazon Prime and Netflix. http://Twoseven.xyz has been suggested as an app to streamline those virtual movie nights as it allows exact simultaneity and has a comments and reactions function. The possibility of viewing footage from the ACL archive in virtual groups is also being considered.

Exercise

Other

Mountains 101

One interesting course offered by the University of Alberta is called Mountains 101. It was developed by the UofA, the Alpine Club of Canada, and Parks Canada. This could be a good resource to keep your members entertained while outdoor activities are limited. It's a 12-week program and I'm just starting it myself - about 1.5 hours/week of videos, reading and quizzes. https://www.coursera.org/learn/mountains-101

Desert Island Routes
See http://www.zen68262.zen.co.uk/Grumpy-2020.html#DesertIslandClimbs