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for people with disabilities throughout Scotland



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Chairman's Message 2005

Another busy year marked by athlete success, staff developments, partnership initiatives but a fair degree of concern. Just another typical year in the life of SDS but a significant one nevertheless.

The Scottish members of Team GB at the Athens Paralympic Games yet again produced outstanding performances. Special mention must be made of Aileen McGlynn (cycling) and Jim Anderson (swimming). The latter went on to further recognition by being voted Scottish Sports Personality of the Year by the listeners of BBC Radio Scotland ahead of none other than Colin Montgomerie. Frank Duffy also had a great year and 'skipped' the Scottish wheelchair curling team to a second world title but this time on home soil.

New special partnerships have been forged with Capability Scotland and the Sportsman's Charity in particular and consolidated with the Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland. The chairman and CEO had the privilege of presenting to the Cross Party Committee for Sport and independently to Patricia Ferguson MSP, Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sport. Both meetings were held in the new Parliament building.

New staff members Joanne Riordan (administration) and Aileen Pallot (finance) were welcomed on board and we said farewell to Cynthia Clare on a full time basis. During her short employment period with SDS Cynthia has greatly influenced working practices and procedures and still continues to play a part one day per week. We have a wonderful staff team very professionally led by the CEO and we can call on the services of numerous **sportscotland** officers spearheaded by Heather Lowden.

This year past we have lost the services of our Honorary President Bob Mitchell who has been such an influence on so many of us and the Association specifically in so many different ways. Bob now resides in a residential home but for the past three decades he has played a part on a voluntary basis in developing sports, organising competitions and managing finance. An exceptional volunteer whose skills are greatly missed.



Jim Anderson in competition at the Athens Paralympic Games 2004

The year ahead will bring into action a new development plan and consolidation of exciting programmes such as Ethics and Equity which are led by National Development Officer Claire Mands. SDS desperately needs to identify and then support more new athletes with potential across sports who can fly the flag for Scotland and Great Britain as successfully and proudly as our existing and past Paralympians. Performances in international sport are improving faster than we are producing quality performers with real international potential. There are several good local and national programmes which focus on children and young people but they must start to produce if SDS is to continue as a force in GB and international sport. I end on that note of concern but reflect on another year of progress and achievement.

To the many individuals and agencies who support this great organisation in so many different ways I say thanks on behalf the many SDS members who benefit.

Richard Brickley MBE
Chairman Scottish Disability Sport



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CEO Message 2005

As we reach the end of another successful year, I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the successes of the last 12 months and thank the vast number of people who contribute to our ongoing development. Whilst it is important to reflect on what has gone, it is also important to look ahead and identify what can be done to ensure sustained progress in the future.

SDS athletes have continued to perform with distinction on the international stage. Scottish athletes representing Great Britain at the Athens Paralympic Games upheld our strong tradition of success at these games, returning home with 8 Gold, 5 Silver and 2 Bronze medals. Performances worthy of special mention include those by Jim Anderson, Maggi McEleny and Aileen McGlynn. I congratulate all those involved in Athens on their successes and thank them for keeping Scotland's profile at the forefront of Paralympic sport. I also congratulate the Scottish Wheelchair Curling squad on their World Championship Title and for becoming the first nation to retain this title. Our athletes are the front line of our association and we are indeed fortunate to have so many fine ambassadors acting on our behalf. I take this opportunity to congratulate and thank all those athletes who have competed and achieved in the last year.

I thank all my colleagues on the SDS Management Committee for their support and hard work in the last year and I look forward to working closely with you all again in the year ahead. I thank our Chairman, Richard Brickley MBE and our **sportscotland** Partnership Manager, Heather Lowden in particular for their guidance and friendship. We are indeed fortunate to have this level of knowledge and commitment leading the association at a national level. I know that everyone involved with SDS will join me in wishing our President, Bob Mitchell health and happiness in the year ahead. Bob has led the development of the association for over 30 years and we will all miss his friendship, guidance and endless enthusiasm. I also thank the vast army of branch representatives, sports co-ordinators, coaches, carers, volunteers and parents across Scotland who give so much of their time to ensure the development of opportunities for people with disabilities to meet their full sporting potential. This enormous amount of work often goes unrecognised but without it, our association simply could not survive.

