



Clackmannanshire Sports Council



Annual Report 2022 - 2023



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Chairperson Report

This is my second annual report as Chairperson and I am delighted to say one which has seen a significant move back to normality for sport in the Wee County and Scotland as a whole.

This year we had our chance to acknowledge the work of these volunteers and sports men , women, boys and girls at a packed Alloa Town Hall for the Sports Council Sports Awards, an event which always will be, a very humbling experience seeing the many great winners and hearing the many incredible stories. This year being part of the judging panel I had the honour of reading all 113 nominations for the 13 different awards. One point that sticks in my mind is the fantastic young leaders that we have making their way through the primary school set up. Running Clubs, helping coach younger children and generally promoting sport in the County. A vital cog in the wheel for sports success.

The event itself could not have not have gone ahead without the core funding and staff time and support from Clackmannanshire Council and the many individual sponsors, helpers and volunteers, to all of them we say a massive THANK YOU!!!

The membership of the Sports Council currently sits at 28 Organisations, but there is still room for growth. I would remind every one of them that we are here not just as an association representing their views but also to provide financial assistance for coach education, equipment, start-up and event grants.

Unfortunately this will be my final annual report as I will not be seeking re-election and standing down as chairperson due to increased work commitments and the growth of my own Club - Alloa Saints FC.

As I reflect on my last two years in the role and look to the future, I feel that we as a SPORTS COUNCIL have an opportunity to look at our role and objectives and consider how we can build on the work we have done over the last few years.

I believe, and always have done, that we should be an Organisation representative of the views of the many Clubs and Associations that are our members. I have also felt passionately that the Sports Council should, and could, be so much more than it is today linking in with the many great school pupils that have a keen interest in sports, particularly coaching, organising and administration. Working with these groups collectively with the Sports Development becoming a strong voice for all Sport minded people in Clackmannanshire and finally promoting itself more at the Sports Council Awards and not being the Sports Council Awards in name alone.

To do this we need to look at how we are structures and what Club and Associations want from us and how best we can meet these goals.

I would like to thank Kenny Cook for all his support and guidance over the last two years as well as all of the Committee members of the Sports Council and finally I would like to wish the new Chairperson and Committee all the best for the future.

Paul A Robertson
Chairperson

Secretary Report

For the year 2022/23 the Sports Council had 28 affiliated clubs which was 2 less than the previous year. Over the last year 11 clubs received grant aid. These were:-

September 2022

CR Cats	Canoeing	Development Grant
Wee County Archers	Archery	Development Grant
Alloa Saints FC	Football	Event support Grant

January 2023

Muckhart Golf Club	Golf	Development Grant
Drumburn Ladies Golf Club	Golf	Development Grant
Wee County Vaulters	Equestrian Vaulting	Coach Education Grant
Central Athletics	Athletics	Development Grant

March 2023

Muckhart Golf Club (JRS)	Golf	Development Grant
Tillicoultry Golf Club	Golf	Development Grant
Wee County Harriers	Athletics	Event Support Grant
Clackmannan Bowling Club	Bowling	Event Support Grant

Supported 7 different sports in Clackmannanshire:-

Golf	Bowling
Football	Athletics
Equestrian Vaulting	Archery
Canoeing	

There were also coaches from various clubs financially supported in gaining their First and Child Protection certificates.

The Sports Council will continue to sponsor the Youths 800m at the Alva Games being held in July.

The Sports Council has supported a good range of sports in the area over the last year.

Financial Report

CLACKMANNANSHIRE SPORTS COUNCIL - RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Receipts		
Grant Aid	6,202.00	16,952.00
Sponsorship	150.00	450.00
Affiliation Fees	780.00	80.00
Bank Interest Treasurers Account	62.47	7.61
Total Receipts	7,194.47	17,489.61
Payments		
Administration	85.00	314.00
Grant Aid	3,250.00	12,990.00
Event Support	-	500.00
Sports Award	2,193.28	1,718.48
ASN Adaptive Skiing	-	500.00
Education Organised Events	-	1,195.00
Total Payments	5,528.28	17,217.48
Surplus of Receipts over Payments	1,666.19	272.13
Bank Deposits Brought Forward	10,214.52	9,942.39
Bank Deposits Carried Forward	11,880.71	10,214.52

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

Bank – Treasurers Account	11,880.71	10,214.20
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AUDIT CERTIFICATE

I have examined the books of Account of Clackmannanshire Sports Council for the year to 31 March 2023. I certify that, in my opinion, the foregoing receipts and payments account fairly represents the affairs of Clackmannanshire Sports Council, according to the books and information supplied.

