



SCOTTISH DISABILITY SPORT

LEADING THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPORT IN SCOTLAND FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES WITH A PHYSICAL, SENSORY OR LEARNING DISABILITY

Annual Report

2007 - 2008





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Scottish Disability Sport would like to acknowledge with sincere thanks the generous financial support received from the following Councils to assist with hosting the AGM and producing this Annual Report:



Chairman's Message

I am delighted to welcome you to the AGM for Scottish Disability Sport. It has been a year in which we have achieved so much, yet there is so much more to do.

In reading the 'Review of the Year' I am always impressed with the diversity and depth of our organisation. We have a tremendous team of dedicated volunteers, coaches and staff who throughout the year support our athletes in many events. My thanks to you all, you are truly appreciated.

My thanks in particular go to

sportscotland, who continue to support and offer advice in all aspects of our organisation. We were delighted to hear of Louise Martin's appointment as Chair. Louise was a strong supporter of SDS in the past when she assisted our athletic squads as a nutritionalist in the 90s. A big thank you to Gill Penfold, Emma O'Callaghan, Alison Pithie and of course Heather Lowden who continue to guide us in all that is required. We await their relocation to new offices in Glasgow and we firmly hope that SDS can remain within Caledonia House in South Gyle.

To the existing Board who have worked hard over the last two years in implementing our strategic plan 'Towards London Beyond: 2006-2012'. We are hoping to invite others to join us for the 2008-2010 period in what promises to be an exciting and challenging time for all.

Our staff team, led by Gavin Macleod who continues to influence, lead and develop our programmes. We were also delighted to welcome Ruari Davidson as our Performance Development Officer earlier this year. A warm welcome to Shona Malcolm as Disability Development Officer with Scottish Athletics, our fourth development officer with a Scottish Governing Body. We look forward to many exciting times to come. We are involved with many strategies, such as Reaching Higher with the Scottish Government and partnerships with the Scottish Sports Alliance looking at inclusion, training and of course the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

Our partners, and in particular Capability Scotland, the Scottish FA, UK Sport, Event Scotland and Glasgow City Council as we bid to host the CPISRA European Football Championships in 2010.

One of the biggest issues currently being discussed is 'regionalisation' and the future mapping of disability sport within Scotland. This will present a challenge to the Board on how we look at the future structure of disability sport in Scotland.

By the time we read this, our 16 Scottish athletes will have

returned from Beijing and we can only hope they flew the flag, achieved personal bests and perhaps even achieved medal status. Whatever the outcome we are proud to have assisted in supporting their efforts on a world sporting platform. A special mention and congratulations must go to the 11 coaches and support staff who travelled with Team GB to Beijing and also to Richard Brickley who was appointed as Chief Athletics Classifier to the Beijing Games.

We have lots still to do and I hope with your continued support we are on the right pathway in shaping the future for athletes with a disability within Scotland.



Gordon McCormack
Chairman



CEO's Message 2008

Every four years disability sport enjoys the increased profile, media coverage and public awareness that is associated with the staging of the Summer Paralympic Games. The Beijing Games of 2008 will undoubtedly bring unprecedented opportunities in these areas and with the baton being handed over to London for the staging of the 2012 Summer Games the opportunity to establish a real and lasting legacy for disability sport becomes a reality. For the 16 Scottish athletes selected as part of Team GB for Beijing the opportunities and rewards will be greater than ever before. It is indeed heartening to see so many young Scots within Team GB and their success and development will be the cornerstone of London 2012 and beyond. I congratulate all the athletes, coaches and support staff on their selection and achievements and wish them every success in Beijing.

The announcement that the 2014 Commonwealth Games will be held in Glasgow is a huge opportunity for the whole of Scottish sport including SDS. Events for athletes with a disability will be an integral part of the programme and Scottish athletes will have the once in a lifetime opportunity to compete in a Commonwealth Games in front of a home crowd. There will undoubtedly be increased investment in Scottish sport as a legacy plan is built around 2014 and SDS will ensure that this is planned in an inclusive manner with opportunity for all.

