



# ABERDEEN • SPORTS • COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



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## Chairman's Message

Hopefully, now that Summer is with us, all Clubs will be busy Training and preparing for the Season ahead....and many Clubs shall be getting ready for Pre – Season Training. In a few weeks, the Olympic Games Opening Ceremony shall take place on the evening of Friday 5 August in the Maracanã Stadium, Rio de Janeiro and I wish Team GB and in particular, all our Local Athletes who have qualified for Rio, Good Luck and I send my Best Wishes.

The Highlight of the year for Aberdeen Sports Council, is always our Sports Personality Awards Presentation, which was held in June, at Curl Aberdeen. One again, we had an excellent turnout of local Sporting Talent .... and Congratulations to all our Winners. In June, the Euro '16 campaign Kicked Off and unfortunately, many Headlines depicted what happened off the Pitch....instead of commenting on the Soccer. Sadly, Scotland did not qualify....we do not have enough top Players. However, the Scotland Rugby Team did have two good Wins on their Tour of Japan !



I wish to Welcome the new Members to our Executive Committee and as always, I wish to Thank the Smith Family at Repro Overflow, for their much appreciated support of Aberdeen Sports Council.

Bill Berry MBE Chairman

## Membership

ASC Treasurer – Katie Barnett - sends a request to all Sports Clubs / Associations who have yet to Affiliate to Aberdeen Sports Council in 2016. We fully appreciate that different Clubs have their own AGM's at different times of the year and may decide to renew on that occasion. However it would be a massive help, if in future, Members paid at our AGM, in January ! Affiliation Forms may be Downloaded from the **DOCS** Section of our Website....and following requests from various Member Clubs, we now have the option of your Payment being made by Standing Order. If you are going for a ClubCap Award, your Club has to be a Member of your Local Sports Council. If you are unsure if your Club is currently Affiliated, please e - mail ..... info@aberdeensportscouncil.com to check.

## Hall of Fame

The Aberdeen Sporting Hall of Fame, created during our 21st Anniversary in 2006, was launched at the Aberdeen Sports Village, as one of the Highlights of the Aberdeen Sports Council's 30th Anniversary Celebrations, on September 4th, 2015. The first Intake was for Aberdeen born Sportsmen and Sportswomen who had reached the highest Levels in their chosen Sports. The second Tranche was for the European Cup Winners Cup Team, the Gothenburg Dons and the third Tranche consisted of Sportsmen and Sportswomen who had served the City of Aberdeen through their Sports....but were not, Aberdeen Born. Already, we have Nominations for the fourth Tranche, which shall be announced at the end of 2016... and further Nominations are being sought....and should be submitted to – info@aberdeensportscouncil.com – with the Athlete's Name, Sport and potted History of their achievements and your reasons for the Nomination. These persons should have achieved the highest levels of Sporting Excellence, in their chosen Sports.

The Aberdeen Sporting Hall of Fame Honour Board ( Kindly sponsored by Lofthus Signs ) which shall hopefully encourage future generations of Local Athletes to endeavour to follow in the steps of many Local Sports Stars, may be seen in the Entrance to the Aberdeen Sports Village, at the left of the Reception Desk. Full details of the Aberdeen Sports Council's Aberdeen Sporting Hall of Fame, may be seen on our Website.

## Rio Olympic and Paralympic Games

The Games of the XXXI Olympiad, shall be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 5th to 21st August 2016 and more than 10,500 athletes from 206 National Olympic Committees, will take part. The Games will feature 28 Sports — including Rugby 7's and Golf, which were added by the International Olympic Committee in 2009. These Sporting events will take place across 33 venues spread across four regions of the city namely – Barra, Copacabana, Deodoro, and Maracanã. The 15th Summer Paralympic Games will be held from the 7th to 18th September 2016 and 22 Sports are scheduled to be contested. The two new Sports added to the Paralympics in Rio, are Canoeing and the Triathlon.



We wish all Team GB Athletes, every Success...

