

## **Norsk Grotteblad nr 23, April 1992**

### **Medlemsskapsdifferensiering/ vernearbeidet i NGF**

"Caving, cave protection and caving news" by Harry Bjerkli and "Cave protection - differentiated membership" by Åge Karlsen:

The authors starting point is the need, acute in the case of some caves, to exercise care while tramping about underground. Caving is an increasingly popular activity and attracts many groups of people with differing attitudes to caving and cave protection. The need to control access to some caves has given rise to the idea of a differentiated membership. The authors discuss various problems raised by such a policy but suggest no conclusion. It is however suggested that, on the one hand, NGF should seek cooperation with the relevant authorities to produce and implement a plan for cave protection, and, on the other, that NGF should focus attention among members and others on the need for, and meaning and implications of, cave protection. As an immediate measure the authors of articles are asked to give only a general indication of the location of caves which are particularly susceptible to misuse. Harry Bjerkli takes us on a round trip through some known and some less well known caves, and one hitherto unknown cave in the Hammernes and Laupen cliffs areas near Mo i Rana.