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President's Foreword

From the perspective of the Camanachd Association, 2015 was in part a year of transition. There was a new President in office, a new Strategic Plan to work with and a restructuring of the professional organisation to meet the requirements of both growing the sport and making it more sustainable.

The initial outcomes have been significant in that we now have increased investment from sportscotland, a more focussed and cohesive Development Team, a Development Officer dedicated to central Scotland and an improved level of governance.

Inevitably, irrespective of what good progress is being made in the back office of the CA, it is the outcome of the on-field competitions which sets the tone for any given season. Although I personally propose the view that performance in league competitions is the true measure of any team, I believe we will remember 2015 for producing some quite outstanding feature games in the Cup Finals and Representative matches. Coupled with the drama and excitement around league promotion and relegation battles, we should be satisfied that overall it was highly entertaining year for shinty players, fans and followers. 2016 has, therefore, a lot to live up to.

Off-field there remain some strategic challenges to be addressed if we are to make the future of shinty more secure. We need to support the efforts currently being made in Oban, Inverness, Glasgow and Edinburgh to expand shinty within city environments; we need to recognise that some former heartlands of shinty are facing adverse

demographic changes in population; we should encourage and applaud the remarkable progress being made in Women's shinty; we have to transfer the recent success in primary school shinty to secondary school age competitions and we have to attract former players to become new and aspiring referees.

I am encouraged that our staff and Directors are both aware of these challenges and committed to pursuing them and I believe that our Member Clubs & Associations are also engaged and supportive of the part they need to play to make progress.

So, we look forward with some optimism to season 2016 and be re-assured that, whatever else comes our way, there will be enough shinty played to ensure some special memories.

Jim Barr

President of the Camanachd Association



Marine Harvest extend support for shinty with an unprecedented new sponsorship deal

At the beginning of February 2015, the Camanachd Association announced that Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd, a longstanding supporter of shinty, had agreed to a new, six figure, three-year sponsorship of the game – the largest single sponsorship investment in the sport to date. The new agreement extends the partnership between Marine Harvest and the Camanachd Association to 30 years and represents one of Scotland's longest running sport sponsorships.

The company increased its investment and profile in shinty by adding title sponsorship of the Premier League ("Marine Harvest Premiership") to ongoing sponsorship of the National league and North/South area leagues. The agreement also saw Marine Harvest continue their support for Women's and Youth shinty, the Scotland Senior National Shinty Team, the annual Shinty/Hurling International match and the annual National Shinty Awards night.

Jim Barr, President of the Camanachd Association, said; "This is great news for shinty and represents the largest single sponsorship investment in the sport to date. The commitment of support shown by Marine Harvest over many years, and today extended for a further three, adds tremendous value to the continued promotion and development of our sport. Shinty is an important part of Scotland's sporting and cultural heritage and remains a key aspect of community life in many areas across the country. The whole shinty community will be delighted that such a successful company continues to show such faith in our great game."

Alan Sutherland, Managing Director of Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd, said; "We are delighted to continue our support for shinty, having seen it thrive and develop at all levels. We are very pleased to sponsor the Premier League and to continue our commitment to

the Area and National leagues, as well as Women's and Youth shinty. Marine Harvest is 50 years old and is the largest salmon farming company in Scotland. Shinty is a great fit with the areas where we farm and process our fish and we are proud to be able to play our part in supporting the game."

Stewart Harris, Chief Executive of sportscotland, said; "We are delighted to see the partnership between the Camanachd Association and Marine Harvest continue. The relationship is remarkable in the length of the association and level of commitment shown by Marine Harvest, something that is clearly delivering significant benefit to the continued development of one of Scotland's most iconic sports. We look forward to working with the Association and their partners in the years ahead."



Marine Harvest Premiership Coaches, Russell Jones (Kingussie) and Ally Ferguson (Lochaber) with Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd Managing Director, Alan Sutherland.

2015 CAMANACHD ASSOCIATION CORPORATE SUMMARY

The Camanachd Association acts on behalf of Members to foster, encourage, promote and develop shinty. To this end, the Camanachd Association presents shinty to the widest possible audience as an attractive, athletic and highly skilful team-game with a unique and proud history that remains highly popular and relevant in the current sporting environment.

The Camanachd Association's 2014 Annual Accounts, presented to the 2015 AGM, reported a strong financial performance for the organisation with turnover in excess of £600,000 for the first time in the Association's history, giving a surplus after tax of £33,427 and increasing the Association's total reserves to £131,949. The 2014 Annual Report stated the financial target for 2014 was to increase the turnover and surplus on 2013 (£574,999 / £12,626) and this was successfully achieved, whilst also maintaining the recent high levels of expenditure on the promotion and development of shinty.

sportscotland remains the single largest funder of the Camanachd Association. sportscotland's support for the Strategic Plan for Shinty 2015 – 2017 has meant an 18% increase in grant funding to the Association, up from £154,500 in 2014 to £182,000 in 2015. This funding contributes directly to staff costs and provides additional resource for agreed Development and Coaching activity. The additional funding secured in 2015 enabled the appointment of a Development Officer for the Central region.

Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd agreed a new three-year sponsorship deal with the Camanachd Association at the start of 2015, extending their relationship with shinty to 30 years and marking the sport's biggest ever sponsorship investment. SSE Scottish Hydro is the Association's other principal commercial sponsor, between them Marine Harvest and SSE Scottish Hydro will invest over £100,000 in shinty during 2015. We are extremely grateful for this support, the sport has benefitted enormously from their input and the Association works hard to ensure each company receives the required return on their investment.

RBS continued their support for the MacTavish Cup competition and the community Shintyforce initiative in 2015, plus added to their involvement through support for the 2015 National First Shinty Festival. We are again grateful for the support provided by RBS and hope to develop the relationship further in the years ahead.

The Camanachd Association's partnership with Gilmour Sports delivered significant benefit to the sport in 2015. Their appointment as Official Kit Supplier to the Camanachd Association has provided clothing and equipment to four National Shinty Squads and CA Development staff, plus a number of youth events and initiatives. The partnership also includes development and promotion of a range of shinty merchandise, an online shop facility for the Camanachd Association and member clubs and a programme of research and development into the production of shinty equipment, e.g. helmets, sticks, balls and protective clothing.

Gilmour Sports launched their exciting new range of shinty balls and youth camans at the 2015 Camanachd Cup Final, alongside the official replica top for the Scotland Senior Men's shinty squad.

Aberdein Considine extended their longstanding sponsorship for the Sutherland Cup competition for a further year and we are grateful for their continued support. This year's Final was held in Ballachulish and contested between Newtonmore and Lochside Rovers, with Newtonmore lifting the trophy on the day. We are also grateful to the large number of companies that support the Association with smaller sponsorships throughout the year, including: Highland Industrial Supplies (HIS), Ferguson Transport & Shipping, Loch Ness Gifts, The Gellions and UHI Inverness College. All of these organisations play an important role in the continued development of our game.

In addition to funding from sportscotland and sponsors, the Camanachd Association received over £50,000 of grant funding in 2015 from a wide range of organisations, including: Inverness Common Good Fund, Highland Council, Argyll & Bute Council, EventScotland, the Food Standards Agency and Sportsmatch.

The funding from sponsors and grant providers significantly enhances and extends the Association's support for the promotion and development of shinty and we thank all those who have contributed.

The 2014 Annual Accounts reported total expenditure of £566,302, an increase of £4,843 on the previous year. Expenditure remained consistent on wages, but there was a reduction of £4,299 on associated staff costs (travel, etc). Office costs also reduced in 2014 by £1,804, although office-related expenses (stationery, etc) increased by £2,285. Expenditure on competitions increased by £14,329 to £138,411, the increase linked to additional revenue for competition being secured from the Scottish Government's Homecoming initiative. 2014 also saw the trial of additional Plate competitions in the regional Cup tournaments. It was anticipated that expenditure on Development would remain the same as 2013, however activity planned for late 2014 was subsequently rescheduled to early 2015 and the associated income/expenditure therefore carried forward into the 2015 financial year and Accounts. Membership income increased in 2014 by £6,071, jointly attributable to a £3 increase in the adult membership fee and an overall increase in the number of members.

The Association's 2015 Annual Accounts are currently being prepared and will be reported to Members at the Camanachd Association AGM in November.

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Following a comprehensive review and restructuring exercise, the 2015 Camanachd Association's Development Team was significantly strengthened in line with the Strategic Plan for Shinty 2015 – 2017. The revised positions were confirmed as:

Graham Cormack	National Development Manager
Ronald Ross	Regional Development Manager
Euan McMurdo	Regional Development Officer – West
Paul MacArthur	Regional Development Officer – Central
Katie Drain	Regional Development Officer – North

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The Camanachd Cup Final also received live commentary on Radio Scotland and Radio nan Gàidheal, and was live online via the BBC Scotland website. BBC Alba maintained their excellent coverage of shinty by televising six games, including transmission of the second Shinty/Hurling International from Croke Park, Dublin. All of this is further enhanced by weekly coverage for shinty on Radio Scotland and Radio nan Gàidheal throughout the season, plus coverage on a number of important local radio stations, e.g. Cullin FM, Oban FM and Moray Firth Radio, plus online at World of Shinty and many others.

National and local printed media reporting also provides a vital platform for shinty. We are pleased to have maintained regular profile for the sport in several national newspapers throughout the season, with the welcome addition of coverage in The National newspaper. Many local papers also provide excellent coverage of the sport, a reflection of the important role shinty plays in the life of communities across Scotland. We gratefully acknowledge the effort and support of all journalists, photographers and editors who provide shinty coverage within their publications.

Norman Strachan and his team were able to film a number of matches throughout 2015 for the Association's YouTube channel. The channel has now received nearly 380,000 views, an increase from 277,000 in 2014. The shinty community is extremely grateful to Norman and his team and we thank them for their time, effort and expertise.

Paul MacArthur joined the team in September to take up the new post of Development Officer for the Central region. Katie Drain joined the team in November to take up the post of Development Officer for the North region following the departure of Russell Jones at the end of September. The restructured Development Team is now the largest in the Association's history and will enhance the organisation's capacity to work with and on behalf of Members in the promotion and development of shinty across Scotland.

The Camanachd Association's website (www.shinty.com) provides the principal communication tool for the Association, reaching thousands of members and supporters, providing them with direct access to a wide range of relevant information and resources. The associated mobile site enhances the core website by providing an increasing number of users with fast, simple access to results, fixtures, league tables and news stories in a format compatible with mobile/handheld devices.

Club facilities remain a key issue within the sport, particularly the quality of playing fields. Development and update of the Camanachd Association's Facilities Strategy is a stated priority for 2016 within the Strategic Plan for Shinty.

The Association's official social network channels also provide an important communication platform. With the help of a network of club volunteers, both of these channels continue to provide live goal updates from matches around the country every Saturday throughout the season.

There were 89 match postponements in 2015 due to unplayable fields, an increase from 78 in 2014. These postponements cause considerable disruption to the game and it is in everyone's interest that we make a co-ordinated and concerted effort to improve the standard of playing facilities.

All of our online channels are available internationally and are regularly accessed from countries across the world, including: USA, Canada, Australia, France.

The CA maintains regular dialogue with sportscotland, numerous Local Authorities and a number of other Governing Bodies in relation to facility development projects and possibilities. We also continue to monitor the progress of the new National Performance Centre for Sport at Heriot Watt University, Highlife Highland's review of the pitches for the Inverness area and possible development of a Regional Sports Centre, plus Argyll & Bute Council's plans for development of the new Oban High School.



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Positive media cover of shinty provides a vital means of promotion for the sport, informing and engaging existing and new audiences.

As in 2014, shinty benefitted from nine televised matches during 2015. BBC Scotland broadcast three matches: SSE Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup Final, Artemis Macaulay Cup Final and the Marine Harvest Shinty/Hurling International.



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Beauly lift 2015 Lovat Cup at start of momentous year in the Aird

Beauly 3 Lovat 1



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Beauly lifted the 111th Lovat Cup when they came from behind to beat local rivals Lovat at Braeview Park on the second day of the New Year. Braeview Park had passed a morning inspection with Balglate on stand-by should there have been any problems.

Despite the wintry weather a large crowd in festive spirit turned out to join the conditions players having in contending with blustery conditions. Lovat went into the annual match as trophy holders and so only required a draw to retain the trophy. And it was the returning Duncan Davidson who gave Lovat the lead when he scored from close-range after just 6 minutes. It was just the start the Lovat supporters were hoping for.

Beauly took time to settle and when they did, Calum Morrison levelled on 25 minutes with a well taken goal as he lobbed Lovat keeper Stuart MacDonald. They then went in front on 39 minutes when Jack MacDonald smashed the ball into the roof of the net to make it 2-1.

Beauly now had their tails up but some stout Lovat defending prevented them adding to their tally. Lovat came close to levelling on 60 minutes but Beauly goalie Josh Grant saved well from Greg

Matheson. Beauly substitute Connor Ross put the outcome beyond doubt however with only 4 minutes remaining. The goal killed the game and sparked the Beauly celebrations.

Beauly deserved the win and their victory was a confidence booster for Roger Cormack's side ahead of what was always going to be a very open Marine Harvest National Division. Beauly captain Connor Cormack was presented with the Lovat Cup by Lord Lovat, whose Great-Grandfather donated the cup in 1904.

The significance of the year 2015 had not been lost on the players or spectators. Both clubs remembered those who lost their lives at the brutal Battle of Festubert during World War I in 1915. Duncan MacGillivray, one of the best pipers in the world, played a set of tunes after the final whistle for those that had made the ultimate sacrifice. Amongst his repertoire was the tune "Beauly Shinty Club", composed by former Beauly player Donald Paterson. Sadly, Donald Paterson and his brother Alastair Paterson, who captained Beauly to their 1913 Camanachd Cup success, were amongst those who lost their lives at the battle.