We have now completed the second year of our strategic plan 'Towards London and Beyond: 2006-2012' and much progress has been made towards achieving the outcomes and targets that will pave the way for the future of the Association. The past year has brought success and progress in all areas of work from sports development to governance issues and from education & training to marketing & communication. We are working closely with partners old and new to support the work of the Association and we have a commitment for increased resources for the future that will enable us to establish a robust and sustainable pathway for future generations of athletes.

SDS has been challenged by the Scottish Government

and **sportscotland** to have 10% representation on Team GB at the London Summer Paralympic Games in 2012. Targets have also been set for the 2014 Commonwealth Games to ensure record numbers of athletes and medallists. At present we have fewer young athletes than ever before actively involved in our sports programmes, declining numbers in many of our national events and inconsistent levels of provision at a local level. The challenge for schools, branches, clubs, coaches, active schools co-ordinators, development officers and everyone else involved in disability sport in Scotland is to work together to address these issues and enable every young person with a disability to meet their full potential in sport. If we are to continue our proud tradition in Paralympic and international sport these challenges must be addressed by us all.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate all those who have contributed to the work of the Association over the last 12 months and supported development across all four priorities of the strategic plan. Our athletes continue to represent the country with distinction at home and abroad and I take this opportunity to congratulate you all on your successes. I would like to thank the SDS Management Board, SDS staff team, colleagues in **sportscotland**, Scotland's local authorities, our national governing body for sport partners, branch personnel, funding partners, sports co-ordinators, coaches, parents and so many more for their ongoing commitment to disability sport in Scotland.

The 'legacy' from 2012 and 2014 will be far reaching and is a real opportunity for a lasting investment in disability sport in Scotland. It is now up to us all to use this opportunity to put in place a robust and sustainable pathway that will best serve future generations of Scottish athletes with a disability.



Gavin Macleod
Chief Executive Officer



Review of the Year

As SDS celebrates its 45th Annual General Meeting, we welcome friends and colleagues from across Scotland to the Windlestrae Hotel in Kinross. The past year has seen important developments in sport that will undoubtedly impact on the future of our Association. We were all gripped by the drama and tension that surrounded the announcement of the host city for the 2014 Commonwealth Games. We congratulate everyone involved with the Glasgow bid on the outcome and immense amount of work that was involved in this process. SDS is a key partner in the Glasgow 2014 Legacy Consultation process with the Scottish Government which will establish the framework for ensuring that all of Scotland benefits from the hosting of these Games. There is no doubt that this document will pave the way for significant investment in Scottish sport and SDS must be ready to make best use of these increased resources.

Scottish athletes with a disability have continued to represent their country with distinction on the international stage and we pay particular tribute to the 16 Scots who have been named in the GB Paralympic Team for the 2008 Summer Games in Beijing. We also congratulate the Scots who will travel to Beijing with Team GB as coaches and support staff. With the conclusion of the Beijing Games, the attention of the world will turn to London and the Summer Games of 2012. Again, these Games will bring undoubted opportunity for disability sport and the promise of a lasting legacy is now well documented. We also congratulate all those athletes who have represented SDS at international and GB events during the last 12 months. A list of their achievements can be viewed in this Annual Report but successes worthy of special mention would be the world ranking of 6th gained by our CP Football Squad at the CPISRA Football World Championships, the 3rd place finish for the Scottish Squad at the IBD World Bowls Championships and the double gold medal and new world record achieved by Alan Stuart at the INAS-FID World Athletics Championships.

At a national level, SDS has continued to co-ordinate a comprehensive calendar of national events and squad training sessions. In the last year, opportunities have been offered across nine different sports benefiting in excess of 2000 athletes with a disability. Scottish athletes and teams have also been involved in GB championships and events in the sports of athletics, badminton, boccia, football, swimming and

wheelchair curling. We thank our Sports Co-ordinators and governing body of sport partners along with the vast army of coaches and support staff who work so hard to make these opportunities come to fruition.

The development of opportunities and pathways for young people with disabilities has remained a priority area of work for SDS during 2007 / 2008. Established events such as the Summer Sports Camp and First Shinty Festival remain firm favourites and Junior Championships in sports such as swimming and athletics continue to attract new participants to national programmes. The SDS Athlete Academy is now firmly established providing support for 10 emerging athletes with the potential to perform at the highest level. Young people are the life blood of any sport and disability sport is no different.



