



DISABILITY SPORT FIFE

**Annual Report presented at the 40th
Annual General Meeting**

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Michael Woods Sports and Leisure Centre—Glenrothes

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Chairman's Welcome

I would like to welcome everyone to the 2017 Disability Sport Fife (DSF) Annual General Meeting and Awards Evening. This year is a landmark year for the Association as it is our 40th anniversary year and I'm sure Richard, when he sat in a meeting room in the old Fife Sports Institute in 1977, never dreamed he would be here tonight celebrating the success of so many athletes and coaches.

The foundations of DSF are the weekly sports sessions which have continued to grow in number throughout the year and the Association is indebted to the coaches and volunteers who offer so much of their time and expertise to those sessions. Just recently we have had another successful Annual Sports Festival, which continues to be supported by Fife Council and the Fife Sports and Leisure Trust through our Service Level Agreement. DSF acknowledges the enormous support we receive from Fife Council and the Leisure Trust throughout the year in many different ways.

DSF once again had a successful year in national events organised by Scottish Disability Sport. The third successive team win of our athletes at the SDS Senior Track and Field Championships and the achievements of Fife performance and Para bowlers throughout the year are particular highlights. Many thanks to the member organisations and coaches for their time and effort preparing Fife teams and individual athletes for these events.

DSF continues to address the regional development arm of performance sport in Fife and the now well established High Performance, Performance and Development Squads which support individual members at various stages of their sporting development have had success in major events throughout the year.

I would, however, like to highlight our participation in the major event of 2016 which was of course the Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro last September. DSF has a record of having representation at every summer Paralympic Games since 1984. Last year was exceptional as we had 3 athletes in the GB team - Marathon man Derek Rae, boccia player Kieran Steer and our para-triathlon silver medallist Alison Patrick. The Association is extremely proud of each of them.

The numerous achievements in the year are detailed in the Annual Report as well as on DSF's website and new Facebook page which has been a great success in publicising the work of the Association.

The Association has once again been supported by grants and donations from a significant number of organisations and we are indebted to each and every one. Special mention must be made of the Order of St John in Fife and the Association of Fife Rotary Clubs, organisations that have provided donations for an incredible three decades. Thanks also to parent body Scottish Disability Sport for support throughout the year in so many different ways. In addition, the "Get Out and Get Active Programme" was launched late last year and the first funding instalments have been received. DSF is one of only three SDS branches to be included in this programme.

I would like to thank participants, volunteers and coaches for all their efforts throughout the year. A huge thanks to Norma for her tireless work in the office this year, and to Pamela Robson for her work on the administration of the GOGA initiative. Finally to my fellow office bearers Maureen McSeveney who has stepped into the big shoes of David Thomson as secretary and of course to Richard whose has been with DSF since day 1 and whose enthusiasm for the Association never diminishes. Thank you all for your attendance tonight and we look forward to the next 40 years.



Paul Noble, MBE
Chairman, Disability Sport Fife

GENERAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2016/2017

Office Bearers	Paul Noble, MBE	Chairman/Hon.
Treasurer	Maureen McSeveney	Hon. Secretary / Central Fife CSS
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Member Organisation Representatives	Carolyn Clunie Anna Capon	East Fife CSS West Fife CSS
Active Fife	Anna Tizzard	

Administrator Norma Buchanan

Independent Examiner Tom Foster

SDS Liaison Officer Mark Gaffney, Opportunities and Events Manager, SDS

COMMITTEES

Finance and Policy Richard Brickley, MBE (President, DSF) - Chair
Paul Noble, MBE (Chairman, DSF)
Maureen McSeveney – from April 2016

Performance Richard Brickley, MBE (President, DSF) – Chair
Norma Buchanan (Administrator, DSF)
Individual DSF High Performance Athletes and
SGB Sports Specific Representatives

Safeguarding in Sport Maureen McSeveney (Central Fife CSS) - Chair
Richard Brickley, MBE (President, DSF)
Norma Buchanan (Administrator, DSF)

MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

Secondary Schools with Departments for Pupils with Additional Support Needs (DAS)

Auchmuty High School
Balwearie High School
Bell Baxter High School
Glenrothes High School
Levenmouth Academy
Lochgelly High School
Madras College
Queen Anne High School
Woodmill High School

Primary Schools with Departments for Pupils with Additional Support Needs (DAS)

Benarty School
Buckhaven School
Cairneyhill School
Canongate School
Castlehill School
Pitreavie School
Rimbleton School
Valley School

Schools with Departments of Additional Support Needs

Calaiswood School, Dunfermline
Hyndhead School, Buckhaven
John Fergus School, Glenrothes
Kilmarn School, Cupar
Rosslyn School, Kirkcaldy

High Schools

Dunfermline High School
Inverkeithing High School

Health and Social Care

Central Fife Community Support Services
East Fife Community Support Services
West Fife Community Support Services

Clubs/Organisations

Abbeyview Bowling Club
Beveridge Park Bowling Club
Carnegie Swimming Club
Cupar & District Swimming Club
Dovecot BC
Dunfermline Tennis Club
Dunfermline Track & Field
East Fife Indoor Bowling Club
Enigma Gymnastics Club
Falkland Tennis Club
Fife Athletic Club
FINS
Glenrothes Strollers
Glenrothes Swimming Club
Headwell Bowling Club
INCAS
Kirkcaldy Tennis Club

Lochgelly HS Community Use
Lochore Meadows Country Park
Lundin BC
Newport Tennis Club
Pitreavie AAC
Raith Rovers FC
West End BC

Voluntary Organisations

Capability Scotland
ENABLE, Fife Branch
Fife Sensory Impairment Service
RNIB Scotland
Scottish Autism