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2015 League Tables



MARINE HARVEST PREMIERSHIP

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Diff	Points
Newtonmore	18	17	0	1	63	14	49	34
Kyles Athletic	18	11	2	5	56	29	27	24
Glenurquhart	18	9	4	5	39	34	5	22
Lochaber	18	7	3	8	34	44	-10	17
Lovat	18	6	4	8	38	38	0	16
Oban Camanachd	18	6	4	8	26	30	-4	16
Kinlochshiel	18	6	4	8	30	44	-14	16
Fort William	18	6	3	9	27	41	-14	15
Kingussie	18	5	3	10	25	35	-10	13
Inveraray	18	2	3	13	20	49	-29	7

MARINE HARVEST NATIONAL DIVISION

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Diff	Points
Skye	12	11	1	0	58	10	48	23
Kilmallie	12	9	1	2	51	16	35	19
Glasgow Mid Argyll	12	6	1	5	25	23	2	13
Caberfeidh	12	4	3	5	29	22	7	11
Beaully	12	5	1	6	29	31	-2	11
Inverness	12	2	2	8	17	32	-15	6
Ballachulish	12	0	1	11	4	79	-75	1

MARINE HARVEST NORTH DIVISION 1

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Diff	Points
Fort William	16	13	1	2	59	27	32	27
Newtonmore*	16	11	4	1	73	22	51	26
Kingussie	16	8	4	4	55	29	26	20
Glenurquhart	16	8	2	6	27	34	-7	18
Strathglass**	16	7	3	6	42	38	4	15
Beaully	16	6	2	8	27	34	-7	14
Kinlochshiel	16	4	4	8	25	54	-29	12
Lovat	16	3	1	12	22	55	-33	7
Lochcarron	16	1	1	14	24	61	-37	3

*Newtonmore awarded a walkover against Strathglass in final league fixture

**Strathglass deducted 2 points for failing to fulfill a fixture on 10th Oct

MARINE HARVEST SOUTH DIVISION 1

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Diff	Points
Bute	18	15	2	1	78	10	68	32
Lochside Rovers	18	16	0	2	72	21	51	32
Oban Celtic	18	11	1	6	53	34	19	23
Inveraray	18	10	2	6	40	33	7	22
Kyles Athletic	18	8	1	9	37	52	-15	17
Aberdour	18	7	1	10	27	38	-11	15
Taynuilt	18	6	2	10	31	49	-18	14
Glenorchy*	18	4	3	11	21	60	-39	9
Strachur**	18	3	3	12	26	54	-28	5
Kilmory***	18	1	3	14	17	51	-34	3

*Glenorchy deducted 2 points for failing to fulfill a fixture on 22nd Aug

**Strachur deducted 4 points for failing to fulfill a fixture on 1st May & 11th Sep

***Kilmory deducted 2 points for failing to fulfill a fixture on 8th Aug

MARINE HARVEST NORTH DIVISION 2

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Diff	Points
Skye	18	15	2	1	73	19	54	32
Glangarry	18	10	2	6	60	35	25	22
Lochaber*	18	11	0	7	66	32	34	21
Aberdeen University	18	9	3	6	62	39	23	21
Caberfeidh**	18	9	2	7	57	42	15	19
Kilmallie***	18	10	0	8	40	41	-1	17
Boleskine****	18	8	1	9	53	61	-8	16
Lewis	18	7	0	11	35	69	-34	14
Inverness	18	3	2	13	20	81	-61	8
Strathspey*****	18	2	0	16	18	65	-47	3

*Lochaber deducted 1 point for failing to fulfill a fixture on 29th Aug

**Caberfeidh deducted 1 point for failing to fulfill a fixture on 1st Aug

***Kilmallie deducted 3 points for failing to fulfill fixtures on 4th & 25th July & 5th Sep

****Boleskine deducted 1 point for failing to fulfill a fixture on 23rd May

*****Strathspey deducted 1 point for failing to fulfill a fixture on 11th July

MARINE HARVEST SOUTH DIVISION 2

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Diff	Points
Col Glen	14	10	2	2	52	19	33	22
Tayforth*	14	10	1	3	58	30	28	20
Glasgow Mid Argyll**	14	7	2	5	52	26	26	15
Bute***	14	7	0	7	35	45	-10	12
Oban Lorn****	14	6	0	8	29	36	-7	11
Glenorchy*****	14	4	2	8	21	38	-17	9
Ballachulish*****	14	4	3	7	16	39	-23	6
Aberdour	14	2	2	10	20	50	-30	6

*Tayforth deducted 1 point for failing to fulfill a fixture on 14th Mar

**Glasgow Mid Argyll deducted 1 point for failing to fulfill a fixture on 3rd Oct

***Bute deducted 2 points for failing to fulfill a fixture on 25th Apr & 13th Jun

****Oban Lorn deducted 1 point for failing to fulfill a fixture on 21st Mar

*****Glenorchy deducted 1 point for failing to fulfill a fixture on 12th Sep

*****Ballachulish deducted 5 points for failing to fulfill a fixture on 14th, 21st & 28th Mar, 4th April & 30th May

WCA MARINE HARVEST NATIONAL DIVISION 1

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Diff	Points
Glasgow Mid Argyll	12	10	1	1	63	9	54	21
Badenoch & Strathspey*12	9	2	1	1	27	7	20	20
Skye**	12	8	2	2	28	12	16	18
Glangarry***	12	4	2	6	7	34	-27	10
Lochaber	11	2	3	6	10	23	-13	7
Aberdour	12	1	1	10	6	16	-10	3
Lorn****	11	1	1	9	5	45	-40	3

*B&S awarded walkovers against Aberdour on 19th Apr & against Lorn on 20th Sep

**Skye awarded walkovers against Lochaber on 18th Apr, Aberdour on 23rd May & Lorn on 15th Aug

***Glangarry awarded walkovers against Lorn on 31st May & Aberdour on 28th Jun & 9th Aug

****Lorn awarded a walkover against Aberdour on 7th Jun

WCA MARINE HARVEST NATIONAL DIVISION 2

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Diff	Points
Strathglass*	12	11	0	1	60	13	47	22
Glasgow Mid Argyll 2nd**12	8	0	4	3	37	11	26	16
Lovat***	12	7	0	5	35	34	1	14
Dunadd****	12	5	0	3	19	18	1	10
Ardnamurchan*****12	5	0	7	20	26	-6	10	
Strathspey*****12	4	0	8	16	34	-18	8	
Cowal & Bute*****12	2	0	10	9	60	-51	4	

*Strathglass awarded a walkover against Dunadd on 20th Sep **Glasgow Mid Argyll awarded a walkover against Dunadd 29th Mar

***Lovat awarded a walkover against Dunadd 12th Apr

****Dunadd awarded walkovers against Glasgow Mid Argyll on 2nd Aug & against Strathspey on 4th Oct

*****Ardnamurchan awarded a walkover against Glasgow Mid Argyll on 25th Oct

*****Strathspey awarded walkovers against Dunadd on 10th May & Glasgow Mid Argyll on 28th June

*****Cowal & Bute awarded a walkover against Ardnamurchan on 7th June



Newtonmore win their sixth consecutive Marine Harvest Premiership

2015 MARINE HARVEST LEAGUES ROUND-UP

The Marine Harvest Premiership was again very exciting with Newtonmore clinching the title for the sixth year in a row. Inveraray finished bottom of the premiership and were relegated to play in the Marine Harvest National Division in 2016.

Skye won the Marine Harvest National Division defeating nearest rivals Kilmallie in their penultimate match and securing automatic promotion to the 2016 Marine Harvest Premiership. As runners-up, Kilmallie contested the play-off match for participation in the 2016 Marine Harvest Premiership with Kingussie, who finished in 9th position in the 2015 Premiership. Kingussie emerged as winners of that match to retain their spot in the top flight.

The other leagues were equally exciting with Fort William, in their final match, gaining the single point required from nearest challengers Newtonmore to win Marine Harvest North Division 1.

Marine Harvest South Division 1 was also very close with Bute and Lochside Rovers tied on points, Bute having the superior goal difference won the league and gained promotion to the 2016 Marine Harvest National Division.

Skye also won Marine Harvest North Division 2, with Col Glen winning Marine Harvest South Division 2 for the first time in their history. Both teams were promoted.

Skye celebrate securing their place in the Premiership after winning the Marine Harvest National Division

Photo courtesy of Willie Urquhart





Bute win Marine Harvest South Division 1 and secure promotion to the National Division



Fort William 2nd Team win Marine Harvest North Division 1

Photo courtesy of Jude Houghton

Fort William 2nd Team win Marine Harvest North Division 1



Skye 2nd Team win Marine Harvest North Division 2



Col Glen celebrate winning Marine Harvest South Division 2

MARINE HARVEST WOMEN'S LEAGUES ROUND-UP

The 2015 Marine Harvest National Women's Division 1 was again a very exciting competition with Glasgow Mid Argyll clinching the title for the third year in a row. A record seven teams competed in the league this year, with closely fought games throughout the course of the season. Badenoch & Strathspey Ladies came a close second, just a single point behind GMA.

Strathglass topped the Marine Harvest National Division 2, losing just one league game throughout the course of the season. This again was a hard fought league. Strathglass showed their class throughout the season with some convincing results and will no doubt be determined to defend their title moving forward to the 2016 season.



GMA, winners of Marine Harvest National Women's Division 1



Strathglass, winners of Marine Harvest National Women's Division 2

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Glenurquhart end 130-year wait

Glenurquhart 3
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GLENURQUHART won the first of 2015's major shinty trophies when they beat pre-match favourites Newtonmore to lift the RBS MacTavish Cup for the first time in the Loch Ness-side club's 130-year history.

For the Glen, who had fallen at the final hurdle in this competition for the last two seasons in a row, it was success at the third time of asking, and the significance of the victory wasn't lost on manager Billy Maclean, whose family connections with the sport go back to the very foundation of the club back in 1885. He said: "After the disappointment of defeats in our last two finals to finally bring the MacTavish back to the Glen is a marvellous achievement. What makes the victory sweeter is that we had to beat Newtonmore, a team which in my opinion is the best side in the game today. They are reigning Premiership champions and to win against them and play good shinty while doing so makes it a special day."

From the outset it was clear that Glenurquhart had learned the lessons of two earlier defeats to Newtonmore by setting out to deny their opponents' powerful midfield space and possession. This cut down the supply of ball up to the usually deadly 'More forwards and the Premiership's leading scorer Glen Mackintosh never quite managed to get going.

At the other end, Glenurquhart forced several corners and almost took the lead when a strike from wing centre Conor Golabek was pushed on to the post by 'More keeper Mike Ritchie. At the 20-minute mark, Newtonmore lost full centre Jamie Robinson. Frustrated by the close attentions of opposite number Ally Mackintosh he lashed out with his caman and received an immediate red card from referee Evan Macrae. Before Newtonmore had time to adjust, Glenurquhart took the lead when full forward Fraser Heath found himself free at the back post and smashed the ball high into the net for the opener.



2015 RBS MacTavish
Cup Final



Glenurquhart should have added further goals before the break but excellent covering by International full back Norman Campbell and some frantic work by his fellow defenders kept the Glen out and the sides went in at half time with the Glen holding a slender 1-0 lead.

Newtonmore upped the tempo after the break but with their centre line blocked out, much of their penetration came from long balls fired up from defender Stevie Macdonald, which were dealt with reasonably comfortably by a Glen defence, in which full back Lewis MacLennan was outstanding.

At the other end Glenurquhart were playing neat inter-passing shinty but after a series of missed chances and a goal by Heath ruled offside it was beginning to look like they would have to settle for a single-goal victory. That all changed in the 69th minute when a snap shot by Glen captain Andy Corrigan came back off 'More keeper Ritchie and Ewan Brady was on hand to push it home from close range.

Newtonmore midfielder Paul MacArthur immediately got one back when he fired home from 25 yards to throw his side a lifeline but the Glen had their tails up and when Neale Reid smashed home a third for Glenurquhart in the 72nd minute there was no doubt that the cup was finally bound for Loch Ness-side rather than its more fancied Badenoch destination.

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Kyles Athletic celebrate Gregor Cameron Consultancy Celtic Society Cup success



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Kyles Athletic 4 Oban Camanachd 2

On an immaculate Taynuilt sports field, in front of a good crowd and the BBC ALBA cameras, Kyles Athletic defeated Oban Camanachd 4-2 to win the famous Gregor Cameron Consultancy Celtic Society Cup for a record 32nd time. For all that Oban Camanachd had struggled in their league play, there was never any doubt they would offer a tough challenge to Kyles and for many the two-goal margin did not reflect the reality of the game as the win was not so easy as it might appear.

This was the first time the Glasgow Celtic Society Cup Final had been held at Taynuilt and the occasion was delivered in such a way that the new facilities at Taynuilt will no doubt attract many more top games.

Oban had been forced into a late defensive change which did not help their preparations and the match could not have got off to a worse start for them when twice within the opening five minutes Kyles' Roddy Macdonald forced errors from keeper Gavin Stobbart to open up a 2-0 lead. Oban had a chance to get back into the game but Scott Macmillan's penalty was comfortably saved by Kyles' keeper

John Whyte. Almost immediately Kyles went further ahead when Dunky Kerr picked up a cross-field ball and fired it past Stobbart for his side's third goal.

Just before the break winger Lorne Dickie finally got Oban on the score-sheet when he finished from a tight angle, but another Kyles' goal from Thomas Whyte just after the restart further added to their difficulties. Oban, to their great credit, never gave up and forced Kyles keeper John Whyte to make a number of fine saves before a free hit nicely taken by Daniel Cameron set up team captain Andrew MacCuish to score Oban's second. Try as they might, Oban could not score again and indeed things might have been worse for them had not keeper Stoddart saved a late Kyles penalty.

Kyles simply had too much experience on the day. Oban Camanachd were far from outshone and their young team will have learned a lot from the experience, albeit ending up on the wrong end of the result. For Taynuilt it was a great day well managed and a sign of more big dates to follow.

Beauly bring 2015 Balliemore Cup to Braeview Beauly 5 Glasgow Mid Argyll 3

Beauly lifted the 2015 Balliemore Cup for the first time when they defeated Glasgow Mid Argyll 5-3 at The Dell on Saturday 18th July.

Beauly manager Roger Cormack welcomed the experienced Jamie MacLennan back following a two-match suspension and full forward Marc MacLachlan had recovered from a leg knock with no ill-effects. Glasgow Mid Argyll boss, George Hay, had to make a number of changes to his regular side with Finlay MacMillan and Brendan McLoone abroad until later in the year along with Conal Mulholland. However, the versatile Ben Dalgety was back and given a role in defence. Former Aberdeen player Brian Slattery was also back in the side.

The teams were piped onto the field and the playing surface was in excellent condition. Beauly's Conor Ross opened the scoring with a goal on 11 minutes when he steered a rebound into the net after GMA goalie, Jonathon Oates, had saved from Marc MacLachlan. GMA drew level on 20 minutes when Angus MacIntosh played a free-hit from midfield into the Beauly D, and as Beauly keeper Josh Grant tried to clear, the ball deflected into the net off his leg to make it 1-1.

If there were any fears that Beauly would falter having lost out in three previous Balliemore finals, then the players certainly didn't show it and they went on to overwhelm GMA in the remainder of the half. Indeed, the sides were level for just 60 seconds as Beauly regained the initiative when Sean Stewart set up Conor Ross to score his second to make it 2-1. Only a couple of more minutes had elapsed

before Beauly made it 3-1 thanks to another MacLachlan – Ross combination. Marc MacLachlan tested Jonathon Oates with a shot goalwards and although the keeper made the save, Conor Ross was on hand, completing his hat-trick from the rebound. Sean Stewart made it 4-1 on 33 minutes. Marc MacLachlan got past his marker and set-up Stewart who fired goalwards. Jonathon Oates got his hand to the shot but he couldn't keep the ball out. Conor Ross then added his fourth goal on 37 minutes to make it 5-1.

Beauly went into the break knowing they could now only throw the trophy away. They made a change at the interval with Ryan MacKay replacing Jamie MacLennan. Conor Ross hit the post before GMA pulled a goal back on 53 minutes when John Don MacKenzie shot through a crowded goal-area to make it 5-2. Beauly replaced Calum Morrison with Sandy Elrick before David MacLean limped off after taking a blow to the leg and Colin MacDonald came on in his place. GMA tried hard to reduce the deficit further but the Beauly rear-guard stayed strong. The Glasgow side brought on Craig Anderson for the final 10 minutes.

