

## Meetings

### Centenary Minute No 4 - May 2003

Including this evening the Club has held 750 regular meetings. I say regular because there have also been special meetings and lunches and in the early days of the Club—when the Fellows ran things—there were also Fellows Meetings and Dinners.

In going through the Club records I've come up with a total of 902 talks given at regular meetings, meaning there were two and sometimes three talks at a single meeting.

Classifying the talks, wherever possible, by geographical area, I come up with following, in descending order of frequency:

Asia	26%	209
Africa	15%	117
The Pacific	9%	72
South America	8%	69
USA	8%	63
Canada	7%	58
Europe	6%	52
Arctic	6%	46
Central America	4%	34
Middle East	4%	32
Antarctic	3%	25
Space	1%	9
The Caribbean	1%	8
Australia	1%	7
TOTAL		801

Doing the same as far as subject is concerned, again in descending order:

Mountaineering	29%	106
Natural history	23%	83
Nautical	13%	47
Public Affairs	7%	26
Hunting	7%	24
Flight	5%	17
Exploration	4%	16
Health	2%	9
Historical	2%	9
Anthropology	2%	8
Architecture	1%	5
Glaciology	1%	5
Archaeology	1%	4
Science	1%	4
TOTAL		363

Who has spoken to the Club the most times? Our member, Club Medallist H. Bradford Washburn, Jr.. He's spoken on 16 occasions, the first on December 3, 1929, when he spoke on "The Ascent of the Grépon," and most recently (with David Roberts and Bob Bates) at the 748<sup>th</sup> meeting on March 11, 2003, when the subject was "Escape from Lucania."

By the way, in combing through the Archives I've discovered Brad's Nomination Blank, dated February 24, 1931 (making him and Norman Vaughan our members of longest standing). Occupation is given as student, address as Lowell House. A note at the foot of the Blank instructs the proposer (who is Brad's case was Hal Coolidge): "It is

requested that a brief statement be made on the back of this blank respecting the candidate.” On the back appears: “Mountain climbing & Alaska.”