I would like to officially welcome our new appointments in the SDS Office, Administrator, Joanne Riordan and



Missile throwing in Irvine

Finance Manager, Ailien Pallot. I would also pay tribute to our outgoing Administrator, Cynthia Clare and thank her most sincerely for her support and dedication during her time with the association. We are all delighted that Cynthia will continue her involvement with SDS on a one day a week basis. I also pay tribute to the work of our National Development Officer, Claire Mands and our Administrator in the Fife Office, Norma Buchanan.

2004/2005 has brought success and development in areas of the association's work such as education and training, governance, marketing and publicity and in our sports and local development programmes. However, we must defend against complacency and double our efforts to ensure that areas of concern are addressed. We must identify the next generation of elite performers, strengthen our branch structure to ensure pathways into national squads, strengthen our sport specific structures and recruit and retain volunteers with the knowledge and abilities to drive forward the work of our association in the years ahead. These issues are at the forefront of our thoughts as we begin to formulate a new national development plan which will direct the work of the association until 2012.

I finish by thanking the huge number of agencies and organisation who work with SDS to help us achieve our aims. Your support in terms of finance, manpower and expertise is greatly appreciated and we look forward to working even more closely with you all in the year ahead.

These are exciting times for SDS and I thank all those involved with the association for all their support.

Gavin Macleod
Chief Executive Officer



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Review of the Year

On behalf of everyone involved with Scottish Disability Sport (SDS), I would like to welcome you all to the 42nd Annual General Meeting of the Association. This year's meeting coincides with the final year of our National Development Plan, 'Changing with the Times 2' which has driven the work of SDS for the last four years. As we reflect on the successes and challenges of the last 12 months, work is already well under way to put in place a dynamic and comprehensive plan which will provide the focus for the development of the association for the next six years.

In the last year, SDS athletes maintained the proud tradition of Scottish success at Paralympic Games, returning home from Athens with 15 medals. The star of the show was Jim Anderson who amassed an amazing 4 Gold medals and a new world record in the pool. Cyclist, Aileen McGlynn achieved a Gold and Silver double along with a new world record to mark her Paralympic debut while swimmer Maggi McEleney achieved Gold and 2 Silvers to cap a remarkable fight back from injury. Other Scots on the medal rostrum in Athens included Andrew Lindsay and Isobel Newstead who both won Gold, Mhairi Love with Silver and Kenny Cairns and Stephen Payton who took Bronze. Our congratulations go to all the Scottish athletes, coaches and support staff who were part of the Great Britain squad in Athens.

2004/2005 has been an incredibly busy period on the international calendar. Our wheelchair curlers created history by becoming the first nation to win back to back World Championships remaining unbeaten in the process. In January, the Scottish rink of Frank Duffy, Michael McCreddie, Angie Malone, Tom Killin and Ken Dickson beat Denmark in a thrilling final to lift the title. Wheelchair Curling will make its full medal debut at the Winter Paralympic Games in Torino, Italy next year and currently, seven Scottish curlers are in contention to be part of the Great Britain team. In June, a team of six players travelled to Portugal to take part in the European Boccia Championships. A young team, led by SDS Vice Chair, Jacqueline Lynn, acquitted themselves well against the best in Europe gaining vital international experience in the process. In July, 16 athletes and 9 support staff travelled to Connecticut, USA as part of the Scottish squad competing in the CP-ISRA World Championships. Scottish athletes competed in the sports of athletics, bowls and swimming returning home with an impressive haul of 13 Gold, 14 Silver and 7 Bronze medals. Notable successes in Connecticut included Katie Haining and Sean Fraser who both won 3 individual Gold medals and the evergreen Jim Anderson who went one better with 4 individual and 2 relay medals. In August, Scot Kenny Herriot was part of the Great Britain team participating in the IPC European Championships in Finland and earlier this month, Rebecca Lee was the sole Scottish representative at the INAS World Swimming Championships in the Czech Republic. The international calendar continues to expand year on year and Scottish

athletes continue to represent SDS with distinction at the very highest level.

Between 2nd and 9th July, Glasgow played host to the Special Olympics GB National Summer Games. 2,500 athletes competed in 23 different sports over the eight days raising the profile of sport for people with a disability in the process and leaving a lasting legacy for the city. The Games were a huge success and we take this opportunity to pay tribute to Gordon McCormack and his team of staff and volunteers on their achievement of organising such a spectacular event.