Referee John MacGregor awarded GMA a penalty in stoppage time. Beauly keeper Josh Grant had come off his line in an attempt to clear the ball out of his D but he was penalised for bringing down John Don MacKenzie. Craig Anderson made no mistake from the spot to make it 5-3.

A delighted Beauly captain, David MacLean, was presented with the Balliemore Cup by Camanachd Association President Jim Barr.

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Birthday to remember for Calum Stewart as Newtonmore win 2015 Aberdeen Considine Sutherland Cup Final Newtonmore 5 Lochside Rovers 0

Newtonmore are no strangers to winning the Scottish Junior Championship and emphasised their strength in depth when their 2nd Team lifted the 2015 Aberdeen Considine Sutherland Cup with a convincing 5-0 win over Lochside Rovers at Jubilee Park, Ballachulish.

Newtonmore's last appearance in the Scottish Junior Cup final had ended in controversy when they beat Kingussie in the 2012 final but were later disqualified for mistakenly fielding Calum Stewart after he had reached the threshold of five 1st Team appearances. However, three years later, Stewart was the man who separated the sides in the 2015 final, netting all five Newtonmore goals on his 21st birthday.

There was little sign that the winning margin would be so great in an evenly contested the first half. Calum Stewart broke the deadlock after just three minutes when he shrugged off a couple of challenges before shooting from a tight angle, with the ball hitting Lochside keeper Beano Logan's foot on the way into the net. Lochside Rovers had their chances during the first 45 minutes and they could have gone into the break ahead had it not been for some fine saves from 'More keeper Owen Fraser.

The turning point in the match came after 61 minutes. Calum Stewart collected the ball with his back to goal and he turned before striking hard on his back-hand, low into the bottom corner of the net to make it 2-0. Stewart then completed his hat-trick on 67 minutes when he cut inside, again on his back-hand, and fired. Beano Logan got his stick to the ball but could not keep it out. Newtonmore were now cutting loose and when Drew MacDonald ran towards goal on 71 minutes, he had the presence of mind to take a look up before cutting the ball back to Calum Stewart who sent a powerful shot into the top corner of the net to make it 4-0.

Stewart then rounded off the scoring with his own and Newtonmore's fifth goal of the afternoon just 12 minutes later. Neil Stewart saw his shot was saved by Beano Logan but as the ball trickled over the keeper's stick, Calum Stewart was first to react and he ran in to tap the ball into an empty net to make it 5-0.

For all that his side came out on the wrong end of a significant defeat, Lochside keeper Beano Logan deserves a mention for some fine work between the posts. However, a solid, all-round team performance from Newtonmore won them the trophy and for five-goal Calum Stewart, it was a 21st birthday he will always remember.

Calum Girvan was the match referee.

Tayforth triumph in the Bullough Cup Final

Tayforth 4 Kyles Athletic 2

Tayforth lifted the 2015 Bullough Cup after they saw off a late comeback to beat the Kyles Athletic 2nd Team 4-2 at Yoker on Saturday 26 September. Tayforth had just finished in second place in Marine Harvest South Division 2 whilst the Kyles reserves were in sixth place in the league above.

A Calum Barton goal was all that separated the sides at the interval as Tayforth held the slenderest of leads.

In the second half, former Glenurquhart player Ewan Menzies made it 2-0 and Finlay Stark added a third. When Andy Scott made it 4-0, there was only going to be one winner. Rupert Williamson pulled a goal back for Kyles to make it 4-1. Rupert Williamson got his second following a goalmouth scramble to make it 4-2, but Tayforth stayed in front to take the trophy back to Levenhall. The match referee was Ewan MacDonald.



Newtonmore celebrate winning Strathdearn Cup

Newtonmore 3
Glengarry 1

Newtonmore's 2nd Team continued their winning run of 2015 on Saturday 28th August with a 3-1 victory over Glengarry in the 2015 Strathdearn Cup Final at Bught Park, Inverness.

Glengarry took the lead with a goal from Steven Cameron in the 34th minute and remained in front through to half time. However, following the change of ends and with the wind at their backs, Newtonmore's Calum Stewart rattled in a hat-trick in the 51st, 61st and 69th minutes.





Newtonmore retain the Artemis Macaulay Cup

NEWTONMORE 3 INVERARAY 1

Newtonmore lifted the 2015 Artemis Macaulay Cup with a 3-1 win over Inveraray in the televised match at Mossfield Stadium, Oban on Saturday 22nd August.

Not for the first time, Inveraray had selection problems and they went into the match without the injured John Kennedy, Chris Crawford and Grant Griffin. However, David MacPherson had recovered sufficiently from a hamstring problem to take up a place on the bench. Euan McMurdo also returned to the side after missing the previous weekend's match and there was a place on the bench for Ally Munro. Newtonmore's Michael Russell was free of suspension after he missed the previous weekend's SSE Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup semi-final defeat to Kyles Athletic and he started in defence, which allowed Steven MacDonald to be pushed into the forward line. Captain Cameron Binnie started in midfield and Scott Campbell and Craig Ritchie dropped onto the bench.

Inveraray's Graham MacPherson was first keeper to be called into action when he saved a Glen MacKintosh shot by hand before clearing the ball for a corner after MacKintosh had taken down a cross from the right. Glen MacKintosh then rattled Graham MacPherson's left post with a shot from the left a minute later. It was all Newtonmore in the opening stages and the opening goal came after just 8 minutes. A Graham MacPherson goal hit went to Glen MacKintosh who got away from Andrew McMurdo and ran in on goal. MacPherson dashed off his line and dived into a challenge which upended the onrushing 'More forward. Newtonmore then punished their opponents from the free-hit. Steven MacDonald, with his back to goal, slipped the ball to his left and Evan Menzies lost his marker and fired the ball over MacPherson's shoulder into the net to make it 1-0.

Glen MacKintosh had the ball in the net from the restart but his effort was ruled out for offside. Newtonmore were threatening to run away with the game and Graham MacPherson saved from Fraser MacKintosh, whilst Glen MacKintosh's bouncing shot from the rebound came back off the post with 15 minutes played. For all Newtonmore's pressure, they were still only 1-0 ahead and Inveraray came closed to equalising on 25 minutes when a Euan McMurdo shot was blocked, the rebound came to Lewis MacNicol but Michael Ritchie saved with feet. The ball fell kindly for Fraser Watt, but Ritchie did really well as he threw himself to the ground to save with his caman. Graham MacPherson made a brilliant double save just after the half-hour mark

as he first stretched to keep out a Glen MacKintosh drive and he then kept Steven MacDonald's effort from the rebound out with his feet.

Newtonmore finally doubled their advantage on 34 minutes with a goal following a terrific passing move. Cameron Binnie and Paul MacArthur played the ball out of midfield. Fraser MacKintosh collected possession and slipped the ball to Evan Menzies who found Glen MacKintosh on the left and he crossed for Steven MacDonald who turned and sent a shot just inside Graham MacPherson's left post to make it 2-0. Newtonmore cemented their dominance a minute before the break. Glen MacKintosh picked up a clearance out of the Inveraray defence wide on the right and his cross found Steven MacDonald in space at the back post and he slipped the ball low into the net from close-range to make it 3-0 at the break.

Inveraray substitute David MacPherson was booked by referee Lachie Wood on 58 minutes for a late swing which caught Glen MacKintosh on the leg. Graham MacPherson saved with foot from Steven MacDonald's fee-hit from just outside the D. Newtonmore continued to dominate without being able to add to their tally. Michael Ritchie did well to come off his line and block a Lewis MacNicol drive at the back post following a David Robertson free-hit on the left with 72 minutes played. Inveraray pulled a goal back on 79 minutes. Andrew McMurdo chested down the ball following a Newtonmore corner from the right and he sent the ball forward to David Robertson in midfield. Garry MacPherson played Robertson's pass to Lewis MacNicol and MacPherson ran wide on the left to collect MacNicol's return ball. MacPherson looked up before picking out Lewis MacNicol on the penalty spot and he fired a low shot which took a deflection past an unsighted Michael Ritchie into the corner of the net to make it 3-1.

The goal gave Inveraray a boost and although they had more of the ball around the 'More goal, they weren't able to get the second which would have set up a grand-stand finish. Referee Lachie Wood's final whistle sounded just 12 seconds into stoppage time and Newtonmore captain Cameron Binnie collected the coveted silver mounted caman and lifted the Macaulay Cup, presented by Graham Mitchell from sponsors Artemis. Inveraray goalkeeper Graham MacPherson, who had announced that he was playing his last match for the Winterton side after 29 years as a first team player, was deservedly awarded with the Man of the Match Quach.

Double delight for GMA at Women's Cup Finals

The biggest day with the women's shinty calendar was played out in the sunshine at Bught Park, Inverness on Saturday 5th September.

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Marine Harvest Challenge Cup Final

GLASGOW MID ARGYLL 3 – 3 ARDNAMURCHAN

(Glasgow Mid Argyll won 2-0 on penalties)

First up was the Marine Harvest Challenge Cup Final between the Glasgow Mid Argyll 2nd Team and Ardnamurchan. Evan MacRae was the match referee and the teams and officials were piped out for the throw-up.

GMA had the better of the early exchanges but the Ardnamurchan defence and keeper Katie MacPhee (Captain) were in top form. Ardnamurchan came more into the game and it took a good save from Laura Stuart in the GMA goal to keep them out. The first half ended goalless with the closest to an opener coming from GMA's Elaine McGarrie who had the ball in the back of the net before the effort was ruled out for offside. However, GMA's Lauren Pike popped up on 40 minutes to give her side a 1-0 lead. Kate Bradley equalised on 61 minutes and Carol-Anne Cameron then put Ardnamurchan ahead just 5 minutes later.

The game continued to swing from end-to-end and there was late heartache for Ardnamurchan as GMA's Kirsty Gray made it 2-2 on 70 minutes. The game went into 10 minutes each-way extra-time and Geraldine Murphy put GMA back in front when she made it 3-2 just three minutes into the additional period. Ardnamurchan, prompted by Joanne Ford, were full of spirit though and Kate Bradley got her second, in the second half of extra-time, on 85 minutes to make it 3-3. With no further scoring, the final was to be decided by a penalty shoot-out and the more experienced GMA ran out 2-0 winners with captain Elaine McGarrie leading from the front, scoring the first spot-hit, and Gearoidin Ni Murchu getting the other. Ardnamurchan's Mhairi Duncan was presented with the Player of the Match quiaich by John Angus Gillies from sponsors Marine Harvest. GMA captain Elaine McGarrie lifted the Marine Harvest Challenge Cup to the delight of her team-mates and both teams certainly served up a thoroughly entertaining encounter.





Valerie Fraser Camanachd Cup Final

GLASGOW MID ARGYLL 1 – 0 BADENOCH & STRATHSPEY

The main event was the Valerie Fraser Camanachd Cup Final between the Glasgow Mid Argyll 1st Team and Badenoch & Strathspey. GMA took the field as current holders and had recently pipped Badenoch to the Marine Harvest National Division 1 title. However, Badenoch had the edge in the sides' meetings during the season; winning once and drawing the other match. The teams were piped out onto the park for this 3pm throw up and Archie Ritchie was the match referee.

Badenoch started well and pressed the GMA goal and it took a good save from goalie Stephanie Keenan to prevent them going in front. At the other end, Joan Nicolson shot into the side-netting. This was always going to be a close contest and there was no scoring during a tense first half.

It was Badenoch's Scotland goalie Elizabeth MacGregor's chance to shine as she saved well after the restart. GMA had relied on Joan Nicolson's goals throughout the season and she came up trumps once again on 59 minutes when she scored following a goal-mouth scramble to make it 1-0. Badenoch, prompted by Captain Rhona McIntyre and the impressive Kirsty Deans, tried hard to get back on level terms but GMA saw out the closing stages to win women's shinty's top prize.

Badenoch's Kirsty Deans was named Player of the Match and GMA Captain Rachel McCafferty was presented with the prestigious Valerie Fraser Cup by sponsor Peter Gow.



Lovat enjoy the BIG Day Out

at 2015 SSE Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup Final

Lovat 2 Kyles Athletic 1

On a spectacular day in Oban, at an immaculate venue, in front of a large crowd and a bigger TV audience, Lovat lifted the 2015 SSE Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup for only the second time in their history when they beat Kyles Athletic 2-1 in the 108th Final of shinty's blue riband event at Mossfield Stadium on Saturday 19 September.

Lovat were led on to the magnificent Mossfield surface by veterans Alan MacLaren and Willie MacLean from their 1953 Camanachd Cup winning team, whilst Neil Galbraith, who was on the losing Kyles side that day, led out Kyles Athletic.

Referee Deek Cameron stopped play after 3 minutes so that Lovat goalie Stuart MacDonald could change his blue shirt which clashed with the Kyles colours and it wasn't the last time that the Balgate custodian was to be the centre of attention as the afternoon wore on. He twice came to Lovat's rescue after 14 minutes. He first came off his line to foil a penetrating Grant Irvine run from deep as he linked with Dunkie Kerr and Roddy MacDonald before skipping into the D but MacDonald came out to block. The Lovat keeper then made a great save as he stretched high to keep out a drive from from Roddy MacDonald. Stuart MacDonald then saved a Grant Irvine shot from a tight angle on the left with his stick as Kyles began to turn the screw. The shots were raining in on the Lovat goal and Stuart MacDonald then leapt to tip away a Dunkie Kerr drive from wide on the left which was dropping under the crossbar. Already, the Lovat stopper was making himself an early contender for man of the match. Lovat responded and mounted a rare attack with



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Lorne MacKay breaking down the left. His ball inside was played first-time by Greg Matheson to Kevin Bartlett who took a touch before volleying the ball wide with 18 minutes played. Lovat were coming more into the game and they won their first corner of the match on 28 minutes when Cammy Keith deflected a Greg Matheson cross out of play. However, Innes MacDonald and David Zavaroni combined to clear their lines from the set-piece.

As the match reached the half hour mark, the keeper again cleared danger from a corner. Grant Irvine found David Zavaroni in space at his back post on the left a couple of minutes later but Stuart

MacDonald raced off his line to get his body in the way of the shot at the edge of the circle. John Whyte saved with his feet from Greg Matheson on 37 minutes after good battling from Lorne MacKay and such was Kyles dominance that this was Lovat's first shot on target.

For all Kyles' pressure, they couldn't find the back of the net and they were made to pay as the final moved into first half stoppage time. Another fine Martin Mainland shy from the right of midfield was directed at the heart of the Kyles defence and the ball was deflected into the path of Kevin Bartlett who took a touch before crashing the ball over

John Whyte's right shoulder to make it 1-0.





The second half was just a couple of minutes old when Stuart MacDonald had to move smartly to clear a low David Zavaroni cross from the left away to safety. Kyles continued to press and they drew level on 50 minutes. Gordon Whyte took a free-hit and he found Robbie MacLeod running into space at the back post and he crashed an unstoppable shot high into the net to make it 1-1. If there was an expectation that Kyles would now power to victory, no one told Lovat and they got their noses back in front on 55 minutes. Ryan Ferguson chipped the ball forward and it was taken down by Lorne MacKay and the ball broke to Kevin Bartlett wide on the left and he sent a blistering shot across keeper John Whyte into the net to make it 2-1.

