



Scottish Disability Sport

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**Leading the development of sport and physical recreation
for people with disabilities throughout Scotland**



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Chairman's Review of the Year

We are together this year for the 40th Annual General Meeting of SDS and arguably it is the most important in the history of the Association. Some of the individuals who helped shape this Association in those early years are present this evening. We thank them for their vision and commitment at a time when disability sport was in its embryonic stage. I am certain those key people will be delighted to hear that SDS has just appointed its first Chief Executive Officer, Gavin Macleod, with support from an endowment fund set up by the Scottish Executive. They will also be thrilled at the appointment of a National Development Officer, Claire Mands made possible by funding from Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland and **sportscotland**. The year past is also enormously significant in that the Association is now a Company Limited by Guarantee with its own Memorandum and Articles of Association, incorporated on 24 March 2003. All of these major initiatives have taken up enormous amounts of time for SDS officers, staff and key **sportscotland** officers plus our long suffering energetic President. All are critical for the continued development of SDS and its commitment to developing people and sports, governance, income generation and developing strategic alliances as outlined in the Development Plan 'Changing with the Times 2'.

During the year past the Management Committee has met on ten occasions in Caledonia House and on numerous occasions in smaller groups to meet with key partners and external agencies. A series of 'away days' were held when SDS management committee members and staff met with **sportscotland** officers to address key issues in disability sport. These sessions offered an excellent opportunity for debate and action planning and a number of key policy papers have come out of those very valuable sessions. A further opportunity to shape policy was provided by the very successful National Conference 'Making it Happen'. Delegates from disability sports backgrounds from all over the country attended. Like previous SDS/**sportscotland** Conferences there were more questions raised than answered and many will be followed up in the weeks,

*Teamwork was an important
aspect of the BP Summer
Sports Camp 2003*



months and years ahead under the new management team within the organisation.

Children and young people are a priority for the Association. The Performance Camp and Junior Festival plus the Junior Calendar of Events represent a few of the initiatives that have been successfully undertaken by SDS. Juniors are key members of a number of the sport specific squads and every effort is being made by our national team of sports co-ordinators to increase still further the participation and competition opportunities offered to younger members. The introduction of New Opportunities Fund resources for PE and sport should have a major impact on activities for juniors across Scotland. SDS was fortunate to be offered the opportunity to make a presentation to the Physical Education Review Group on behalf of young people with special needs. SDS was awarded Junior Groups funding this past year for young Scots with potential in the sports of swimming, boccia, bowls and basketball. The impact of these new resources at a critical time for juniors will certainly make a difference. I acknowledge in particular the role played by the SDS Project Officer, Claire Mands and the support received from **sportscotland** officer Forbes Dunlop.

During my five years as Chairman of this Association I have emphasised regularly the important role played by the SDS sports specific co-ordinators and branch contact personnel. In so many ways they are the essential links in our national network. Most of the co-ordinators are involved in development as well as competition and training and every branch contact person is responsible for linking local to national. SDS has gained a reputation for developing sports and establishing effective communication and these individuals make it happen.

Chairman's Report continued



Rhona Martin just one of many curlers who has enthusiastically supported the development of wheelchair curling.

There are 15 co-ordinators in post at the present time and I am certain they will forgive me if I highlight the particular busy year of John Hood in angling because of the International in Ireland, the staging of the National Championships and the preparations for the 25th Anniversary International in Scotland in 2004. Kate Caithness in wheelchair curling has in no time at all developed her sport from local to international level and has been pro active in securing its inclusion in the Winter Paralympic schedule. Ian Mirfin in wheelchair racing has set about assessing road racing courses throughout Scotland to ensure the safety of participating wheelchair racers. He has also had a major input to squad training and even managed to support leading athletes at International events overseas. These are just some of the tasks undertaken by three of these individuals and collectively they contribute so much to Scottish sport.

SDS bids farewell to Donna Agnew who has moved away from Aberdeen where she has played such a major part over the years. We congratulate Charlie Forbes, Highland, Colin Duthie, South Ayrshire and Jed Renilson, Scottish Borders who have been appointed to disability sports posts during this past year. SDS is committed to encouraging Local Authorities throughout the country to appoint full-time officers whose sole remit is to develop disability sport. The SDS National Development Officer and the **sportscotland** officer with a remit for disability sport have played a major part in establishing these posts.