SDS athletes also enjoyed considerable success at GB level in the last 12 months. In November, a 27-strong Scottish team travelled to Sheffield to compete in the British Senior Short Course Swimming Championships. A tremendous effort from the Scottish team earned them a second place finish in the competition with Andrew Lindsay also setting a new World Short Course Record for the 100m Backstroke. Scotland's young swimmers went one better than their senior counterparts when they lifted the British Swimming Junior Team Trophy, for the first time since 1999, in early March. The 24-strong squad returned from Sheffield with a string of personal bests and national titles. Following their success in the Home Internationals in Dumfries last year, Scotland's bowlers travelled to Nottingham during April for a Test Match against a strong English squad. The less experienced Scottish squad were well beaten but this was invaluable competitive experience for next year when it is hoped that a return fixture will come north of the border. The above is just a sample of the many occasions where Scottish athletes with a disability have represented their country with distinction during the last year.

The past 12 months has been a period of outstanding success and recognition for one of our athletes in particular. Jim Anderson from Broxburn hit the headlines following his success in the pool at Athens but additional honour and recognition was soon to follow. In October, BBC viewers and listeners voted Jim as Scotland's Sports Personality of the Year for 2004, ahead of mainstream sports stars such as Colin Montgomerie, Chris Hoy and Scott Harrison. In December, he was awarded the Bill McGowran Trophy, voted for by more than 500 members of the Sports Journalists Association, recognising the achievements of an athlete with a disability. Jim then completed his hat-trick of awards with an MBE in the New Years Honours List. It has been a truly remarkable year and who knows what lies ahead for 'Jim the Swim'.

The development of opportunities for young people with disabilities to participate in sport and physical recreation continues to be a priority area of work for SDS. Established events such as the SDS Summer Sports Camp, supported by Capability Scotland for the first time this year, the Annual Shinty Camp and the BP Mini Games Festivals continue to

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be a huge success. New developments during the last year have included an Athletics Development Camp, held in Grangemouth during April. The aim of this camp was to identify young athletes with the potential to achieve in the future and we were fortunate to secure the services of Dame Tanni Grey Thompson to support this development. Our ongoing partnership with Clubgolf also led to the co-ordination of a golf camp for young players with a disability during September. This development combined education & training for golf coaches and development officers with coaching and competition for young people with disabilities. Our junior wheelchair basketball squad were also busy during the last year which included their first tournament experience, at the Richard Langhorn Trust Regional Championships. The identification and development of our young athletes is vital if SDS is to retain its reputation for success at the very highest level.

During 2004/2005 SDS launched a comprehensive programme of education & training. The programme included a variety of courses from classification to pool work and from wheelchair curling to goalball. Supported by Capability Scotland, the programme proved to be a huge success attracting around 150 applications. Funding has also been secured to develop an exciting new inclusion training module for teachers and Active Schools Co-ordinators and to further expand the SportSability programme in Scotland. This initiative is being developed in conjunction with the Youth Sport Trust and will address many of the issues surrounding the inclusion of pupils with disabilities in mainstream education. During the past 12 months a total of 25 disability awareness and SportSability training courses have been co-ordinated by SDS officers and a further 80 Sports Coach UK courses have been tutored by SDS personnel attracting 1,206 course participants. SDS also co-ordinated its fourth Annual Branch Conference during the last year and 2 Professional Officers Group meetings have also taken place, allowing sports development specialists the opportunity to network and share good practice. Our Education & Training Advisor, John Brodie continues to lead the working group which co-ordinates the above initiatives and this group has produced an SDS Education and Training Strategy which is available to view on the association's website.

SDS pays tribute to the 17 Branch Co-ordinators and those officers, coaches, parents, carers and volunteers who give so much to disability sport at a local level. During the past year, Branch Co-ordinators Andrew McLean from Dumfries & Galloway and Donna Imrie from Forth Valley have departed to take up post as Active Schools Co-ordinators. SDS takes this opportunity to wish them every success in their new roles. We also take this opportunity to wish Jim McCluskie, West Lothian Council's Development Officer, health and happiness in his recent retirement. New additions to the SDS family in the last 12 months include Suzanne Laing who

is the new branch contact with Lothian Disability Sport and Caroline Ness who will play a similar role in Perth & Kinross. We wish you every success and look forward to working with you in the months and years ahead. As we look to strengthen and extend the SDS branch structure in Scotland we look to all those involved to continue their good work and to ensure that more athletes than ever have the opportunity to participate and compete at a local level and to meet their full potential.