Higher & Further Education

Fife College
St Andrews University

DSF employed and volunteer coaches supporting DSF members

Abbey Taylor	Athletics	Math Thomson	Lawn & indoor bowls
Atlanta Crawford	Athletics	Mike Mowat	Lawn bowls
Claire Adam	Athletics	Craig Martin	Golf
David Brown	Athletics	Adam Faulds	Multi sports
David Cowieson	Archery	Briony Clark	Multi sports
Emily Greig	Athletics	Cheryl Leech	Multi sports
Euan Sloan	Athletics	Ian Paterson	Multi sports
Gabby Doig	Athletics	Jason Arthur	Multi sports
Joanne Creech	Athletics	Kerry Hick	Multi sports
Kevin Clarke	Athletics	Robert Anderson	Multi sports
Liza Young	Athletics	Ryan Spearman	Multi sports
Neil Freir	Athletics	Gary Webster	Multi sports
Pamela Robson	Athletics	Helima Mutch	Multi sports, swimming
Stuart Munn	Athletics	Steven Anderson	Multi sports, swimming
Tammy Band	Athletics	Alex Bird	Racquet sports
Tony Boyle	Athletics	Euan Bell	Racquet sports
Gayle Sloan	Athletics, multi sports	Mo McNeill	Racquet sports
Carolyn Clunie	Athletics, multi sports	Anna Tizzard	Swimming
Julie Hogg	Badminton	Kathy Bijack	Swimming
David Costello	Football	Kay Maxwell	Swimming
Tom Hunter	Football		
Chiara Rehman	FUNDamentals		
Lewis Barnet	FUNDamentals		
Ross Cameron	FUNDamentals		

Mainstream Club Coaches supportive of DSF members

Steve Doig	Fife AC	Barrie Christie	Glenrothes Strollers
Ron Morrison	Fife AC	Joe McCafferty	Glenrothes Strollers
Dave Francis	Fife AC	Graham Loudon	Pitreavie AC
Garrie Roberts	InCAS	Davie Honeyman &	Scottish FA &
Ian Lewis	FINS	Lee Bailey	Active Fife
Alan Russell	Dunfermline Tennis Club	Morag Mitchell	Carnegie SC
Sarah Jane Ewing	Abbeyview Bowling Club		
	Headwell Bowling Club		

Officials

Fiona Cunningham, Colin Wilson, Tom Foster, Jim Drummond, Math Thomson, Alex McLean,
Kirkcaldy High School Sports Leaders

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS – How are we doing?

Participation and Performance

FACTS

- **41** (increase of eight since last year) weekly sessions are run in conjunction with a range of partners.
- **326** participants attend 25/41 weekly sports specific and multi-sports sessions co-ordinated by DSF (this is a slight increase since last year)
- **14** coaches are employed weekly by DSF or partners to run DSF weekly sessions.
- DSF now has a High Performance Squad of **18** athletes, a Performance Squad of **23** athletes and a Development Squad of **26** athletes.
- For the past two years DSF has entered more athletes into national events (16) than any other Scottish Branch. 284 (male) / 137 (female) in 2016. 332 (male) / 138 (female) in 2015. Source – SDS statistics prepared by Mark Gaffney and Norma.
- In 2016 DSF had more wheelchair participants in national events than any other area of Scotland (26) and increase of 15 over 2015.

Education & Training

FACTS

- **2** twilight DIT evenings were held at Auchmuty HS supported by Scottish Disability Sport (SDS).
- **1** Pool Workshop was held at Lochgelly HS in 2016 with support from SDS.
- **1** Boccia Leaders course was held in Fife with full support from SDS.
- **1** Throws workshop and **1** Jumps workshop with support from Scottish Athletics were held in Fife for DSF coaches and volunteers.
- **2** well attended Sports Coach UK “How to Coach Disabled People in Sport” were hosted by DSF during the year past.
- **1** Walk Leaders Course was run in conjunction with Active Fife (Bums off Seats)

Events Check List

FACTS

- DSF has organised 24 sports and two sport specific Academy projects over the past 12 months.
- DSF members competed in 29 national events or equivalent in the past 12 months.

Communication

FACTS

- New DSF Facebook page established with 1900 plus followers
- Three newsletters produced and circulated extensively
- 139 press releases were circulated in the last 12 months, 12 more than last year.
- 1st GOGA in Fife (Get Out and Get Active) newsletter prepared and circulated.

2017 Fife Sports Festival

FACTS

566	Participants (increase of 96)
150	Support staff approx. (an increase of 15)
75	Volunteers approx. (an increase of 10)

- **Financial support provided by Fife Council** through non-recurring grant. Free access to facilities provided by Fife Sports & Leisure Trust as part of Service Level Agreement.

- **Pat Gemmell Memorial Trophy (Team Trophy – all sports)**

1 st	West Fife Community Support Services	20 pts
2 nd	East Fife Community Support Services	18 pts
3 rd	Central Fife Community Support Services	6 pts

- **Sonia Kane Memorial Trophy (Senior Swimming Relays)**
Winners – East Fife Community Support Services
- **Anne H. Brodie Trophy (Team Trophy – swimming only)**
Winners - West Fife Community Support Services.

All Sports Festival results are fully reported on the DSF Facebook page.

AWARDS & BURSARIES

Local Sports Council Awards Evening

Disability Sport Fife nominated and prepared a detailed profile on 19 athlete members and coaches and submitted them for consideration by Area Sports Councils for Awards Evenings held during early 2017.

Winners of the principal awards were – Derek Rae (Kirkcaldy & Central Fife), Alison Patrick (Dunfermline and West Fife) and Ollie Carter (East Fife). Owen Miller won the Gary Innes Memorial Award at the Kirkcaldy and Central Fife Awards Evening.

