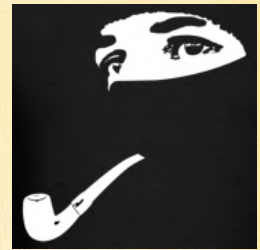




# '*Briar & Bothies*'

The newsletter of  
**THE KEARVAIG PIPE CLUB**



## **'THE CHAP FROM CHIAPAS': OUR EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH A REVOLUTIONARY 'PIPE HERO'**

***Subcomandante Marcos: revolutionary, warrior, poet, lover, raconteur, anti-capitalist, pipe-smoker...***

It is with great pleasure and pride that B & B brings members an exclusive interview with a living 'pipe hero'. For the well-travelled Chap the name of Subcomandante Marcos will, of course, be familiar. For those less familiar with the affairs of the Central American Country of Mexico a short introduction may be of use:

**Subcomandante Marcos** (his true identity is a closely guarded secret) is the spokesman of the Zapatista Army of National Liberation (EZLN) that aims to improve the lot and pipe-smoking opportunities of the indigenous people in Mexico's southern province of Chiapas. More importantly, he is also expert in jungle warfare and the art of the briar, and is *never* seen without his trusty pipe. Read the interview on p.2.



### ***The flag of the EZLN***



***"If Hitler had smoked a pipe, he never would have invaded Poland."***

***Maclean John Dorward of G.T. Coventry tobacconists, Kirkcaldy***



## LET ME SEE YOUR PIPE FACE!

*EZLN & KPC in perfect harmony:  
Subcomandante Marcos and Sergeant Matron  
share a bowl and a jocular aside at Kearvaig.*



*Subcomandante Marcos cuts a dashing figure  
smoking a Straight Apple as he continues his  
struggle for the pipe-smoking rights etc. of the  
oppressed people of Chiapas.*



## Exclusive Interview: Subcomandante Marcos

**Briar & Bothies:** Welcome to Scotland and to Kearvaig, our spiritual home, Subcomandante.

**Subcomandante Marcos:** Gracias Sergeant Matron, you are most welcome, but please, just call me Marcos.

**B&B:** Thank you Marcos Old Bean, and please just call me Matron. You are of course well known for your indigenous peoples uprising in the Mexican state of Chiapas, but what is most likely to be of interest to our readers is your pipe-related activities. So, first off what is your favourite shape of pipe?

**SCM:** I would like to talk more about my peoples' heroic struggle against our corrupt Government if I may.

**B&B:** Yes, yes of course Marcos, later, but can we get on with the pipe stuff first? What is your favourite pipe shape?

**SCM:** A full-bent Billiard or Apple.

**B&B:** Good choice Sir! Many of our members are well acquainted with such a beast. Do you have any other choices of 'weapon' in your arsenal?

**SCM:** Of course, many, but, I favour an adjustable stock Armalite AR-15 carbine 5.56x45mm gas-operated selective fire with a 30-round magazine, backed up with a pearl-handled nickel-plated Colt .45 M1911A1 semi-automatic.

**B&B:** Wow! I've not heard of those but it sounds impressive. Are there anything like a large calabash gourd?

**SCM:** No, I don't think so...

**B&B:** Splendid, let's move on to your tobacco. Are you an aromatic or non-aromatic *hombre*?

**SCM:** When I am in the jungle fighting for my people I tend to smoke non-aromatics as the odour is not so likely to give our position away to the enemy. When we are back at camp I like to smoke aromatics because the señoritas prefer it, if you understand what I mean, Signor [*accompanied by a wink*].

**B&B:** Tip top baggy Sir! A Chap of the revolution must have comforts other than briar and leaf after all. Well I think that about caps it Marcos. Many thanks for letting us know about a few of your pipe secrets. Would you like to share a bowl with me now?