Our successes at a branch level are largely due to the magnificent support that our association receives from local authorities the length and breadth of Scotland. The support received in terms of officer time, funding and facility hire is immeasurable to the association and ultimately, our athletes. The following is just an example of the level and variety of support received. Angus Council for their support of the 11-a-side Football Championships, Falkirk Council for their ongoing commitment to the Junior PD Swimming Championships, Glasgow City Council for their backing of the LD Swimming, PD Athletics and 5-a-side Football Championships and Fife Council for their continued support of the PD Swimming Championships and office accommodation for our Fife office. We consider Scotland's local authorities to be one of our key partners and look forward to working with them even more closely in the future.

Our Sport Specific Co-ordinators continue to lead the development of their chosen sport, at a national and international level, on behalf of the association. With the unenviable task of formulating development plans, leading squads, organising competitions and so much more, the vast amount of work undertaken by these key individuals continues to benefit all our athletes and players. During 2004/2005 18 National Championships involving 10 different sports were organised as part of our extensive calendar of events. We thank these committed volunteers for all their hard work in support of the aims of our association.

SDS enjoys a unique relationship with Scotland's governing bodies of sport. More than ever before, these bodies are working in partnership with SDS to ensure the involvement of athletes with a disability. Working groups are in place with the sports of athletics, curling and swimming and a similar forum is planned with football. The Scottish Football Association, in partnership with SDS, McDonalds and Sportsmatch, appointed a Development Officer for Disability Football in April. Stuart Sharp will have the responsibility of leading the development of the game for all disability groups on behalf of both associations and Stuart has already led a Scottish Cerebral Palsy football squad to a tournament in Denmark during May. Sport specific governing bodies are and always will be a key partner for SDS and the support received in terms of officer time, coaching support, education & training and funding is vital to our ongoing development.

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Another key partner for SDS is **sportscotland**. In Heather Lowden, we have a partnership manager of exceptional ability and we take this opportunity to congratulate Heather on her recent promotion to Lead Partnership Manager. We also recognise the invaluable support received from **sportscotland** officers Emma O'Callaghan, Gill Borthwick, Forbes Dunlop, Eliza Watson and many more too numerous to mention. We also applaud **sportscotland** for their ongoing investment in Scottish sport which has resulted in substantial financial investment in our association and the production of sport specific performance plans for our Strand One Sports that will drive the development of these sports for the next six years.

All voluntary organisations rely heavily on the support of numerous agencies, organisations and grant giving bodies to ensure their financial survival and SDS is no different. We take this opportunity to thank the following: Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland for their ongoing support of our National Development Officer post, Capability Scotland for their backing of our education & training and squad development programmes, the Sportsman's Charity for their support of our local development and sport specific programmes, BAE Systems for their involvement in our junior development programme, McDonalds and Sportsmatch for their support of our football development programme and the Scottish Disabled Sports Trust for their continued support of the association's athletes and squads.

2004/2005 has been a period of special significance for a number of people involved with SDS. We congratulate Paralympian Karen Lewis Archer on the birth of her baby boy in July and Lori Ure from Glasgow City Council on the birth of her baby girl also in July. We also congratulate our PD Swimming Co-ordinator, Jen Quinton, on reaching the milestone of her 40th birthday which she celebrated in style at the CPWorld Championships in July. Other SDS personnel who have celebrated their 40th birthday during the year include Disability Sport Fife Chairman, Paul Noble and Angus Disability Sport branch contact, Laura Smith.

2004/2005 has also seen some significant developments in terms of administration, marketing and policy development. With support from **sportscotland**, new IT systems have been installed in both the Edinburgh and Fife offices improving the efficiency of communication and integrity of data backup. A risk register has been developed for the association and the Ethics and Equity Pack has now been rolled out with a training programme and disclosure procedure in place. The SDS website continues to go from strength to strength averaging an amazing 34,000 hits a month and the SDS newsletter continues to be produced on an annual basis.

Changes have been afoot in the SDS Edinburgh office during

the year. Everyone involved with SDS was saddened by the news that our Administrator, Cynthia Clare had taken the decision to retire from her post. Fortunately she has agreed to continue to work for the Association on a one day per week basis. SDS has been incredibly fortunate to recruit the services of Joanne Riordan as Cynthia's replacement. Joanne has already made a huge impact on the association and is yet another quality staff member. In recent months we have also recruited the services of a Finance Manager, Ailien Pallot. Like Joanne, Ailien brings a wealth of experience to SDS. Funding has also been identified through **sportscotland**, to appoint a Performance Development Officer to lead the implementation of the association's performance plans and athlete development programmes. We are currently in the process of recruiting this post which will be based in the Head Office in Edinburgh. On behalf of the association, we thank the above members of staff, as well as our National Development Officer, Claire Mands and Norma Buchanan, Administrator in the Fife Office for all their hard work during 2004/2005.