St Andrews Kilrymont Rotary Club – Disabled Sports Person of the Year

Ollie Carter from Carnegie Swimming Club was awarded the St Andrews Kilrymont Rotary Club Disabled Athlete of the Year Quaich in 2017 and a Rotary Bursary.

2016 SDS Academy Athletes

Brad Stewart (archery), Owen Miller (athletics), Ollie Carter (swimming) and Cara Smyth (swimming) received Academy grants. Kieran Steer (boccia), Alison Patrick (Para Triathlon), Derek Rae (athletics) and Stefan Hoggan (Para Triathlon) were GB funded athletes.

Bill Pullar Bursary Recipients 2016

Eleanor Clark (Kirkcaldy) and Maria Spencer (Dunfermline). DSF acknowledges enormous continued support over many years from Margaret Pullar.

Fife Association of Rotary Clubs Bursaries 2016

Owen Miller (Dunfermline), Stefan Hoggan (Auchtermuchty), Cara Smyth (Dalgety Bay) and the Dovecot BC Development for the development of bowls were the recipients of the Association of Rotary Clubs Bursaries.

Russell Hogg Trust Annual Bursaries

Three awards were presented for 2016/2017 – Eleanor Clark (Kirkcaldy), Michael Mellon (Cardenden) and Jonny Brown (Thornton).

SUPPORT IN KIND 2016/2017

D.S.F. recognises the support it receives from many people in Fife and wishes to recognise the following agencies and individuals in particular:

- Fife Council
 - The Fife Sports and Leisure Trust
 - Jen Henderson, Sports Development Manager Active Fife (Jen has now left Fife Council)
 - Grant Ward, Head of Area Services, Fife Council (Grant how now left Fife Council)
 - Pamela Colburn, Manager, Active Schools
 - Staff from East, West and Central Fife Community Support Services
 - Tom Foster - Independent Examiner
 - Fife Swimming Clubs coaches and officials
 - The Rector and staff of Kirkcaldy HS
 - East Fife Indoor Bowling club
 - Beveridge Park Bowling Club
 - East, West and Kirkcaldy and Central Fife Sports Councils
 - The Courier, Fife Free Press Group, Dunfermline Press, Kingdom FM
 - The staff and volunteers who travel in support of Fife teams and individuals throughout Scotland and the U.K.
 - Blair Duncan, Murray McBain, Anne-Marie McMorris – PEPAS
 - Kevin McKee, Fife Sports & Leisure Trust Design Team
 - Active Fife staff
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- Fife Council for Recurring Grant Aid to support the post of part-time DSF administrator
- Fife Council Community Events Grants Scheme – Annual Sports Festival
- Fife Sports and Leisure Trust for Service Level Agreement
- The members of The Order of St John, Fife Branch
- Education Scotland
- Margaret Pullar and friends – Bill Pullar Bursary
- Scottish Disability Sport
- **sportscotland**
- Scottish FA
- Tennis Scotland
- Scottish Athletics
- St Andrews Kilrymont Rotary Club
- Callum Sloan
- Susanne McGrath
- Derek Rae
- Barry Christie
- The family of the late Steve Donnelly
- Neil Smart
- The Association of Fife Rotary Clubs
- Russell Hogg Trust
- Mary Leishman Foundation
- Get Out and Get Active – GOGA – Spirit of 2012
- The individuals who donated anonymously in the year past through MyDonate
- Plus many other individual sports people and friends who have raised money for specific projects and programmes

SPORTS SPECIFIC HISTORIES (updated 2017)

ARCHERY

- In 1981 DSF hosted the first National Outdoor Archery Championships as part of the Fife Games.
- DSF established the first National Disability Archery Postal Shoot in the 90s organised by DSF archery co-ordinators Gwyn Jones and the late Mike Broderick.
- DSF archers contributed considerably to Scottish national team successes at British Championships for over 25 years.
- DSF members finished top three in National Indoor team archery events held throughout Scotland between 1985 and 2005.
- Archery is part of the Fife Sports Festival programme.
- Archer Jim Martin from Anstruther was a Paralympian in 1984.
- David Cowieson, Brad Stewart and Gwyn Jones have been Fife's leading physically disabled archers since 1984.
- Brad Stewart (Ladybank) is an SDS Academy athlete.
- David Cowieson, Brad Stewart and Geordie Harrow won titles at the 2016 Scottish Archery Championships – disability category.

ATHLETICS

- The first Fife Track and Field Championships were held in 1976.
- In 1981 DSF and Fife Regional Council introduced the Fife Games to the Scottish Disability Sport calendar as a contribution to the International Year of Disabled People. The Fife Games included athletics, archery and cross country and attracted entries from all over the UK throughout the 80s and 90s.
- DSF is consistently represented at the Scottish Disability Sport Junior and Senior Track and Field Championships with considerable success.
- In the 90s DSF had a wheelchair track team of eight to ten athletes and the Glenrothes Road Running Festival hosted a 10K wheelchair race with participants from all over the UK.
- In 2009 athletics was added to the sports offered under the DSF VORTEX programme.
- All Fife multi-sports sessions include track and field athletics during the summer term.
- Since 2006 DSF has supported the Scottish Disability Sport / Scottish Athletics East Series Cross Country and National Championships with considerable success.
- The Fife Track and Field Championships are the major event on the DSF events calendar.
- DSF has successfully supported the National Sportshall athletics event since Scottish Disability Sport introduced the event to the national calendar and won the team title for the second time in 2016. In 2017 Team Fife were runners up.
- Colin Keay and Caroline Baird, MBE from Fife AC are athletics Paralympians and multi gold medallists.
- DSF offers run, jump and throws sessions weekly in East, West and Central Fife.
- DSF has talented junior and senior athletes in the Fife Performance and Development Squads
- In 2015 Derek Rae (Kirkcaldy) became DSF's most recent GB international when he was selected to compete for GB at the IPC World Marathon Championships in London.
- Derek Rae was a Rio Paralympian in 2016.

