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On behalf of the Camanachd Association, I would like to extend to you all a warm welcome to the Ferguson Transport and Shipping Balliemore Cup Final, the National Intermediate Championship. We are grateful once again to the title sponsors for the support they give to shinty and to this competition in particular.

Today's final brings together two of the form teams of the season so far with both clubs striving to get back into the top league. Fort William and Glasgow Mid-Argyll met previously in the 2019 final which went the way of the Fort after extra-time. GMA will be looking to reverse that result in what promises to be a close encounter.

I would like also to offer my thanks to Lochaber Camanachd Club for hosting this event, and to all the volunteers who assisted in the preparation of the pitch and the facilities. The field here at Spean Bridge has seen many great finals over the years and we hope that today's final will follow that tradition.

I would like to extend my best wishes to both teams and also to match referee, Craig Scott, and his team of officials, as we look forward to a fast open and skilful match played in a true sporting manner.

May the best team win!

Burton Morrison

President, Camanachd Association
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Shinty is played in all the areas throughout Scotland where we supply our services and employ a good number of our 170 staff, in particular the Highlands and Islands. Our distribution network is throughout the UK, but invariably starts and finishes in the Highlands.

Today's game is between the local Fort William Shinty team and central Scotland's Glasgow Mid Argyll. Fort William have already competed in the MacTavish Cup final this season and advanced to the Camanachd Cup semi-final. As in all cup finals there are two teams though and Glasgow Mid Argyll are a very competitive well managed team, recently competed in the Premier League and will be looking to cause an upset against the team on very good form and possible favourites.

It's all on the day and may the best team win and hope everyone enjoys this show case final which we are, as always, delighted to support!

Alasdair Ferguson

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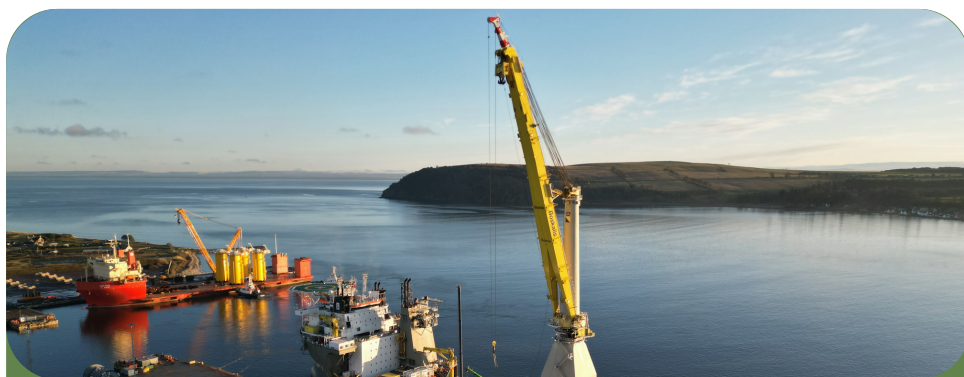
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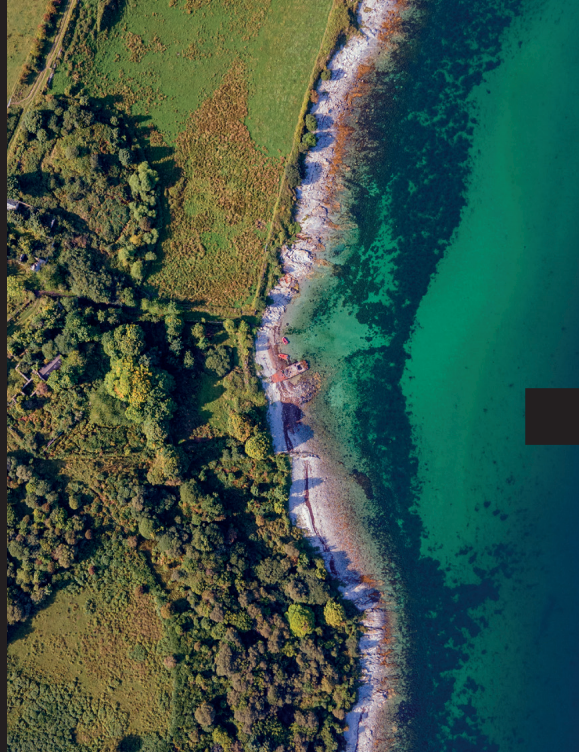
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A message from **GLASGOW MID ARGYLL**



Glasgow Mid Argyll in our 100th anniversary year are looking forward very much to taking part once more in the Ferguson Transport and Shipping Balliemore Cup final. Over the years, we have come close to lifting this fine trophy only to be narrowly denied on each occasion.