Successful initiatives with National Governing Bodies of Sport have once again made the headlines during the year 2002/2003. Anthony Strickland of GB Swimming has taken over at the National Academy of

Swimming in Stirling and is working with Scotland's leading swimmers with a disability and SDS swimming personnel. The commitment of Janice Eaglesham to the sport of athletics is well known and she has been instrumental in forging links with the highly successful Scottish Athletics Bank of Scotland squads. The Scottish Football Association is currently working with SDS personnel to explore the possibility of appointing a full-time officer to develop football for disabled people. It is now commonplace for Governing Bodies to approach SDS to explore ways in which they can play a more active role in developing opportunities for disabled people within their sport.

There have been many successes by Scotland's leading sports people with a disability and some of these achievements are detailed elsewhere in this report. At the opposite end of the spectrum there have been numerous initiatives that widen opportunities. The power wheelchair soccer, shinty and local wheelchair curling initiatives immediately spring to mind. The Ayrshire Special Games, Wishaw Games and Discovery Games in Dundee are examples where local branches have opened up competitive sports events to other areas. The SDS National events programme continues to flourish and this year for the first time the National Championships for blind and physically disabled athletes had an IPC Technical Officer in attendance in preparation for the event being opened up still further to Europe's leading athletes with a disability. Scotland, once again, demonstrated its ability to host an International event when the first Home International Bowls Championship was staged at the Maxwelltown Bowling Club in Dumfries. So many SDS athletes and support staff were involved with the highly successful Great Britain Team led by Gordon McCormack that participated in the World Special Olympic Games in Dublin. This organisation is a sports body first and foremost and during this year past we have witnessed exceptional performances by our members throughout the world. SDS also has a clear commitment to increasing the physical activity levels of individuals of all ages and abilities with a disability.

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SDS personnel have been fully involved in education and training with UK Sport. Child Protection, Working with Disabled Sports People and Coaching Disabled Performers courses have been held throughout the country with SDS personnel acting as tutors. SportsAbility and Disability Awareness training packages have been offered to Local Authorities. These have been supported by professionals and volunteers alike from a variety of different disciplines. SDS has more than justified the need for an Education and Training Officer to support its current staff complement and hopefully in the near future funding will become available.

Thanks to support from the Scottish Disabled Sports Trust the SDS website continues to flourish as a major communication tool for the Association. SDS has enjoyed enormous support this past year from many of Scotland's Local Authorities and I would like to single out the following for special mention. Aberdeen City Council for its continued support of the Scottish Bowls Championships; Glasgow City Sports Council for its continued support of the National Swimming and Boccia Championships; Falkirk Council for its continued support of the Junior Swimming Championships at Grangemouth Sports Complex; Fife Council for its continued support of the National Swimming Championships and for housing the Head Office of SDS since 1975; Angus Council for its support of the National Football Championships. These are just some of the Local Authorities that year on year play an active role in funding a major part of our National events programme. SDS also acknowledges the continued support it receives from **sportscotland** with grant aid and office input and wishes to highlight some of the new supporters who have come on board. Nationwide in support of swimming; Stirling Art in support of swimming squad training; the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service; EDS for its continued support of the National track and field championships for athletes with a learning disability. SDS also acknowledges the enormous support it has received over these last eight years from Royal Mail through the Ready Willing and Able for Sport programme. No single sponsor has made such a commitment to the work of SDS over such a lengthy period of time.

Jim Sellar represented Scotland in Bowls and Curling this year.



External partners are valued by SDS, and worthy of special mention are the Commonwealth Games Council for Scotland, the Scottish Institute of Sport and the Scottish Area Institutes of Sport. SDS links closely with the sports of swimming and athletics and would wish to pay tribute to Chief Executives Paul Bush and David Joy for the very inclusive approach they have taken to the development of their sports. **sportscotland** officers Heather Lowden and Forbes Dunlop work closely with SDS personnel on an almost daily basis and as Gavin Macleod moves from **sportscotland** officer, to SDS Chief Executive Officer, SDS acknowledges the immense contribution he has made to the development of disability sport in Scotland as an officer at Caledonia House. Staff members Claire Mands, Cynthia Clare and Norma Buchanan have worked far and beyond the call of duty and we are indeed fortunate to have such quality people in post. I thank President, Bob Mitchell, Vice Chair Jacqueline Lynn and Treasurer David Thomson in particular for always being there when most needed and the members of the management committee for their commitment to SDS. SDS has enjoyed another wonderful year made more special by the births of sons to Gavin and Jacqueline and a daughter to Paralympian Caroline Baird.