BADMINTON

- In 2009 DSF added badminton to the priority sports being developed across Fife for children, young people and adults with a physical or learning disability.
- Badminton has always been one of a number of racquet sports included in the weekly multi-sports sessions offered at the Fife Sports Institute for adults with a learning disability and also during the Annual Junior Multi-Sports Festival.
- Badminton was added to the coach led sports offered under VORTEX and also the previous DSF Big Lottery funded programme IMAGE.
- The first Fife Badminton Championships were held in 2009 during Sports Festival Week and attracted a single figure entry. The 2017 Championships had an entry of 60 plus adults and juniors competing in 12 divisions. The late Russell Hogg was the driving force.
- With funding from Celebrating Fife in 2010, an Inter Area competition was organised at the Cowdenbeath Leisure Centre involving participants from East, West and Central Fife.
- DSF currently offers weekly badminton sessions in Central and West Fife.
- With encouragement from DSF, badminton is now included in the sports development programmes of specific Fife schools for pupils with additional support needs.
- In 2014 John Hick became the first ambulant physically disabled sportsman from Fife to compete in the Four Nations Badminton event.
- St Andrews University hosted a badminton Festival in 2014 for schools with DAS departments.
- DSF successfully submitted a Lottery application in 2014 to access funding to provide learner badminton equipment for key partners with support workshops. Six workshops have been held and seven badminton equipment bags distributed. DSF acknowledges support from Jane Russell from Badminton Scotland.
- A squad of six badminton players entered the First Scottish Badminton Championships in Lothian in 2017.
- DSF supported a Big Hit Badminton Festival organised by Badminton Scotland and Supported by Sports Leaders from Glenrothes HS in 2017.

BOCCIA

- DSF introduced boccia to the weekly sessions programme in 2006.
- DSF introduced boccia to the Junior Multi-Sports Festival for physically and sensory impaired youngsters in 2005.
- Kieran Steer emerged from a DSF Multi-Sports Festival as a player with potential and is now an established GB international player.
- Kieran Steer won his first singles international title at the European Championships in Barcelona.
- Kieran Steer competed for Team GB in the Rio Paralympic Games in 2016.
- Tyler McLelland is following in the footsteps of Kieran as a BC4 player with potential. Kieran is acting as mentor.
- GB Boccia lead coach Claire Morrison lives in Dalgety Bay

BOWLS

- The first bowls competition organised by DSF was on the outdoor green at Lynebank Hospital in Dunfermline in 1977. The Championships were organised in conjunction with Alex McLean and bowls colleagues from the Rosyth ATC.
- DSF introduced the first Carpet Bowls Championships to the Fife calendar at Woodmill HS Community Use in 1978.
- In 1981 DSF collaborated with Scottish Disability Sport to introduce the first Scottish Carpet Bowls Championships to the national calendar at the Lochgelly Centre. The Championships were funded by Fife Regional Council as a DSF and Council contribution to the International Year of Disabled People.
- Bowls in Fife progressed because of the interest taken by Social Work staff members in the Fife Resource Centres. Alex McLean, Betty McLean, Jimmy Smith, Christine Easton and the late Ian Cowper were key to bowls development in Fife.
- DSF members have for the last 30 plus years consistently performed well at the National Carpet Bowls Championships and National Lawn Bowls Championships organised by Scottish Disability Sport.
- With support from Celebrating Fife DSF introduced a new bowls event to the national calendar specifically for players with a learning disability. The first Inter Area Bowls Test Match was held at Beveridge Park in 2010. DSF hosted the Test Match at the Beveridge Park in Kirkcaldy
- In 2009 DSF played an important role in supporting Scottish Disability Sport to host the Test Match against England at the Beveridge Park in Kirkcaldy in preparation for the World Championships.
- Fife physically disabled and visually impaired bowlers have consistently featured for Scotland in Home International and World Championship events.
- DSF enjoys support from the members of the East Fife Indoor Bowling Club. The Club has hosted annual Fife Championships for players with a learning disability for over 25 years.
- DSF enjoys amazing support from members of the Beveridge Park Club in Kirkcaldy, venue for the Fife Championships for over 25 years.
- Fife's leading bowlers have been Billy Allan, Michael Simpson, Eleanor Clark, Martin Hunter, Barbara McMillan, David Thomson, Maria Spencer, Craig Donaldson, Pamela Mitchell and Darryl Stewart.
- Michael Simpson and Billy Allan were selected for Team Scotland physically disabled triples for the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow 2014. Team Scotland finished fourth.
- Martin Hunter, Michael Simpson, Billy Allan, Maria Spencer, Barbara McMillan were selected for Team Scotland for the IBD World Championships in New Zealand in 2015. Martin and Maria won singles gold and Michael and Maria pairs silver.
- Michael Simpson won the mens open title for physically disabled bowlers when the first event was held at Ayr as part of the Bowls Scotland Championships in 2015.
- Barbara McMillan, Billy Allan, Michael Simpson, Martin Hunter and Maria Spencer were part of Team Scotland when the Home Nations title was won in 2016. The same five bowlers were part of the Scottish team that finished runners up to England in Newport, South Wales in 2017.
- Michael Simpson, Martin Hunter, Billy Allan, Maria Spencer and Barbara McMillan (reserve) have been selected for Test Match in Australia in 2017 in preparation for the 2018 Commonwealth Games. Four coaches from Fife also selected.

