



## Scottish Disability Sport

### Annual Report 2001 - 2002



SCOTTISH DISABILITY SPORT

Leading the development of sport and physical recreation  
for people with disabilities throughout Scotland



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## Chairman's Review of the Year

As I reflect on the final year of my second term in office as Chairman of this Association I feel tremendous pride in what we have achieved on limited resources and no shortage of voluntary hours by the huge army of volunteers which are the backbone of this organisation. Our athlete members have achieved so much in so many different sports, in international settings throughout the world. 'Changing with the Times – 2: 2002-2006' is available and ready for implementation and I thank management committee member Jacqueline Lynn for taking the lead role during the largest consultative exercise ever undertaken by SDS. The Development Plan will help shape the work of SDS during the next quadrennium but without increased financial resources many of the ambitious plans will have to be shelved. SDS has already been proactive in trying to identify new funding sources.

The Association now has administrative stability and offices within the Fife Sports Institute and Caledonia House in Edinburgh. SDS is well served by two outstanding administrators, Cynthia Clare and Norma Buchanan, and Fife Council and **sportscotland** are acknowledged for the tremendous support they have given with office accommodation. Key administrative developments during the past year have been the electronic linking of all SDS member agencies and key personnel, the development of the website and the introduction of the SAGE accounting system. SDS appointed Jane Ferguson

from Australia as its new Development Officer with support from Lloyds TSB Foundation Scotland but learned early this summer that she had to return home at short notice. Claire Mands, a recent graduate from the University of Northumbria, who had spent time on placement with SDS, was appointed as Project Officer to continue and further develop the valuable work initiated by Jane.

The SDS Management Committee met on ten occasions in Edinburgh and a Branch Conference was held in November in Perth with support from the International Year of Volunteers 2001 Small Grants Scheme. The Conference offered an ideal opportunity to consult with members on the draft Development Plan and address key issues relating to sports development. In addition, SDS continues to meet regularly with major partners, such as Scottish Swimming, Scottish Athletics and Scottish Football Association, Scottish Institute of Sport, Area Institutes of Sport and of course **sportscotland** officers.

The Royal Mail, Ready, Willing and Able for sport programme continues to be a major force behind the work of the Association and SDS

**Kenny Herriot – Scotland's  
most successful wheelchair  
marathon athlete**



## Chairman's Report continued



*Scotland's Commonwealth  
Games representatives  
of 2002*

acknowledges the invaluable role played by Gavin Macleod of **sportscotland** who manages this programme. The Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland has become a major supporter of SDS and thanks to that support the Association has been able to appoint its first full-time Development Officer/Project Officer. A number of Scotland's leading Local Authorities continue to play a more than active role in supporting the work of SDS and in the case of several of these organisations the support stretches over two decades or more. EDS, NPFA, BT Scotland, BP and the Scottish Sports Aid Foundation are instrumental in ensuring the financial stability of specific elements of the SDS programme and to these, along with all the other organisations who fund our national programme, we are indeed indebted.

It has been a year when our athlete members have excelled in many an international setting and many of the specific achievements are listed in the year's highlights. Worthy of special mention is the gold medal by the EAD Men's Triples Bowls Team at the Commonwealth Games in Manchester and the very specific role played by Bob Dick of the Scottish Mens' Bowling Association. Another highlight was the world championship bronze medal won by the Scottish Wheelchair Curling Team in Switzerland and

the contribution of Kate Caithness of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club in negotiating the inclusion of wheelchair curling in future Winter Paralympic Games. Allan Stuart's world record and gold medals at the European Championships in Hungary and his winning of the mainstream Scottish Athletics 400m title were very special achievements. It has been a wonderful year for our sporting ambassadors and they, more than anybody, have helped put this Association clearly on the international map.