Richard Brickley, MBE
Chairman Scottish Disability Sport

A photographic record

Barbara McMillan delivered the winning Scottish Bowl at the First Home International in Dumfries.



Jim Anderson and Kenny Cairns working towards Athens 2004.



Allan Stuart Paralympian and now GB Junior Internationalist.



Netball continues to be a popular SDS and Special Olympics Sport.



Track and field is accessible to individuals of all levels of ability.



Action from the National Championships for swimmers with a learning disability.



SDS Key Officers and Staff

Back – L to R: Jacqueline Lynn, Vice Chair; Heather Lowden, **sportscotland** Partnership Manager Developing Potential; Gavin Macleod Chief Executive Officer; Claire Mands, National Development Officer

Front – L to R: Norma Buchanan, Administrator; Richard Brickley MBE, Chairman; Cynthia Clare, Administrator

Scottish Disability Sport Awards



FIFE TROPHY Coach Of the Year Award

2000	Eddie McCluskie
2001	John Oulton
2002	Janice Eaglesham

GLASGOW TROPHY Service to Sport Award

2000	Joint Winners – Gordon McCormack and Jacqueline Lynn
2001	Jim Thomson
2002	Jen Quinton

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

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

SPECIAL AWARD (Introduced at the AGM of 2002) SDS Plaque

2002	John Beattie	Radio Scotland
	Doug Gillon	Athletics Correspondent, The Herald

Key successes during the past year

Key Area 1: Developing People

- Approximately 16 SportsAbility or Disability Awareness Training Days have been held throughout the summer and between 350 and 400 people have attended.
- From Inverness to Galashiels UK Sport Working with Disabled Sports People and Coaching Disabled Performers courses were tutored by SDS personnel.
- The athletes' representative has been singularly successful in encouraging experienced sports men and women to play a more active role in SDS at area level in coaching, teaching or administration.

Key Area 2: Developing Sports

- Thirty, 12 to 18 year old young Scots attended the BP Summer Sports Camp at the National Sports Centre, Inverclyde in July.
- The BP National Junior Festival was once again held in Perth and involved participants from all over the country.
- Power wheelchair soccer, shinty, wheelchair curling are just some of the development sports that have been promoted in venues throughout Scotland.
- The National events programme continues to flourish particularly in sports such as archery, angling, football, swimming, athletics, bowls, table tennis, boccia and wheelchair curling.
- For the second year the Flying Start Programme in conjunction with Scottish Swimming made a major impact on the development of junior swimming.
- Athletes and swimmers with a disability once again accessed the services of the Scottish Institute of Sport and several with potential have accessed the Tayside & Fife, Grampian and West of Scotland Institutes of Sport.
- The Bank of Scotland squad training initiative promoted by Scottish Athletics assisted many leading Scottish disabled athletes
- Many SDS volunteer coaches and members with a

learning disability were involved in the highly successful World Special Olympic Games in Dublin. SDS Management Committee member, Gordon McCormack, led the British team.

- A Junior Calendar of Events has been established and distributed to over 200 SDS junior members. The Calendar includes information on almost 70 events that can be accessed by junior Scots.
- Individual Scots have achieved considerable success at major events at home and overseas. Worthy of special mention are the achievements of Paralympian Allan Stuart in winning the AAA's under 23 400 metres Championship and also qualifying for the European Under 23 Championships in Poland. On this occasion he won a full mainstream athletics vest.
- David Heddle, John Robertson, Ian Donaldson, Charlie Russell, Jim Sellar, Billy Allan, Barbara McMillan and Gladys Annand were members of the Scottish team that won the first Home Countries Lawn Bowls Championship at the Maxwelltown Bowling Club in Dumfries.
- The Scottish Angling Team under John Hood finished second behind the host nation Ireland at Lough Melvin,
- Stephen Payton, Karen Lewis and Pauline Latto won six medals at the EPC European Athletics Championships in the Netherlands.
- Scottish Bowlers Elaine Hunter, Val Robertson and David Heddle won medals at the South African Championships.
- Laura Kinder won three medals at the INAS World Indoor Athletic Championships in Poland.
- Sensory impaired swimmers Kathleen Bennett and Kirsten Taylor won 17 titles between them at the 2003 British Junior Swimming Championships.
- Physically disabled swimmers Chris Nizetich, Chris Bauer, Sean Fraser and Jack Brodie won 19 medals between them at the British Junior Swimming Championships of 2003.