GOLF

- Since 2004 DSF has partnered Elmwood College/Fife College/SRUC in hosting the Annual Fife Open Golf Championships at Elmwood Golf Club in Cupar.
- Brian Crombie from Glenrothes and the Balbirnie Golf Club is a past one armed golfing world champion who also brought the World Championships to the Balbirnie Golf Club in early 2000.
- Craig Martin from Fife College has been the driving force behind the development of golf for players with a learning disability in Fife and beyond.
- The Fife Open Golf Championships includes a skills tests section plus 9 and 18 hole competitions. The skills tests are now a very popular section of the Fife Open.

FOOTBALL

- Since 1975 DSF has promoted 5-a-side football for adults with a learning disability as part of the Annual Fife Sports Festival.
- Football has for the past three decades been included in weekly club and multi-sports programmes held across Fife.
- Thanks to coaching grants from the Scottish FA East of Scotland coaching manager weekly coaching sessions have been offered to players with a learning disability in Central and West Fife.
- Thanks to a Fife Council Community Events Grant there has been an increased number of football teams participating in the Fife Championships.
- In 2010 DSF became involved in the National 7-a-side Junior League and organised the first Fife Schools 7s League in the same year. Six schools are now involved in the 7s League. The League is supported by the Scottish FA and Kirkcaldy HS.
- In 2014 DSF introduced an S1/S2 7s competition to run in parallel to the S3/S6 event. Both events are supported by Kirkcaldy HS and the Scottish FA.
- DSF has worked with the Scottish FA and Fife Football Development Officers to develop the Fife Inclusive Performance Football Academy. The 2017 Academy programme involves five Fife Secondary schools.
- DSF introduced Walking Football to Fife in 2017 at Burntisland for players with additional support needs as part of GOGA.

SWIMMING

- From 1970 through to 2012 the Fife Sports Institute was the hub for disability swimming in Fife.
- DSF has organised six swimming galas in any one year for swimmers of all ages and abilities with a disability.
- DSF members have an outstanding record in national championships organised by Scottish Disability Sport, Disability Sport England and international disability swimming organisations.
- Glenrothes Swimming Club had eight Paralympic swimmers training with the club during the 80s/90s.
- Fife representative swim teams have excelled over the years as team winners at the National Championships and Inter Region Championships.
- DSF swimming sessions are offered weekly across Fife in Leisure Trust and Council facilities. Community Schools multi-sport sessions offer swimming sessions in specific venues. Lochgelly HS Sports Club is the most successful and longest running.
- The Inter Schools ASN gala and Brodie Gala have been running since the 70s and provide opportunities for swimmers of all levels of ability with additional support needs.
- DSF enjoys a very healthy relationship with mainstream swimming clubs across Fife and over the years DSF personnel have supported the inclusion of DSF members in mainstream clubs.
- Fife has produced the following Paralympic swimmers since 1984 - Paul Noble, Tracy Wiscombe, Lara Ferguson, Iain Matthew, Craig Rodgie, Paul Johnston, Adam Morley, Anna Tizzard. Martin Lee and Lucy Walkup have competed at the Deaflympics and Rebecca Lee for GB at INAS competitions.
- In 2017 there are five weekly coach led sessions run by DSF and five learn to swim sessions organised in partnership with the Fife Sports and Leisure Trust.

TABLE TENNIS

- DSF first hosted a Fife Table Tennis Championships as part of the Annual Sports Festival in the mid 70s.
- DSF hosted the first SDS National Championships at the Fife Sports Institute in 1976.
- DSF was involved in setting up and hosting the National Table Tennis League at the Fife Sports Institute during the 80s and 90s. DSF table tennis co-ordinator Wilma Catignani played a key role with George Keith from Aberdeen.
- Paul Noble and Lara Ferguson have been the most successful Fife physically disabled players at the National Championships. Craig Donaldson (St Clair Centre) and Stephen Burns (Carnock) were for many years the leading doubles players with a learning disability.
- DSF sent strong teams to the National Championships up until the final event in Inverurie in 2003.
- Table tennis coaching sessions are included weekly at the Monday racquet sports sessions at the Michael Woods Sports and Leisure Centre. DSF is on the look out for a table tennis coach.

TENNIS

- Daniel Tunstall from St Andrews raised the bar in performance deaf tennis by his achievements at national and international level. Daniel was coached by Mike Aitken at St Andrews Tennis Club.
- In 2013 DSF with support from Andrew Raitt of Tennis Scotland secured two tennis wheelchairs from the Dan Maskell Foundation.
- In 2011 DSF introduced tennis coaching at Queen Anne HS to the sessions programme.
- In 2017 DSF is working with Dunfermline, Newport, Kirkcaldy and Falkland Tennis Clubs to promote inclusive tennis coaching.
- Working with Dunfermline Tennis Club and with support from Tennis Scotland and SDS a Junior Academy Tennis Coaching programme was launched in May/June 2016 in three Fife Secondary Schools. The programme is being repeated in 2017 with Balwearie HS and Woodmill HS and a Festival added at Dunfermline Tennis Club in June.

TEN PIN BOWLING

- 10 Pin Bowling was added to the Fife calendar of events at the Fraser Bowl, Glenrothes during the 90s by the late Bernard Pirie, DSF 10 pin bowls co-ordinator.
- DSF members had a pathway for 10 pin bowling through the Special Olympics movement in the 80s, 90s and 00s.
- DSF introduced the Bumpers and Ramps Championships to the Fife calendar in 2011. Both events were co-ordinated by the late Bernard Pirie and Denise Russell.
- The Fife 10 Pin Bowling Championships were reinstated in 2015 under the guidance of Trish Anderson from East Fife CSS. The championships are now run by the players and staff themselves in Dunfermline.

