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Visit the DSF website to download the calendar of events and sessions timetable for 2016. Results and news sections are constantly being updated.



Jonny Brown, Thornton, is one of a number of seated throwers benefiting from the DSF REMAP/Scottish Athletics throws programme.



Family and friends turned out in significant numbers in Kirkcaldy in December to pay respects to DSF founder member David Thomson. Inside the newsletter are some images and reflections on the most committed of DSF volunteers.

Newsletter of Disability Sport Fife

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All of us at DSF wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous 2016.

Sadly 2015 came to an end with the passing of founder member Dave Thomson who served DSF as secretary for almost 40 years. In the January newsletter we pay tribute to Dave and the gap left by the loss of this great all round sportsman and volunteer. Significant numbers of sports people paid their respects in Kirkcaldy.

The 2016 sessions programme is almost complete and ready for inclusion on the web site along with the calendar of events. Later in the month we host a leg of the SDS East Series cross country along with Fife AC, for the first time. The Fife 7s football league also kicks off this month at the same time as the second year of the Fife Football Academy project. Norma is about to circulate the entry forms for the 2016 Fife Sports Festival which will run throughout March. A strong Fife team has been selected for the Scottish Carpet Bowls Championships scheduled for DISC in Dundee in February and our leading swimmers head to Glasgow for the first performance gala of 2016. The competition programme is as always full on.

The 2016 Fife coach education programme includes an Education Services DIT in February at Auchmuty HS over two twilight sessions plus a boccia leaders award in the same month. Sports Coach UK, classification, badminton, gymnastics, wheelchair racing and athletics workshops are planned for this term plus access to a much larger programme promoted by SDS and other partners. On the development side DSF is working with the Enigma Gymnastics Club and Active Fife to promote weekend gymnastics sessions for participants with Down Syndrome in Leven.

The first three Rotary Bursaries were presented late last year and four Russell Hogg Bursaries will be presented in 2016 for the first time. The Order of St John in Fife continues its support for DSF and groups of pupils in three Fife high schools have adopted DSF as their selected charity for fund raising projects. DSF acknowledges the support received from the Celtic Foundation through SDS to fund a specific number of weekly sessions and the purchase of sports equipment. Jonny Brown took possession of a new racing wheelchair with support from Education Scotland through SDS. Our parent body serves us well. Have a great sporting year.

Richard Brickley MBE — President Disability Sport Fife — Newsletter Editor

Fife senior finalists at the 2015 Fife Carpet Bowls Championships



DSF and the Association of Fife Rotary Clubs working together.



Chairman of the Association of Fife Rotary Clubs Derek Thomson from Leven Rotary, plus Secretary Anne Tait from St Andrews Kilrymont Rotary and Treasurer Jim Tait from Dunfermline Carnegie Rotary presented the 2015 Rotary Bursaries to Ollie Carter, Martin Hunter and Kirsty Brunton to assist them with their performance sport expenses. This is the most recent DSF/Rotary initiative in a partnership that was established almost 40 years ago.

Fife's leading swimmers in action at the Manchester Aquatics Centre.



GB International Stirling University student Lucy Walkup from Glenrothes and Stirling SC was dominant in the S15 class at the National Para Swimming Championships at the Manchester Aquatics Centre in mid December. The ever improving Ollie Carter from Cupar and Carnegie SC similarly had an impressive meet with several top two finishes in the S10 14/17 age group. Cara Smyth from Dalgety Bay and INCAS made a solid start with several PBs in her first British Championships, competing in the 14/17 S10 girls events. Steven McCormick from FINS in the S9 14/17 age group similarly made a positive contribution to the overall Scottish performance. The absence of Craig Rodgie and Craig Smith reduced the Fife entry this year considerably.

DSF enjoys a long association with the order of St John. Some images past and present.



Chairman Paul Noble is seen receiving a cheque from Order of St John Fife Chairman, Stewart Morris of Balgonie, at the Annual Carol Service in St Andrews. St John Fife has been a major supporter of DSF for many years and the image on the right is an early record of the partnership being established.



Reflections on the life of DSF founder member David Thomson who passed away in late 2015



David Thomson was a great all round sportsman excelling in archery, bowls and field events in particular. Dave represented Fife at SDS national events for over 30 years with considerable success. Dave was an inspiration to young DSF members in particular and demonstrated considerable skills as a sports coach.



David Thomson was for several years Scotland's leading wheelchair dance choreographer.



David excelled as a wheelchair dancer throughout the 70s and 80s and led the Fifers Wheelchair Dancers to national and British titles. David was an exceptional wheelchair dance choreographer. He created patterns and movements that challenged his fellow team members physically and mentally.



David devoted 40 years to DSF and 25 years to SDS as a volunteer office bearer.



David served DSF as secretary for 40 years and SDS as treasurer for 25 years. Dave's attention to detail was second to none. The speed with which he produced minutes and reports set high standards for both organisations. DSF will miss Dave greatly for his wise council, loyalty and friendship.



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East Fife Community Support Services were well represented at the 2015 Bowls Championships with Julie Allan and Willie Christie winning titles. Lochgelly HS dominated the junior sections with Jennifer Dunn, Reece Martin and Michelle Harley winning all three Fife titles.



Jim Donaldson was one of four bowlers from Central Fife Community Support Services to win individual senior sections and the opportunity to represent Fife at the SDS Championships in Dundee on Saturday 27th February. Scottish international Billy Allan retained the men's open title for physically disabled bowlers.



West Fife Community Support Services entered their largest squad in many years to the Fife Championships and Hayley Binnie and Christine Bannister won the ladies A and C sections respectively. Darryl Stewart from Cowdenbeath won the very competitive mens open section and will lead a strong quartet in Dundee.

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Visit www.fifeleisure.org.uk then the "health programmes" drop down menu to access the Disability Sport Fife website. The picture of Callum Sloan on the homepage also offers access with one click.