Full Info - [www.rio2016.com](http://www.rio2016.com) / Facebook - Rio 2016



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## Synchronized Ice Skating

At the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships in Budapest, Hungary; Great Britain was represented by Aberdeen based Team Zariba ranking 23rd in the World. The competition ran over Friday 8th April and Saturday 9th April, when the Syma Hall played host to the greatest Synchronized Skating talent from around the World. The current British Champions - Team Zariba - with Skaters ranging from 16 to 25 years old, was selected to represent Great Britain at the world class event during one of their best seasons on record. They were crowned Senior British Champions at the British Synchronized Skating Championships held in January, and retained their Scottish title for the fourth year in a row at the Trophy d' Eccose.



*Congratulations, to all the Skaters, Coaches, Parents and Supporters involved. Team Zariba were the recent Winners of the Sports Personality Team Award*

## Aberdeen Wanderers RFC

Aberdeen Wanderers RFC Golden Oldies Rugby Team - the WOMBATS (Wanderers Old Men Battling Against Time) recently participated in the 8th Scottish Golden Oldies Rugby Festival which took place at the Home of Strathmore RFC, Forfar who were Joint Organisers, along with Brechin JRFC, on a lovely, sunny day. Stalwarts of Aberdeen Wanderers RFC, these Guys are from a Club which, in the past, has supplied Players to Aberdeen Strollers RFC. The Festival, sponsored by Artemis, not only attracted Teams and Individual Players from all over Scotland but an Ex Military Guest Team from England and Players from Hong Kong and Singapore who joined a select band of Local Players, as the - Strathie Asian Contempribles ! In all, around 20 Clubs were represented, with Players from Shetland to the Borders involved, as well as Players from Germany and Italy. The Festival Ambassador - Alastair Urquhart Esq ( 87 years young ! ) - then officially Kicked Off the Festival, before joining his Team mates in the Brechin BRUCE for the Opening Match. Whilst adhering to the IRB Laws, Golden Oldies Rugby has some variations.



- There is Unlimited Substitution
- Games are played over shorter time periods
- Over aggressive Play is NOT condoned
- Golden Oldies play in ' Festivals ' not ' Tournaments '
- Age is shown by the colour of shorts Players wear..... over 60's cannot be Tackled
- Golden Oldies Rugby is played in the Ethos of - Fun, Friendship and Fraternity

For details about Golden Oldies Rugby, contact - [goldiesrugby@gmail.com](mailto:goldiesrugby@gmail.com)

*Photos courtesy of - Adam Cochran Photography*



**ABERDEEN  
SNOWSPORTS  
CLUB**

Aberdeen Snowsports Club ( formerly Aberdeen Ski Club ) celebrated their 60th Anniversary with a Black Tie Ball on Friday 20th May at the Hilton Treetops Hotel when 126 Members, Former Members and Guests enjoyed a fantastic Evening, with lots of Memories being discussed. Pictured with Walter the Yeti, are Club Chairman and Head Coach - Josef Tautscher and Club President - Katie Barnett.

Early Notice, is given that the popular - Aberdeen Snowsports Club Annual Ski Mart is back. Head over to the Ashdale Hall, Westhill Drive, Westhill on Sunday 13th November 2016 between 9am and 12 noon to drop off your kit for sale. If you are looking for a bargain, then you need to be there between 1pm and 4pm Entry is £2 per adult and FREE to children under 16. While at the sale you can also sign up or renew your Club Membership and purchase some Club Merchandise. 15% of all Sales are retained by the Club and invested in Members' activities and the Development of the Sport.