Education and training is a priority area within the current SDS strategic plan which has seen much development in the last year. The roll out of Disability Inclusion Training to the Active Schools Network has now concluded providing Co-ordinators in all 32 local authorities with knowledge and experience of inclusion issues. The SDS education & training programme continues to be extremely popular with over 300 coaches, development officers, teachers, students and volunteers attending courses tutored by SDS staff and volunteers.

The development of opportunities at a grassroots level remains the domain of the SDS branches. SDS has continued to support all 15 branches and we take this opportunity to thank the huge numbers of volunteers who work tirelessly to create opportunities at a local level. Across Scotland, SDS branches continue to be supported by their local authority in terms of officer time, facility use, funding

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and so much more. Without this ongoing support, many of our branches could not continue to function and we take this opportunity to recognise the important role played by Scotland's local authorities.

SDS relies heavily on the development of key partnerships to progress the work of the Association and to put in place strong sporting pathways for those with the desire to participate and compete. We have strengthened existing and developed new partnerships in the last 12 months with the sole purpose of increasing opportunities for our athletes, teams and programmes. The financial impact of delivering such a comprehensive programme of activity grows year on year and we take this opportunity to thank those organisations and agencies who continue to support the work of the Association. In the past year **sportscotland**, Capability Scotland, the Sportsman's Charity, Nationwide, ECAS, the Ladbrokes Charitable Trust and the Scottish Disabled Sports Trust have contributed much needed funds to make a real difference to the sporting experiences of Scottish athletes with a disability.

SDS was particularly pleased that the decision was taken to retain **sportscotland** as the national agency for sport in Scotland. SDS has enjoyed a long and productive partnership with **sportscotland** and continues to receive outstanding support from officers such as Gill Penfold, Emma O'Callaghan, John Gheel, Eliza Watson and Heather Lowden. The future for the SDS Head Office within the **sportscotland** offices in Caledonia House remains in doubt but we hope to retain this arrangement within the new **sportscotland** Edinburgh Hub. SDS athletes continue to access support services through the Scottish and Area Institutes of Sport with a total of 38 athletes supported in the last 12 months.

The SDS Management Board continues to lead the decision making process that directs policy making and shapes strategic planning. As the current Board reaches the end of its two year term of office we thank Gordon McCormack, Jim Thomson, Jed Renilson, Anna Tizzard, Charlie Forbes,

Lauren McTaggart, Eileen Ramsay and Millar Stoddart for their support and commitment to the Association. We also take this opportunity to thank all SDS staff members for their hard work and dedication during 2007 / 2008.

We look forward to another busy year ahead in 2008 / 2009. On the international stage we are already in the planning stages for supporting Scottish athletes, players and teams to attend the IPC Swimming World

Championships, the Wheelchair Curling World Championships, the CP ISRA Football World Cup, the European Boccia Championships and the INAS-FID Global Games. SDS and the Scottish FA are also in the process of submitting a bid document to CPISRA to secure the rights to host the European Football Championships in Glasgow in 2010. We are also in the process of co-ordinating the long overdue SDS National Conference which will be held at the Edinburgh Conference Centre at Heriot Watt University on 26 February 2009.

The last 12 months has brought many challenges and achievements for everyone involved with SDS. There are still many issues affecting the development of opportunities for

athletes with a disability that require to be addressed in the years ahead if progress is to be sustained. However, the profile of disability sport in Scotland continues to increase year on year and the list of achievements that follows demonstrates the amount of progress that has been made during 2007 / 2008.



Paralympians' Photographic Record

SDS would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all those individuals who have been selected to represent Great Britain at the Beijing Paralympic Games.

We wish them all every success and an enjoyable Paralympic Games.