Ellen Cook, MAAT 17 April 2023

ACLACKMANNANSHIRE SPORTS COUNCIL - BANK RECONCILIATION ACCOUNT AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	£
Bank Balance as at 31 March 2023	13,212.31
Less Cheques Outstanding *	1,331.60
Bank Balance Treasurers Account C/F	11,880.71
Cheques Outstanding *	
602	250.00
609	486.60
610	425.00
615	170.00
	1,331.60

Awards Evening

The awards were held on the 23rd March in the Alloa Town Hall. We had 113 nominations which were excellent. As always it was an outstanding evening with a very high standard of nominees.

The winners were as follows:-

Junior Award

Hannah Toovey - Kayaking

Sponsored by Alloa Advertiser.

Senior Award

Dylan Christie - Martial Arts

Sponsored by Braveheart Clackmannanshire.

Triumph Over Adversity (Participation)

Brogan Kourie - Rugby

Sponsored by Meggan Dawson-Farrell.

Triumph Over Adversity (Competition)

Ellie McLaren - Boccia

The Thistle and Rose Commandery, The Order of St George.

Enid Barton Coach of the Year (Competition)

Kris Illingworth - Rugby League

Sponsored by Enid Barton.

Coach of the Year (Participation)

Steven Boyle - Football

Sponsored by Alloa & District Rifle Club.

Primary School Team of the Year

Tillicoultry PS Ski Team

Sponsored by Judy Collier.

Secondary School Team of the Year

Alloa Academy Badminton Pairs Team

Sponsored by Wee County Harriers.

Team of the Year

Alloa East End Ladies - Bowling

Sponsored by Russell & Aitken.

Primary Young Leader Award

Ailey Lavery and Kardelen Archbold - Badminton

Sponsored by Clackmannanshire Sports Development - Active Schools.

Young Leader/ Volunteer (Senior)

Lewis McDermid - Martial Arts

Sponsored by Stephen Campbell

Junior School Sports Award

Innes Mullen - Cross Country and Badminton

Sponsored by Jan King.

Services To Sport

Casha McNab - Tennis

Sponsored by Scottish Club Sport

We would like to thank Clackmannanshire Council for their continued support that allows us, the Sports Council to give recognition to all of the above. We would also like to say a big thank you to all our sponsors of the Individual awards for their continued support.

Club Report: Alloa and District Rifle Club

In the NSRA Scottish League Alloa A team won this trophy for the third consecutive year. This competition is between all Scottish smallbore rifle Clubs.

There are five members in a team and each team member shoots 20 shots at targets set at 50m and 20 shots at targets set at 100 yds. Maximum score for each round is 2000 points the teams average over ten rounds is 1960 points.

In The NSRA National 50 meter Leagues, Alloa A were second in Division 1 with Alloa B taking third place in division 3.

In the Fife and Kinross Association winter league Alloa A team was second in Division 1 and Alloa B team won Division 2.

In the Perthshire SBRA Alloa A won Division 1 with Alloa B winning Division 3.

The club coaches are working with Sight Scotland Veterans (Scottish War Blind) to help introduce Impaired Sight shooting for the veterans. We are also running taster shooting sessions for BLESMA which is a charity who help Limbless veterans into sports as well as looking after their welfare.

Once a month members of the Scottish Region of the Dwarfs Sports Association attend the indoor range and take part in air rifle shooting.

Club Report: Wee County Vaulters

Wee County Vaulters have enjoyed yet another successful year with podium places being achieved in all National Competitions in which the vaulters competed. The vaulters have been helped along the way by the club horses W.H.Bentley, Highland Mist, Glaxtown Billy and also at home by Tylers Kernel; along with their lungers, Joanne Eccles, John Eccles, Lisa Mercer, Amanda McLachlan and Joanne Messner. The latter has just started lunging at competitions this year and is gaining in experience.