Finally, we pay tribute to the dedication and hard work of our management board who continue to lead the development of the association at all levels. Our Chairman, Richard Brickley continues to be an inspiration to us all and his knowledge and commitment know no bounds. Our Vice Chair, Jacqueline Lynn brings a huge amount of knowledge of sports development to SDS and is instrumental in leading our ongoing development planning process. We also recognise the work of other board members David Thomson, Jen Quinton, Katie Oman, Gordon McCormack, Jim Thomson, Jed Renilson, Anna Tizzard and John Brodie who all contribute significantly to the Management Board team. We also pay tribute to the association's President, Bob Mitchell who has been instrumental in the development of the association for over 30 years and wish him good health in the year ahead.

The past year has brought many challenges and achievements for everyone involved with SDS. The profile of disability sport and SDS continues to grow and with this recognition comes new partnerships and developments. There are still issues affecting the association that require to be addressed in the years ahead if our future development is to be assured. We need a dynamic branch structure recruiting and retaining athletes at a local level, we need to overcome the difficulties of identifying and developing young people with a disability and we need a sport specific pathway in all our sports that allows those with potential to achieve to their desired level. These issues and many more are currently being addressed through the production of a National Development Plan to guide the work of the association from 2006 - 2012. This plan will be launched at our 2006 AGM and will pave the way for the future development of SDS.



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SDS' Photographic Record



Coach in action



Having fun playing wheelchair tennis



Shawn and Graeme in training at the Junior Athletics Weekend at Grangemouth, April



Swimmers and staff at the CP-ISRA World Championship



Bowls – Neil Shirley and Elaine Hunter in Connecticut



SDS Anglers flying the flags



GB Boccia Paralympic team in Athens



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Scottish Disability Sport Awards



Fife Trophy Coach of the Year Award

2000	Eddie McCluskie
2001	John Oulton
2002	Janice Eaglesham
2003	Ian Mirfin
2004	Jane Sanderson

Glasgow Trophy Service to Sport Award

2000	Gordon McCormack and Jacqueline Lynn
2001	Jim Thomson
2002	Jen Quinton
2003	David Thomson
2004	John Hood

Findlay Calder Trophy Athlete of the Year

1992/93	Ross Low
1993/94	Ross Low
1997/98	Karen Lewis
1998/99	Derek Frew
1999/00	Nicky Diatchenko
2000/01	Derek Frew
2001/02	Karen Lewis
2002/03	Stephen Payton
2003/04	Kenny Herriot

Brian Dolan Memorial Trophy Swimmer of the Year

1997	Paul Noble
1998	Jim Anderson
1999	Maggi McEleny
2000	Kenny Cairns
2001	Andrew Lindsay
2002	Lara Ferguson
2003	Mhairi Love
2004	Jim Anderson

Special Award SDS Plaque

2002	John Beattie Radio Scotland Doug Gillon The Herald
2004	Millar Stoddart Shirley Ann Harris

Angus Trophy Sportsperson of the Year (Excluding athletics and swimming)

2003	David Heddle (Bowls)
2004	Scottish Wheelchair Curling Team

Elspeth Watson Trophy Individual outwith SDS who has contributed significantly to Disability Sport

2003	Bob Dick (Scottish Men's Bowls)
2004	Jack Snowdon

Gordon Brown Trophy (First presented in 2004) Athletes' Athlete of the Year

2004	Maggi McEleny
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Capability Scotland Silver Salver Most Promising Newcomer

2004	Bernadette Leslie
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Key Successes during the Past Year

Key Area 1: Developing People

- In the last 12 months SDS has co-ordinated a comprehensive education and training programme. Around 150 applicants attended courses with subjects as varied as classification, goalball, boccia, pool work, wheelchair curling and long term player development.
- SDS has co-ordinated a total of 17 Disability Awareness Training sessions and eight SportSability training sessions with branches, schools and local authorities across Scotland.
- A further six Sports Coach UK courses have been tutored by SDS personnel, attracting 74 participants.
- SDS is co-ordinating the development of a National Inclusion Training Module. This training will be aimed at raising the awareness and knowledge of participants and will initially target the Active Schools Co-ordinator Network.
- SDS personnel have been working with the sport specific governing bodies for athletics, curling and football to develop sport specific education and training programmes.
- The SDS Education & Training Group met on four occasions during the year resulting in the production of an Education and Training Strategy for the association.
- In partnership with **sportscotland**, SDS is in the process of developing a volunteer strategy for all its branches.
- SDS staff have attended five management training and personal development courses during 2004/2005.