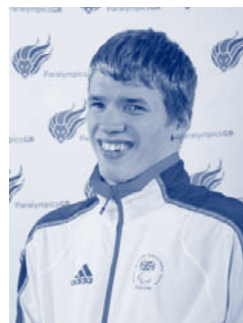
Jim Anderson
Swimming



Libby Clegg
Athletics



Neil Fachie
Athletics



Sean Fraser
Swimming



Charlotte Henshaw
Swimming



Andrew Lindsay
Swimming



Mhairi Love
Swimming



Aileen McGlynn
Cycling



Kieran Martin
Football



Kate Murray
Archery



Graeme Paterson
Football



Johnathon Paterson
Football



Stephen Payton
Athletics



Gordon Reid
Tennis



Mark Robertson
Football



Kevin Simpson
Tennis

Scottish Disability Sport Awards

Fife Trophy Coach of the Year

2000	Eddie McCluskie (Swimming)
2001	John Oulton (Athletics)
2002	Janice Eaglesham (Athletics)
2003	Ian Mirfin (Wheelchair Road Racing)
2004	Jane Sanderson (Wheelchair Curling)
2005	Anthony Stickland (Swimming)
2006	Tom Pendreigh (Wheelchair Curling)
2007	Jacqueline Lynn (Boccia)

Glasgow Trophy Service to Sport

2000	Gordon McCormack and Jacqueline Lynn
2001	Jim Thomson
2002	Jen Quinton
2003	David Thomson
2004	John Hood
2005	Jed Renilson
2006	John and Brenda Anderson
2007	Richard Brickley MBE

Findlay Calder Trophy Athlete of the Year

2000	Nicky Diatchenko
2001	Derek Frew
2002	Karen Lewis
2003	Stephen Payton
2004	Kenny Herriot
2005	Stephen Payton
2006	Stephen Payton
2007	Libby Clegg

Brian Dolan Memorial Trophy Swimmer of the Year

2000	Kenny Cairns
2001	Andrew Lindsay
2002	Lara Ferguson
2003	Mhairi Love
2004	Jim Anderson
2005	Jim Anderson
2006	Rebecca Lee
2007	Andrew Lindsay

Special Award SDS Plaque

2002	John Beattie (BBC Scotland) and Doug Gillon (The Herald)
2004	Millar Stoddart and Shirley Ann Harris
2005	Katie Still (BBC Scotland)
2006	Kate Caithness (Wheelchair Curling)
2007	Jim Fleeting (Scottish FA)



Angus Trophy Sportsperson of the Year

Excluding athletics and swimming

2003	David Heddle (Bowls)
2004	Scottish Wheelchair Curling Team
2005	Aileen McGlynn (Cycling)
2006	GB Paralympic Wheelchair Curling Team
2007	Aileen McGlynn (Cycling)

Elsbeth Watson Trophy

Individual outwith SDS who has contributed significantly to disability sport

2003	Bob Dick (Bowls)
2004	Jack Snowdon (Swimming)
2005	Pat Bennett (Swimming)
2006	Bernard Pirie (Swimming)
2007	Ena Stevenson (Wheelchair Curling)

Gordon Brown Trophy Athletes Athlete of the Year

2004	Maggi McEleny (Swimming)
2005	Jim Anderson (Swimming)
2006	Rebecca Lee (Swimming)
2007	Kenny Cairns (Swimming) and Peter McGuire (Boccia)

Capability Scotland Silver Salver Most Promising Newcomer

2004	Bernadette Leslie (Boccia)
2005	Angela McCowan (Swimming)
2006	Michael Kerr (Wheelchair Rugby)
2007	Stephen & Peter McGuire (Boccia)