This year with our blend of youth and experience we are hoping to take the next step against a resurgent Fort William side who will take a great deal of confidence from what was an excellent performance in the recent Cottages.com MacTavish Cup Final against the current all conquering Badenoch giants, Kingussie.

Glasgow Mid Argyll's focus over the last ten or more years has been about increasing and developing the numbers within our youth section and providing a clear pathway for the young people of Glasgow into the senior game. The club has worked hard to build ties and share resources with the local youth shinty teams, a picture which has benefited massively from the ever-growing success of Gaelic Medium Education Provision within Glasgow and East Dunbartonshire.

Over the past three or four years this strategy has proven to be very successful, allowing both our men's teams to benefit from a fresh crop of home-grown Glasgow talent who will provide the club with a strong and sustainable foundation going forward.

But to today's match, we hope for a real showcase of the talents within the National Division, providing a fast, skilful, and entertaining game between two closely matched teams.

Set your goals high, and don't stop till you get there!

Angus MacInnes

President, Glasgow Mid Argyll Shinty Club

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A message from

FORT WILLIAM SHINTY CLUB



Firstly, I would like to thank Ferguson Transport & Shipping for sponsoring the Balliemore Cup. It is a great privilege to be competing in this year's final.

We have played GMA twice this year and if the two previous games are anything to go by, this will be an exciting and closely fought game. I have the utmost respect for GMA, and like us they are trying to build a team who can reach and maintain their position in the premier league. This doesn't happen overnight but their U17s fantastic win in this year's MacQuisten Cup points to a really bright future.

The Fort William squad have been training very hard and the Balliemore cup has been a target for them since the start of the season. It has been a privilege earned through hard work and commitment to compete in this upcoming final and we are all looking forward to what is sure to be a fantastic game.

Once again I would like to thank all the committee members, volunteers and coaches who have dedicated their time into making the club what it is.

All the best,

James Tangney

FWSC Chairman

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GLASGOW MID ARGYLL S.C

- Jonathan Oates
- Andrew Morrison
- Zac Menzies
- Arran Byrne
- Rory MacDiarmid
- John Sweeney
- Ruairidh Ralston
- Calum Morrison
- Calum McLay
- Finlay MacMillan
- John Don MacKenzie
- Cailean MacLeod
- Garry Luke
- Ruairidh MacSween
- Craig Anderson
- James MacLeod
- Brian Slattery

Manager: Alan MacRae



FORT WILLIAM SHINTY CLUB

- Paul MacKay
- Johnny Forster
- Alexander (Astie) Cameron
- Hamish Shaw
- Jamie Duncan
- Calum Shepherd
- Sean MacLellan
- Lewis Clark
- Lachie Shaw
- Cam Stephen
- Archie MacKinnon
- Jack Fraser
- John Victor Smith
- Struan Stephen
- Lewis Morrison
- Arran Stephen
- Ryan Boyle

Manager: Alan Knox
Manager: Neil Robertson

Referee: Craig Scott

RULES

If the scores are level after 90 minutes, extra time of 15 minutes each way will be played.
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ROAD TO THE FINAL

Ferguson Transport & Shipping Balliemore Cup First Round

Fort William	W/O	Glengarry
Col Glen	0 - 2	Inveraray
Inverness	4 - 2	Strathglass
Aberdour	0 - 4	Kilmory
Bute	0 - 3	Glasgow Mid Argyll
Oban Celtic	6 - 1	Ardnamurchan
Kilmallie	BYE	
Beaully	BYE	

Ferguson Transport & Shipping Balliemore Cup Quarter Finals

Fort William	1 - 0	Beaully
Kilmallie	2 - 1	Inveraray
Inverness	4 - 0	Kilmory
Glasgow Mid Argyll	W/O	Oban Celtic

Ferguson Transport & Shipping Balliemore Cup Semi Finals

Inverness	0 - 4	Glasgow Mid Argyll
Fort William	6 - 1	Kilmallie



GLASGOW MID ARGYLL
SHINTY CLUB

Player profiles

GLASGOW MID ARGYLL

1- Jonathan Oates (38) Chemical Engineer.

