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Kalymnos Topo App: €6500 raised for Glaros Bolt Fund in a year

Today is a very special day- the first anniversary of the Kalymnos topo app! To mark this occasion we provide a report on how things have gone over the last year.

Funds raised and spent:

The Kalymnos Topo app exists to raise money for the Glaros Bolt fund, the only bolt fund we know that gives every penny/cent it gets towards rebolting on Kalymnos.*

Since the app was launched last October, we are very proud to announce that the Kalymnos Topo app, together with generous donations for the new routes paper updates from the Glaros Bar have generated a total of €6500. Of this, €4500 was raised by sales of the app which continues to retail at €5.49.

Of this amount, €1000 was donated to the Kalymnos Rescue Service, which went towards team training in climbing and rescue skills to help not just with rescue efforts but also to help with future rebolting and route condition reporting.

As a municipality/EU funded contract for rebolting is due to start soon, we have decided to wait until this work was finished before funding any substantial rebolting effort to as to avoid duplication. For this reason we have only been supplying equipment for emergency repair work.

* minus sales tax and commission fees to Apple and Android.

Rebolting activity this year:

A massive thanks to the efforts of the climbers who have volunteered their time to help keep our crags safe this year.

-Hannes Webhofer has replaced an anchor on Pterodactyl at Jurassic park and added a bolt at the start of the route, added 3 bolts to Themelis to protect a ledge in a fall and put a fixed rope to help access St Savvas and Houftasaurus.

-Andy Hedgecock and Dave Selwyn have checked all their older routes replacing a missing carabiner on Flying doctor.

-Andy Hedgecock has also replaced the anchors on three routes at Dolphin Bay. As frequent visitors may know the proximity of this crag to the sea has led to worrying bolt corrosion and bolt replacement for these routes has been long overdue.

- Frau Hommel and Friedrich re-equipped Crazy Dream and Hades.

- Adrian Berry added bolts to existing routes Cyclops (Panorama) and Kalyne (Iannis).

- Craig Hitchcock checked routes and doing minor repairs on his extended stay.

In addition, the Glaros Bolt Fund have given out bolts for new routes for routes at Purgatory, Nikoletta, and Lambda this year.

Rebolting plans for next year:

Our plan is to fund and launch a bolt replacement effort next Spring to pick up after the municipal contract has ended, and we are pleased to say that we are already working on this with a number of experienced route openers and climbers.

But we will need to continue to generate a steady stream of sales and donations for any serious and sustainable rebolting to cover the cost of bolts and paid professional teams. The municipality contract worth €300,000 covers only 10% of the island's crags.

New Update Due:

This season Steve and Sue have been busy adding updates to the app and we are very happy to announce that the autumn update will be out in about a week. They have also been helped by the

many climbers visiting the Glaros Bar who have reported back on the routes and crags they have visited.

Four years ago, we had a crazy dream of creating a sustainable way of raising money to support rebolting on Kalymnos an ongoing basis and for this dream to be shared and owned by climbers, visitors and locals alike.

To make this dream a reality, we aim to raise the same amount of money year on year. In a digital age, we especially need your help to publicise and spread the word about the app.

You can help us in a number of ways by buying the app, telling your friends, sharing this post on facebook or social media, putting posters at your wall, reporting on routes or even rebolting if you are on the island. Please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Lastly, a word of thanks for the wonderful support and help from the many people that have helped so far; it would be impossible to list them all, but to name just a few in addition to those mentioned above: the Kalymnos Rescue Service, Nikolas Papanikolas of the Hotel Philoxenia, Kalliopi Tsagkari of Alternet, Nikolas Tsagkari of Hotel Oasis, Rita Halikou of Rita's restaurant, Stavros and family of Prego Restaurant, Michalis Kydonis of Candy Sports, Themis Mamouzelis and Mike Reed of Kalymnos Resole and Yanis' shop, Nikitas Marianos and the classmates of the 1st High school of Kalymnos, Dave Musgrove, Bruno Fara, Luca Salsotto, Andreas Langenbach, Leah Crane, Liam Lonsdale, Neil Gresham, Gaz Parry, Giorgio Mallucci, Yanni of Rita's Restaurant on Telendos. Stelios of Stelios and Maria's Restaurant, Mishtu Tiwary of Inzpiring Horizons and Kalymnosbookings.com. Thanks also to UKClimbing for setting up the UKBoltFund And many many more...Thanks to all of you.

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