Stuart MacDonald made arguably his best save on 58 minutes when he somehow twisted to get his caman to divert a low Gordon Whyte shot away for a corner after a Grant Irvine shot deflected into Whyte's path. The match almost became a personal dual between Lovat's custodian MacDonald and his namesake Roddy in the Kyles attack. Time and again the goalkeeper defied the big Kyles forward with a succession of unbelievable stops.

Stuart MacDonald made a point-blank stop with his caman to deny Roberto Zavaroni when the ball broke to the Kyles

substitute in space on the right. Grant Irvine steered the rebound agonisingly wide for the Tighnabruaich support with the goal at his mercy. Kyles pushed almost everyone forward in a desperate attempt to take the final into extra-time. Keeper John Whyte and full back Callum Miller were the only two players in the Kyles half as Dunkie Kerr played a free-hit into the danger-area after Euan Ferguson fouled Andrew King on 87 minutes, but Lovat were brave and their defence stood firm.

The Lovat support went through agony during what was almost 6 minutes' injury time but referee Deek Cameron's final whistle sparked elation and tears in equal measure. Stuart MacDonald was named man of the match and he received the coveted Albert Smith Medal from Rena Smith. Kyles will have played worse and won and the outcome was more about Stuart MacDonald's brilliance and Kevin Bartlett's clinical finishing than any failings from the Tighnabruaich camp. Lovat Captain, Daniel Grieve was presented with the Camanachd Cup by Neil Wilson from sponsors SSE Scottish Hydro.





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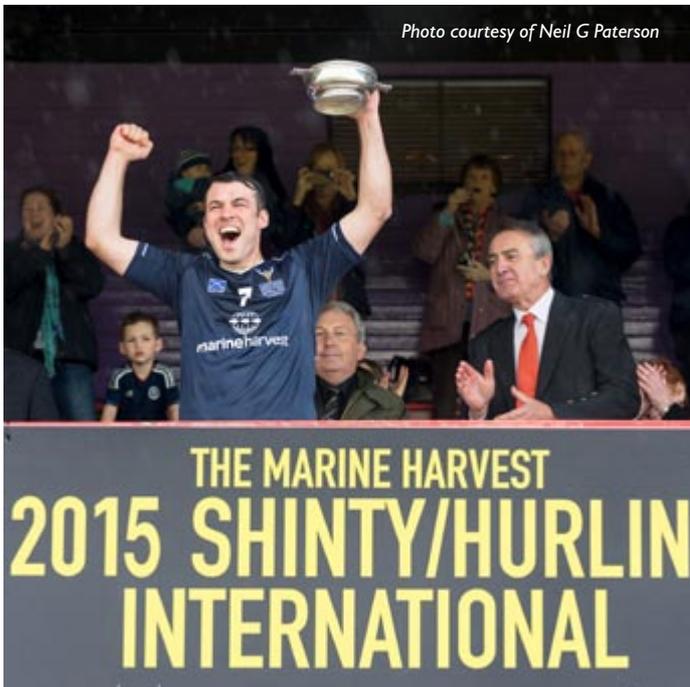


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THE MARINE HARVEST 2015 SHINTY/HURLIN INTERNATIONAL

Scotland (3-15) 24 – 14 (2-8) Ireland

A superb first half display helped Scotland post a memorable 24-14 victory in the Marine Harvest Shinty/Hurling International at Inverness's Bught Park on Saturday 24th October.

For manager Ronald Ross, it was not so much the victory but the manner in which it was obtained that particularly pleased him: "I have not seen a better display from a Scotland side, especially in the first half. There were no failures out there. Everyone played their part. The hard work and commitment paid off and apart from dead-ball points we scored three good goals and might have had more. Certainly Ireland came back hard at us in the second half but we continued to compete and in the end fully deserved our win".

Right from the start Scotland showed they were the hungrier side and might have been a goal up inside the opening minute when a drive by Kyles' Roddy Macdonald came back off Irish keeper Eoin Reilly to be scrambled away by the Irish defence. Scotland got their first score on the board inside five minutes, however, when dead-ball specialist Kevin Bartlett knocked the ball over from a narrow angle for a two-pointer. Ireland fought hard to come back but determined Scottish defending and in particular clean hitting out of defence by Steven Macdonald set the tone for the afternoon, though a two pointer from Laois's Zane Keenan had the scores level by the 10-minute mark. Bartlett then eased the Scots ahead with another two pointer only for a foul by Oban's Daniel Cameron to allow Keenan to even the scores at 4-4.

By this stage, however, Scotland had begun to dominate with Reilly in the Irish goal being first tested by a shot from distance by Steven Macdonald and then having to watch helplessly as the Newtonmore man converted another two pointer. Next, Scotland Captain John Barr started a move which eventually saw Bartlett cut the ball across from the wing into the path of Premiership shinty's top scorer Glen Mackintosh and he hammered it home for Scotland's first goal. Moments later Mackintosh returned the compliment by playing in substitute Liam Macdonald who scored Scotland's second with his first touch of the game. With each goal adding three points to the score, Scotland were beginning to build up a substantial lead which was underlined when Bartlett added a further double after a free hit was awarded for a foul on Barr. Scotland got a third goal in this purple passage of play when Scotland's newest cap Fraser Heath

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fired home from close range. Two further doubles from Bartlett and a single point from Liam Macdonald sent the Scots in at the break with a massive 18-point lead.

The second half was very different. Whatever Irish bosses Jeffery Lynskey and Gregory O'Kane said at half time had its effect and their team upped the level of physicality. Scotland though dug in, keeping enough pressure on the Irish forwards to make them miss chances which they really ought to have taken. Eventually however something had to give and Shane Nolan finally managed to improvise a goal for Ireland on the 60-minute mark. Though Bartlett added another two points for Scotland, four more for Zane Keenan and a second Irish goal from Nolan might have had alarm bells ringing in the Scotland camp, but there was no real cause for panic and Scotland held on to win the contest in relative comfort.

Scotland Senior Men Squad: S MacDonald, S Mackintosh, F Macrae, C Millar, S MacDonald, R Kennedy, L Bain, D Cameron, J Barr (C), C Cormack, K Bartlett, R MacDonald, L MacDonald, G Mackintosh, F Heath, G Irvine, Z Ferguson, P Macarthur, N Reid, Nicolson
Management: Ronald Ross, Ally Ferguson, Kevin Thain, Jimmy Gow, Neil Bowman.



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Scotland U21 Men (1-3) 6 – 25 (5-10) Ireland U21 Men

Despite a bold performance, Scotland's U21s were unable to repeat the success of 2014 and went down 25-6 to their Irish counterparts on the Bught Park main pitch earlier in the day.

Ireland started as if they meant business and Jack Fagan grabbed a goal in the opening minute when he collected possession on the Ireland right and his shot spun over keeper Iain MacLeod into the net to make it 3-0. A solo run and sweet finish from Ben Conroy on 8 minutes made it 6-0 before Austin Gleeson was credited with a point when his ball from the right seemed to go wide to make it 7-0. Colin Dunford put the ball over to make it 8-0 before Jack MacDonald swept the ball between the posts to register Scotland's first score.



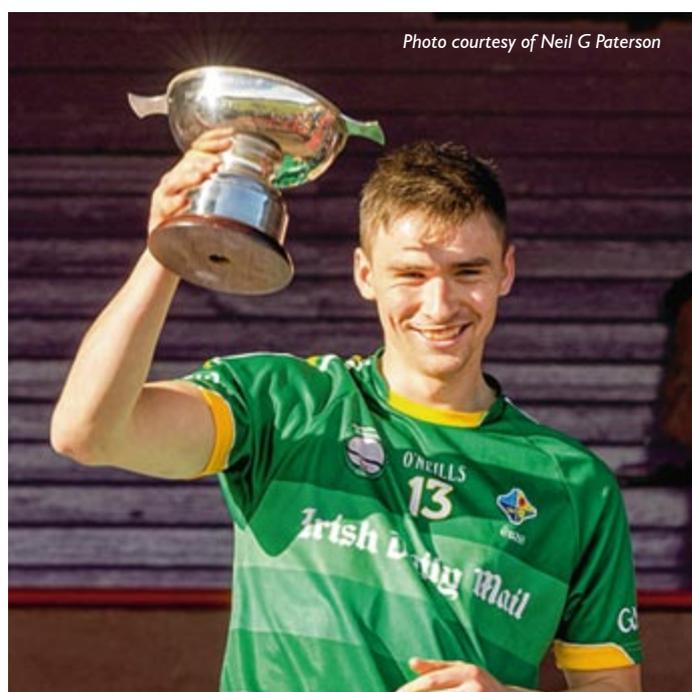
Scotland got a foothold back in the match when Jordan Murchison laid the ball to John McNulty who scored to make it 8-4. However Ireland extinguished any hopes of a fight-back when PJ Scully soloed in from the left before bulleting the ball home to make it 11-4. Scotland threatened again with Ireland keeper Paddy McKenna saving from Jordan Murchison and Calum Stewart before PJ Scully burst through the centre of the home defence and gave goalie Iain MacLeod no chance as he scored for a second time to make it 14-4. An Austin Gleeson free from the ground extended Ireland's lead to 16-4 at the break.

Scotland goalie Iain MacLeod twice saved well again either side of another Austin Gleeson two-pointer to make it 18-4. Jordan Murchison twice went close for Scotland before a Jack MacDonald free was blocked by Austin Gleeson after Calum Stewart was fouled. Ireland captain Gerry Keegan made a superb run down the left before putting the ball over the bar to make it 19-4. Ireland's Keith Carmody cleared the ball off the line as Calum Stewart threatened before Scot's keeper Iain MacLeod made a superb point-blank save from a Marin Kavanagh shot. However when Ireland's James Doyle turned his marker and ran in to score from close range, Ireland went 22-4 in front. The impressive Austin Gleeson then showed his class as he took the ball into space in midfield before striking it between the posts to make it 23-4.



Scotland Manager, Garry Reid had pushed Captain Daniel Madej into attack and when Madej got on the end of a Donald Nixon free-hit from the right he sent a drive towards the top corner of McKenna's net, the keeper stretched to his left to tip the ball away. Gary McKerracher converted the resultant free to make it 23-6. Ireland had the final say though as PJ Scully spun past his marker on the Ireland left before hitting the ball between the posts to make it 24-6. Daniel Madej had to leave the field for treatment after being accidentally hit in the face by a hurley before Calum Stewart won possession before shooting wide. Philip Lucid scored the final point of the match as he made it 25-6 before Captain Gerry Keegan lifted the annual trophy.

Scotland U21 Men Squad: I Macleod, D Madej, M MacKenzie, B Morrison, G McKerracher, C Keith, I MacDonald, D Nixon, C Morrison, J Murchison, C Anderson, L McNicol, C Stewart, J Fraser, R MacGregor, E Campbell, O Macrae, J MacNulty, J MacDonald. **Management:** G Reid, A Macrae, A McKechnie



Scotland Senior Women (5-4) 19 Kildare Camogie Select (0-1) 1

The Scotland's women were convincing 19-1 winners over the Kildare Camogie Select as they opened the day's Shinty/Hurling/Camogie action with the Country v County Shinty/Camogie Challenge on the Bught Park outside pitch.

Kildare travelled without a number of players from the squad which finished 2015 All-Ireland Intermediate Runners-up and the side was blown-away by the Scots thanks to an early four-goal blitz. Kirsty Delaney shot low into the net to give her side the lead and a second Delaney goal and a Laura Gallacher double had Scotland 12-0 to the good. Niamh Donnelly made no mistake when she was entrusted with a free in front of the posts to make it 14-0. Melissa Lyons lifted a free and sent the ball over the bar to pull a point back to make it 16-1 but Scotland already had an unassailable lead as referee Martin MacLean's half-time whistle sounded. Laura Gallacher went on to complete her hat-trick with a shot from the left and Jeanette MacGregor added two more second half points to seal a 19-1 win. Scotland captain Laura McCafferty lifted the winners' trophy for the third year in a row.

Scotland Senior Women Squad: E McGregor, R McCafferty, L McCafferty (C), K Delaney, J McGregor, V Henderson, E Gordon, C MacLean, K Deans, R Mulligan, N Donnelly, L Michie, P MacDonald, K Drain, L MacRae, L Gallacher, C Gibb, S Corrigan, A McGarry, T Neilson. **Management:** S Reid, S Campbell, E Stewart, R Gordon, B Slattery



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Senior Scots go for the double in 2nd Test at Croke Park



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Ireland 16 (2-10) Scotland 14 (2-8)

A second Senior International took place a month later in Dublin's iconic Croke Park stadium on Saturday 21 November with Scotland losing 16-14 but emerging from the 80 minutes with heads held high.

With the scores even after 75 minutes, it looked as if the Scots had done enough to merit a draw at the GAAs home of hurling. Two late points from Shane Nolan and Eoin Price, though, meant there was no way back for Scotland. In the end, Manager, Ronald Ross admitted he was proud of every one of his players in a dark blue jersey: "Obviously, it was really disappointing to lose the game but we went to the home of hurling and put in a great performance and the improvement from the away leg last year was fantastic."

As anticipated, the Irish, with TJ Reid in their ranks, opened the game at high tempo and were quick out of the blocks. Zane Keenan, a strong points scorer in Inverness, was a constant thorn in the flesh and he got the first point after only 1 minute. Scotland rallied confidently, though, and Steven MacDonald grabbed a two pointer with a side-line cut from 65 yards before another of his hits caused mayhem in the Irish ranks. The looping ball appeared to outfox Irish keeper Eoin Reilly and he palmed the ball into the air, just as Fraser Heath reacted to bundle both the ball – and him – into the net for a goal. Keenan (4 points), Eoin Price (1) and Neal McAuley of Antrim (1) racked up the distance points over the uprights with the Scots also hitting well through Kevin Bartlett (2 points).

In 27 minutes, the Irish took the lead and it was courtesy of a fine volleyed goal by Patrick Maher, who juggled the ball on his stick before lashing it into the net from close range. Stuart Mackintosh in the Scottish goal didn't stand a chance from that range and the Scots needed something to get back into contention.

Their prayers were answered four minutes later. Another strong hit by Newtonmore's Macdonald had the Irish in panic and, when the ball broke off Reilly, Bartlett was standing by to convert a goal from close range. He added a further two points from the ground before Ireland left the field at the interval 13-12 up thanks to a Keenan goal. Mackintosh was poorly sighted in the Scottish goal as the shot looped over him and ended up in the net.

The half-time lead was not insurmountable and Scotland kept their shape and discipline, attempting to play shinty at all times. Bartlett got another 2 points from the ground in the second period but the game's pace dropped and it looked as if the contest was heading to stalemate as Derek McNicholas had converted over the posts. Luck was not with Scotland in the final 5 minutes, though, as Ireland managed to press home possession with two distance points by Nolan and Price.

The Internationals ended with one win for each nation but the fare, in both matches, was eye-catching and will have done no harm whatsoever to the reputation of this unique annual clash.