Keeper Jona is a calm presence in goal who keeps his game simple but effective. A great shot stopper and our penalty king.

3- Andrew Morrison (26) Fire Engineer.

Panda is a no nonsense, get the job done defender whose willpower is second to none. Strong in the tackle, Panda won't give you an inch.

4- Zac Menzies (15) Student.

Zac is a great all-round defender for being so young. He is always up for the challenge, having the strength and ability to prove it.

5- Arran Byrne (17) Student.

A quick and effective halfback who never gives up. Arran has been a consistent performer at the back and is capable of marking anyone out of the game.

6- Rory MacDiarmid (23) Student.

Rory is a solid and effective wing back who is improving with every game. A good man marker who plays the ball well.

7- John Sweeney (32)

Local Hero / Procurement Officer.

Sweeney is an intelligent and classy player who reads the game well. He has found a new burst of life since coming back from last year's injuries, claiming his place in the starting lineups, making him an important piece of our midfield.

8- Ruairidh Ralston (24) Civil Engineer.

Ruairidh is an impact player who always brings a burst of pace and energy to the team. He always covers every inch of his wing whilst also having an eye for goal.

9- Calum Morrison (28) Process Engineer.

CMO is a fit, all-action player who is skilled at carrying the ball moving forward. He is clinical in front of goal, causing problems for any defence.

10- Calum McLay © (25)

Investment Operations Analyst.

This year's captain is a determined player who uses his skill and fitness to create chaos for any defender. His heart for this team doesn't go unnoticed.

11- Finlay MacMillan (29) Chemical Engineer.

Finlay has made the transition to the forward line this year, becoming a danger man with his power and tenacity. He links up seamlessly with the other forwards, having a great eye for goal.

12- John Don MacKenzie (35) Plumber.

JD is a leader both on and off the park who gives all for the cause. He is a role model for many players at the club due to his commitment, consistency and determination.

14- Cailean MacLeod (18) Civil Engineer.

A strong and fast forward, capable of scoring screamers. Cally doesn't give defenders any rest with his nonstop action.

15- Garry Luke (32) NHS Service Manager.

An intelligent ball playing forward who can play the telling pass. It's great to see Garry back after his serious injury.

16- Ruairidh MacSween (15) Student.

One of our young U17s who is comfortable playing defensively or in the forward line. Ruairidh is good in the tackle and a good hitter of the ball.

17- Craig Anderson (30) Bricklayer.

Craig is a strong presence in the forward line, who can score goals on either side. He continues to be a main goal-scoring threat for GMA.

18- James Macleod (32) Graphic Designer.

James gives strength to wherever he goes on the pitch. Is a mobile player who is strong in the tackle.

19- Brian Slattery (29) Physiotherapist.

Brian is a classy player who can play in the midfield or forward line. His intelligent work rate is second to none.

Alan MacRae - Manager

Alan has been in charge for a few years now and led the team to success in the Glasgow Celtic Society Cup in 2022. Alan is ably supported by a coaching team made up of: Neil McLay, Millie MacRae, Fin Menzies, Yogi MacSween, Norrie MacMillan, Iain Morrison.



Player profiles

FORT WILLIAM

1 - Paul Mackay (33) Joiner.

Paul is the most decorated member of the current squad and was part of the winning team in 2017 and 2019. Paul deservedly won the man of the match award in the recent MacTavish cup final and will be hoping to bring his good form into today's game.

2- Johnny Forster (22) Ski Instructor.

Johnny was part of the winning squad in 2019 as a teenager and has continued to develop since then into a top defender. Strong and committed tackler who won't be phased by the occasion.

3 - Alexander (Astie) Cameron (27) Sawmillier.

Astie has calm, steely approach to the game. His simple style sometimes goes under appreciated but it is very effective and forwards always know they are in for a game when they line up against him.