[www.aberdeensnowsportsclub.org](http://www.aberdeensnowsportsclub.org)

## Dr Hellen Reith Trust

As most Clubs shall know, Aberdeen Sports Council, a few years ago, was delighted to receive the Dr Hellen Reith Legacy, from which Grants have been awarded to many Local Sportsmen and Sportswomen. The Trust encourages and supports all types of Sports and Ages, as long as they are proving to continue to dedicate themselves to their particular Sport. All information can be found on our Website and Facebook Page.... just complete the Form and ensure that a detailed Coach's Report is enclosed to assist with the Trustees decision and return to me at 126 Osborne Place, Aberdeen. AB25 2DU. The Trust normally meets two / three times a year, depending on how many Applications are received. Katie Barnett, ASC Secretary / Awards Convenor



## AGM

Our Annual General Meeting, was held at the Grammar Former Pupils Club, 86 Queens Road, Aberdeen, on Wednesday 27th January, and a good representation from Local Sports Clubs / Associations were in attendance. Pictured below, following the AGM, are the Committee and some of the Attendees. The Committee elected, was – Chairman – Bill Berry MBE ( Judo ), Vice Chairman – Dave McDonald ( Golden Oldies Rugby / Disability Sports ); Secretary / Treasurer – Katie Barnett ( Ski – ing ) Committee Members – Jack Burnett ( Student Sports ), John Crawford ( Equestrian ), Gordon McIver ( Sooyang Do ), Ally Reid ( Volleyball ), Bernie Reid ( Sport Aberdeen )



## CONGRATULATIONS to -

1 Aberdeen Sporting Hall of Fame Inductee – Elaine Farquharson Black - Captain of the recent Curtis Cup Winning Team... Great Britain and Ireland survived a fierce American fightback to claim a dramatic victory in the 39th Curtis Cup at Dun Laoghaire Golf Club, south of Dublin. The home side started the singles with an 8-4 lead over the visitors but they had to fight all the way to secure an 11 ½ - 8 ½ victory after the battling Americans edged the singles by 4 ½ - 3 ½. The victory marked just the eighth time GB & I has emerged victorious in a contest which was inaugurated all the way back in 1932 but it does mean they have now won twice in-a-row on home soil after their previous victory at Nairn in northern Scotland four years ago. Aberdeen Sports Council, was delighted to receive this EXCLUSIVE Message from Elaine –

It was a tremendous honour to captain the Curtis Cup team in Dun Laoghaire, 24 years after I played in the winning team in Hoylake. It was also a privilege to be the first Scot to captain the team since Belle Robertson 40 years ago. With an elite team, I saw my role as captain to be less about motivation and more about inspiration and providing the environment to enable the team to play to their full potential. This covered practical aspects, such as making sure we had their favourite snacks and (loud) music in the team room, as well as reminding the players about the history of the Curtis Cup match and their role in upholding the tradition of stimulating friendly rivalry among women golfers of many lands and making the 2016 match one which people will remember and talk about in years to come. The team played fantastic golf, with 27 birdies from the matches on the first day, 28 birdies and 1 eagle on the second day and 20 birdies on the final day. Saturday was a particular highlight: we won the morning foursomes 2-1 and then won the fourballs 3-0 to take a 4 point lead into the singles.

All in all, a wonderful week.

Regards

Elaine

2 ASC Junior Female Award Winner, Archer – Robyn Geddes - who recently smashed 8 Scottish Records and set an all-time personal best of 1322, with a double total of 2631, at a Competition at Banchory.

3 Sports Award Nominee – Abigail McBeath - who is now getting National and International placings, most recently in South Africa in the Commonwealth Tournament – Winning Gold and Silver Medals.

4 Dr Hellen Reith Trust Grant Recipients – Adam and Alistair Hall ( Aberdeen Snowsports Club )....Adam is at present in New Zealand, having been accepted onto the FIS Training and Race Programme with the Cardrona Ski Team and Alistair has been accepted onto the Ski Development Programme, called – Rising Stars

5 Aberdeen Lacrosse Club has achieved Enhanced clubCAP Accreditation for a second time. It is good to see how the Club has continued to develop despite the reduced Membership in recent years.

## STOP PRESS

We are sure that all Sportsmen and Sportswomen are delighted at the progress that UK Judo Player / Commonwealth Games Medallist – Stephanie Inglis - is making, following her terrible accident in Vietnam...