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Youth development

2015 was a challenging year for youth shinty but saw positive progress across many aspects of the game. The Association continued to develop and promote programmes across the country that delivered participation opportunities for youngsters in the club and school environment. Youth membership remained relatively static at 1300 in 2015.

The comprehensive programme of youth league and cup competition provides the structure for youth involvement and we were pleased to see new teams at Glasgow Kelvin U-14, Oban Lorn U-14, Inverness U-14 and Kinlochshiel U-17. Unfortunately this progress was been countered by the loss of Oban Celtic U-14 & U-17, Kilmory U-14, Lochcarron U-17, Lovat U-17 and Strathglass U-17.

Alongside our partnership with the local clubs and volunteers, the Association continues to prioritise our relationship with Primary and Secondary schools and local Active Schools Co-ordinators to strengthen school-club links. The Schools Camanachd Association is currently in abeyance and the Camanachd Association's Development Team has taken direct responsibility for the delivery of these competitions. The aim is to provide a well-structured, organised and promoted programme of activity that provides an effective pathway for young people into and through the sport.



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Youth participation in the South during 2015 was maintained thanks to the continued efforts of school and club volunteers, plus additional support from the Food Standards Agency for delivery of the "Hygiene, Healthy Eating and Activity in Primary Schools" (HHEAPS) initiative. HHEAPS combined six one-hour shinty coaching sessions with key messages around healthy eating and food hygiene. HHEAPS was rolled out in six Primary Schools in Cowl and five Primary Schools in Mid Argyll, reaching 188 pupils. The scheme also ran in Glasgow, Edinburgh & Fife, reaching a further 500 Primary school pupils. The South of Scotland Six-a-side League (formally Development league) grew with 14 teams and over 100 children taking part in 2015. The number of teams entering other competitions in the South included six in the U14 League, four in the Scottish Hydro U-14 Development Cup, two in the MacMaster Cup, two in the London Shield and six teams in the MacQuiston Cup competition.

Participation levels in Highland Primary schools during curriculum time maintained the 2013/14 levels, with over 2,000 boys and over 1,300 girls taking part in school shinty sessions during the 2014/15 academic year. HHEAPS again added significantly to the ongoing efforts of club and school volunteers; between October 2014 and March 2015 there were 10 coaches delivering in 30 Primary Schools to 1500 P4 – P7 boys and girls across Highland. These sessions provide a crucial introduction to the sport and a vital link between the school and its local shinty club. Where possible local club coaches are used to deliver the school sessions in an attempt to further strengthen these links.

Following a series of regional qualifiers across the country, the 2015 RBS National First Shinty Festival was held in Fort William at the end of February. The event attracts the best young players from across Scotland, with 26 teams and over 200 children taking part on the day. The National Disability Festival continues to be one of the highlights in the youth calendar. The two-day Festival was held for the sixth year at the MacDonald Resort in Aviemore and attracts schools from across Scotland, with 70 children taking part in 2015.

The youth results and fixtures continue to be published alongside the senior game and we continue to promote and market the youth game through the social media sites and the youth website. The ability to keep all information up-to-date is dependent on clubs submitting accurate information and scores as soon as possible following games.

67 young players attended the 2015 SSE Scottish Hydro National Player Development Camp at Strathallan School in Perthshire. The players had a week of intensive coaching with the focus on the physical, technical, tactical and psychological aspects of the game. We were extremely fortunate to have two prominent guest speakers from the world of football: Jim Fleeting, SFA Director of Football Development, and Duncan Shearer, Inverness Caley Thistle U21 Manager and ex Scotland International.

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The Development Camp continues to provide a key stage in the development pathway for young players.

In conjunction with the Women's Camanachd Association, supported by Marine Harvest, a National Development Camp for girls also took place at Strathallan, over the weekend of 4th & 5th July. The Camp brought together more than 40 girls of all abilities, backgrounds and ages for two days of top level coaching. As with the boy's camp, the women's camp provides an important element in the continued development of the women's game.

The 2015 SSE Scottish Hydro U17 National Squad travelled to Ireland in July for a successful three-day shinty/hurling tour that saw them draw their first match 14/14 against a well organised and powerful Wexford County team. However, the team went on to defeat a strong Dublin Development Squad in their final game of the tour.

11 clubs were awarded funding from the £5000 Scottish Hydro Youth Development Fund. The fund aims to support member clubs who wish to increase youth participation by providing a grant of £500 in support of new and enhanced club initiatives that will deliver sustainable growth in the number of young people playing shinty.

In September, North and South area Inter-district matches at Under 14 and Under 17 levels took place. The four districts in Highland were Skye & Wester Ross, Lochaber, Inverness and Badenoch and they came together at Spean Bridge to contest the Ferguson Transport Shields. Sixteen clubs were represented and 72 players participated at each of these tournaments which were held on consecutive Sundays. The South U14 and U17 squads were selected following

a series of trials at Inveraray and a 6-a-side competition. Close to 50 players were involved in each age group.

The U14 and U17 North v South representative matches went ahead on Sunday 27th September at An-Aird, Fort William with both matches being won by the North.

The annual U21 North v South match, The Caol Cup, was played at Ballachulish on Saturday 5th September. Both squads held selection and preparation sessions in advance and the match also doubled as a final trial for the U21 International squad to compete in 2015 Shinty/Hurling International. The game proved to be a thrilling encounter and an excellent showcase of young talent, with the North securing a narrow 2-1 victory over their South rivals.



Newtonmore U17s Win Marine Harvest London Shield



Newtonmore 2 – 0 Oban Camanachd

Newtonmore U17s celebrated lifting the 2015 Marine Harvest London Shield (21st Nov) with a 2-0 victory over Oban Camanachd in Cannich. The London Shield is presented to the winners of the U17 league and Newtonmore had been the dominant force throughout the season. The scorers against Oban Camanachd were Iain Robinson and Tommy Stewart. The trophy was presented by David Corrigan of Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd.

RBS MacTavish Juvenile Cup Final

Beauly 2 – 0 Skye

Beauly's U17 team emerged victorious in a well-contested RBS MacTavish Juvenile Cup Final against Skye U17s at the Bught Park. Sandy Elrick gave Beauly an opening minute lead, and that is the way it stayed until 4 minutes from full-time when Robbie Brindle added a second. Skye keeper Ryan Morrison was awarded the Sandy MacKay Medal as the game's outstanding player for making numerous excellent saves during the match.



McQuisten Cup Final

Inveraray 4 – 3 Kyles Athletic

The 2015 MacQuisten Under-17 Cup Final was an Argyll-shire derby between Inveraray and local rivals Kyles Athletic at Strachurmore Sports Ground, Strachur.

As is so often the case when these teams meet each other at any age group, the tie was keenly fought and the result not certain until the final whistle blown. Both teams emerged with great credit from a match which was an excellent advert for youth shinty.

Extremely hard work by the Strachurmore ground staff enabled the game to go ahead albeit an hour later than scheduled to allow the pitch time to drain surface water from the previous night's rain. Inveraray wasted no time when things did get started with Lewis Montgomery netting for Inveraray in the 4th minute. They continued to push forward and the same player doubled his and the team's tally to make things difficult for Kyles early on.

As Kyles do though, they continued to stick to their game plan and Kyle McMartin replied with a lovely strike past Scott MacLachlan to reduce the arrears. Although Inveraray had the majority of pressure, Kyles always looked dangerous but with the pitch being heavy it was difficult for either team to get into a rhythm.

With half-time approaching 12-year-old Campbell Watt scored for Inveraray with his bigger brother, Fraser, scoring just 2 minutes after to give Inveraray a seemingly unassailable lead at the break.

Into the second half and Kyles who found themselves on the ascendancy when Inveraray seemed to become disoriented with enforced changes and unable to add to their tally. Kyles' 13-year old Scott MacVicar scored in the 69th minute, then in the 86th minute, Kyle McMartin scored his second of the game to make it four goals to three to Inveraray. Kyles had one more chance before the final whistle but failed to hit the target and with that their chances of staging a remarkable comeback were gone.

Lewis Montgomery, Inveraray Captain, received the trophy from Camanachd Association Chieftain, Jock Turner, at the end of the match.



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Two important youth Finals were played at Mossfield earlier on the day of the 2015 SSE Scottish Hydro Camanachd Cup Final between Lovat and Kyles Athletic.

Ken MacMaster Under 14 Cup Final

Fort William 3 – 2 Skye

Fort William's young stars edged out Skye in a five-goal thriller with Alister MacRae, Greig Kelly and Victor Smith netting. For Skye, Mark MacQueen and Ruaridh MacLeod found the mark.



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SSE Scottish Hydro Development Cup Final

It was a big day for Glasgow Kelvin in the Under 14, 9-a-side development competition. They defeated Aberdour to lift the trophy with Josh Souter getting a hat-trick and Angus Callan their fourth. Joseph Slater hit the consolation goal for the Fifers. The trophy capture was an historic day for Glasgow Kelvin which was formed in 2015, taking their name from one of the former Glasgow clubs from the 60s - and they use the original club badge.

Glasgow Kelvin 4 – 1 Aberdour



Strathclyde and Robert Gordon celebrate Littlejohn success

STRATHCLYDE UNIVERSITY 4 – 0 EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY

Strathclyde University celebrated winning the 2015 Littlejohn Vase at St Andrews on Wednesday 1 April 2015 with a convincing 4-0 victory over three-time winners Edinburgh University in the final after a great day's shinty.

Glasgow Mid Argyll and Scotland U21 forward Craig Anderson grabbed a hat-trick with GMA's Euan Forsyth getting the other. Strathclyde had an impressive route to the final winning all of their section games without conceding a goal, while Edinburgh came out on top ahead of RGU on goal difference.

The final started out at a frantic pace with Strathclyde having the better of the possession and forcing the Edinburgh defence into some last ditch tackles. The pressure finally paid off when Craig Anderson got on the end of a fine pass and drove the ball into the Edinburgh net. This was quickly followed by a superbly taken goal from Strathclyde's Euan Forsyth whose well struck shot found the bottom corner of Edinburgh's net. The Strathclyde forward line continued to create chances and just before half time Craig Anderson converted again for his second of the match.

The second half started at the same pace as the first. Edinburgh were determined to claw back the deficit and their forward line began to create some openings, but exceptional defending from Ryan Harrison, Cammy Keith and Finlay MacMillan kept the Edinburgh forwards at bay. The game ebbed and flowed until a Strathclyde attack ended in a penalty award which was converted by Craig Anderson for his third goal of the game and Strathclyde's fourth.

The match ended with both sets of players having given their all in what was a fully entertaining and exiting finale to the completion. Strathclyde captain Finlay MacMillan lifted the trophy.

Strathclyde's Neal Hemingway was named Player of the Tournament.



RGU LADIES 1 – 1 EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY LADIES

(RGU Ladies win 2-1 on penalties)

Robert Gordon University Ladies won the MacHue & Porter Trophy by beating Edinburgh University Ladies on penalties in the final. It was the second time in two years RGU had faced Edinburgh in the Littlejohn Ladies Final.

The game got off to a competitive start with the teams' neck-and-neck for the majority of the first half. The game remained scoreless until the end of the first half when RGU went 1-0 up with a goal from Dawn Ryan. Edinburgh came back with a quick response in the second half, with Isla Mackay scoring a goal from an impossible angle just a few minutes in. There was great pressure on both teams, for RGU to defend their title and for Edinburgh to take it. The teams kept each other scoreless for the duration of the second half, finishing the game with a score of 1-1. It then went to penalties.

After a nail biting first round, the teams remained level and it went to sudden death penalties. Three penalties

into the second round, the teams remained level at 2-2, with some brilliant saves from RGU's Taryn Neilson and Edinburgh's Catriona Gibb. On the fourth penalty of the second round, RGU's Niamh Egan scored her second penalty of the day, securing the win for RGU.



North 21s lift Caol Cup

North 3 – 2 South

North U21s came from behind to beat the South U21 3-2 in their annual challenge match of 2015, held at Jubilee Park, Ballachulish on the first weekend of September and refereed by Alex MacVicar of Oban.

The South made a good start and North keeper Iain MacLeod was called into action in the opening minute. MacLeod kept his side in it again on 11 minutes as he saved with his feet before pushing the rising ball away with his hand. The South went in front on 28 minutes when Connor Howe broke down the left wing cut in towards goals, he drew North full back Ewan Campbell out before slipping a pass to Craig Anderson around 15 yards from goal and he hit the ball low and hard on his back-hand into the bottom right corner of the net to make it 1-0. The North restored parity with just a couple of first half minutes remaining when substitute Connor Golabek slammed a rebound home from just inside the D, beating keeper Scott MacLachlan at his right-hand side to make it 1-1.

The second half was just 10 minutes old when the South regained the lead. There was a scramble in the North goal area and the ball came out to Connor Howe just to the right of the penalty spot and he put fired a shot into the top corner to make it 2-1. North levelled for a second time on the hour mark. The goal came following a good move from their forwards, the ball played down the line to Calum Stewart who cut it back to Savio Genini who ran onto the pass and hit a low, first-time shot past the keeper into the net from around 15 yards out to make it 2-2.

The North looked the more likely to get a winner and when it did come the goal was in somewhat fortuitous circumstances. The ball broke to Rory MacGregor about 30 yards from goal and his shot seemed to take a deflection as it spun into the air and looped over the keeper, just underneath the crossbar, to make it 3-2 with 72 minutes played. There was no further scoring and North captain Fraser Heath was presented with the Caol Cup.

The fixture was the final part of the selection process for Garry Reid's Scotland U21 team to compete against Ireland U21 at Bught Park, Inverness in October.



North Under 21s

Iain Macleod, Skye
 Rory MacKeachan, Kingussie
 Barry MacDonald, Lochaber
 Michael MacKenzie, Lovat
 Jamie Cruickshank, Fort William
 Ewan Campbell, Beaully
 Blair Morrison, Caberfeidh
 Fraser Heath, Glenurquhart
 Oliver MacRae, Kinlochshiel
 Craig Morrison, Caberfeidh
 Rory McGregor, Kingussie
 Donald Nixon, Kinlochshiel
 Connor Golabek, Glenurquhart
 Savio Genini, Kingussie
 Jordan Murchison, Skye
 Callum Stewart, Newtonmore
 Jack MacDonald, Beaully
 Jordan Fraser, Kinlochshiel

South Under 21s

Ewan Harrison, Col Glen
 Scott MacLachlan, Inveraray
 Daniel Madej, Oban Celtic
 Andy MacDonald, Oban Celtic
 Ally MacKerracher, Oban Celtic
 Gary MacKerracher, Oban Camanachd
 Fraser MacNicol, Inveraray
 Cammy Keith, Kyles Athletic
 Innes MacDonald, Kyles Athletic
 Iain Wilson, Strachur
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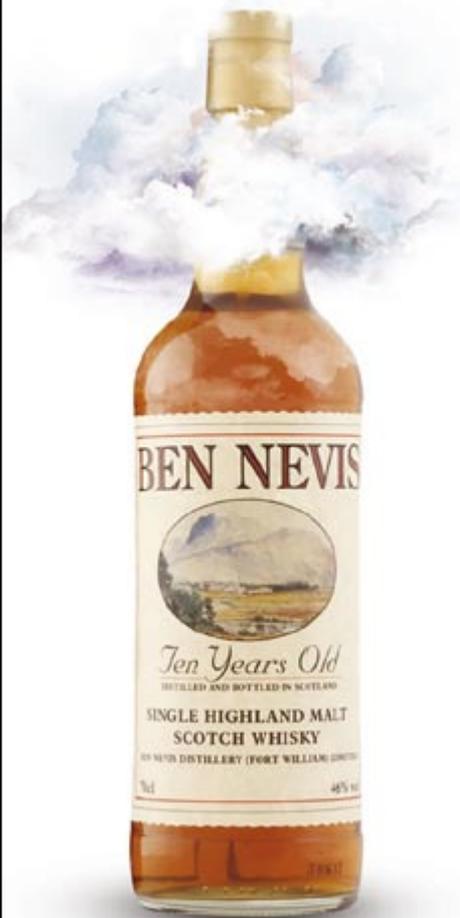
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Artemis Macaulay Sixes

The 2015 Artemis Macaulay Sixes were another great shinty day out at Mossfield Stadium, Oban on Saturday 13th June attracting 22 teams.