As always the 18 Scottish branch contact personnel have been crucial to the success of this organisation. The area most recently targeted for development is Renfrewshire and our project officer is working closely with key Local Authority contact personnel to establish a new SDS branch. The SDS sports specific co-ordinators have been particularly active and during the past year newcomers, John Hood (Angling), Richard Kermath (Pool), David Fairholm (Table Tennis), Kate Caithness (Wheelchair Curling), Laura Smith (Athletics) and Fraser Govan (Wheelchair Basketball) have been particularly busy. Anna Tizzard, who serves on the management committee as the athletes' representative, has been trying to encourage athletes to take a more active role in the operation of local branches, and also to ensure that those who are eligible for support funding are offered advice on how to go about it. This team of individuals are the backbone of this Association and along with the management committee are instrumental in making SDS the powerful organisation that it is today.

As the activities of SDS have expanded the financial

## Chairman's Report continued

responsibilities of officers and staff have increased dramatically. David Thomson has been at the centre of the financial expansion of the Association and for the past two years he has been ably assisted by Norma Buchanan in the Fife office of SDS. Continuing to carry out a crucial watching brief and preparing the accounts annually for submission to the auditors has been SDS President, Bob Mitchell, whose ongoing contribution to the work of SDS is immeasurable. SDS is also well served by Mary Allan and her finance team at **sportscotland** plus the Association's Auditors at Geoghegan & Co, Mike Crerar and Pippa Borthwick. There will come a time when this organisation will have to appoint a Finance Director but in the list of priorities it is not at the top as long as we are well served by this most talented team of individuals.

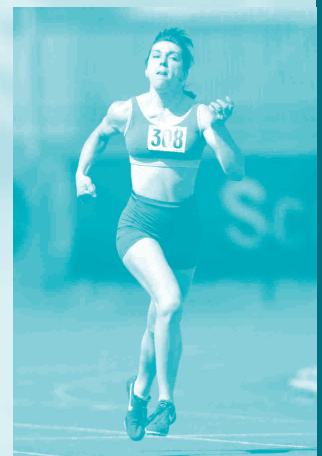
SDS continues to identify junior development as one of its key priority areas. The high profile given to physical activity in the strategy document released by the Physical Activity Task Force has helped to emphasise the importance of including young people with a disability in local development programmes. The New Opportunities Fund, PE and sport initiative for 5 – 16 year olds will hopefully provide resources and increase local opportunities for young people with a disability where these currently do not exist. The Flying Start programme, co-ordinated by Ian McGregor of Scottish Swimming includes swimmers with a disability and is considered a model of very good practice. SDS would hope to replicate this initiative across other sports. The infatigable Jen Quinton and her team of Flying Start swim coaches have created something quite special in junior swimming development. The summer camp, area and national sports festivals, sport specific junior programmes and the junior calendar of events are

just some of the initiatives that will help to open up opportunities for Scottish 'little people' to make a 'big' impact in our movement in the future.

The Commonwealth Games of 2002 was quite a special experience for the eight disabled sports people selected to represent their country in the sports of swimming and lawn bowls. From day one Louise Martin, Paul Bush, Jon Doig and Alan Alstead of the Bank of Scotland Scottish Team were determined that the Scottish experience before and during the Games would be fully inclusive. SDS representatives met regularly with key CGCS staff during the lead up period and offered advice where appropriate. The positive role played by Bob Dick, Alan Lynn and Anne Watson as sports team managers cannot be underestimated and the Scottish experience is one that has set a standard for future initiatives of this level.

Scots continue to play a lead role in international sport for disabled people. Of particular importance to Scotland is the voluntary work carried out by Jim Thomson and Jacqueline Lynn in boccia, Paul Noble in swimming,

**Caroline Baird in action  
at the Royal Mail  
Scottish Championships  
at Scotstoun, Glasgow**





## Chairman's Report continued



*Wheelchair  
basketball  
co-ordinator  
Fraser Govan  
with the SDS  
development  
squad*

Alan Dickson in CP-ISRA and the IPC, Gordon McCormack and Jed Renilson in the Special Olympics movement and myself in classification. A major strength of SDS has been its athlete ambassadors and I single out in particular, Maggie McEleny, Caroline Innes, Jim Anderson, Lara Ferguson, Paul Noble, Kenny Herriot, Stephen Payton, Pauline Latto, Karen Lewis, Anna Tizzard, Anne Woffinden, David Heddle, John Robertson and Ivan Prior who have all been asked and been successful in promoting the case for disability sport in the past year.