4- Hamish Shaw (20) Electrical Engineer.

Hamish was part of the wider squad in 2019 as a 15-year-old. He is a young talented player who will be hoping to have a big impact on the game.

5- Jamie Duncan (22) Saw Doctor.

Part of the winning squad in 2019 and an ever-present member of the team this year. Jamie established himself in defence at the start of the season and no one has been able to shift him since. He is a quick and committed player who leads by example.

6- Calum Shepherd (26) Flow Measurement Engineer.

Calum started both the 2017 and 2019 finals and had a big influence on the result in both of the games, scoring a goal from midfield in extra time of the 2017 final. He will be hoping to have a similar positive impact today.

7 - Sean Maclellan (20) Mechanical Engineer.

This will be Sean's first Balliemore final, but the occasion won't phase him. A terrific competitor who gets through a power of work for the team.

8- Lewis Clark (23) Painter and Decorator.

Part of the 2017 and 2019 winning squads and played every minute in both of those finals. Very experienced for his age and his no-nonsense approach will vital today's final.

9 - Lachie Shaw (22) Electrical Technician.

Was part of the 2017 squad and started the 2019 final as a 17-year-old. Lachie has developed into one of the teams most talented players since then. Has scored some very important goals this season and will be hoping to add to that tally today.

10 - Cam Stephen (19) Panel Beater.

The middle of the three Stephen brothers in today's squad. Has cemented his place in the squad after some eye-catching performances and goals. He will be hoping to secure his first bit of silverware for the senior team today.

11- Archie Mackinnon (18) Apprentice Joiner.

Archie represented Scotland at U17 level this year. He is a young talented player who continues to develop and push hard for a starting spot in this team.

12 - Jack Fraser (29) Assistant Manager Mowi.

Jack was part of the winning squad in 2017 and 2019 and scored the twice in the 2017 final. As an older head in the squad, he is a driving force behind this team.

13- John Victor Smith (22) Joiner.

Part of the 2019 winning squad as a 17-year-old Victor is now leading the squad as this seasons Captain. He has continued his fine goal scoring record this season with some exceptional goals. While his goals get most of the attention, he has regularly been selfless in setting up his teammates. Will do all he can to lift the trophy today.

14- Struan Stephen (21) Joiner.

The oldest of the three Stephen brothers in today's squad. Struan was 2nd team captain last year and lifted the Strathdearn cup so knows how to win in big games. He is a hardworking and dedicated midfielder who likes to chip in with the odd goal.

15- Lewis Morrison (27) Roofer.

Part of the winning 2019 squad where he started up front. Has come back from a bad injury this year to force his way back into the first team squad. An intelligent player who's link up play and running helps the forward line tick.

17 - Arran Stephen (16) S5 Lochaber High School.

The youngest of the three Stephen brothers in today's matchday squad. Arran has represented Scotland at U17 level this year and has worked hard to establish himself in the first team squad. A great prospect for the future.

19- Ryan Boyle (23) Mechanical and Electrical Engineer.

Ryan was part of the winning squads in 2017 and 2019 as a wing back but since then he has slowly been creeping up the pitch. He has featured predominantly upfront this year scoring some important goals and offering a different option as a tough tackling forward.

Managers- Alan Knox & Neil Robertson

Alan and Neil have built a really competitive squad this season and it's showed in the results. This is their second final of the year, and they will be hoping to get this one over the line. The time and commitment they put into training and matchday prep is second to none and will give them boys every chance of success.

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1987	Lochaber	2006	Bute
1988	Glengarry	2007	Kinlochshiel
1989	Glengarry	2008	Skye Camanachd
1990	Glenurquhart	2009	Strathglass
1991	Glenurquhart	2010	Kinlochshiel
1992	Kilmallie	2011	Bute
1993	Kilmallie	2012	Lochaber
1994	Lochaber	2013	Bute
1995	Caberfeidh	2014	Skye Camanachd
1996	Caberfeidh	2015	Beaully
1997	Caberfeidh	2016	Kilmallie
1998	Caberfeidh	2017	Fort William
1999	Lochcarron	2018	Kilmallie
2000	Caberfeidh	2019	Fort William
2001	Inveraray	2020	No Competition (COVID-19)
2002	Lochcarron	2021	Skye Camanachd
2003	Strathglass	2022	Beaully
		2023	Lochaber



