

Presidents Report 2018



Ladies and Gentlemen

Prior to starting the main report,

I must at this point, bring the sad news of the passing of Graham Lawson who had represented both Perth and Kinross County Golf, was a full international player with Scotland and was also a former Scottish Champion. He was a big help to me when I first started in the team as a raw 22 year old but one of the stories I can tell was when Kinross were playing Auchterarder in the final of the Coronation Trophy, with the match at 1-1 and his game the only match on the course at all square going down 17 on the Kings course his partner had put him in a whin bush down the right and I was thinking well that's us one up then, but Lumpy (as he was affectionately known) had other ideas, out came the 7 iron and then with a whack and no bush left the ball somehow came to rest on the green, he won the hole and the match. Big time player with a big heart, but sadly will be missed.

We would like to thank our main sponsors Stephen Gardiner Construction who sponsors the full men's set up and also Austin Carey of the Blue Group who has backed the junior programme for the last 3 years, but unfortunately will not continue into the coming season. Of course, there are many people and companies who also sponsor us and I would like to thank the following, Graham Pest Control, Red House Hotel, Lamb and Gardiner, Bedford Beck and many others who entrust us with their money to fulfil probably one of the most successful county programs in the country.

We would also like to thank our new auditor Campbell Dallas (Neil Morrison) for producing the finance accounts and hope that he continues to do so.

We must also thank all clubs who have allowed us the courtesy of their facilities over the course of the year and we hope to utilise all the clubs over the coming years to host finals, men's teams and of course our juniors.

I would personally like to thank Stuart Graham who heads up our Junior programme, he and his team put so much effort into being successful which brings me nicely onto congratulating Stuart and Rodney Neil for selecting the boys team that won the Scottish Boys Team Championship, a big well done to Gregor Graham, Cormac Sharpe, Fraser Mathews and Alex Simpson for being the first Perth and Kinross team to have won this event. The boys also retained the Garry Harvey Trophy up at Forfar after being tied with Angus due to winning the trophy last year and the golf on view was played to a very high standard. There are also notable achievements with Gregor Graham, Andrew Thornton, Kirsty Brodie and Cormac Sharpe for being capped at international level.

Also, congratulations to Megan Ashley and Katy Alexander for winning the Scottish Schools Championships.

The men's team also had a successful year in winning the Midlands Team Championships and also the Invitational Tournament against the North and North East. But more importantly we have managed to give young players some experience playing in the men's teams.

We must also congratulate Stuart McKendrick for selecting the team that also became Scottish Champions with their win at Stranraer for the first time too and congratulations to his team of Stuart, Tom McLevy, Scott Michie, Norman Dyce, Dave Logie and Mark Williamson.

We must recognise the team captains and all their players for being successful this season and I hope that this continues for many years to come.

A special mention must also go to Kinross Golf Club for creating a wee bit of history as their players won the Ochil League, Coronation Trophy, Scratch League, Bell Trophy, Seniors Matchplay and The County Masters, they also had players representing the county in winning the Invitational, Midlands and Scottish Seniors Championship. They must have done it for me as their President!!

Finally, I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year when it comes, and hope that we can attract more sponsors to keep the feel-good factor going.

Regards

Scott Michie (President)