The main competition for P7 & Under was won by Beauly who defeated Lochaber 3 – 2 after extra time in a keenly contested final to lift the Ian Cumming Memorial Trophy, with Lochaber picking up the Oban Celtic Shield.

The Alastair Campbell Shield for P5 & Under was won by Beauly & Ord who defeated Taynuilt 2-0 in the final.

The new Macaulay Development Trophy (Formerly the Peter English Cup) was presented to Dunadd for showing the best endeavour on the day.

The best boy player of the tournament was Max Campbell from Lochaber who won the Hector Campbell award, with Leah Maxtone from Inverlochly winning the Lochcarron Quaich for best girl player of the tournament.

The Macaulay Association would like to thank all the referees the volunteers who ran the raffle, the teas, the shop and the scoreboard. Special mention also goes to Kyles Camans and Mr Ken Groom for the presentation sticks.



Beauly & Ord win the Alastair Campbell Shield at the Macaulay 6s

Beauly win the Ian Cumming Memorial Trophy at the Macaulay 6s

Beauly triumph in Strathdearn Sixes

Beauly won the 2015 Strathdearn U17 Sixes at The Bught Park, Inverness on Wednesday 24 June.

Teams from Inverness, Caberfeidh, Newtonmore, Beauly, Fort William, Lochcarron, Lovat, Glenurquhart and Kingussie played out a round-robin league in eight-minute matches. After the 36 league games Beauly topped the table with 14 points, just one more than fellow finalists Newtonmore. Remarkably, neither team had conceded a goal in any of their eight matches so a very close final seemed likely. This proved to be the case and after 10 minutes of end-to-end action, only a Sandy Elrick goal separated the teams and was enough to win the Strathdearn Cup for Beauly. Inverness and former Scotland Manager, Drew Macneil, presented the cup to Beauly captain Andrew Morrison and the Player of the Tournament trophy to Sandy Elrick.

Lochaber win Joseph Toal Sixes

Home side Lochaber won the 2015 Joseph Toal Sixes at Spean Bridge on Sunday 19 July 2015.

The Lochaber side, Captained by Pat Toal, defeated Newtonmore in the final. The Newtonmore team featured Glen MacKintosh, Blair MacKintosh and first team manager Paul John MacKintosh. The winning Lochaber squad was Barry MacDonald, Brennan MacDonald, Stuart Callison, Duncan MacKinnon, Ben Delaney, Findlay MacDonald, Pat Toal and Conor Sweeney. They were Managed by Danny Delaney.

In 1982 Joseph Toal was playing for Lochaber Camanachd against Fort William when he suddenly died during the game at the age of just 25 years old. Each year, Lochaber Camanachd Club hold a shinty sixes tournament in honour of his memory and dedication to the Club.

Lochaber, Ballachulish and Alvie triumph at Primary Schools World Cup Sixes

The 2015 Shinty World Cup was held at The Bught Park, Inverness on Monday 29th June. 272 players competed for 34 teams in the three different categories.

In the 'Super 6's' competition for P5 & Under there were 12 teams participating. Kingussie and Alvie won their respective leagues without dropping a point or conceding a goal, and they were joined in the Semi-finals by Newtonmore and Inverlochly (after a play-off with Portree). Kingussie beat Newtonmore 2-0 and Alvie beat Inverlochly 2-1 to set up a classic Final between two very good, unbeaten teams.

After full-time and an extra-time golden goal period the scores were still tied at 0 – 0 so a penalty shoot-out was required to separate the teams. The Alvie goalkeeper proved to be the hero with a couple of outstanding saves to win the trophy for his team.

The 'Championship' P7 & Under competition had an entry of 10 teams and they played out two qualifying leagues. Dunvegan and Carrbridge proceeded from the Blue league and they were joined in the Semi-finals by Ballachulish and Gergask.

The first Semi pitched Ballachulish against Carrbridge, who had played very well all day. The match ended goalless after full-time and extra-time so a penalty shoot-out was required and Balla won through by one penalty hit. In the other Semi Gergask defeated Dunvegan 1-0 after a gutsy performance from the islanders. The Final was a more clear-cut affair and Ballachulish ran out 3-0 winners to take the trophy home.

The 'World Cup' for P7 teams had an entry of 12 teams who played out two qualifying leagues. Both of these leagues were very competitive and all the teams on show were very skilled. Kirkhill dominated the Blue League and advanced without dropping a point or conceding a goal. They were joined in Semi-final by Lochcarron, who just pipped Inverlochly and Alvie on goal difference after all three finished on 10 points. Lochaber won the Red League, also without conceding a goal, and they were joined by runners-up Kyle. Lochcarron pushed Lochaber all the way before going down 1-0 and Kirkhill kept up their impressive form to beat Kyle 2-0. Kirkhill were first to strike in the final and they held that advantage until mid-way through the second half when two late goals won Lochaber the cup.

Inveraray storm Jock Paul Veteran Sixes

Inveraray's veterans defeated Fort William to lift the 2015 Jock Paul Mackintosh trophy at The Eilan, Newtonmore on Saturday 5 September. It took extra-time to separate the finalists, with Inveraray eventually winning 3-1.

The tournament was played on a Saturday for the first time and teams from Fort William, Glasgow Mid Argyll, Inveraray, Kingussie, Laggan and Newtonmore all took part.

To round off a great day for the Winterton side, Douglas Watt was named player of the tournament.

The winning Inveraray team was: Graham MacPherson, Stuart Robertson, Ruairidh Graham, Douglas Watt, Andrew Watt, Andy Stewart, John Smylie.

Famous Shinty Painting Rediscovered by National Portrait Gallery

The painting *A Highland Landscape with a Game of Shinty* is the most famous depiction of the world-celebrated Scottish sport and one of the treasures of the game. Last seen in 1962, the painting disappeared from public view for over fifty years, although it has frequently been used in books and articles to highlight the provenance of the game. After a three-year search triggered by the *Playing for Scotland* exhibition at the Scottish National Portrait Gallery, the picture was eventually uncovered in a private collection belonging to a descendent of the last-known owner. *A Highland Landscape with a Game of Shinty*, attributed to the artists Daniel Cunliffe and A. Smith of Mauchline, is now on long-term loan to the Galleries and has joined the many other works in *Playing for Scotland*, which explores the rich history of Scottish sporting traditions.

The game depicted in the painting quite possibly took place on the Cluny estate near Newtonmore. Sticks (camans) are raised in frenzied action; the presence of pipers, dancers and refreshments implies this match is a festival game, perhaps enjoyed at New Year. The Badenoch and Strathspey Shinty Heritage Project believe the scene almost certainly depicts one of the famous shinty ball-plays organised by Cluny Macpherson, Chief of Clan Chattan. The setting and painting are probably the source of many depictions of shinty which followed from the mid-nineteenth century.

Jim Barr, President of the Camanachd Association said: "The Camanachd Association is delighted that this iconic painting has been located and will be on display at the Scottish National Portrait Gallery.



We would like to thank the owner of the painting and the National Galleries of Scotland for displaying the picture. The scene very much embodies the spirit of the game, which is still played in some of the most attractive settings in the world".

Commenting on this new long-term loan, Christopher Baker, Director of the Scottish National Portrait Gallery, said: "After a three-year search, I'm delighted that *A Highland Landscape with a Game of Shinty* is now on long-term loan to the Scottish National Portrait Gallery and will be on display in *Playing for Scotland*. Our visitors can enjoy it amid many iconic artworks, brought together for the first time, which depict the nation's sports".

SKYE CELEBRATE Their Historic WIN OF 25 YEARS AGO!

Skye Camanachd celebrated the 25th anniversary (yes, that's a quarter of a century!) of their 1990 Camanachd Cup win with a series of events at the Skye Camanachd Clubhouse on Saturday 28 November 2015.

First up was a veterans' game on the Portree High School astro pitch. This brought together the 1990 squad, managed by

Ross Cowie, and they took on a team of former Skye Camanachd players who have played for the club over the years. The 1990 team ran out 3-0 winners with Peter Gordon scoring twice and Willie Cowie also on target. The Match Referee was Donald "Donji" MacLeod.

After the shinty there were refreshments and lots of reminiscing at the Skye Camanachd Clubhouse. This was followed by a meal and social evening for the players and other invited guests including loyal followers of the club from the 1990-era right up to the present day. To add to the occasion, Lovat Shinty Club kindly let Skye have the Camanachd Cup for the weekend. The job of delivering the famous trophy to Skye, and returning it to Balgait at the end of the evening, was entrusted to former Skye Camanachd player and retired Police Chief Inspector Andy MacLean. ...he did not leave it in Somerled Square overnight.

All those taking part donated to a raffle and auction which raised a healthy sum.



Pictured (back row, left to right) are: John 'Bodach' MacKenzie, Ally MacLean, Donnie 'Digg' MacDonald, Duncan MacDougall, Willie Cowie, Ewen 'Crossal' MacKinnon, John MacRae, John Angus Gillies, Ross Cowie (manager), John MacKenzie (kit man). Front, Willie MacRae, Ally 'Stenscholl' MacDonald, Calum Murchison, Caley MacLean (captain), John 'Slippy' Finlayson, Willie MacKinnon, Peter Gordon and Ally Grant (who played during the 1990 campaign but not in the cup final)

Photo courtesy of Willie Urquhart and Angie Murchison.

Alba a' tighinn am bàrr aig Iomain Cholmcille 8 ann an Dùn nan Gall



Thog Alba, sgioba iomain na Gàidhlig Còrn Cholmcille airson a' chiad uair bho 2010 agus airson a' chiad uair ann an Èirinn riamh, an dèidh geam iongantach an aghaidh Fir Uladh aig Iomain Cholmcille.

Chaidh an co-fharpais iomain-camanachd air adhart ann Gaoth Dobhair airson a' chiad uair agus bha na geamannan air fad aig na goireasan eireachdail ann an Machair Gathlán.

Rinn na h-Albannaich ullachadh math airson a' chuairt dheireannach le buaidh an aghaidh sgioba ùr don fharpais, Na Gaeil Óga à Baile Atha Cliath.

Fhuair Mark Friseal agus Anndra Grace tadhal le puingeann a' tighinn o Phòl Duke, Eòghainn Caimbeul agus Eòghan Stiùbhart, agus bhuail Stiùbhart am post cuideachd. Chluich Sarah-Jane Fheargastan eadar na puist sa gheam seo agus rinn i glè mhath. Chrìochnaich an geam goirid seo 2-6 (12) gu 1-1 (4) ann am fabhar na h-Alba.

Na bu thràithe, bha Na Gaeil Óga air call gu dubh an aghaidh Fir Uladh, an sgioba a bhuinnig ann an Glaschu an-uiridh agus bha dùbhlán fada nu bu dhorra gu bhith aig na h-Albannaich.

Thòisich na h-Albannaich le puingeann bho Eòghainn Caimbeul ach an uairsin eadar na puist chuir Malachai Mac Cearain tadhal seachad air Stiùbhart a bha air gluasad a bhith eadar na puist ach thàinig na h-Albannaich air ais gu làidir leis a' Chaimbeulach a' cur thairis bhuillean iongantach bho astar. Fhuair Iain MacNeacail tadhal agus fhuair Mark Friseal fear cuideachd.

Ràinig e leth-ùine agus bha Alba air thòiseach le dà phuing 11 gu 9. Chuir an Caimbeulach an ceap air cluich air leth nuair a chaidh buille saor seachad air Frankie O Ceallaigh aig Fir Uladh. Bha O Ceallaigh glè mhath air feadh a' gheam a' briseadh cridhean na h-Alba iomadh uair ach fhuair Alba am beat air an turas seo airson a dhol còig puingeann air thòiseach.

Cha robh Fir Uladh a' call an dòchais, bhris na h-Èirinnich air falbh agus fhuair Oisín Mac Bhiocaire don bhall air thòiseach air Stiùbhart airson am bearn a gheàrradh gu dà phuing.

Fhreagair Alba le bhith a' cumail nam puingeann a' dol thar a' mhaide-tarsainn agus bha iad a' coimhead ann an deagh thrum a-rithist. Ach an uairsin, chaill iad tadhal mì-fhortanach, ball àrd a-steach a bhuail Alex Dunning air a' chlogad agus sgìathalaich e seachad air Stiùbhart. Gu dearbh mì-fhortanach airson Dunning gu h-àraidh oir bha geam air leth aig a' chluicheadair Rovers Taobh na Locha, am bualadh fada aige a' faighinn moladh mòr on luchd-amhairc.

Thug an tadhal sin spionnadh do dh'Fhir Uladh agus fhuair Mac Bhiocaire an tadhal as fheàrr aig na h-Èirinnich, a' faighinn air falbh o Dhòneil MacLeòid airson a' chiad uair agus bha e a' feitheamh air ball o Mhalachai Mac Cearain aig a' phost-chùil airson buille aotrom a chur dhan lìon. Bha na h-Èirinnich air thòiseach airson a' chiad uair le puing agus bha crìoch a' gheam a' teannadh dlùth, mus do dh'èirich Iain MacNeacail uair eile agus thug e an car às an loidhne-dion aig Ulaidh agus chuir e am ball seachad air O Ceallaigh.

Ged a chluich an reitire ùine mhòr de dh'àm-lèon, chluich na h-Albannaich gu daingeann le Niall Iain Caimbeul agus Pòl Duke a' cur a-steach mòran obrach airson cothrom sam bith dha na h-Èireannaich a smàladh.

Rinn Alba toileachas mòr le bhith a' dèanamh eachdraidh agus bha Eòghainn Caimbeul airidh air duais mar shàr-chluicheadair na h-Alba, le O Ceallaigh a' faighinn duais na h-Èireann.

