

# By George

## newsletter

**MARCH 2010**



It's been a busy few weeks in the Rotary Club of Perth St Johns! Isn't it great to be doing projects.

We had the very successful Sportsman's Dinner held at the Lovat Hotel on 19 February. Nearly 115 people attending and everyone had a great night enjoying good company, good food and raising



## Primary Schools Quiz

The Primary Schools Quiz was held recently at the Salutation Hotel. A great crowd of supporters attended, cheering on their respective primary school team. The Primary Schools Quiz was eventually won by St Johns (Academy) Primary School after an



extremely close fought competition. They won the winners trophy after an extra end tie break round. It was anyone's to win throughout the evening but St Johns won through. They now go on to represent the club in the District Finals. We wish them good luck and every success.

Thanks must go to Gail Mackay for organising the event and all the Rotarians who helped on the night.

The Editor

## Come Dine With Us.....

The following Hosts / Guests have been arranged for our popular Hostings. It is up to each Host to organise Lunch & Dinner this spring.

YOUR HOST	THE GUESTS
Michael Archibald	Heather Stewart, Enrico Frattaroli
George Beaton	Fergus Harris, John MacIntyre, Ian Marr
Stuart Cameron	Alexander Stewart, John Watson, Rob Burke
David Cuthbert	Albert Donaldson, Susan Scott, Brian Kitching
John Fyfe	Sally McCartney, John Galbraith, Jim Moyes
Bert Macdonald	Mike Jamieson, Bruce Thomson, Graham Harding
Gail MacKay	Roger Ward, Ian Mutch, Maureen Young
Neil Townend	Bill Smith, Mark Cairns, David Grant

If your name is not on the list above and would like to take part why not organise something between yourselves. Any help needed, then contact Maureen Young as soon as possible.

lots of money for the chosen charities. Close to £5700 for deserving causes was raised. It was agreed the to make the following charity account disbursements: Help for Heroes £2000, DISIP £700, Check In £700, Women's Aid £700 and Racing Welfare £200. Total £4,300 with the balance from the Dinner (approx £1400.00) to club funds



Already we have presented a cheque for £2000 to Help For Heroes which was presented to Mike Dickinson of the H4H charity.

Our speakers were, as always, very entertaining and funny. Sam Morshead, General Manager of Perth Racecourse, entertained everyone with funny and witty stories of Horse Racing and his career. Andy Cameron rounded off the night by skillfully running the Auction and then also entertained us with a funny and witty after dinner speech. Both speakers contributed hugely to a great night, with lots raised for the clubs nominated charities.

**Weekly Duty Rota: 24 March to 21 April - 12.30 pm unless otherwise stated**

Members are

asked to arrange a sub when they are unable to do their Weekly Duty. This includes members on Leave Of Absence.

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Door Duty 1:</u>	<u>Door Duty 2:</u>	<u>Bottle Duty:</u>	<u>Speakers Host &amp; VOT:</u>
March 24 (Evening)	Michael Archibald	Alison Crook	Susan Scott	Ian Marr
April 01 (Thu Eve)	Joint 3 Clubs Meeting at Dewars (World Curling Championships) - Club Member to take sign in sheet - To Be Confirmed			
April 07	Mike Buckley-Jones	Albert Donaldson	Alexander Stewart	To Be Confirmed
April 14	Rob Burke	Louis Flood	Heather Stewart	To Be Confirmed
April 21	Mark Cairns	John Fox	Bruce Thomson	COMMITTEE MEETINGS

## Summary of the Meeting of Council Held on 1st February 2010

**Matters Arising:** George Beaton reported on discussions with the Young Carers at PKAVS. It was agreed to recommend to the club we support the visit to Radio Tay on 06/04/10. Michael Jamieson offered to represent the club and accompany the group.

Gail Mackay reported all in hand for the Primary School Quiz

**President's Items:** The general composition of club committees for period March 2010 to June 2011 was agreed. Stuart Cameron to finalise convenors before publication to members.

*As agreed at the last council meeting a small 'steering committee' meet to work out a meetings' programme met; This group comprised Pres Elect Stuart, Pres Ian, VP Heather, Ian Mutch and David Grant Sec. A draft programme to end June 2010 was presented by Ian Marr and was approved. Copies to be sent to Jim Moyes and Gail Mackay.*

Black Watch Honorary Membership evening. Maureen showed council the excellent Caithness Glass paperweight and it was agreed it looked really good. It was noted with gratitude that Caithness Glass had generously supported some of the cost of the piece. Format was agreed as follows:

Eve starts 6.00 for 6.30 with 3 course meal. No top table, guests spread throughout the tables. Maureen to maintain the links with the Black Watch.