SDS prides itself on the special relationship it has with officers within **sportscotland**. Moira Timmins in the Coaching Unit, Fraser Walker in Lottery, Catherine Goodfellow in governing body support, Derek Lawrie in Printing/Design, Eliza Watson in Marketing and Torquil Macleod in Commercial Development have all been there to offer assistance when required. Gavin Macleod continues to develop his skills and expertise across all ages and ability levels and fulfil an invaluable role for the Association in key areas such as junior and branch development and the management of key projects and programmes. Heather Lowden is a key influence on disability sport in Scotland. She has energy in abundance and offers professional support to everybody within SDS far and beyond the call of duty. She is one of those unique people who is always there when she is most needed. SDS is indeed fortunate to be well served by these and other **sportscotland**

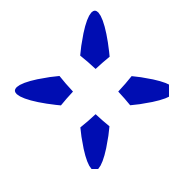
officers plus staff within the Scottish and Area Institutes of Sport.

The four years ahead are crucial to the continued development of SDS. There is no doubt that an ambitious Development Plan has been prepared that is supported by all sections of the SDS family. The high performance end of our sports movement has reaped the rewards of continued success at international level but sadly there has not been similar investment in creating new opportunities and developing potential. If SDS is to continue as a major force in Scottish and international sport it requires to identify new funding sources to support its ambitious development plan. Without that investment in the short and long term future, the already over stretched volunteer force is unlikely to sustain the current work levels and be unable to expand into new areas and keep pace with GB and world developments.

**Richard Brickley, MBE**

Chairman Scottish Disability Sport





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*Front cover photographs show from the top: young bowler Jamie Smith from Morayshire; to the right Karen Lewis from South Lanarkshire, bronze medalist at the IPC World Athletics Championships in Lille; below special olympian Pauline Kinnear from Fife; and left David Cowleson, member of the gold winning GB team in Poland*



*Gwyn Jones and Richard Vallis have been busy promoting archery around Scotland*



*A real family experience at the cycling day in Dundee*

## Highlights of the Year



**Stephen Payton, Lothian won two silver medals at the IPC World Athletics Championships**

- Electronic communication established between SDS offices and all branches, sports co-ordinators and member organisations.
- Ethics and Equity Pack at final stages and ready for distribution.
- Murray Dingwall, Aberdeenshire set five national records at the Scottish Swimming Championships of 2002.
- Matt Duffy, Glasgow continues his reign as the leading wheelchair snooker player in Scotland and Great Britain.
- Lara Ferguson, Incas, was top EAD female swimmer at the English Commonwealth Games trials held in Manchester.
- David Heddle, Fraserburgh, John Robertson, Tranent and Ivan Prior, Glasgow won the EAD triples men's gold medal at the Commonwealth Games in Manchester.
- Kenny Herriot, Aberdeen recorded the first podium finish by a Scottish Wheelchair racer at the Marathon in Thailand.
- Allan Stuart and Laura Kinder of Red Star won three gold, one silver and set one World record at INAS European Athletics Championships in Hungary. Scotland finished fourth of 15 European nations.
- Paul Noble is awarded MBE in New Years Honours list.
- Stephen Payton, Lothian – two silver; Pauline Latto, Fife – one silver; Karen Lewis, South Lanarkshire – one bronze excelled at the IPC World Athletics Championships in Lille, France.
- Paralympian, Allan Stuart won the Scottish Athletics Senior 400 metres title following in the footsteps of Scottish greats such as Tom McKean and Eric Liddell.
- Anne Woffinden, Aberdeenshire won silver in BC2 class at the World Boccia Championship in Portugal.