WHEELCHAIR CURLING

- Frank Duffy from Falkland became skip of the Scottish and GB wheelchair curling teams and consistently medalled in Paralympic and World Championships during his career.
- In 2015 Brad Stewart (Ladybank) and Graham McIntyre (Leven) joined Michael McCreadie and Aileen Neilson to win bronze at the Scottish Wheelchair Curling Championships.

ROWING

- Graham McIntyre (Leven) became the first Fife rower to be included in the Scottish Squad and won the Scottish 1000m indoor title (arms and shoulders) in 2015.
- DSF is working with the St Andrews Outdoor Rowing Club to promote disability rowing in Fife.

DISABILITY SPORT FIFE AWARDS

ACCESS AWARDS for achievement in sport over a significant number of years

1985	Robert McMahon		Wayne Halliday
1986	Adam Morley	2004	Brian Crombie
1987	James Grubb		Fran Lucas
1988	Pamela Mitchell	2005	Barbara McMillan
1989	Shaun Cunningham		Eleanor Clark
1990	David Miller	2006	Ian Green
1991	Evelyn Neave		Craig Bernard
1992	Eileen Fairgrieve	2007	Craig Donaldson
	Kenneth Mort		Robbie Craig
1993	Craig Donaldson	2008	Pamela Mitchell
	Dorothy Lindsay		Kirsty Jones
1994	Diane Waddell	2009	Mark Edgcumbe
1995	Michelle Wallace		Owen Miller
	David Drummond	2010	Eleanor Clark
1996	Eileen Hutchison		Susie Whiteford
	Graham Bissett	2011	Allan Robertson
1997	Ian Berry		Kenny Dow
	Jimmy Binnie	2012	Robert Greig
1998	Morag Wilson		Phillip Callander
	Keir Winsborough	2013	Nikki Baxter
1999	Dalgairn Ladies Unihoc Team		Julie Allan
	Nicola Eccles	2014	Tanis Murphy
2000	Mark Walker		Ian Hutcheson
	Caroline Innes	2015	Wayne Sammut
2001	Stephen Burns		Wendy Thomson
	Pauline Latto	2016	Tonia Coe
2002	Billy Allan		Hannah Moffat
	William Stewart		
2003	Andrew Bernard		

SWIMMER OF THE YEAR – The Leslie Inglis Trophy

1996	Anna Tizzard, Glenrothes	2007	Andrew Lindsay, Cowdenbeath (INCAS)
1997	Lara Ferguson, Leslie	2008	Craig Rodgie, Dalgety Bay (Carnegie SC)
1998	Andrew Lindsay, Cowdenbeath	2009	Craig Rodgie, Dalgety Bay (Carnegie SC)
1999	Murray Davies, Dunfermline	2010	Craig Rodgie, Dalgety Bay (Edin Uni SC)
2000	Stuart Mullen, Hill of Beath	2011	Lucy Walkup, Glenrothes (Glenrothes SC)
2001	Andrew Gallacher, Glenrothes	2012	Craig Rodgie, Dalgety Bay (Edin Uni SC)
2002	Toqeer Nasir, Glenrothes	2013	Craig Rodgie (Edinburgh Uni Swim SC)
2003	Rebecca Lee, Dalgety Bay	2014	Craig Rodgie (Edinburgh Uni Swim SC)
2004	Paul Noble, Glenrothes	2015	Lucy Walkup (Stirling SC)
2005	Andrew Lindsay, Cowdenbeath	2016	Ollie Carter (Carnegie SC)
2006	Rebecca Lee, Dalgety Bay		

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR – Colin Keay Award

2011	Owen Miller, Dunfermline	2014	Derek Rae, Kirkcaldy
2012	Owen Miller, Dunfermline	2015	Derek Rae, Kirkcaldy
2013	Owen Miller, Dunfermline	2016	Derek Rae, Kirkcaldy

BOWLER OF THE YEAR – McLean Award

2007	Eleanor Clark, Kirkcaldy		Billy Allan, Cowdenbeath
2008	Darryl Stewart, Cowdenbeath	2015	Michael Simpson
2009	David Thomson, Glenrothes		Marie Spencer /
2010	Eleanor Clark / Darryl Stewart		Martin Hunter
2011	Michael Simpson, Auchtermuchty	2016	Maria Spencer
2012	Maria Spencer, Dunfermline		
2013	Maria Spencer, Dunfermline		
2014	Michael Simpson, Auchtermuchty /		

MOST IMPROVED SWIMMER OF THE YEAR – Paul Noble Award

2007	Rebecca Lee, Dalgety Bay	2011	Craig Rodgie, Dalgety Bay
	Craig Rodgie, Dalgety Bay	2012	Lucy Walkup, Glenrothes
2008	Lucy Walkup, Glenrothes	2013	Lucy Walkup, Glenrothes
	Arran Ritchie, Kirkcaldy	2014	Craig Smith, Glenrothes
2009	Stefan Hoggan, Auchtermuchty	2015	Steven McCormick, Kirkcaldy
2010	Lucy Walkup, Glenrothes	2016	Cara Smyth (Dalgety Bay – InCAS)
	Craig Rodgie, Dalgety Bay		

FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR – Penman Family Award

2013	Andrew Williams (Woodmill HS)	2016	Stuart Taylor (Balwearie HS)
2014	Liam Downie (Balwearie HS)		
2015	Liam Downie (Balwearie HS)		