Chaidh geam bhoireannach a chluich airson a' chiad uair riamh cuideachd. Cha robh cùisean idir cho faisg eadar sgioba òg na h-Alba agus Mná Uladh ach bha an sgioba anns an robh seachdnar chluicheadairean bho Ard nam Murchan toilichte tadhal a chur tro Ashleigh Fhriseal às a' Ghearasdan airson sgòr deireannach de 27-3. Le beagan eòlais a bharrachd, dh'fhaodadh an gèam air bhith beagan na b'fhaisge agus 's e deagh thòiseach-toiseachaidh a bha ann airson a' cho-fharpais gun robh pàirt mhòr aig na boireannaich sa chùis.

Bha sluagh mòr aig an latha air fad agus bha e soirbheachail airson an dà amas aig an iomairt: a bhith a' brosnachadh cheanglaichean eadar Gàidheil ann an Alba is Èirinn agus cleachdadh na Gàidhlig a-measg chluicheadairean Camanachd. A-rithist, chaidh taic a thoirt dhan cho-fharpais le Colmcille agus thathar an dòchas gun cum e a' dol o neart gu neart anns na bliadhnaichean ri teachd.

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Developing a culture of Positive Coaching

The Camanachd Association continues to work with a range of partners, including Member Clubs and Associations, sportsotland, sportscoachUK, Scottish Qualification Authority (SQA), Skill Development Scotland and Local Authorities, to support the recruitment and development of coaches at all levels throughout the sport. All activity is based around the Association's annual Coaching Action Plan and guided by the Strategic Plan for Shinty 2015 – 2017.

Ten Foundation coaching courses were held in 2015 reaching in excess of 90 coaches. This is in line with previous years and exceeds the target figure of 80. It is important to note that the vast majority of coaches qualified in 2015 have again taken up a coaching position with a local school or club and are directly contributing towards the further development of our sport. Our United Kingdom Coaching Certificate (UKCC) accredited Level 1 & Level 2 courses continued to be promoted to relevant coaches in 2015. The UKCC endorsement provides a guarantee that Camanachd Association coaching courses are at least on par with any other sport in the UK. The resource materials have been well received and were highly commended by sportscoachUK and SQA.

Three UKCC Level 1 Courses were delivered in 2015 to more than 30 candidates. The target set for the year was 30 candidates. One Level UKCC Level 2 course for eight candidates was delivered in January, with a second started in November for a further eight candidates. The target was to have a minimum of 16 coaches active at this level by the beginning of the 2016 season. The assistance of Clubs in encouraging their Coaches/Managers to be appropriately skilled and qualified is crucial.

In addition to the promotion and development of formal coaching courses the Association continues to

invite every Club to participate in the Club Coaching Initiative. The Initiative promotes the opportunity for clubs to meet with Camanachd Association staff to discuss their specific coaching needs and agree a tailored development plan.

A series of Continuous Personal Development (CPD) workshops was again promoted and delivered during 2015. Topics included Speed, Agility & Quickness for Shinty, Preparation for Competition plus a newly developed Fitness Training & Injury prevention workshop. The latter two workshops were run in partnership with the Woman's Camanachd Association National Squad and were well attended. A range of additional development workshops provided by other partners, e.g. First Aid and Child Protection, were also promoted throughout the year.

We were delighted to announce the inclusion of shinty on the www.igameplanner.com website. Coaches are now able to go online to develop and download a range shinty practices and session plans. The website will also be used as part of the Coach Education courses to assist coaches in gathering information for assessments. A series of new compilation videos were produced and uploaded to the Camanachd Coaching YouTube channel, these also included videos on rules of the game.

The Association continues to be extremely grateful for the support of 12 volunteer Coach Educators who support CA staff in the delivery of coach training packages across the county. Association staff and Coach Educators benefit from an ongoing programme of development opportunities provided by a range of national agencies, including sportsotland, to ensure they can deliver a high standard of training for all those involved in the sport.



More match officials crucial to development of shinty

As in recent years, the recruitment and development of match officials remains a critical issue and is identified as a priority concern for the sport in the current Strategic Plan for Shinty. Although some progress has been made, the Association recognises that the situation remains highly fragile and requires the proactive support of all Member Clubs and Associations to help increase and develop the number of officials regularly active within the game.

A total of 42 referees were allocated to senior games during 2015. However, only 28 were available on a regular basis throughout the season, a decrease from 31 regularly available in 2014. The grading of referees in 2015 was as follows: 11 Grade One, 12 Grade Two and 7 Grade Three. Five new or returning referees were introduced at senior level during

2015, plus a further 20 introduced at youth/university level. Six referees who had previously officiated in 2014 did not participate in 2015 due to injury or work/family commitments.



Willie MacDonald receives the Marine Harvest Emerging Referee Award
Photo courtesy of Neil G Paterson

Three officials went through Level 1 training, as part of the process for promotion to Grade 2, during the course of the year so far. One Development Workshop for Match Officials & Assessors was delivered during 2015 which covered Player & Conflict Management. Individual

training was also provided for the Referee Tutors who support CA staff in the delivery of courses and workshops.

In an attempt to promote further discussion and engagement between match officials the structure of six local area groups continues to be promoted. This initiative is being monitored and reviewed on an ongoing basis.



Deek Cameron collects the Johnny Ach MacRae Quaich for Referee of the Year from Alice MacRae
Photo courtesy of Neil G Paterson

The Match Officials Database collates information and feedback received weekly from each referee, plus that received from Match Assessors and clubs. This information is vital in the development of relevant training opportunities and the appointment of officials for Cup finals.

Two new Match Assessors were recruited for 2015 but unfortunately two existing Match Assessors were unable to officiate regularly. Increased regular returns from clubs would improve the accuracy of this information. In 2015 only 12 clubs (2 down on 2014) returned Club – Referee Report Forms. Our thanks go especially to Lovat Shinty Club (2 team club) who made 44 returns and Aberdeen University (1 team club) who made 12 returns. All referees receive an end of year report collated on the basis of information gathered throughout the season.

A promotional video is already available on the CA YouTube channel and further DVD clips were produced in 2015 to support referees, these include: kicks, players on the ground, one handed play, free hits, pushing, fouls and dangerous play. We encourage everyone interested in shinty to take a look at these clips in relation to the rules of the game.

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Recognising the importance of Equality



The Camanachd Association, was delighted to be awarded the Preliminary Level of the Equality Standard for Sport in July 2015. This followed the previous award of the Foundation level. The Standard is 'owned' by the five Sports Councils and aligned to the Equality Act 2010. The Standard provides a framework for assisting sports organisations to widen access and reduce inequalities in sport and physical activity from under represented individuals, groups and communities.

The Camanachd Association were complimented by sportscotland and Plan4Sport on the quality of the work and presentation made. Specifically highlighted were the creation of a strong Equality Action Plan which was clearly linked to the Association's effectively monitored Strategic Plan and the identification of priorities which

includes looking at the profile of the game for female's and specific geographical areas.

Alan Clark, *sportscotland Regional Development Manager*, said: "I would like to echo the very positive comments and congratulate the CA on the achievement of preliminary equality standard and the future work to embed equality with in clubs. Well done to all who contributed to this great success."

The Preliminary Level is about continuing to demonstrate our commitment to equality, being clear about what we need to do to achieve equality and understanding the issues and barriers faced by under-represented groups in sport. It includes having a robust equality action plan in place which all staff, volunteers and key stakeholders understand.

ABERCORN SCHOOL

Win Disability First Shinty Festival

Aviemore was the venue for the 15th annual Disability First Shinty Festival on Monday 24th August, which saw Abercorn School from Glasgow emerge as winners.

Schools in Inverness, Glasgow and North Ayrshire enjoyed coaching from qualified shinty coaches and games throughout the two-day event, culminating in a round-robin tournament with all teams playing each other home and away and the top 4 teams making it through to the semi-finals.

The first semi-final saw Abercorn take on James Reid, with Abercorn winning by four goals to one to book their place in their first final. Last year's winners, Stanecastle, took on record holders Drummond in the other semi, with Stanecastle edging a closely contested match by three goals to two in a game that could have gone either way.

The final lived up to all expectations with Abercorn School from Glasgow coming out on top by four goals to two against the holders Stanecastle in a pulsating encounter.

Festival organiser and Camanachd Association Regional Development Manager, Ronald Ross, said: "This is one of the most rewarding events

we hold annually as we are bringing together children who don't get many opportunities to compete in shinty. The event grows in popularity each year so I hope we build on this success in 2016."



2015 Marine Harvest National Shinty Awards

The 2015 Marine Harvest National Shinty Awards Winners were presented at an evening ceremony and dinner in the Drumossie Hotel, Inverness on Friday 23rd October. The awards were presented by Marine Harvest (Scotland) Ltd Business Support Manager, Steve Bracken.



Marine Harvest Coach of the Year
– **John MacRitchie, Lovat Shinty Club**



Marine Harvest Player of the Year
– **Grant Irvine, Kyles Athletic**



Marine Harvest Club of the Year
– **Skye Camanachd**

SENIOR COACH & PLAY ER AWARDS:



Marine Harvest Premiership
Coach of the Year – **Paul John MacKintosh, Newtonmore**
(award collected by Glen MacKintosh).



Marine Harvest National
Division Coach of the Year
– **John MacLeod, Skye**



Marine Harvest South Division
I Coach of the Year
– **Gareth Evans, Lochside Rovers**



Marine Harvest North Division
I Coach of the Year
– **Cammy MacDonald, Newtonmore**



Marine Harvest South Division
2 Coach of the Year
– **Jimmy Edgar, Col Glen**



Marine Harvest North Division
2 Coach of the Year
– **Davie Pringle, Skye**



Marine Harvest Premiership
Player of the Year
– **Glen MacKintosh, Newtonmore**



Marine Harvest National
Division Player of the Year
– **Jordan Murchison, Skye**



Marine Harvest South Division
I Player of the Year
– **Daniel Madej, Oban Celtic**



Marine Harvest North Division
I Player of the Year
– **Calum Stewart, Newtonmore**



Marine Harvest South Division
2 Player of the Year
– **Finlay Stark, Tayforth**
(award collected by Daniel Madej)



Marine Harvest North Division
2 Player of the Year – **Steven Cameron, Glengarry**
(award collected by Catherine Cameron)

VOLuNTEER AWARD: WOMENS CAMANACHD ASSOCIATION AWARDS:



William Paterson Silver Volunteer of the Year
– **Helen MacLennan, Glenurquhart**



WCA Marine Harvest Volunteer of the Year
– **Marion Gillies, Skye**



WCA Marine Harvest Development League Team of the Year
– **Fort William**



WCA Marine Harvest National Division 2 Team of the Year
– **Ardnamurchan**

WOMENS CAMANACHD ASSOCIATION AWARDS:



WCA Marine Harvest National Division 1 Team of the Year
– **Glasgow Mid Argyll**



WCA Marine Harvest Development League Player of the Year – **Hannah Johnson, Inverness**



WCA Marine Harvest National Division 2 Player of the Year
– **Morgan Redpath, Strathglass**



WCA Marine Harvest National Division 1 Player of the Year
– **Emma Gordon, Skye**

YOUTH AWARDS:



Marine Harvest Youth Coach of the Year – **Victor Smith & Ali Clark, Fort William**



Marine Harvest Under 14 Player of the Year – **Ryan Boyle, Fort William** (award collected by Victor Smith)



Marine Harvest Under 17 Player of the Year
– **Danny Kelly, Lovat**



Marine Harvest Under 21 Player of the Year – **Fraser Heath, Glenurquhart**

YOUTH AWARDS: REFEREE AWARDS:



Donella Crawford Award for Youth & Schools
– **Graeme MacDiarmid, Glasgow Kelvin**



The Johnny "Ach" MacRae Quaich Referee of the Year
– **Deek Cameron, Fort William**



Emerging Referee of the Year
– **Willie MacDonald, Fort William**

FAIRPLAY AWARDS:



Marine Harvest Fair Play Award Single-team Club
– **Lewis Camanachd**



Marine Harvest Fair Play Award Two-team Club
– **Kyles Athletic**

MEDIA AWARD:



Marine Harvest Media Award
– **The Press & Journal**

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Unique shinty exhibition delights at Hampden Park

A unique exhibition detailing shinty's past, present and future became part of the award-winning Scottish Football Museum at Hampden Park, Glasgow. The exhibition was organised by the Camanachd Association and the Scottish Football Museum. In a partnership celebrating the historic links between football and shinty, the stick and ball game was showcased for six months in "*An Tadhal: The Goal*".

An Tadhal was formally opened on Friday 16th October by Eileanan Siar (Western Isles) MP, Angus Brendan MacNeil, himself a former shinty player from his Glasgow University days. The opening ceremony was chaired by Robert Craig, Chairman of the SFA's Football Museum, who said "this exhibition is a first for the Football Museum in that all the objects have been drawn from collections out-with the museum. It is also the first, of what we hope, will be a series of exhibitions linking football to the wider world of sport in Scotland. The exhibition is a visible demonstration of the links being developed through the Sports Heritage Scotland Group."

Speaking on behalf of the Camanachd Association, former President, **Archie Robertson**, said: "This is something special for our sport. Shinty has a long, rich and proud history, and a bright and exciting future. This exhibition provides an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the sport, plus engage a new and wider audience. The Scottish Football Museum is an excellent facility and resource. We are extremely grateful for the opportunity to showcase shinty at Scotland's National Stadium and for the advice, expertise and support provided by the Museum's team."

The group which organised the display was led by shinty historian and broadcaster **Dr Hugh Dan MacLennan**. He said: "The opportunity to hold the exhibition in Hampden arose directly out of our partnership with Alzheimer Scotland and the hugely successful Shinty Memories Project.

Some of the exhibition will last for six months and some parts of it will be changed and rotated to allow us to show as much as we can of shinty's rich heritage. This is very much an experiment for everyone concerned and we will look to develop the model as and when we can."

The exhibition was supported by Bòrd na Gàidhlig, the national Gaelic development agency. Bòrd na Gàidhlig Head of Gaelic Usage, **Daibhidh Boag**, said: "In the National Gaelic Language Plan 2012-17, we recognise the importance of promoting the visibility and audibility of Gaelic as a unique part of Scotland's heritage. This exhibition offers an excellent opportunity to do just that and I'm sure that this will be an excellent showcase for both shinty and Gaelic within one of Scotland's most iconic sporting venues."





Sir Tommy MacPherson Trophy taken home to Newtonmore

The Badenoch derby match between Kingussie and Newtonmore at the Dell on the last day of July was a special occasion for both clubs, over and above the fact that it was a local derby.

The Friday evening event, in front of a live BBC ALBA audience, saw Newtonmore take the Marine Harvest Premiership points with a single goal victory against Kingussie and they also lifted the inaugural Sir Tommy Macpherson Memorial Trophy. The match also celebrated the 125th anniversary of the two most successful clubs in the game. The fact these clubs are both from Badenoch and come from communities only three miles apart and with populations numbering less than 1200 each makes this all the more remarkable.

In 1889 a Badenoch shinty team was raised to play Brae Lochaber in a challenge match. Following the interest in this game Badenoch Camanachd Club was formed in early 1890. Less than six weeks later, Badenoch Camanachd Club was disbanded without ever having played a match, as the Kingussie and Newtonmore men in the team could not agree. In the following weeks, at separate meetings in the two communities, Newtonmore and Kingussie Camanachd Clubs were formed and so would begin arguably one of the greatest rivalries in Scottish sport.