Key Area 2: Developing Sports

- Fifteen Scottish athletes returned from the Athens Summer Paralympic Games with a total of 8 Gold, 5 Silver and 2 Bronze medals. Key achievements include 4 Gold medals and a new world record for Jim Anderson in the pool and a Gold and Silver medal along with a new world record on the track for debut cyclist Aileen McGlynn. Additional Scottish successes in the pool included 1 Gold and 2 Silvers for Maggi McEleny, a Gold for Andrew Lindsay, 2 Silvers for Mhairi Love and a Bronze for Kenny Cairns. The medal tally was completed with Gold for Isabel Newstead in shooting and Bronze for Stephen Payton on the track.
- Scotland's wheelchair curlers defended their World Championship title at Braehead Ice Rink in January, becoming the first nation to win back to back titles. The Scottish rink of Frank Duffy, Michael McCreadie, Angie Malone, Tom Killin and Ken Dickson defeated Denmark in the final to remain undefeated in World Championship matches for the second year in a row. In addition, 7 Scottish curlers are currently involved in selection for places in the Great Britain team to participate in the Winter Paralympic Games in Torino next year when wheelchair curling will make its Paralympic debut.
- A 16 strong Scottish team of athletes, bowlers and swimmers travelled to Connecticut in July to participate in the CP-ISRA World Championships, returning home with 13 Gold, 14 Silver and 7 Bronze medals. Key successes in the pool during the Championships included 6 Gold medals for Jim Anderson and 3 Gold's each for Katie Haining and Sean Fraser. Scotland's 20 point relay swimmers also picked up 2 Gold medals and Keith Gardner emerged ahead of the pack to pick up Gold in the discus.
- A young Scottish squad travelled to Portugal in June to participate in the European Boccia Championships. Led by SDS Vice Chair, Jacqueline Lynn, the team performed well gaining vital international experience.
- A Scottish CP Football squad participated in a four team invitational tournament in Denmark during May. The squad played against opposition from Denmark, Finland and Holland finishing in a creditable third place.
- In August, athlete Kenny Herriot was the sole Scottish Representative in the Great Britain squad at the IPC Athletics European Championships in Finland.
- Fife swimmer Rebecca Lee was part of the Great Britain team to participate in the INAS World Swimming Championships in the Czech Republic during September.
- Athletes Allan Stuart and Laura Kinder will travel to Canberra later this month to participate in the INAS World Athletics Championships. Laura will travel to Australia following her success at the European Indoor Athletic Championships where she won 2 Silver medals.

Key Successes during the Past Year

- Scottish successes featured prominently at the inaugural Paralympic World Cup in Manchester in May with Jim Anderson winning in the pool and cyclist Aileen McGlynn finishing first on the track with her sighted pilot, Ellen Hunter.
- Andrew Lindsay and Mhairi Love enjoyed success as part of a Great Britain squad participating in the South African Open Championships. Both swimmers returned with 3 Gold medals and 3 South African Championship records.
- Wheelchair athlete, Kenny Herriot, recorded a new British record time of 1:28:13 at the Padova Marathon in Italy.
- Broxburn's Jim Anderson received a clutch of honours during 2004/2005. In addition to his MBE in the New Years Honours list, Jim was also awarded the BBC Scotland Sports Personality of the Year award and the Bill McGowran Trophy for the outstanding athlete with a disability.
- Scotland's Junior Swimming Squad won the British Swimming Junior Team Trophy for the first time since 1999, in early March. The 24-strong squad returned from Sheffield with a clutch of national titles and personal bests.
- Scottish performances at the DSE Open Long Course Championships in Sheffield resulted in an amazing 22 personal bests from 65 swims. Successes at the event included a new 100 metre freestyle British record for Katie Haining.
- A 27-strong Scottish team travelled to Sheffield to compete in the British Senior Short Course Swimming Championships in November. A tremendous effort from the Scottish team earned them a second place finish in the competition with Andrew Lindsay also setting a new world short course record for the 100m Backstroke
- Scottish swimmers with a disability were involved in invitational events at the Scottish Swimming Age Group Championships for the first time this year. The event proved a huge success with Andrew Lindsay winning the 50 metres and 100 metres men's events while Lara Ferguson and Rebecca Lee shared the honours in the women's events.
- Andrew Lindsay set a new world record for the 200 metres backstroke at the German Open.
- The Scottish Angling squad, led by John Hood, finished in fourth place at the 26th Disabled Fly Fishing International.
- Manchester was the venue for the DSE Athletics Championships of 2005 which saw the Scottish squad return with an impressive medal haul of 13 Gold, 7 Silver and 2 Bronze.
- Scotland's bowlers travelled to Nottingham during April for a Test Match against a strong English squad. Despite losing to their English counterparts, this was invaluable competitive experience for next year when it is hoped that a return fixture will come North of the border.
- The Scottish Junior Wheelchair Basketball squad travelled to Stoke Mandeville in October to compete in the Richard Langhorn Trust Regional Championships and produced some good performances against more established teams.
- The fifth SDS Summer Sports Camp for young people with a physical disability was held at the National Sports Centre, Inverclyde during July attracting 34 participants.
- The second SDS Shinty Camp was held in conjunction with the Camanachd Association attracting 65 participants from eight schools. The camp followed a successful schools festival and shinty development programme.
- An Athletics Development Camp was held in Grangemouth during April. The aim of this camp was to identify young athletes with the potential to achieve in the future and we were fortunate to secure the services of Dame Tanni Grey Thompson to support this development.
- As part of our ongoing development programme with Clubgolf, a residential camp was organised at the National Sports Centre, Inverclyde during September. This camp provided education and training for Clubgolf coaches and officers and coaching for young players with a disability.

