

1991 BRITISH GASHERBRUM II EXPEDITION

SUPPORTED BY THE BRITISH MOUNTAINEERING COUNCIL

MEMBERS

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Sammy Rogers	United States of America
Monica Verge	Spain
Magda King	Spain
Oskar Kihlborg	Sweden
Mick Reutersward	Sweden
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Due to the Gulf War the expedition members chopped and changed quite often. In order to keep the cost of this expedition at a reasonable level we felt we needed eight participating members. We had difficulty in finding enough people who were prepared to go and who had the necessary finance, as a result the expedition became International.

The expedition undertook to climb Gasherbrum II in small groups in Alpine style and very nearly succeeded. We didn't take any fixed rope on the mountain or leave any tents on the mountain after our attempt. We went to great trouble to ensure the mountain and basecamp were left clean and rubbish free.

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Calendar of events of the 1991 British Gasherbrum II Expedition

- May 3rd Paul, Adrian and Sammy arrived in Islamabad. PIA flight direct from London to Islamabad - very helpful people - good deal with excess baggage.
- 4th Ordered food from Rawalpindi market.
- 5th Meeting with Ministry of Tourism. Paid environmental fee \$200.
- 6th Stoves, kerosene containers, kitchen, bought from Rawalpindi market.
- 7th Booked bus to take members from Islamabad to Skardu.
- 8th Oskar, Micky, Johan, Monica and Magda arrive.
Packing loads and sorting gear in Islamabad.
- 9th Final meeting with Ministry of Tourism.
- 10th Arrange environmental bond with Travel Agent for \$1,000.00
- 11th Adrian and Paul fly to Skardu. Remaining members take bus and all equipment to Skardu.
- 12th Adrian and Paul purchase porter food, stoves and kerosene in Skardu.
- 13th Bus with expedition members and equipment arrive from Islamabad.
Adrian and Paul arrange jeeps from Skardu to Aligon.
- 14th Expedition departs for Aligon. Organise porters ensuring 50% from Shigha and 50% from Skardu.
- 15th Aligon to Hotto.
- 16th Hotto to Askole - short day.
Bought a cow from Ajee Mahdi - expensive. 5000RS.
Note, it is possible to drive to Askole providing the road is in good state of repair.
- 17th Askole to Golapital.
- 18th Golapital to Payu.
- 19th Rest day at Payu. Porters baked balti bread and cooked the cow as firewood is no longer available for the rest of the approach march.
- 20th Another rest day due to poor weather.
- 21st Payu to Lilligo. Very dangerous campsite.
- 22nd Lilligo to Urdukas. Issued porters with socks, glasses, gloves and cigarettes.
- 23rd Urdukas to Goro.
- 24th Goro to Concordia. Snowed.
- 25th Concordia to Basecamp. Deep snow, 2' fell overnight. Paid porters off.
- 26th Set up Basecamp.
- 27th Setting up Basecamp and sorting out personal gear.
- 28th Adrian and Paul recce the ice fall towards Camp 1.
- 29th to 4th June Bad weather.
- June 5th Adrian and Paul establish Camp 1.

- 6th-9th All team members ferrying food and equipment to Camp 1.
- 10th Departed Camp 1 for Camp 2. Bad weather started.
- 11th Bad weather, return to Basecamp.
- 12th Basecamp.
- 13th Paul and Adrian return to Camp 1 from Basecamp.
- 14th Camp 1.
- 15th Camp 2 established.
- 16th Camp 3 established.
- 17th Started out for Camp 4. Bad weather.
- 18th Returned to Camp 1. Bad weather.
- 19th Returned to Basecamp. Bad weather
- 20th Bad weather.
- 21st Bad weather.
- 22nd Bad weather.
- 23rd The 3 Swedish lads left Basecamp for Skardu.
- 24th Bad weather.
- 25th Paul and Adrian moved up to Camp 1.
- 26th Camp 2.
- 27th Set out for Camp 3. Deep snow, avalanche danger. Returned to Camp2.
- 28th Rest day at Camp 2.
- 29th Paul tried for the summit from Camp 2 with Wilfred Studer. (From the Austrian Expedition).
 Set out at 0100 hours.
 Camp 3 at 0330 hours.
 Camp 4 at 0630 hours.
 Summit ridge at 0930 hours. Strong winds prevented any further progress.
 Retrurned to Camp 1.
- 30th Returned to Basecamp due to bad weather.

- July 1st-6th Poor weather, snow.
- 7th Sent for porters.
- 8th Basecamp to Concordia.
- 9th Concordia to Lilligo.
- 10th Lilligo to Jola Bridge.
- 11th Jola Bridge to Skardu.
- 12th Skardu to Islamabad.

1991 British Gasherbrum II Expedition Accounts

<u>Expenditure</u>	£
Peak fee	1,540
Pollution fee	130
Flights to Islamabad x 8 persons	6,000
Excess baggage	570
Lodging Islamabad	195
Bus hire to Skardu	325
Expenses enroute to Skardu	65
Flight to Skardu x 2 persons	25
Return flight to Islamabad from Skardu x 9 persons	225
Excess baggage on return from Skardu	70
Lodging in Skardu both ways	310
Expedition food and gear purchased in UK and USA	1,600
Packaging materials in Islamabad, sacks, jute bags, tape, boxes etc.	100
Kerosene containers - 16 x 25 litres. (full)	70
Kitchen wares	225
Insurance - Liason Officer and Porters	220
Customs charges for gaz/fuel	70
Porter food	205
Porter wages way-in	5,785
Porter wages way-out	1,515
Porter shoes/socks/glasses/stoves	275
Jeeps Skardu to Aligon x 5	220
Jeeps Askole to Skardu x 4	220
Liason Officer's food, gear costs and wages	260
Staff wages - Sardar @ 150 rupees per day	300
Staff wages - Cook @ 150 rupees per day	300
Staff wages - Mail runner @ 90 rupees per day	180
Agents fee	300
Misc. items for walk in and Islamabad	245
	<u>£21,545</u>
 <u>Input</u>	
8 personal contributions x \$4,000 = \$32,000	20,645
British Mountaineering Council Grant	500
	<u>21,145</u>
Expenditure	<u>21,545</u>
Difference	400
Members Supplements : Input £50 per head	400