WHEELCHAIR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR – Ian McNab Memorial Trophy

1993	David Thomson, Glenrothes	Bowls	2007	Elaine Lister, Glenrothes	
1994	Evelyn Neave, Glenrothes	Athletics		W/C curling/shooting	
1995	Elaine Lister, Glenrothes	Shooting	2008	Elaine Lister, Glenrothes	
1996	Martin McArdle, Glenrothes	Athletics		W/C curling/shooting	
1997	Derek Frew, Glenrothes	Athletics	2009	Kirsty Jones, Glenrothes	Badminton
1998	Andy Bird, Glenrothes	Snooker	2010	David Thomson	W/C Bowls
1999	Nicky Diatchenko, Cardenden	Athletics	2011	David Cowieson	Archery
2000	Evelyn Neave, Glenrothes	Athletics	2012	Kieran Steer	Boccia
2001	Derek Frew, Glenrothes	Athletics	2013	Brad Stewart	Archery
2002	David Cowieson, Dairsie	Archery		Kieran Steer	Boccia
2003	Derek Frew, Glenrothes	Athletics	2014	Kieran Steer	Boccia
2004	Frank Duffy, Falkland	W/C curling	2015	Kieran Steer	Boccia
2005	Frank Duffy, Falkland	W/C curling	2016	Susanne McGrath	W/C racing
2006	Frank Duffy, Falkland	W/C curling			

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD – Gary Innes Award

2004	Adam Morley, Glenrothes (swimming)		Billy Allan, Cowdenbeath (bowls)
2006	Anna Tizzard (swimming)	2012	Stephen Burns, Carnock (multi-sports)
	Pauline Latto (athletics)	2013	Wullie Harrison (bowls)
2007	Caroline Baird (athletics)		David Cowieson (archery)
	Iain Matthew	2014	Eleanor Clark (bowls)
	Paul Johnstone (swimming)	2015	Owen Miller (athletics)
2008	Lara Ferguson (swimming)		Craig Rodgie (swimming)
	Caroline Baird, MBE (athletics)	2016	John Hick (multi-sports)
2009	Andrew Lindsay, Cowdenbeath		
2010	Craig Donaldson, St Clair Centre (all sports)		
2011	Barbara McMillan, Cowdenbeath (bowls)		

JUNIOR SPORTS PERSON OF THE YEAR – Aileen Harper Award

2007	Stefan Hoggan, Auchtermuchty (swimming)	2013	Carter Taylor (Woodmill HS)
2008	Owen Miller, Dunfermline (athletics)	2014	Sam Fernando (Bell Baxter HS - athletics)
2009	Lucy Walkup, Glenrothes (Glenrothes SC)	2015	Ollie Carter (Bell Baxter HS and Carnegie SC – swimming)
2010	Lucy Walkup, Glenrothes (Glenrothes SC)		
2011	Atlanta Crawford, Kirkcaldy (Balwearie HS)	2016	Callum Sloan (Dunfermline – wheelchair racing)
2012	Lloyd Simpson, Methil (Lochgelly North School)		

JUNIOR ENDEAVOUR AWARD – Caroline Baird Award

2008	Lewis Barnett, Cupar		Louisa Ramsay, Glenrothes (table tennis)
2009	Fraser Wilson, Cupar	2013	Callum Sloan, Dunfermline (w/c racing)
	Martin Tennant, Cowdenbeath		Ryan Dunwoodie (Balwearie HS)
2010	Atlanta Crawford, Kirkcaldy	2014	Felix Taylor (Kilmarnock School)
	Craig Smith, Glenrothes	2015	Jennifer Paton (Balwearie HS)
2011	Kieran Steer, Crossgates (boccia)		Callum Sloan (McLean Primary)
2012	Craig Smith, Kirkcaldy (swimming)	2016	Cameron Adam (Dunfermline)

SENIOR ENDEAVOUR AWARD – Lara Ferguson / Andrew Lindsay Awards

1997	Kenneth Richards, Woodlands Centre, Dunfermline	2012	Tonia Coe (Dalgairn Centre)
2003	James Fleming, Dalgairn Centre, Cupar	2013	Michelle Hill (Strathmiglo)
2004	Derek Forrester, Leven	2014	Barrie Sanderson (West Fife CSS)
2006	Graham Law, Glenrothes	2015	Paul Coulthard (Kelty) Nikki Baxter (WFCSS) Graham McIntyre (Leven – wheelchair sports)
2007	Morag Wilson (Robert Gough Centre)	2016	Jonny Brown (Thornton – wheelchair sports) Mary Wilson (Edinburgh – multi-sports)
2008	Christopher Gowans, Kirkcaldy		
2009	Kelly Crawford, Dunfermline		
2010	Fraser Wilson, Cupar / Tonia Coe (Dalgairn Centre)		
2011	Craig Bernard (Robert Gough Centre)		

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS – In memory of Ian Cowper

2006	Robbie McKenzie Smith (Dalgairn Centre) Andrea Spry (Robert Gough Centre) Alan Hood (Robert Gough Centre)	2012	Neil McEwan (St Clair Centre) Keir Winsborough (West Fife CSS) Maurice Paterson (Dalgairn Centre)
2007	Stephen Burns (Carnock) Ruairidh Deans (Kinconquhar) David Kerr (Guardbridge) Ryan Peterson (St. Andrews)	2013	Graham Law (Glenrothes) Adam Colmer (Dunfermline)
2008	Stephen Burns (Carnock)	2014	Steven Thackery (West Fife CSS) Shona Murrie (East Fife CSS) Michelle Wallace (Central Fife CSS)
2009	Ryan Melville, Kirkcaldy Mary McNally, Inverkeithing	2015	Pauline Bryson (Lochgelly HS Sports Club) Susan Barrett (CFCSS)
2010	Andrea Spry (Robert Gough Centre) Michelle Taylor (equestrian) Stephen Burns (Carnock)	2016	Kevin Rowe (WFCSS) Dawn Rogerson (EFCSS) Matthew Gunn (Scottish Autism)
2011	Lloyd Simpson (Methil) Maurice Paterson (Wormit)		

