

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As the curtain comes down on another season and my time as president, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who have supported me along the way.

In particular, my secretaries, Tom McLevy, David Ramsay and current secretary Alan Cargill. They have all contributed many hours keeping Perth and Kinross at the forefront of Scottish golf.

To county executive members - who come up with the good ideas and make the county tick – your efforts throughout the year have been greatly appreciated.

Special mention must also go to Dougie Cleeton and Iain Butchart who stood down from their roles during the season. Without their endless hours of input and dedication, we wouldn't be where we are today.

We wish our auditor Ian Mackie well moving forward after he decided to retire following many years of looking after our financial affairs.

The kindness of sponsors has again helped the county to prosper across all levels. We must give particular mention to gents and senior team sponsor Stephen Gardiner of Stephen Gardiner Construction, Austin Carey of The Blue Group who backed the junior team and the Road to Kingsbarns event and George Stubbs of GS Group, who sponsored the Perth and Kinross Masters.

All sponsors make it possible to finance one of the best programmes in the country – and that must be applauded.

So many of our clubs – including Gleneagles who provide our junior scholarships and hosted the county finals – have shown overwhelming support across 2017. Again, that is greatly appreciated.

One of the real pleasures for me as president has been watching our teams and players participate in events. Throughout my time I have witnessed some fantastic golf and I have no doubt that we are very close, again, to seeing a top group of juniors coming through.

As we go to our AGM on November 12, all of our members, clubs and executive will have been asked to vote on Scottish Golf Limited's (SGL) proposals. Despite this, we have now been informed that no formal voting will take place until the SGL AGM in March next year. I, personally, hope the entire country comes together and forces SGL to listen and then implement a strategy proposal that would get unanimous support.

As I stand down I have no worries for the future of P&K golf. Incoming president Scott Michie has been involved with the county as long as I can remember, as a player, team captain/manager and executive member and has a great insight in to how the county structure works. I wish him every success in his new role as president.

One of my final jobs at our AGM would have been to present past president Barrie Douglas with his medal. I will say a few words about Barrie at the end of our prize giving.

I wish all our clubs, societies and members the best of luck for the 2018 season. Please do your utmost to support P&K golf and its executive.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Charlie Gallagher