## Anyone for Croquet ?

" Come & Try Croquet Sessions " are being held at Deeside Activity Park, on Saturday and Sunday 16th / 17th July when it is hoped that lots of people, shall be introduced to the Sport. For details - [charles@hendersonfinancial.co.uk](mailto:charles@hendersonfinancial.co.uk)

## 2016 Sports Personality Awards – for Sporting Achievements in 2015

Aberdeen Sports Council held its Annual Sports Personality Awards Dinner at Curl Aberdeen, at which there was a large appreciative audience, including Doug Soutar, a Board Member of the Scottish Association of Local Sports Councils. A large number of Nominations had been submitted from A.S.C. Member Clubs and the Awards Sub Committee had the difficult task of reducing the list, to a Short List, from which the eventual Category Winners were selected. Some of the Trophy recipients were unable to attend the Presentation, due to Competing, Training, Officiating duties or personal reasons.....or in the case of David Florence – becoming a Dad !

The SALSC - Service to Sport Award - was presented to Fraser Clyne ( Athletics ) by Doug Soutar Esq - and the Aberdeen Sports Council - Service to Sport Award - was presented by Sandy Dalgarno Esq, a Trustee of the Dr Hellen Reith Trust, to ASC Chairman – Bill Berry MBE, who accepted the Trophy on behalf of Gordon McAthie ( Ultimate Judo ) who was out of the Country.

Award	Winner	Sport
Female Junior	Robyn Geddes	Archery
Male Junior	Dylan Curry	Table Tennis
Female Senior	Rhona Auckland	Athletics
Male Senior	David Florence	Kayaking
Disability Sport Female	Toni Shaw	Swimming
Disability Sport Male	Conner Morrison	Swimming
Veteran Award	Audrey Cooper	Swimming
Club Person of the Year	Leroy Smith	Boxing
Coach Award	Gregor McMillan	Swimming
Team Award	Zariba	Synchronised Ice Skating
ASC Service to Sport Award	Gordon McCathie	Judo
SALSC Service to Sport Award	Fraser Clyne	Athletics

Pictured - Rear are the Award Winners and their Trophies.....

Seated Front, Left to Right –

Katie Barnett ( ASC Secretary / Awards Committee Convenor ) who has the ASC Service to Sport, which was presented to Gordon McAthie of Ultimate Judo, who was unable to attend; Sandy Dalgarno Esq - Trustee of the Dr Hellen Reith Trust who is holding the Senior Female Award – Winner Rhona Auckland – Athletics; Bill Berry MBE - Chairman Aberdeen Sports Council; Doug Soutar - Board Member of SALSC ( Scottish Association of Local Sports Councils...who presented the SALSC Service to Sport Award to – Fraser Clyne - Athletics

Many Congratulations to all our Winners....



## Sooyang Do News

The North East Sooyang Do Clubs held their latest round of Belt Examinations at the Westdyke Leisure Centre, Westhill recently, when almost 400 North East Sooyang Do Students, from Novice to Black Belt level, demonstrated their prowess before a group of Examiners, during a gruelling two days of Martial Arts excellence and endurance. With Students from as young as five, taking their first faltering steps in Martial Arts, to experienced adults at 2nd Degree Black Belt level, everyone gave their all and left visiting Founder - Master Wood - to remark on the " transformative progress " of the younger Students in particular, and on the pleasure of seeing everyone adhere to the traditional tenets of traditional Martial Arts Philosophy

## Davis Cup



After the Great Britain Davis Cup Team wrote their name in History by winning the Davis Cup by for the first time in 79 years, the incredible ....very big Trophy embarked on a memorable journey and visited over 100 venues across the nation including the Westburn Park Tennis Centre. Amongst the many Guests, were the ASC Executive Committee – Katie Barnett, Dave McDonald & Bill Berry MBE



## AND FINALLY.....WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU.....!!!

Please send info, comments, photos etc to the Aberdeen Sports Council and let us know what is happening in your Sport !!

Your information could be used for the next Newsletter or included in the ASC Website, or Facebook Page.

Send your Stories to - [info@aberdeensportscouncil.com](mailto:info@aberdeensportscouncil.com)