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## The greatest Show on Earth - September 7th to 18th in Rio



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Briony Clark was pulled in to help the ladies ASN bowls team at the Inter Area Bowls Match. Briony is now being coached at Dovecot BC.

The official announcement that Alison Patrick (Paratriathlon), Kieran Steer (Boccia) and Derek Rae (Athletics) are the 23rd, 24th and 25th Paralympians from Fife to receive the call up for Team GB was the best news ever. Congratulations to all three on their selection and to the coaches, families, support teams who have been with them all the way. For all three, selection is only stage two of their journey. 29 Scots plus coaches will be part of a superb GB team that will hope to match the performances of their Olympian colleagues who have excited us throughout August. Chairman Paul Noble will be in Rio as a member of the Channel 4 team once again.

Fife performance bowlers have been in top form these past months but double world champion Maria Spencer underwent major surgery after the Home Nations in Glasgow and will be out of action for some time. We wish her well. Fife's three Paralympians have been in great form during the lead up to the Games and Fife will once again field strong teams for the SDS Lawn Bowls Championships in Aberdeen and Track and Field at Grangemouth. Fife Junior swimmers are all set to go for the Inter Schools Gala at Lochgelly HS on 29th September and the addition of the Big Hit Badminton Festival on Friday 11th November has been well received.

DSF has recently had very productive meetings with Active Schools, PTs of Physical Education, individual Governing Bodies and the teachers who support visually impaired youngsters etc. Alan Russell Head Coach at Dunfermline TC has been a brilliant support with the ASN Tennis Academy programme and once again the football Academy programme was a great success. Three Fife youngsters are included in the 2016 UK Schools Games team and SDS has included four Fife performance athletes in the National Academy programme. Well done Owen, Cara, Brad and Oliver.

There will be a How to Coach Disabled People in Sport Workshop in Fife on Monday 5th September and a Pool Workshop at Lochgelly HS on Friday 18th November. The annual DIT twilight workshops and Boccia Leaders are scheduled for early in 2017 and DSF plans to repeat the successful track and field workshop programme launched this year. Contact Norma for details. The Facebook page is such a big hit and offers DSF the opportunity to reach a much wider audience. Are you signed up?

Richard Brickley MBE — President Disability Sport Fife — Newsletter Editor

Alison Patrick, Kieran Steer and Derek Rae are heading to Rio....brilliant!



Carter Taylor, top water skier, is now training with Steve Doig at Fife AC.



DSF is delighted that experienced badminton coach Julie Hogg has agreed to lead the new badminton session at Cowdenbeath LC from Tuesday 20th September onwards - 14 30–15 30.



SDS has included the following Fife athletes in the SDS Academy for the year ahead - Owen Miller, Oliver Carter, Brad Stewart and Cara Smyth. Congratulations to all four.

Mary Wilson and Billy Allan were finalists at the 2016 Bowls Scotland Para bowls championships at Northfield, Ayr. Michael Simpson and Barbara McMillan also took part.

61 learners with additional support needs were part of the DSF Tennis Academy run in conjunction with coaches from Dunfermline Tennis Club led by Head Coach Alan Russell.

The DSF Facebook page has been on the go for only a few months but its impact has been immense. One post reached over 34 thousand readers and attracted 525 likes.



Callum Donaldson from Woodmill HS was awarded the Gilbert Trophy as top junior at the 2016 DSF Athletics Championships. Janice Graves PT presented the award to Callum.



Congratulations to Oliver Carter (Carnegie SC), Stephen McCormick (FINS) and Cara Smyth (Incas) who have been invited to compete in the 2016 UK School Games.



Kieran Steer finished runner up in the BC4 Class at the GB Boccia Championships at Surrey Sports Park. Kieran was defeated in the final by the world champion Stephen McGuire, Kieran's GB Paralympic team mate.



Sam Fernando (18) from Fife AC is the UK under 20 T20 1500 metres title holder. Sam is also ranked one under 20 for 3K. In all age groups Sam is ranked two for 5K and ranked four for 10K. 4:24.51 PB for 1500m.



Congratulations to Para-triathlete Stefan Hoggan who is now working for Triathlon Scotland. Stefan is ranked 3 in his class in the UK after just over one year in the sport.

Derek Rae (Fife AC) finished second at the Haddington Half Marathon and 8th at the Frank Duffy 10 in Dublin in the run up to his departure for Rio on September 8th.



Eleanor Clark from Kirkcaldy Blind Bowlers won the B1 Scottish single hand title at Ardgowan, Greenock.

DSF is proud of its partnership with the Enigma Gymnastics Club. Thanks to Jenn Mann and her team of coaches/volunteers for their support.



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DSF has learned that Jen Henderson is leaving her post this month as Head of the Sports Development Team. Jen has been an enormous support to DSF over many years. DSF has benefitted from her expertise and advice and on many occasions she has demonstrated her commitment to equality and inclusion. When DSF was offered the opportunity by SDS and sportscotland to undertake the responsibilities of a Regional Development Manager, Jen was a critical player during the negotiations. Since day one she has acted as the Fife Council representative on the steering group comprising of DSF and SDS representatives. The DSF working relationship with the sports specific and generic sports development officers has never been stronger and this is down to Jen's management. DSF is losing a great ally in Fife Council who has always taken an interest in disability sport and has been prepared to fight for causes that promote inclusion and demonstrate equality of opportunity. Jen's legacy will undoubtedly be a Sports Development Team that is inclusive in ethos and action and is committed to increasing participation across all sports. Fife is losing a great professional.



Maureen McSeveney is DSF Safeguarding officer and member of the DSF GMC and Policy and Finance committee. In the past Maureen has team managed Fife teams all over the UK. Maureen is the 2016 recipient of the Alec Thorburn Ambassador of the Year Trophy. Well done Maureen.



For the second year the Association of Fife Rotary Clubs provided funding to enable DSF to award bursaries to individual members and projects. Jim Slater and Derek Thomson (AFRC) presented bursaries to Cara Smyth, Owen Miller, Stefan Hoggan and a bowls project at Dovecot BC which has introduced five new players with ASN to the sport in as many weeks.



David Cowieson (3rd Gents compound), Brad Stewart (1st Gents compound) and Geordie Harrow (1st Under 18 Gents recurve) recorded excellent results at the Scottish Disability Archery Championships hosted by Balbardie Archers at Armadale Academy in West Lothian.

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