Key Achievements during the Past Year

Key Area 1 – Developing the Sports

- 16 Scottish athletes and players have been selected to be part of Team GB to participate at the Beijing Summer Paralympic Games. An additional 11 Scots will travel to Beijing with Team GB as coaches and support staff. Richard Brickley MBE will also travel to Beijing as the IPC Chief Classifier for athletics.
- At the IBD World Bowls Championships in Sydney, Australia, the 13 strong Scottish team finished 3rd in the competition for the World Teams Cup. Scotland's blind and partially sighted bowlers were in fine form with Ada Meikle winning a silver in the singles and bronze in the pairs with partner George Gourlay. Scotland also secured a second bronze medal at the championships, won by the B2/B3 triples team of Shirley Ann Harris, Alex Souden and Harry Harris.
- The Scottish Cerebral Palsy Football Team competing at the CPISRA World Championships in Brazil concluded the competition in a very creditable 6th place. This included a magnificent win against the very experienced team from Argentina and a penalty shoot out victory over the Republic of Ireland. Mark Robertson from Penicuik was also awarded Young Player of the Tournament.
- Alan Stuart and Laura Kinder were members of the GB team that competed in the INAS-FID World Athletics Championships in Brazil. Alan won a gold in the 200m with a new world record time of 21.45 seconds and a second gold medal in the 400m. Laura won a silver medal in the 4 x 100m and bronze in the 4 x 400m relays. Alan was also presented with the performance of the Championships. The same athletes enjoyed success at the INAS-FID European Athletic Championships in Manchester during June with Alan winning two gold medals in the 200m and 400m and Laura winning gold as part of the 4 x 100m relay team.
- Archer Kate Murray made her international debut at the IPC World Championships in South Korea last October. The Borders archer made an instant impact winning a silver and bronze medal in the Women's Recurve Section.
- The Scottish Wheelchair Curling Squad travelled to Sursee, Switzerland to compete in the World Wheelchair Curling Championships. A 3/6 record in the group stages resulted in Scotland not being in contention for medals on this occasion. However,



a four way tie offered a draw shot challenge which Scotland won to finish the Championships in 7th place.

- Alan Oliver and Ryan McDonald represented Scotland at the European Disabled Badminton Championships in May. Competing in the standing class in Germany, Alan won bronze in the singles and silver in the doubles events.
 - Visually impaired cyclist Aileen McGlynn smashed the 3km pursuit world record to win gold at the Paralympic World Cup in Manchester in May. Piloted by Ellen Hunter, she shaved 700ths of a second off the previous world record time, clocking 3.36.752 seconds. Aileen also scooped gold in the 1km tandem.
 - Jim Anderson also won double gold in Manchester in the men's S2 50m and 200m freestyle and was more than four seconds ahead of his closest rival. Andrew Lindsay and Charlotte Henshaw also tasted success at the same event with silver medals in the S7 100m backstroke and the S6 100m breaststroke respectively.
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- A person is shown swimming in a pool, wearing goggles and a swim cap. The person is in the water, with their head and shoulders above the surface. The background is a blurred view of the pool and other swimmers.
- Fife's Craig Rodgie competed in the INAS-FID European Swimming Championships in Poland. In his first international competition he won three relay gold medals setting a new world record in the 4 x 200m relay, individual silver in the 100m backstroke and bronze in the 100m freestyle.
 - Scotland's wheelchair curlers enjoyed success on the international grand prix circuit with victories at the Richmond BC International Cashpiel, Canada and the Utica International Bonspiel, USA.
 - A squad of 16 players and staff represented Scotland at the Defi Sportif Boccia competition in Montreal in May. For most of the squad this was their first international competition. The Scottish players had very tough competition but did manage to notch up seven victories. It was also a successful trip for Stephen and

Key Achievements during the Past Year

Peter McGuire who finished with gold in the BC4 Pairs event and silver and bronze respectively in the singles.

- Wheelchair tennis players Kevin Simpson and Gordon Reid have enjoyed considerable international success in the past year. Kevin reached tour finals in Canada and the USA, while Gordon was the first ever British winner of the International Junior Masters in France.



- 73 Scottish athletes with a learning disability were part of the 159 strong GB team that competed in the Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai last October. Scottish athletes were represented in 17 sports and claimed an impressive 36 gold, 28 silver and 15 bronze medals.
- The Scottish team participating in the Nationwide British Senior Short Course Championships in Sheffield last November returned home with 23 gold, 24 silver and 16 bronze medals. Highlight performances included new world short course records for Jim Anderson in the S2 100m and 200m freestyle events and Andrew Lindsay in the S7 100m backstroke. Scotland finished third in the team event.
- The DSE Junior Athletics Championships were held in Blackpool during July with Colette Martin and Robert Ferrol representing Scotland. Colette collected three gold medals in the 100m, 200m and 400m in the girls event whilst Robert was successful in winning two gold and one silver medals at the same distances in the boys event.
- The Nationwide British Junior Swimming Championships were held at Ponds Forge in Sheffield. The 17 strong Scottish team finished the Championships in fourth place in the team event and returned home with 56 gold, 25 silver and 11 bronze medals.
- Scotland hosted the 2007 GB Boccia Championships in Glasgow last November, with 30 competitors taking

part. Scotland's Stephen McGuire won gold in the BC4 category with his brother Peter winning bronze. In the surprise of the tournament Scotland's Joshua Rowe won Bronze in the BCI category. At the 2008 Championships held in Cardiff during May, Peter and Stephen were amongst the medals once again, on this occasion Peter won gold in the BC4 section and Stephen had to settle for silver.