Key Successes during the Past Year

- Three Mini Games Festival were held in Aberdeenshire, Edinburgh and Glasgow during 2004/2005 attracting over 100 participants.
- SDS has produced Performance Plans for three of its Strand One Sports. Plans have been produced for the sports of athletics, swimming and wheelchair curling. Similar plans are to be produced for the sports of boccia, bowls and football in the near future.
- SDS and the Scottish Football Association, with support from McDonalds and Sportsmatch, appointed Stuart Sharp, Development Officer for Disability Football in April. This new post will lead the development of disability football across Scotland.
- SDS athletes continue to benefit from the services of the Scottish and Area Institutes of Sport. Athletes with a disability from the sports of archery, athletics, cycling, swimming and wheelchair curling are now receiving support from the Scottish Institute of Sport.
- The SDS National Events Programme continues to offer access to coaching and competition for athletes with disabilities from across Scotland. In 2004/2005 18 National Championships involving 10 different sports were organised as part of this programme.
- SDS continues to develop strong working relationships with Scotland's governing bodies of sport. Joint working groups are in place with Scottish Athletics, The Royal Caledonian Curling Club, Scottish Swimming and The Scottish Football Association.

Key Area 3: Communication and Promotion

- With support from **sportscotland**, new IT systems have been installed in both the Edinburgh and Fife offices improving the efficiency of communication and integrity of data backup.
- In the last year, SDS has made separate presentations to the Cross Party Committee for Sport and directly to Patricia Ferguson MSP, Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sport.
- The SDS website continues to develop and is the primary method of communication for the association. The website is currently attracting an average of 34,000 hits per month.



On the green at the Club Golf camp at Inverclyde in September 2004

- The SDS Professional Officers Group met on two occasions during 2004/2005. Led by our Local Development Convenor, Katie Oman, this group offers a forum for discussion as well as being a medium for communication with local authority officers with a disability sport remit.
- The annual SDS Branch Conference took place at the Dewar's Centre, Perth in November and provided volunteers from across Scotland with the opportunity to discuss and consult on issues affecting disability sport in Scotland.
- The SDS Newsletter 'Changing with the Times' continues to be produced providing information on developments across disability sport.

Key Area 4: Governance

- A part time Finance Manager, Ailien Pallot has been appointed to oversee the finances of the association.
- Following the retirement of Cynthia Clare, SDS has appointed the services of Joanne Riordan, as the new Administrator for the Head Office.
- SDS is currently in the process of appointing a Performance Development Officer post to support the development of Scottish athletes with a disability who demonstrate performance potential.