COACH OF THE YEAR – Eddie Campbell Award

2007	Garrie Roberts (swimming)	2013	Jane Russell (racquet sports)
2008	Bob Dick (bowls)	2014	Pamela Robson (athletics)
2009	Aileen Penny (athletics & swimming - VORTEX)	2015	Pamela Robson (athletics) Sarah Jane Ewing (bowls)
2010	Fran Cape (equestrian) Rachel Edgar (athletics)	2016	Pamela Robson (athletics/multi sports) Alex Bird (multi sports)
2011	Wendy Nicol (athletics) Wilma Catignani (multi-sports)		
2012	Judy Black (boccia)		

EMERGING COACH OF THE YEAR - Ann Swann Award

2015	Helima Mutch (Fife Sports & Leisure Trust)
2016	David Brown (Thornton) Gayle Sloan (Dunfermline) Kay Maxwell (Dunfermline)

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS – Adam Morley Awards

2009	Mary Marshalsay, Milton of Balgonie		Jane Russell (badminton)
2010	Liz Simpson / Steve Donnelly		Kathy Bijak (swimming)
2011	Carolyn Clunie (Robert Gough Centre)	2015	Ian Paterson (WFCSS) Steve Donnelly (Fife Sports & Leisure Trust) Jacqui Moran (Kilmarnon School)
2012	Denise Russell (Dalgairn Centre) Dave Gorman (Robert Gough Centre) John Young (West Fife CSS)	2016	Neil Freir (WFCSS) Joanne Creech (WFCSS) Tony Boyle (WFCSS)
2013	Lorna McClean (Robert Gough Centre) Eileen Duke (St Clair Centre) Jason Arthur (WFCSS) Lorraine Scott (WFCSS)		
2014	Alex Bird (badminton/racquet sports)		

DSF SPECIAL AWARD – Ann Swann Award

2001	Jim Penman, Principal, Fife Sports Institute	2009	Alex and Betty McLean, Kirkcaldy Tom Foster, Glenrothes
2006	Alan Johnstone, Glenrothes	2010	Matt Thomson, Kirkcaldy (Bowls)
2007	Michelle Hill (Strathmiglo) Allan Robertson (Glenrothes), Gil Cochrane (Athletics Official) Kerry Wilson (Volunteer) Margaret Robson (Swimming Official)	2011	Margaret Robson (swimming) Dave Sellar (multi- sports)
2008	Elaine Wilson, Markinch Lorraine Brydie, Hillend Joan Burns, Carnock	2012	Bernard Pirie (swimming & table tennis)
		2013	Jim Drummond (swimming official) Colin Wilson (swimming official) Fiona Cunningham (swimming official)

VOLUNTEER SPECIAL RECOGNITION - Anne Hay Award

2004	Alex McLean, Kirkcaldy (Bowls) Bernard Pirie, Glenrothes (Swimming/Ten Pin Bowling) Wilma Catignani, Glenrothes (Table Tennis) Anna Tizzard, Glenrothes (Swimming) Dael Wilson, Markinch (Wheelchair Racing) Maureen McSeveney, Cupar (Special Olympics)	(Special Olympics)	
2005	John Hood, Culross (Angling)	2010	Alec Thorburn (Finance)
2006	Ena Stevenson, Oakley (Wheelchair Curling)	2011	Gordon Easton, Dalgety Bay (archery)
2007	Craig Martin, Perth (Special Olympics)	2012	Kerry Wilson (swimming) Anne Stuart (British Red Cross)
2008	Maureen McSeveney, Cupar (Special Olympics)	2013	Neil Martin (Fife Sport & Leisure Trust)
2009	Liz Rowley, Auchtermuchty	2014	Bethany Ross (Castlehill Pr multi-sports) Rachel White (Cupar multi-sports) John Hick (badminton/bowls)
		2015	Elise Wright Davies Ross Cameron
		2016	Steven Anderson (Glenrothes)

SERVICE TO SPORT AWARD – Steve Donnelly Award

1996	Wilma Catignani (Table Tennis)	2006	Gordon and Margaret Easton (Archery)
1997	Alex McLean (Bowls)	2007	Judy Black (Boccia)
1998	Anna Tizzard (Swimming)	2008	Bernard Pirie (Swimming/10 pin bowling)
1999	Anne Hay (Swimming)	2009	Nicky Duffy (Multi-sport)
2000	Brian Herd (Athletics)	2010	Anna Capon (WFCSS)
2001	John Rae (Special Olympics)	2011	Matt Thomson (Bowls)
2001	Christine Easson (Bowls)	2012	Gil Cochrane (Athletics)
2002	Mike Tudor (Angling)	2013	Aileen Penny (Multi-sports)
2003	Dael Wilson (Athletics)	2014	Craig Martin (Fife College)
2004	Mike Broderick (Archery)	2015	Teresa Hunter (Balwearie HS)
2005	Mike Broderick (Curling)	2016	Carolyn Clunie (EFCSS)

AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR – Alec Thorburn Award

2014	Isla Lumsden (Kilmarnock School)	2016	Maureen McSeveney (CFCSS)
2015	Anna Capon (WFCSS)		

MEMBER ORGANISATION OF THE YEAR – Olympiad Award in memory of David Thomson

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