- The British Wheelchair Curling Championships were staged at Kinross Ice Rink last December with the Braehead rink of Michael McCreadie (skip), Aileen Neilson, Tom Killin and Rosemary Lenton emerging as winners.
- The University of Ulster, Belfast played host to the Home Nations CP Football Championships in June. Both the Scottish Senior and Futures teams emerged victorious and were undefeated throughout the Championships.
- The U18 Three Nations Football Tournament for players with a learning disability was held at the National Sport Centre Inverclyde during April. Teams from Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland took part. A young Scottish squad performed well drawing 1-1 with Northern Ireland but losing a very competitive battle 4-0 against the Republic of Ireland.
- A Four Nations Badminton Tournament was held at the National Sports Centre Inverclyde during April, organised in partnership with BADMINTONScotland. 80 competitors from Scotland, England, Wales, the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland took part. Scots won 19 titles and 10 runners up places. Scots also enjoyed success at the 2007 Welsh Four Nation Championships, winning 7 gold and 11 silver medals.
- The 2008 UK School Games were held at Bath and Bristol during August. Scottish athletes involved in the Games were swimmers James Clegg, Erin Goldstraw, Stefan Hoggan and Aaron Ritchie along with wheelchair athlete Colette Martin. The young Scots returned home with 1 gold, 1 silver and 4 bronze medals.
- The Scottish National Swimming Championships were held in Glasgow during June. Notable successes included new world records in the S2 100m backstroke for Jim Anderson and the SB6 50m breaststroke for Charlotte Henshaw.
- The National First Shinty Festival took place at the MacDonald Highland Resort, Aviemore. 66 children from eight schools from Ayrshire, Angus, Perth, Highland, Argyll & Bute and Scottish Borders took

Key Achievements during the Past Year

part with Park School from Kilmarnock lifting the trophy. This event was once again organised in partnership with the Camanachd Association.

- The first Disability Badminton Carnival was held during May at Scotstoun Sports Centre. 117 pupils from 10 schools attended. The Carnival was supported by coaches from BADMINTON Scotland and students from Cardonald College.
- The 8th SDS Summer Sports Camp was held at the National Sports Centre Inverclyde during July. 32 young athletes and players under 18 with physical disabilities and visual impairments attended. A comprehensive programme of sports was on offer led by experienced and qualified coaches.
- SDS has formed an Academy Performance Group to assist the Performance Development Officer to make strategic decisions about the SDS Athlete Academy. The group will consider athlete selections, selection criteria and the appropriate delivery of athlete services. In the last year the SDS Athlete Academy has provided individualised support programmes for 10 athletes across six sports.
- The Area Institute of Sport / SDS High Performance Group continued to meet during the last 12 months. The role of this group is to review sports specific criteria and consider the selection of SDS athletes for the Area Institutes of Sport. A total of 18 SDS athletes from nine sports have benefited from inclusion in Area Institute programmes during that time.
- SDS athletes continue to benefit from services provided through the Scottish Institute of Sport. In the last year 25 athletes from seven sports have benefited from support programmes provided through the Scottish Institute network.
- In line with the current strategic plan, SDS has committed to bid to host the CPISRA European Football Championships in 2010. An organising committee has been formed comprising our key partners. These include the Scottish FA, **sportscotland**, UK Sport, Event Scotland, Glasgow City Council and Glasgow City Marketing Bureau. The deadline for submission of the bid is February 2009 with a decision due in April 2009.
- Key partnerships continue to be developed with Scotland's Governing Bodies of Sport and joint working groups remain in place with Scottish Athletics, the Royal Caledonia Curling Club, Badminton Scotland, Scottish Swimming and the Scottish FA.
- SDS continues to co-ordinate comprehensive national events and squad training programmes across a wide variety of sports. In the past year a total of 20 National Championships involving nine sports have been organised. A new National 7-a-Side Football Championships was introduced this year attracting 29 teams from across Scotland.
- SDS works closely with all of Scotland's Local Authorities and continues to work in partnership with the 21 Authorities who support local SDS branches.
- SDS has supported the development of sport specific clubs in the sports of athletics, badminton, boccia, football, shinty, wheelchair curling and wheelchair basketball.