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17TH AUGUST

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Oban Camanachd v Kingussie,
14.05 Throw up at Mossfield Park, Oban

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Mowi WCA Valerie Fraser Cup Final
Badenoch v Lochaber,
16.05 Throw up at, the Eilan, Newtonmore

Mowi WCA Challenge Cup Final
Inverness v Badenoch,
13.45 Throw up at, the Eilan, Newtonmore

7TH SEPTEMBER

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DATES

2024 SEASON

27TH JULY

**Ferguson Transport & Shipping
Balliemore Cup Final**

Spean Bridge

24TH AUGUST

Strathdearn Cup Final

Newtonmore v Skye,
14.30 Throw up at Craigard, Invergarry

24TH AUGUST

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Bute v Lochside Rovers,
15.00 Throw up at Strachurmore, Strachur

14TH SEPTEMBER

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Fort William / Skye v Newtonmore / Kingussie,
14.30 Throw up at Blairbeg, Drumnadrochit

21ST SEPTEMBER

**Tulloch Homes
Camanachd
Cup Final**

SHINTY MEMORIES SCOTLAND



Shinty Memories Scotland (SMS) is renewing its appeal for support as it continues its recovery after the COVID pandemic. Like other areas of shinty, SMS is still having to meet some very significant challenges and a key difficulty is finding two or three individuals to help set up and run groups.

There are encouraging signs though, with new groups being planned in the south in Bute and Inveraray, where the local group is being woven into a fantastic five-year development plan, and the continuing success of groups in Lovat and Beaulieu provides models for further progress. Covid placed a great strain on the groups and our national resources. However, SMS has organised the digitisation of the Shinty Yearbooks which will be an invaluable resource and a substantial number of videos taken by the late Kenny McColl at the Aviemore Sixes will also be used to entertain groups in the network. Further exciting digitisation projects are planned.

We need more support now than ever, and the scale of the challenge we face continues to escalate. However, it remains our intention to grow and expand the network of groups currently in place under the umbrella of Shinty Memories Scotland, for example in key areas such as Glasgow, Skye and Lochaber.

The national group was formed to support the network using the sport's archives and other resources to help people with dementia and living with other issues such as depression and loneliness. The work is also contributing towards the Camanachd Association's new Heritage Committee's activities and will have a key role to play in the new exhibition space at the Bught Park – Shinty's story – Sgeul na Camanachd. Shinty Memories Groups are open to anyone and when they are set up, they are supplied with sets of cards and other materials prepared from various archives using images of players, trophies, pitches and badges. Activities such as quizzes and fundraising veterans' matches can also be organised.

The Badenoch Shinty Memories Group continues its collaboration with the Highland Folk Museum as a model of developments in other areas such as Inveraray, Oban and Lochaber. Fund-raising efforts continue principally through the annual golf championship taking place once again in August, at Kingussie this time. The 2022 event on Perth was won by a group of bandits from Skye Camanachd and the 2023 edition at Newtonmore also saw the trophy return to the island!

There are few clubs or families who are not aware of people who are living with the challenges of mental health issues such as dementia. Shinty Memories Groups can provide sets of resources to be used to help people improve their recall, communication skills, self-esteem and confidence. A handbook is available to help with the operation of groups. Shinty images can be digitised for use of the project and safe return to owners. If you would like to know more about helping with Shinty Memory Groups, make a donation to help with costs, or can supply materials for memory boxes, please contact:

