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*Dear Reader,
You are cordially invited for the
upcoming celebration in Delhi*



Bill Aitken



Harish Kapadia



Sir Chris Bonington



The Himalayan Club
(Founded, 17th February 1928)

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The Himalayan Club

To celebrate its
80th year
Invites you to a series of
lectures and films

on
Friday, 14th March, 2008
5 pm to 8.30 pm
and
Saturday, 15th March, 2008
6 pm to 7.30 pm



80th Year Celebrations

Details of Programmes at Delhi

14th March 2008

WWF India, 172-B, Lodi Estate, New Delhi 110003
Venue is adjacent to the India International Centre

5.00 to 5.40 pm	Beyond Everest: The On Going Climb The film focuses on the legendary work of Sir Edmund Hillary since his first ascent of Everest in 1953. Shot in stunningly beautiful surroundings, it provides a sensitive portrayal of Sir Edmund's work for the Sherpas. The film has won many awards.	Documentary directed and produced by Michael Dillon.
5.40 to 6.00 pm	Treks and Travels in the Himalaya This presentation will share the speaker's experiences and insights on places and people of the Himalaya gained through several trips over the years.	Bill Aitken is a leading author, researcher and traveller in the Himalayan range. He is Honorary Member of the Himalayan Club.
6.00 to 6.10 pm	Tea Break	
6.10 to 7.10 pm	The Nanda Devi Affair Based on the speaker's three visits to the Nanda Devi Sanctuary, this illustrated talk will focus on the history of exploration and climbs in the region. The talk includes details about the sanctuary's troubled history, current situation, and environmental challenges.	Harish Kapadia has been exploring the Himalaya for several decades. He has authored many books and is Honorary Editor of the <i>Himalayan Journal</i> .
7.10 to 7.30 pm	Tea Break	
7.30 to 8.30 pm	My Everest Years This talk is a summary of several visits to Everest by different routes and traces key moments in each of the climbs.	Sir Chris Bonington is the world's leading mountaineer, expedition leader and author. He has pioneered new and demanding routes on the high mountains.

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15th March 2008

6.00 pm to 7.30 pm
The Auditorium, Teen Murti House
Teen Murti Marg, New Delhi 110011

6.30 to 6.40 pm	Address by Suman Dubey, President, The Himalayan Club
6.40 to 6.55 pm	Speeches by Sir Chris Bonington and Mr Mani Shankar Aiyar, Minister for Sports
6.55 to 7.05 pm	Address by Chief Guest, Mrs Sonia Gandhi
7.05 to 7.30 pm	Screening of film on the Himalayan Club
7.30 pm	Vote of thanks by Tanil Kilachand, Vice President, The Himalayan Club

Important: Entry for this function is through a separate invitation that should be carried to the venue. Please mail Maninder Kohli, Honorary Local Secretary, The Himalayan Club, Delhi Section at maninder.kohli@citi.com or call +919810009564 to give your address details to receive an invitation. One card allows entry to one person only.

15th March 2008

WWF India, 172-B, Lodi Estate, New Delhi 110003
Venue is adjacent to the India International Centre

8.00 to 11.00 pm	Dinner to celebrate 80 glorious years of the Himalayan Club. It is open to the Himalayan Club members and their guests at a charge of Rs. 750/- per person. Please register with Maninder Kohli, Honorary Local Secretary, The Himalayan Club, Delhi Section at maninder.kohli@citi.com or +919810009564 by 10th March.
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The Himalayan Club's, Glorious 80 Years Celebrated with Gusto at Mumbai
-Jasmine Hegde

The 80th Year Celebration of The Himalayan Club, at Mumbai section started (from 8th February to 14th February 2008) with the members from many parts of the world and Mumbai, climbing and trekking at the Pachmarhi Hills [Madhya Pradesh, Central India.]



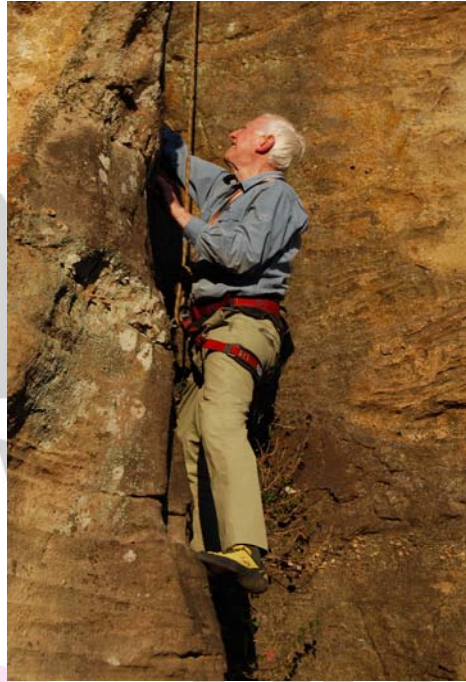
[The group]



The five-day excursion was full of activities and leisure. Some went on long walks, others watched birds and yet others climbed but all got together in the evening to explore Pachmarhi bazaar for authentic local food.