**Pauline Latto, Fife, silver medal in javelin at the IPC World Athletics Championships in Lille**



## Highlights of the Year continued

- Scottish footballers with a learning disability travelled to France for matches against France, Belgium and Poland.
- Scottish boccia team finished behind GB and ahead of England and Ireland in international event prior to World Championships.
- For the first time the Scottish Commonwealth Games Trials included EAD events for swimmers with a disability.
- SDS hosts the first Scottish Pool Championships in conjunction with the Scottish Pool Association.
- Scottish swimmers with a disability access the full range of training facilities at the National Swimming Academy in Stirling.
- Scottish Swimming Team competed in the Nordic Open of 2002 with considerable success.
- Major partnership initiatives developed with Scottish Swimming, Scottish Athletics and Scottish Football Association.
- Relationships with Scottish Institute and Area Institutes of Sport further extended.
- Scottish Wheelchair Curlers won bronze at the First World Championships in Switzerland.
- Twenty-seven young Scots 12 – 18 years attended the Summer Sports Camp at Inverclyde.

### *Scotland's International Angling Team of 2002*



- National Cycling Family Day held in Dundee.
- SDS hosted 35 national events and members were involved in 12 international events in 16 sports, almost one per week.
- Six new SDS voluntary co-ordinators appointed.
- Royal Mail, EDS and Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland continue their support for specific SDS programmes and projects for yet another year.
- Wheelchair rugby – Scotland 'Wild Cats' competed in the second division of the national league. Scotland hosted their first ever national league meeting.
- 'Changing with the Times – 2' successfully launched after extensive consultation.
- Wheelchair basketball development group sessions extended to twice monthly.

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# SUMMARISED ACCOUNTS

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 31 March 2002

	2002	2001
<b>Income</b>		
Sponsorship and donations	13,144	8,038
Grants received	57,375	57,895
Events receipts	20,931	17,458
Subscriptions	2,035	1,465
Interest received	2,737	5,445
	<u>96,222</u>	<u>90,301</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Direct charitable expenditure	124,305	142,874
Management and administration	15,149	17,673
	<u>139,454</u>	<u>160,547</u>
(Deficit) for year	(43,232)	(70,246)
Reserves brought forward	<u>145,620</u>	<u>215,866</u>
<b>Reserves carried forward</b>	<u><u>£102,388</u></u>	<u><u>£145,620</u></u>

## BALANCE SHEET at 31 March 2002

<b>Tangible Fixed Assets</b>	5,215	<u>6,354</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Stocks	1,757	2,273
Debtors	4,898	11,790
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>95,568</u>	<u>127,761</u>
	102,223	141,824
<b>Creditors</b> : Amounts falling due within one year	<u>(5,050)</u>	<u>(2,558)</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	<u>97,173</u>	<u>139,266</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u><u>£ 102,388</u></u>	<u><u>£ 145,620</u></u>
<b>Reserves</b>		
Restricted funds	86,331	135,507
Unrestricted - General funds	<u>16,057</u>	<u>10,113</u>
	<u><u>£ 102,388</u></u>	<u><u>£ 145,620</u></u>

The summarised accounts are a summary of information extracted from the full annual accounts and therefore may not contain sufficient information to allow a full understanding of the financial affairs of the Charity. For further information the full annual accounts and the auditor's report on those accounts should be consulted; copies of these can be obtained from the Administration Manager.

R C Brickley, Chairman

3 September 2002

### Auditor's Statement

In our opinion the summarised accounts are consistent with the full annual accounts from which they are extracted. Our audit report on the full annual accounts was unqualified.

Geoghegan & Co  
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

3 September 2002

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and in particular

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Scottish Athletics

The Royal Caledonian Curling Club

Scottish Football Association

Fife Institute of Physical and Recreational Education

The Scottish Institute of Sport and Area Institutes of Sport

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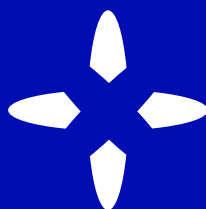
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