Key Area 2 – Education & Training

- The SDS annual education and training calendar offered a total of 24 individual courses during the past year. Courses covering subjects as varied as child protection, adapted games, inclusion issues, classification, young people with sight loss, pool work, athletics, boccia and football were offered. 313 participants attended courses all over Scotland.
- The SDS Disability Inclusion Training programme, co-ordinated in partnership with **sportscotland** and the Youth Sport Trust, has now been completed. A total of 36 courses have been run attracting in excess of 550 participants from Scotland's 32 local authorities. SDS now hopes to extend this programme to offer training to education staff across Scotland.
- As part of the Disability Inclusion Training roll out to the Active Schools Network, a partnership has been formed with TOP Goods, to establish a web based resource focusing on inclusive sports equipment.

Key Achievements during the Past Year

- Disability Inclusion Training was delivered to 154 students in higher and further education training establishments across Scotland. This included tailored courses delivered to students at Edinburgh and Strathclyde Universities.
- As part of the close working partnership developed with the Area Institute of Sport Network, a further two education sessions were co-ordinated in the last year for staff working with the East and West Area Institutes of Sport.
- SDS continues to play a lead role in the UK Disability Sport Coaching, Learning and Leadership Group (UKDS-CLL) established to lead and influence the development of disability sports coaching. The UKDS-CLL group will inform the UK Coaching Framework and its associated five strategic actions on issues relating to the needs of disabled coaches and coaches of disabled people.
- SDS has been closely involved in the production of a Disability Sport Good Practice Guide to be published by **sportscotland**. The purpose of the project is to produce a document that will provide information, advice and good practice examples on how to include people with disabilities in physical activity including sport.
- SDS was invited to be involved in the Sports Coach UK Coaching Summit in Coventry during April. A presentation was delivered on inclusive coaching as part as the two day conference.
- SDS delivered an Equity Workshop to Scottish Governing Bodies currently going through the Equity Standard. The seminar was hosted by **sportscotland**.
- SDS in partnership with the Scottish FA has introduced resources to support the banding of players with learning disabilities participating in the SDS football programme.
- SDS has continued to work closely in partnership with Scotland's Governing Bodies of Sport. SDS personnel have supported the delivery of coach education courses in athletics, boccia, football, swimming and wheelchair curling.
- SDS personnel have continued to be heavily involved in the delivery of Sports Coach UK courses throughout the year. A total of 28 Sports Coach UK courses were run last year attracting 353 participants.



Key Area 3 – Governance

- A detailed Annual Operational Plan and budget has been produced to coincide with the outcomes and targets of the SDS strategic plan 'Towards London and Beyond: 2006-2012'.
- Sport Specific Performance Plans and Annual Action Plans have been produced for the sports of athletics, boccia, bowls, football, swimming and wheelchair curling.
- SDS has been through the assessment process for the Equity Standard: A Framework for sport and has been successful in attaining Foundation level.
- SDS has now produced an Equity Policy which will ensure that the needs of all Scottish communities are considered when developing programmes, services, procedures and policies.
- Minimum Operating Requirements for governance and child protection have been compiled for introduction to all 15 SDS Branches. Consultation roadshows have taken place and support to branches will continue to assist with implementation.
- SDS has now produced an Action Plan for the Protection of Children and Adults at Risk. This plan will dictate how Scottish Disability Sport will achieve the outcomes contained in the 2006 Accord for the protection of Children in Scottish Sport.
- SDS staff, volunteers and athletes have been closely involved in initial consultation with **sportscotland** to look at developing a Scottish Facilities Design Digest.
- SDS has worked in partnership with Scottish Athletics and **sportscotland** to appoint a Disability Athletics Development Officer post. The aim of this post will be to identify and assist the development of new athletes with a physical, sensory or learning disability and to ensure that athletes with a disability are offered every support to meet their full potential.
- SDS has contributed to the consultation process for the new Protection of Vulnerable Groups Bill and also sits on the 2012 and 2014 Games Legacy sub-group.
- The SDS Management Board was involved in two training and development days co-ordinated through the **sportscotland** Modern Sport Programme.