**Secretary's Items (Ian Mutch on behalf of David Grant):** David has notified District of our apologies for the District Mtg on 02/03/10.

*Leave of absence requests - Sally McCartney and Jim Urquhart approved for period of 6 mths. Jim had applied for a year but council policy is to only grant 6 mth period with a review at the end of the 6 mth period.*

No objections were received regarding the 2 new members, Levan Labartkava (Proposed classification: Hospitality, Restaurants) and Anne Jones (Proposed classification: Careers Guidance) and council approved both. It was agreed to induct as soon as possible, either on 10/03 or 17/03  
*District Treasurer has recommended that District dues remain unchanged at £14 for next year.*

**Treasurer's report (Rob Burke):** The balances on the Club accounts are Charity acc: £11,575.75 / Club acc: £3,441.28 (includes £1,840.14 in the hospitality reserve).

*Charity account: Sportsman's Dinner expenses paid. Two items outstanding – the bag for the prize draw golf clubs and administration expenses. We also owe a donation to a charity nominated by speaker Sam Morshead. £1941 in ticket sales still outstanding. The net profit of the dinner is expected to be approx £5,700.*

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*Club account: Paid £70 from Hospitality account for guest meals at the Sportsman's Dinner.*

**Service Projects (Heather Stewart):** Heather reported on the Primary Schools Quiz arrangements. Also the progress with the Senior Citizens Ceilidh, likely to be held in late April.

**Club Administration (Ian Mutch):** Hosting name details passed to Maureen. It was noted that a number of members had not put their names on the board, mainly those on leave of absence. Agreed Maureen would contact those members to encourage their participation.

**Foundation:** Following discussion it was decided not to pursue our interest in the project to support work with P&KC on the development of a possible volunteer assistance programme for disabled members of the community.

**Ways and Means:** Michael Jamieson reported he had received a thank you email from Mike Dickinson of H4H. The President thanked Michael, David Grant and Rob Burke for all their hard work in making the Dinner such a success. It was agreed Andy Cameron and San Morshead had been excellent speakers and it shows the value of having well known celebrity speakers to drive ticket sales.

### AOCB:

Council needs to nominate who are to be our voting delegates at the RIBI Conference in 2010. Carried forward for the President and Secretary to organise.

*Council meetings are to change to accommodate holiday dates; i.e. new dates – 12 April and 10 May.*

Date of next meeting: Monday 12 April 2010 at 6pm

## New Committees and Club Structure - March 2010

### **Membership & Communication: Stuart Cameron (Convenor)**

Susan Scott, Neil Townend, Alexander Stewart, Sally McCartney, John Watson and Louis Flood

### **Fellowship: Maureen Young (Convenor)**

Jim Moyes and Gail Mackay

### **Community Service: Ian Mutch (Convenor)**

John Fyfe, Roger Ward, Michael Archibald, David Cuthbert, John Fox and David Grant

### **Youth Service: George Beaton (Convenor),**

Mark Cairns, Michael Jamieson, Alison Crook, John McIntyre, Bill Smith, Bert McDonald and Ann Jones

### **Ways and Means: Heather Stewart (Convenor)**

Rob Burke, Stuart Cameron, Enrico Frattaroli, Mike Buckley-Jones, Paul Kyle, Ian Marr and David Grant

### **Foundation/International: Bruce Thomson (Convenor)**

Albert Donaldson, Graham Harding, John Galbraith, Brian Kitching, Jim Urquhart and Levan Labartkava

**Archivist:** Fergus Harris / **Web master:** Rob Burke

**Child Protection Officer:** Alison Crook / **By George Ed:** Ian Mutch

## Senior Citizens Ceilidh

Advance notice: the Senior Citizens Ceilidh will be held at the Salutation Hotel on Tuesday 27th April. **Please put the date in your diary.**

## Welcome to New Members

A very warm welcome to new members Levan & Anne. See the email edition for contact details.

## Forthcoming Events for your Diary

March 24 @ 1830	Eve Mtg-Black Watch Hon Membership
Mar 28 - Apr 02	Rotary World Curling C'ships @ Dewars Rinks
March 31	NO MEETING
April 01 @1930	Evening Joint Meeting at Perth Club, Dewars Rinks
April 12 @ 1800	Council at Royal George
April 12 @ 1930	Gavel Evening with Kinnoull Rotary Club
April 21 @ 1300	Wed Lunch Committee Meetings
April 27 - Time tbc	Senior Citizens Ceilidh, Salutation Hotel
April 28 @ 1830	Club AGM

Please send news items and contributions for the APRIL issue to Ian Mutch or [bygeorge@perthsjrotary.org.uk](mailto:bygeorge@perthsjrotary.org.uk) by 09 April 10

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