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- The Scottish Wheelchair Curling Team of Frank Duffy, Mike McCready, Jim Sellar, David Telford and Evelyn Neave finished runners up behind Canada at the International Wheelchair Curling Bonspiel at Braehead.
- Grampian Institute of Sport member Kenny Herriot continues to travel the world in search of a qualifying time that will enable him to gain access to the GB Wheelchair Racing Squad. It is surely only a matter of time.

Key Area 3: Communication and Promotion

- The SDS website continues to develop as a major communication tool for the Association.
- The SDS Conference of 2003 held at Dewars in Perth attracted international speakers and an audience from very diverse backgrounds. The impact of leading sportswomen Karen Lewis and Maggi McEleny as major speakers was very significant.
- SDS and its member branches continue to develop very positive links with the national and local media.

Key Area 4: Governance

- SDS advertised, interviewed and finally appointed its first Chief Executive Officer, Gavin Macleod.
- SDS advertised, interviewed and appointed Claire Mands as National Development Officer.
- SDS through its sponsorship programmes continues to support staffing and development programmes at local level.
- SDS has regularly throughout the year made representation to a number of National Review documents and been involved in meetings with representatives from the Scottish Executive.
- SDS became a Company Limited by Guarantee.
- SDS continues to develop its computer based Financial Management System.
- The SDS Sports, Ethics and Equity Pack has been finalised and is currently being introduced in a number of SDS branches.

Key Area 5: Income Generation

- Scottish Executive has awarded an endowment to SDS of £600,000 to be administered through the Scottish Physical Recreation Trust.
- With support from **sportscotland** officers, SDS successfully secured Junior Groups Lottery Support for 27 junior athletes with potential in the sports of swimming, bowling, wheelchair basketball and boccia. As well as assisting the individual youngsters, sports specific High Performance weekends will be staged throughout the year.
- After an eight year period Royal Mail sponsorship of the Ready Willing and Able Programme has come to an end. The legacy of this programme will be long lasting.
- For the 4th Year the Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland supported the SDS National Development Officer post.
- SDS is currently in negotiations with Capability Scotland to look at ways in which the two organisations can work together to develop sport for people with a disability.
- SDS continues to secure financial support from Scotland's Local Authorities and Local Sports Councils.
- SDS continues to attract financial support from voluntary organisations and individual sponsors.

Key Area 6: Strategic Alliances

- SDS continues to work with Institutes of Higher and Further Education to influence undergraduate and postgraduate training.
- SDS continues to be pro-active in ensuring that children and young people with a disability are offered equality of access in physical education and sport.
- The SDS Project Officer has worked closely with the **sportscotland** officer (disability) to support and further develop the 17 area branches of SDS.

SUMMARISED ACCOUNTS

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 31 March 2003

	2003	2002
Income		
Sponsorship and donations	9,206	13,144
Grants received	62,920	57,375
Events receipts	26,738	20,931
Subscriptions	3,350	2,035
Interest received	2,498	2,737
	<u>104,712</u>	<u>96,222</u>
Expenditure		
Direct charitable expenditure	119,362	124,305
Management and administration	18,918	15,149
	<u>138,280</u>	<u>139,454</u>
(Deficit) for year	(33,568)	(43,232)
Reserves brought forward	<u>102,388</u>	<u>145,620</u>
Reserves carried forward	<u>£ 68,820</u>	<u>£ 102,388</u>

BALANCE SHEET at 31 March 2003

Tangible Fixed Assets	2,100	<u>5,215</u>
Current Assets		
Stocks	2,535	1,757
Debtors	16,731	4,898
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>63,681</u>	<u>95,568</u>
	82,947	102,223
Creditors : Amounts falling due within one year	<u>(16,227)</u>	<u>(5,050)</u>
Net Current Assets	<u>66,720</u>	<u>97,173</u>
Net Assets	<u>£ 68,820</u>	<u>£ 102,388</u>
Reserves		
Restricted funds	33,061	86,331
Unrestricted – General funds	5,759	16,057
– Contingency reserve	<u>30,000</u>	<u>–</u>
	<u>£ 68,820</u>	<u>£ 102,388</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 Administration Manager.

R C Brickley, 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.

Geoghegan & Co
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

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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 Institute of Physical and Recreational Education

The Scottish Institute of Sport and Area Institutes of Sport

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