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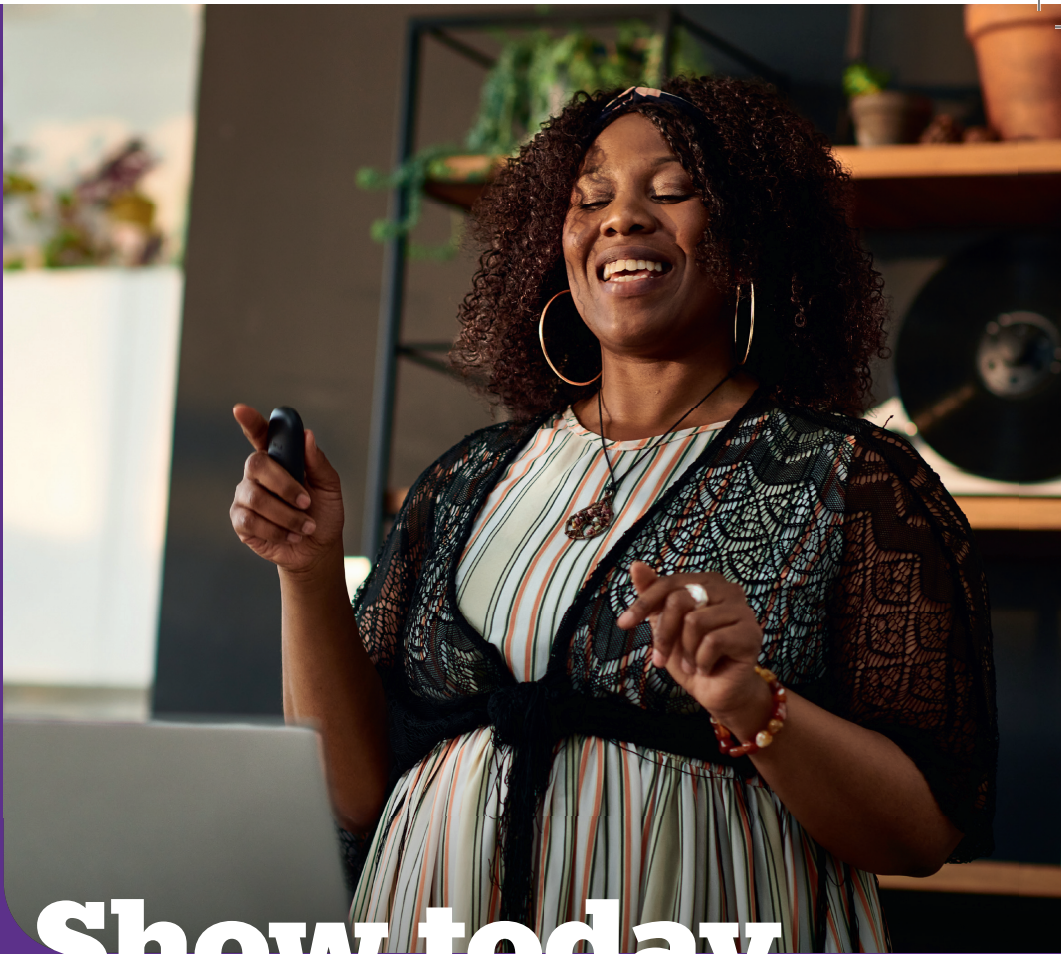
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PLAYER OF THE MATCH

The player of the match award for today's Fergusson Transport and Shipping Balliemore Cup Final is presented in the memory of Captain Archibald Macra Chisholm of Glassburn. Captain Chisholm was the founding father and first President of Strathglass Shinty Club in 1879. He then went on to produce the "Rules and Regulations for the Game of Shinty" in 1880 which is universally recognised as the first formal rules of the sport.

Instrumental in the formation of the Camanachd Association, Captain Chisholm also served as its first Chief from 1893 until his death in 1897.

As well as his affinity with shinty, Captain Chisholm, a native Gaelic speaker, was one of the first members of the Inverness Gaelic Society. He was also an accomplished musician and was a member of the renowned Highland Society of London.

As a distinguished bagpipe player he also acted as a judge for thirty years at the Northern Meeting Piping Competitions.

The player of the match award is presented by Strathglass Shinty Club in Captain Chisholm's memory.

President of Strathglass Shinty Club, Roddie MacLennan said; "As a club we are delighted to work with the Camanachd Association to present this award in memory of Captain Chisholm. We feel it is a fitting way to honour and recognise the important contribution he made to the sport of shinty, the Camanachd Association and importantly to our own club."

The player of the match award was introduced for the first time in 2022, winners are detailed below:

2022: Ryan MacKay (Beauly)

2023: Jack Dignan (Lochaber)

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