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Derek Rae won the Gary Innes Award at the Kirkcaldy and Central Fife Sports Council Awards evening.



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Lots of celebrations for our great athletes and players in April.

The 2015 AGM and Awards Evening will be held at the Michael Woods Sports Centre in Glenrothes on Monday 11th May at 19 00. The Provost of Fife has once again accepted an invitation to present the DSF Awards. Contact Norma to attend.

Kieran Steer won his first BC4 international singles title at the European Continental Cup in Barcelona and Lucy Walkup won two titles and the 100 metres open breast stroke shield for the 7th consecutive year at the GB Deaf swimming Championships. Derek Rae wins his first GB cap and will run in the IPC World Marathon Championships in London in April. At the same time Stefan Hoggan is in Loughborough for three months of training as he tries to win a place in the GB Paratriathlon squad for Rio. Sam Fernando and Owen Miller won the Scottish junior and senior cross country titles and were selected by Scottish Athletics to attend performance training camps. Craig Rodgie was in fine form at the British Para Swimming Meet at Tollcross and missed selection for the IPC World Championships in the summer by 1.2 seconds. Craig Smith and Ollie Carter also performed well.

The three SDS team trophies are in Fife for the first time in our history. Swimmers Richard Osborn, Kirsty Brunton and Mary Wilson are welcome new additions to the DSF Futures squad and a significant number of members have been recognised at the three Sports Councils Awards evenings. DSF is working with the Fife Football officers on a number of projects and worthy of special mention is the new Fife Performance Football Academy with four DAS Depts. already signed up. Fife Schools Athletic Association has teamed up with DSF to organise the First Fife Cross Country Championships for athletes with additional support needs. DSF has responded to a request from Active Fife to organise a wheelchair rugby festival in the west of Fife in June. The sporting year just gets better and better.

Thanks to the Sports Leaders from Kirkcaldy HS who have been fully involved in the Fife swimming and badminton championships and are signed up to assist at the Fife Athletics Championships in June. New carpet bowls and lawn bowls sessions start this term in Glenrothes and Kirkcaldy. Thanks to all our partners and supporters.

Richard Brickley MBE President Disability Sport Fife

The Tug of War competition brought down the curtain on yet another successful Sports Festival



Callum Sloan bound for his first London mini marathon as Derek Rae competes for Team GB.



Double Medal Win for Fife Boccia Player and also West Fife athlete of the year.



Kieran Steer from Crossgates continues to excel as an international boccia player and on this occasion it was at the European Continental Cup in Sant Cugat, Barcelona. Team GB topped the medals table in the first international of the season in the build up to the Paralympic Games in Rio in 2016. Kieran upset the current singles rankings in the BC4 class by progressing through his section undefeated and lifting the gold medal. Kieran also teamed up with Stephen McGuire and Evie Edwards to win silver in the pairs event, losing narrowly to Slovakia in a tie break. Check out Kieran in training on the web site.

Stefan faces his first Paratriathlon challenge next month in Wales.

Stefan Hoggan from Auchtermuchty is an arm amputee who retired last year from high performance swimming to concentrate on Para Triathlon. The three discipline sport will be introduced to the Games in Rio in 2016 and Stefan would dearly love to be considered for GB. Stefan accepted an invitation from British Triathlon to attend camps in England and overseas. Mastering one discipline is challenging but taking on three sports is not for the faint hearted. Stefan is on a three month Triathlon funded training programme in Loughborough and will compete in his first Paratriathlon in May. Good luck Stefan.



**2015 Fife Table Tennis Champions.**

**Fife 7s League referees and officials**



**2015 DSF 7s League Winners. S3-S6 Balwearie HS and S1-S2 Balwearie HS**



**Newcomers to 2015 7s League. S1-S2 Glenrothes HS and S3-S6 Bell Baxter/Madras Coll.**



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In May 2014, Fife swimmers won the team title at the SDS Championships for swimmers with a learning disability. In September the Fife squad won the team title at the SDS Senior Track and Field Championships in Perth. Early in April the Fife physically and sensory impaired swim squad won the national team title in Grangemouth to complete a unique treble of team victories. For the first time in DSF history all three Scottish team trophies will be in Fife at the same time. The twelve strong Fife swimming squad won 27 individual national titles plus the Open relay and finished runners up in the restricted relay. Team Fife finished with 141 points, 17 ahead of defending champions West of Scotland. The Lothian team finished third, ahead of Tayside, Borders, Highland and Forth Valley. Full report on the DSF web site. Well done Fife swimmers, athletes, coaches and volunteers.



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Stirling University student  
Lucy Walkup was voted  
Kirkcaldy and Central Fife  
Sports Council athlete of  
the year for the third year.

The DSF President received a cheque for £596  
from Glenrothes Town Centre General Manager  
Robert Winter and staff during a recent visit.  
DSF was the nominated charity for the 2104  
Hippo Parade and related fund raising projects.

Liam Downie from Balwearie  
HS was the 2015 top 7s  
League goal scorer. Full  
report on the League  
appears on DSF web site.



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