Of course there are rocks and more rocks to climb and so Mark Richey with Vinay Hegde climbed many long pitches, joined by Rajesh Gadgil. The surprise was George Band, 79 years. He inspired all of us with his climbing skills, age has not mellowed him at all!



[On the rocks - Mark Richey and George Band]



[Rajesh and Vinay preparing for the climb]

Back in Mumbai, the Annual General Meeting (15th February 2008) saw a good turn out of members from India and abroad, many of them very senior members of the Club. Discussions on current activities and ideas were exchanged for the future of the club. **Divyesh Muni**, after praiseworthy work for more than a decade as Hon. Secretary retired and Vijay Crishna took over the reins.



[Suman Dubey, Divyesh Muni and Tanil Kilachand addressing the AGM]



[Divyesh Muni]



[l-r, Nawang Gombu, T. Braham, George Band, Dr. Gill.]

On the same day, Dr J Meyer, Geologist Ph.D, Environment and Communication Consultant, made a detailed presentation to a small, invited audience on the environment policies and practices of the Swiss Alpine Club, and outlined what he believed the Himalayan Club might be in a position to do. A lively discussion, with the session presided by Himalayan Club member Aamir Ali, who came from Switzerland to attend, followed his presentation in which all present participated. Under Mr Ali's guidance, a report and recommendations will be sent to the Club for consideration for future action.



[Dr. Juerg Meyer]



[Aamir Ali]

The morning of Saturday, 16th February, started with guests onboard a special cruise in the Mumbai harbour. The cruise started from Gateway of India

and gave a tour of the harbour. Dr. Ravi Mariwala, (Member of the Managing Committee and a sailor) enlightened all about the surroundings and islands near Mumbai.



[on the cruise, with the map of Mumbai]

This was followed by a meeting at the Indian Merchants' Chambers (our co-sponsors) where Aamir Ali (Hon. Member of HC) and Juerg Meyer suggested many ideas for protection of the Himalaya.



[Environmental Seminar at IMC]



[Adi Godrej and Dr. Gill]

The main event was inaugurated by the leading industrialist Mr. Adi Godrej, on the evening of the 16th February 2008. T. Braham, Aamir Ali, Gurdial Singh, N. D. Jayal, Aspie Moddie and Dr. Gill were honored for their life time dedication, contribution and guidance towards the club.

A short presentation was made about history and activities of the Himalayan Club by Harish Kapadia. One of the senior-most members of the Club Trevor Braham, (author, explorer and editor) delivered a talk *Himalayan Playground* covering history of the Club from 1946.



[Mark Richey]

'Kaivan Mistry Memorial Lecture' was delivered by Mark Richey (former President of the American Alpine Club, and a leading climber), who spoke about his climbs in the Karakoram, specially Latok I.

The film *Americans on Everest* was screened. Nawang Gombu, (holder of the Tiger Badge of the Club) who had climbed to the summit on this expedition, was present. A book on Nawang Gombu's life, compiled by his daughter was released.



[Adi Godrej releasing the book on Nawang Gombu]

That evening (16th February 2008), a grand club dinner was held at the Yacht Club. It was a unique gathering of senior members mixing with the young.



[l-r. George Band, Geeta Kapadia, Meher Mehta, Teresa and Mark Richey, Rishad Naoroji, Mandipsingh Soin, Susan Band]

Sunday, 17th February 2008 was the 80th birthday of The Himalayan Club. We celebrated the occasion with our guests, indulging in the historic photos along with the scrumptious *Jalebis* at the HCC.



[At The Himalayan Club Centre]



Later on, the program started with the screening of film *Beyond Everest* covering the work of late Sir Edmund Hillary for the Sherpa community. Juerg Meyer, environment specialist from the Swiss Alpine Club, spoke about *Role-model for environment protection of the Himalaya*. This was followed by a talk *SUMMIT: 150 years of the Alpine Club* by George Band, (senior mountaineer and author from London and Hon. Member of the HC) a lecture full



[George Band]

with humour and historic pictures.



[Jasmine felicitating T. Nakamura]

Tamotsu Nakamura (explorer from Japan) was next speaking on his great explorations in Southeast Tibet. The climax of the celebrations was a talk by Mark Richey. *My Hardest Climb* covered, stupendous wall climbing accompanying with the stunning pictures.



[Nawang Gombu with his family and Gurdial Singh]



[l-r, standing- T. Nakamura, T. Braham, Gurdial Singh, Aamir Ali, C. Mitra, Dr. Gill, Nawang Gombu, l-r, sitting- Ravi Mariwala, Harish Kapadia, Divyesh Muni, Tanil Kilachand, J. Meyer]



[Sharing the good moments]

There was quite a solicitous inclusion of mind blowing slide illustrated lectures on history, environment and of course climbing. And we had great personalities to deliver these lecture and a grand audience to appreciate the Celebration. As it should be at every such gathering, the mingling of young members with the legendary personalities of Club was of prime essence. And thus ended the birthday party – guests satisfied with climbing, trekking, cruising, lectures, discussions and as always, good food - the mainstay of all celebrations!