Key Achievements during the Past Year



- SDS continues to be represented on the UK Disability Sport CEO Group and Home Nations Paralympic Performance Group.
- Capability Scotland, The Sportsman's Charity, Nationwide, ECAS, the Ladbrokes Charitable Trust and the Scottish Disabled Sports Trust have financially supported SDS programmes, events, squads and athletes during the last 12 months.
- The **sportscotland** integrated investment programme continues to support the work of the Association at all levels.
- SDS continues to provide support for the development of the 15 local branches across Scotland.
- SDS continues to receive substantial support, from Scotland's Local Authorities, Governing Bodies of sport and Local Sports Councils.
- SDS continues to work in partnership with **sportscotland** and the Scottish Government on all matters relating to disability sport in Scotland.
- SDS has been supported by **sportscotland** to engage with an external consultant in the areas of Communications and Sponsorship. Recommendation papers have been produced to direct future work in these areas.
- SDS continues to communicate with all key partners on a weekly basis.
- The SDS Professional Officers Group met on two occasions during the year offering local development officers with a remit for disability sport the opportunity to network and discuss issues affecting disability sport.
- The Active Schools Inclusion Group, established in partnership with **sportscotland**, has continued to meet on a six monthly basis. All of Scotland's local authorities have nominated a representative to attend this forum which is designed to inform, discuss and share good practice on issues affecting the inclusion of pupils with disabilities.
- The SDS newsletter 'Changing with the Times' continues to be produced annually to promote the work of the Association to all key partners.
- SDS continues to produce a bi-annual Calendar of Events and an annual Education & Training Calendar.

Key Area 4 - Communication

- The updated SDS website went live last October and has continued to be populated and developed since that time. The new website continues to be supported by Sport Focus. SDS has also contracted a Website Co-ordinator to provide ongoing maintenance and support.
- A coaches' database has now been established on the SDS website to gather data on the number of Scottish coaches involved in disability sport in Scotland.
- SDS is in the process of planning a National Disability Sport Conference. The Conference will take place on Tuesday 26 February 2009 at the Edinburgh Conference Centre, Heriot Watt University.



Summarised Accounts

SCOTTISH DISABILITY SPORT (SDS) (Company Limited by Guarantee)

SUMMARISED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31 March 2008

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2008	Total Funds 2007
Income				
Incoming resources from generated funds:				
Grants and donations	72,845	315,639	388,484	384,345
Membership subscriptions	3,550	—	3,550	3,950
Bank interest	20,775	—	20,775	18,152
Incoming resources from charitable activities:				
Events and activities	38,364	12,060	50,424	31,549
	<u>135,534</u>	<u>327,699</u>	<u>463,233</u>	<u>437,996</u>
Expenditure				
Charitable activities	93,640	349,244	442,884	364,431
Governance costs	15,925	—	15,925	13,035
	<u>109,565</u>	<u>349,244</u>	<u>458,809</u>	<u>377,466</u>
Net movement in funds for year	25,969	(21,545)	4,424	60,530
Funds brought forward	143,158	265,706	408,864	348,334
Funds carried forward	<u>£ 169,127</u>	<u>£ 244,161</u>	<u>£ 413,288</u>	<u>£ 408,864</u>

SUMMARISED BALANCE SHEET at 31 March 2008

	2008	2007
Tangible Fixed Assets	3,032	4,689
Current Assets		
Stocks	1,425	1,165
Debtors	29,875	29,893
Cash at bank and in hand	487,332	393,556
	<u>518,632</u>	<u>424,614</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(108,376)	(20,439)
Net Current Assets	410,256	404,175
Net Assets	<u>£ 413,288</u>	<u>£ 408,864</u>
Funds		
Unrestricted	169,127	143,158
Restricted funds	244,161	265,706
	<u>£ 413,288</u>	<u>£ 408,864</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.

GL McCormack, Chairperson

1 September 2008

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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