One of the first international events of the year was CVI Rugby which took place at Onley Equestrian Centre, Rugby. Mhairi Hume placed first in the Senior Female 2* class vaulting on Highland Mist lunged by Joanne Eccles. Highland Mist or Logan as he is known by the vaulters, achieved the highest horse score at the event. In the Child 2* Female, class Jennifer Cameron placed 3rd also vaulting on Logan.

At the beginning of August, the World Equestrian Championships for seniors took place in Herning, Denmark. Mhairi was the only Scottish vaulter to participate at the event, being one of the two females selected to represent Great Britain.

The Scottish Championships held at the Scottish National Equestrian Centre, Ecclesmachan resulted in 3 titles for the club; Sally Henderson in the Senior 2* Female category, Joanne Messner in the Senior 1*Female category and Jennifer Cameron in the Child 2* Female category. Success continued for Sally and Joanne at the British Championships when they won their respective classes.

More recently an International competition was held at Morris Equestrian Centre, Fenwick. The club was delighted to welcome Skye Barrowcliffe from Australia, Ryan Bracken from Canada and Carys Morgan and Felix Morton from England who had asked to use Highland Mist at the event. Highland Mist was also the mount for club vaulter Jennifer Cameron whilst Eilidh Bennett vaulted on W.H.Bentley. Being able to allow others to use your horses is one of the great advantages of Equestrian Vaulting and it was so good to see the different nationalities enjoying the competition together.

One of the highlights of the event was at prize giving when W.H.Bentley was presented with a gift by the Scottish Equestrian Vaulting Committee. Henry as he is known is now 29 years old and has been competing in International events since 2002. Since official records were started in 2006 he has participated in 90 international events, a tremendous legacy. So many club vaulters have gained experience vaulting on Henry who continues to be a stalwart of the club today.

Thanks must go to all the parents who help support the club at weekly training and competitions and also to Clackmannanshire Sports Council for the Coach Education Grant received this year.



Club Report: CR Cats

One of the highlights of the end of the 2022 season was a club ceilidh held in the Devonvale Hall in Tillicoultry, with dancers ranging from 4 to 67 years old! This marked an important end (we hope) to the social challenges of the pandemic.

Participation

Our taster sessions and camps were in full swing again over the summer months. We introduced around 50 children aged 9+ to paddling in the taster sessions, and around 100 through community activities such as Guide and Scout sessions. This year we were able to access pool sessions in Bannockburn to support beginners with capsizing drills, and improvers learning to roll over the winter months. This made a huge difference to retention after summer taster sessions.

A full outdoor winter training programme was on offer for our more experienced paddlers, with an increase in the number of coached sessions compared with 2021. These included river trips on the Tay at Stanley, the artificial course at Pinkston, and (after high water levels subsided) the rapids at Grandtully. There were also winter training camps at the Holme Pierrepont National Water Sports Centre in Nottingham and Lee Valley Olympic White Water Centre. However, we continue to see gaps in participation, particularly at higher Division levels, due to many choosing to hang up their paddle in 2020/2021.

We ran a Paddlesport Instructor course at Alva in September, where 12 teenage paddlers from clubs across Scotland gained their Level 1 coaching qualification. It is great to see these young people learning important skills, which will enable them to support our more experienced adult coaches with some of the beginner sessions, as well as developing some great life skills. This development process is also vital for the sustainability of our clubs and future of the sport.

Competitions and Promotions

There were some great results for the Club in the 2022 season. In kayak, we were delighted to have three paddlers promoted to Division 1, nine promoted to Division 2, and eight promoted to Division 3. A number of club paddlers started the 2023 season ranked number 1 in their division. In canoe, one member was promoted to Division 1, four to Division 2, and three to Division 3. Five advanced club members are part of the SCA Squad.

Alva Site

We have welcomed other sports clubs and community groups to our site in 2022. Scout and Cub groups have used the field for camping, the Alva Guides met weekly on our site from April to October, and the Wee County Archers now use the field for their regular sessions.