Key Successes during the Past Year

- The SDS Ethics and Equity Pack has now been produced and rolled out across the first phase of local branches. A programme of education and training courses has been co-ordinated to support branches with the implementation of these policies at a local level. SDS has registered with CRBS and the association is represented on the Scottish Governing Bodies Lead Officers Group.
- A risk register has been produced for the association in consultation with **sportscotland** consultant, Alan Jones.
- Work has taken place with local authorities to appoint three new local Sport Development Officers with a remit for disability sport. SDS has also been actively involved in securing the continuation of two existing Local Development Officer posts.
- SDS has been supported by BAE Systems throughout the year for the further development of sporting opportunities for young people with a disability.
- The Miss Agnes H Hunter's Trust has supported the association's education & training programme.
- **sportscotland** has continued to support SDS through the Coaching Network Programme. This funding has been used to establish pilot programmes in Highland and Renfrewshire to link children and young people with disabilities into existing coaching networks.
- SDS continues to receive substantial financial support, and support in kind, from Scotland's local authorities, governing bodies of sport and local sports councils.

Key Area 5: Income Generation

- SDS has received support from UK Sport through the Modernisation Programme for the implementation of a Modern Leadership and Governance Programme.
- SDS has continued to co-ordinate a comprehensive development programme in partnership with Capability Scotland. The partnership provides support for the association's National Development Officer Post as well as our education & training and squad training programmes.
- SDS has received support from the Sportsman's Charity throughout 2004/2005. Funding has been used to support the association's branch and sport specific development programmes.
- The Scottish Disabled Sports Trust continues to support Scottish athletes and teams at all levels.
- The SDS National Development Officer Post is being supported by the Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland for the sixth year.

Key Area 6: Strategic Alliances

- **sportscotland** continues to be a key partner for SDS and the support of **sportscotland** officers has been instrumental in the development of the association.
- SDS has developed a close working partnership with the Youth Sport Trust during 2004/2005.
- SDS has developed even stronger links with Scotland's local authorities and continues to support and further develop a local branch structure.
- Education providers continue to be key partners for SDS and closer ties have been developed with education departments, colleges and universities.
- SDS continues to work in partnership with **sportscotland** and the Scottish Executive on all matters affecting disability sport in Scotland.



SUMMARISED ACCOUNTS

SUMMARISED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31 March 2005

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total Funds 2005	Total Funds 2004
Income				
Sponsorship and donations	14,017	–	14,017	15,729
Grants received	44,859	418,248	463,107	156,559
Events receipts	21,551	–	21,551	26,080
Subscriptions	3,250	–	3,250	3,600
Interest received	8,609	–	8,609	3,615
	<u>92,286</u>	<u>418,248</u>	<u>510,534</u>	<u>205,583</u>
Expenditure				
Direct charitable expenditure	51,070	189,188	240,258	177,110
Management and administration	18,252	2,511	20,763	20,388
	<u>69,322</u>	<u>191,699</u>	<u>261,021</u>	<u>197,498</u>
Net movement in funds for year	22,962	226,549	249,513	8,085
Funds brought forward	24,658	52,247	76,905	68,820
Funds carried forward	<u>£ 47,622</u>	<u>£ 278,796</u>	<u>£ 326,418</u>	<u>£ 76,905</u>

SUMMARISED BALANCE SHEET at 31 March 2005

	2005	2004
Tangible Fixed Assets	8,006	2,325
Current Assets		
Stocks	2,678	2,695
Debtors	18,267	11,006
Cash at bank and in hand	336,337	104,821
	<u>357,282</u>	<u>118,522</u>
Creditors : Amounts falling due within one year	38,870	43,942
Net Current Assets	<u>318,412</u>	<u>74,580</u>
Net Assets	<u>£ 326,418</u>	<u>£ 76,905</u>
Funds		
Unrestricted	47,622	24,658
Restricted funds	278,796	52,247
	<u>£ 326,418</u>	<u>£ 76,905</u>

The summarised accounts are a summary of information extracted from the full annual accounts and therefore may not contain sufficient information to allow a full understanding of the financial affairs of the Charity. For further information the full annual accounts and the auditor's report on those accounts should be consulted; copies of these can be obtained from the Company Secretary.

R C Brickley, MBE, Chairperson

Auditor's Statement

In our opinion the summarised accounts are consistent with the full annual accounts from which they are extracted. Our audit report on the full annual accounts was unqualified.

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Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

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Scottish Lottery

The Sportsman's Charity
Miss Agnes H Hunter's Trust

BAE Systems

McDonalds

Scotland's Local Authorities
Scotland's Governing Bodies of Sport
and in particular

Scottish Swimming and British Swimming

Scottish Athletics and UK Athletics

Scottish Anglers National Association

The Royal Caledonian Curling Club

Scottish Football Association

Fife Council *and*

The Fife Institute of Physical and Recreational Education
The Scottish Institute of Sport and Area Institutes of Sport

UK Sport

Disability Sport England

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British Paralympic Association

Children 1st

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