**SCM:** But what about my peoples' heroic struggles in Chiapas...

*"I believe that pipe smoking contributes to a somewhat calm and objective judgment in all human affairs."*

*-Albert Einstein, 1950*



# Chap's Corner

*In this edition we look at navigation using just your panache and a straight briar or two.*

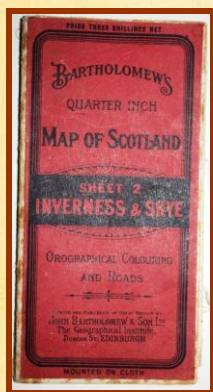


## NAVIGATION FOR THE CHAP

Of course any Chap worth his snuff is very unlikely to ever get lost, but supposing your local guide proves unreliable and your porters have fled with your prismatic compass due to some superstitious nonsense, what is a Chap to do?

Fear not! As a Chap you have will obviously have all the tools required in your portmanteau, namely a cartographic representation of your whereabouts, and two or possibly three straight briars. The following is a step-by-step guide for a spot of spiffing Chap navigation that will show those pesky natives who's in charge.

1. Have your batman obtain your cartographic representation (or map) and three (two will do if you are travelling light) straight briars. Pour a cup of tea from your Thermos whilst pointing your pipe at surrounding geographical features, such as obvious water features, hills and notable bluffs.
2. Unfold your map and orient it to your observed surroundings.
3. Place a straight briar onto the map pointing at a geographical feature. Repeat with one or preferably two more straight briars. Voila! Your location will be in the intersection of the briars' stems. See photographs or this simple method below. For foggy conditions just sit-tight and smoke your pipe until the fogs lifts.



**Step 1 & 2 (unfold)**

**Step 3: placing of pointers**

**Step 3 close-up: your location**

*"Pipe: a primary masculine symbol with authoritarian overtones but also indicative of reliability and contentment."  
-The Dictionary of Visual Language, 1980*



# TOBACCO & PIPE OF THE MONTH

*A pipe says a lot about a Chap, and a Chap's choice of tobacco in any situation can lead to lofty heights or desperate lows. Of course KPC members will be well aware of this so this series is here to help avoid the pitfalls when selecting wood and leaf.*

## Peterson's De Luxe Mixture



**From the manufacturer:** *This Black Cavendish Aromatic is a selection of matured Virginia tobaccos from Brazil and Africa blended with a loose cut mellow Black Cavendish. A tasteful flavour consisting of Vanilla, Walnut & Honey has been added.*

**Review:** The aroma from the tin is wonderful mixture of nuts & vanilla, almost like fruitcake. The tobacco is rather moist but lights well and stays lit to give a long full flavoured but mild smoke. The exquisite room note will garner a Chap many approving glances from the Ladies.

**Strength:**



**Flavour:**



**Room note:**



## The Full-bent Billiard



A must have for any Chap, and arguably only second place to the straight Billiard for 'Chapness'. The bent pipe is rumoured to give a cooler smoke than a straight, pipe and most beginners say that it sits more comfortably in the mouth. The Billiard's bowl has straighter sides than say an 'apple'.

The full bent style is the favoured weapon of Subcomandante Marcos (see exclusive interview with the legendary pipe warrior on p. 2.).



*"A pipe in the mouth makes it clear that there has been no mistake – you are undoubtedly a man."*  
A.A. Milne



## ***Pipe Babe of the month***

***It is with great pride that B & B brings you Francesca all the way from the front line in Mexico. Subcomandante Marcos tells us that she's not only a crack shot, but she's also expert at fettleing a Chap's pipe. Gentlemen beware however, her Latin temperament combined with serious firepower make her a formidable challenge for any prospective suitor!***



## **KPC Notices**

Due to the exclusive interview with Subcomandante Marcos the Loch Con and Dunfermline Beer festival reviews had to be omitted from this edition.

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- ✓ *Pipe Babe of the month*
- ✓ *Loch Con RS review*
- ✓ *Dunfermline Beer Festival review*
- ✓ *And much more bothy & briar related guff*



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