Lady Macpherson and family members present the Sir Tommy Macpherson Memorial Trophy to Cameron Binnie, Captain of Newtonmore.

Photo courtesy of Neil G Paterson

Fifty three Camanachd Cups and numerous MacTavish Cups, Macaulay Cups and League titles later the Kingussie and Newtonmore clubs, celebrated 125 years of happily (!?) living apart by playing the Friday night Premiership fixture as a 'double header'; not only were vital league points be at stake but also the inaugural Sir Tommy Macpherson Cup. Sir Tommy was an honorary Vice-president of Newtonmore Camanachd Club, Chieftain of the Clan Macpherson and had an outstanding military record in World War II. His family home was at Glentruim, near Newtonmore.

Young stars shine at 2015 National Shinty Development Camp

From Sunday 19th till Thursday 23rd July, over 60 of the country's brightest young shinty prospects descended on Strathallan School in Forgardenny, Perthshire for the SSE Scottish Hydro National Player Development Camp.

The players, aged between 14 and 17, were put through their paces under the guidance of shinty Development Manager, Ronald Ross MBE.

Each player had been nominated by their youth or senior Club to take part in the Camp, designed to offer the very best in the technical, tactical, physical and psychological aspects of the game.

Throughout the week, attendees received specialist training from Camanachd Association coaches based around techniques relating to hitting, dribbling, shooting and tackling. Former Scotland footballer Duncan Shearer, was on hand to pass on his sporting expertise to the budding shinty stars, and Jim Fleeting, the Director of Football Development at the Scottish Football Association gave an inspiring talk to all the players and coaches.

A number of awards were presented at the end of Thursday's session. The award winners were: Player of the Camp: Callum Grant (Kingussie); Most Improved Player:



Liam Symonds (Caberfeidh); Most Committed: Ryan Morrison (Skye Camanachd).

Camp organiser, Ronald Ross, commented: "The Scottish Hydro National Player Development Camp has once again proved a great success. Since its inception over 18 years ago, the camp has helped hundreds of young players from across the country to improve all aspects of their game from the technical to the physical elements of the sport. The camps are also a great way for the participants to meet other aspiring shinty players, forging ties and friendships throughout the sport."

REMEMBERING DONALD CAMPBELL

The 2015 Scotland Shinty Captain, John Barr, became the first recipient of the newly commissioned Donald Campbell Memorial Kilt Pin.

Donald Campbell was born at Kiltarlity in 1927 and played shinty, as his father and uncles did, first for the junior team at Glenconvinth School and then at Tomnacross School. He played for Lovat junior team and progressed to the senior team, playing in the 1953 era which saw Lovat Shinty Club sweep the boards by way of trophies.

Donald also served as Treasurer and Secretary of the Camanachd Association, whilst retaining a lifelong passion for shinty and for his team Lovat.



The hand-crafted silver kilt pin is donated in Donald's memory by his son Michael Campbell and is awarded to the Captain of Scotland's National Senior Squad.

STEADY STODDART...

In an exercise in unwarranted modesty, Captain Robert Stoddart reflects on his somewhat unique shinty-playing career which ended in 2015.

To 'quit while ahead' is generally accepted to mean to stop doing something whilst still successful. Unfortunately, after over 20 years' involvement with armed forces shinty, I bowed out with a defeat at the hands of Tayforth. To compound the disappointment I was playing in goal for SCOTS Camanachd.

My involvement with shinty in the armed forces was initially down to my position and administrative skills rather than any shinty skills. My shinty career in Portree High School consisted of one substitute appearance that was only notable for some decent shies which is probably the only shinty skill I still have, if I have any. It was no great shame being a substitute in the shinty team as many of them played for Skye when they won the Camanachd Cup.

When Fraser MacKenzie formed the first army shinty team he described me as having the potential to be a decent wing forward in a second team. Jim Innes' description of me at the Tayforth game as "a forward who scored the occasional goal" was probably more accurate. In addition to playing in goal and up front, I also played in defence but my strengths lay in administering the team. There are many challenges that face shinty teams on a daily and weekly basis but I am sure there are few club secretaries that have to write to every player's line manager, giving them at least six weeks' notice of a game and asking their permission for the player to be released from work to play. It is testament to the goodwill that is generated towards shinty in the armed forces and the commitment of our players that I never had to call off a game due to a lack of players.

Although in the early days of the club if it wasn't for the commitment of a small number of civilians, particularly Ronnie MacPherson, David Arnot, Neil Branigan and David Bowen, we would not have been able to muster a team.

The commitment of our players has never ceased to amaze me. With players regularly travelling from the South East of England to Edinburgh on a Friday night to play a match and complete the return journey after the post-match meal. Their commitment says a lot about the draw of playing shinty that can sometimes be lost in the noise. The support that the club gets from the Camanachd Association and shinty communities has also ensured that we have been able to field a team and complete our fixtures.

Support from the Camanachd Association was started by Alex McNaughton – a true gentleman – and has carried on to this day.

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Such is the support that clubs give us that in 21 years of being the club secretary only one club has ever rejected a proposed match date. We have also established close links with Strathglass Shinty Club, mainly through the Fraser and Bain families. The tragic loss of the extremely talented Scott Bain has resulted in the regular playing of a memorial match between the two clubs. The links between the two clubs have become stronger as I will be replaced as club secretary by Lieutenant Lawrie Wotherspoon of Strathglass Shinty club.

My time with the club has given me some wonderful sporting memories and memorable minibus journeys. On the sporting front, being able to sustain a team and win the Bullough Cup whilst based in Germany will always be special. As was playing the Irish Defence Force at shinty/hurling and the commemorative weekend in Skye. Having Hector MacKenzie and Ian Munro, both ex-Skye players, in our team brought home the strong military links that the Isle of Skye and Skye Camanachd retain to this day.

One of the key achievements was getting the British Forces Broadcasting Corporation to regularly broadcast the Camanachd Cup final across the world. The club has evolved over the last two decades and is now truly representative of the armed forces. The team now has a strong and talented RAF contingent with the experience and playing ability of Michael Cooper, John Morrison and Chris Munro helping to develop both the club and players.

The Royal Navy and Royal Marines are under-represented in the club but the army numbers are starting to pick up with Colin Irving being key to player recruitment and now taking on a lot of the administrative burden, not least doing the planning for our six-a-side team to travel to San Francisco!

The club has a squad of 20 players but there are now a large number of young players who are reducing the average age of the team, increasing the fitness and skill levels. The short-term future of the club is assured both on and off the pitch but player recruitment is key to the club's sustainability and longevity.

As I leave the Army, I would like to say that it has been a privilege to support armed forces shinty in its many guises and to meet so many people who are passionate about shinty and care about its future.

Robert Stoddart

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Festubert battle commemoration highlights impact on shinty communities

Photo courtesy of Paul Heywood and Skye Camanachd

On the centenary of the Battle of Festubert, one of the earliest and most appalling of all the battles in World War I, the impact on the shinty-playing communities of Skye, Kingussie and Beaulieu was marked in a special tribute in Portree during May.

“An Ionndrainn : Remembering Festubert” paid tribute to shinty’s war heroes in music, song, poetry and through dramatic visual presentation of events and individuals. The commemoration was a development of work previously staged over the last two years marking events in World War I, with a stellar cast drawn from the island and beyond.

Presented by shinty commentator and historian Dr Hugh Dan MacLennan, with musical direction by Gary Innes, the event was staged in Portree High School on the evening of May 15 and was a key component of a weekend’s events marking the centenary of the battle of Festubert. A packed hall in Portree was testimony to the impact the events of 100 years previously had on the island and the Highlands.

Hugh Dan said on the evening: “The Battle of Festubert saw nearly 20,000 men slaughtered in a ten-day period. It is our focus because it was one of the first great killing battles, which saw death on an industrial scale. Not only that, but its impact on Highland communities is beyond belief. Skye lost nearly 600 men in the First World War. Twenty-eight left Portree alone and only 8 came back alive. At least 60 men from Kingussie were killed in the Great War and half of them perished at Festubert. All this from a town with a population of 1,000 at the time.”

One of the most poignant moments of the show was when Duncan MacGillivray of Easter Ross played a set of bagpipes retrieved from the trenches at Festubert, with a tune called “The Beaulieu Shinty Club” composed by one of two Paterson brothers who perished there, having captained Beaulieu in the Camanachd Cup Final of 1913.

Former Scotland shinty captain Gary Innes of the group Mánran led the musical performance. Amongst the stellar list of guests were

Skye’s Arthur Cormack, Duncan MacGillivray from Easter Ross, Allan Henderson from Lochaber and singer Linda Macleod from North Uist. Iain Anderson of the BBC assisted with the narration, amongst others. Portree Primary School pupils made their own special contribution to the event and representatives of Scots Camanachd also took part.

The commemoration show was followed on Saturday 16 May with shinty at Pàirc nan Laoch involving Kingussie, Skye and the Scots Camanachd teams and on the Sunday there was a commemoration service in Somerled Square, Portree.





The spirit was willing...

Over £2,000 was raised by a group of shinty's former top players, numbering multiple Camanachd Cup winners and Internationalists, who came together in a special Veterans' Charity Challenge match at Caberfeidh on Saturday, June 6.

Alzheimer Scotland was the charity which benefitted from the sterling efforts of the veterans from Caberfeidh and throughout shinty's North area who proved that, despite their advanced years, they were still able to offer a decent challenge.

Star man on the field was the redoubtable Ian Bartlett of home team Caberfeidh who took the field at the remarkable age of 75. Match organiser Andrew MacMaster of Caberfeidh said: "We are delighted with the response from the local shinty community to our Veteran's match. The game was played in great spirits and no quarter was asked or given, as you would have expected from all the players on show. The Select showed their class knocking the ball about with ease, however, our own boys more than stuck to the task and we were unfortunate not to come away with a draw. There were a couple of aches, pains and strains during and after the match but fortunately we were no burden to the local NHS as had been highly anticipated. We must send a massive thank you to everyone involved in making the event such a success and for raising such a tremendous amount of money for such a worthwhile cause."

The Rest of the World Veterans' team was managed by shinty legend John Mackenzie of Newtonmore, who just happens to be Shinty's Ambassador for the Memories Shinty Club run by Alzheimer Scotland. His opposite number managing Caberfeidh was current Cabers' Vice-President Ian Maclean. The match resulted in a 2-1 win for the Rest of the World, with David Anderson of Kingussie and Iain "Darkie" Fraser of Kinlochshiel on the mark for the Select and Ian Bartlett of Caberfeidh and Russell Jones of Kingussie somehow combining to get the ball in the net for Cabers! Referee was the kenspeckle figure of John Henderson, who was for many years one of the game's top whistlers.

Shinty's governing body, the Camanachd Association, and Alzheimer Scotland are collaborating on several projects, which will see the sport's archives and other resources used to help people with



dementia. Memories Shinty Club, the first virtual shinty club (non-playing but very active in other ways!) has been established with its own Facebook and Twitter presence. Modelled on a previously trialled and very successful project involving football, the plan is to build sets of resources to be used to help people with dementia improve their recall, communication skills, self-esteem and confidence.



Tanera Camans return to the Highlands

A Highland shinty player brought the manufacture of Tanera Caman sticks back to Scotland in 2015. Alan MacPherson purchased the Tanera business from TS Hattersley and Son in Manchester and began making camans near Inverness in early Spring.

Tanera Camans was started by Billy MacLean in Fort William in the '80's, naming the operation after his house. Phillip Nolan and his son, Colin, then took over in the mid-1990s, later selling to the lacrosse stick-maker in Manchester in 2005.

The business was put up for sale in October of 2014, on the retirement of master craftsman, Thomas Beckett, after 50 years of service. Alan seized the opportunity to capitalise on his substantial research and prototype development of one-piece ash camans. He said: "I am grateful for the privilege of continuing the Tanera story and feel that this is the next step for me and it will complement my joinery business. I will make the existing design of Tanera sticks as well as further



developing my own for players who are looking for a lighter, bespoke caman."

Alan MacPherson can be contacted at alan@awmjoinery.co.uk or 07901 957045.

Edinburgh University Honours "Prince of Shinty Players"

Edinburgh University Shinty Club has launched an annual award for their Player of the Year and an annual shinty talk to mark the contribution to shinty of Dr Johnnie Cattanaich of Newtonmore.

The only shinty player in Scotland's Sporting Hall of Fame, John Cattanaich was a medical graduate of the University and killed in the First World War at Gallipoli in 1915. The award was announced by Professor Rob Dunbar of the Gaelic and Scots Department at the University's annual St Andrews Day celebration on Monday, November 30.

Lieut. Dr John Cattanaich, (1885-1915) doctor, soldier, shinty player of the highest order, and an outstanding all-round athlete, was born on 2 February 1885. The youngest of four children of William Cattanaich, merchant, Newtonmore, and Ann Cattanaich he was educated at Newtonmore and Kingussie Public Schools, George Watson's College and Edinburgh University, where he graduated in Arts (MA 1907) and Medicine (MChB 1912). His first medical appointment was in the Bangour Hospital and he also worked in England. Cattanaich served in the Royal Army Medical Corps, Warwickshire Regiment, enlisting shortly after the outbreak of war. He was made Lieutenant in 1914. He died in July 1915 from wounds sustained in the Dardanelles.

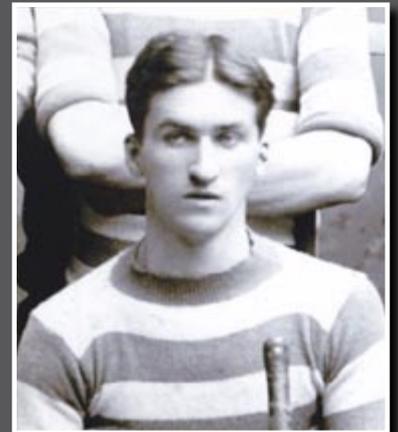
Dr Cattanaich was best known in his native Highlands as a shinty player, although his peerless ability won him fame throughout the shinty-playing area. He is still held by many to have been the finest exponent of shinty ever, a tower of strength to the Newtonmore team, which he captained in a victorious season during a vintage period. Natural ability, superb physique and a scientific approach to the playing of the ancient game left Cattanaich head and shoulders above many outstanding contemporaries.

He trained hour after hour, with the ball on his club, darting round larch trees, catching the ball on his caman before it touched the ground. On his way to play on the local field, the Eilan, he was said to run nearly a mile without letting the ball fall off his club.

His most spectacular individual performance was when playing for Newtonmore against

Furnace in shinty's premier event, the Camanachd Cup Final, at Glasgow in 1909. Newtonmore won 11-3. Dr Cattanaich scored eight goals, a Cup Final record, which still stands, hence his reputation as "the Prince of shinty players". Cattanaich was an accomplished all-round athlete, excelling at the long jump and on the track, and he was capped for his country at both hockey (while a member of the Carlton Club) and sprinting.

Dr Cattanaich is currently the only shinty player in Scotland's Sporting Hall of Fame. Edinburgh University Shinty club, with the support of the Academy of Sport and the School of Languages Literatures and Cultures, is honouring the memory of Dr Cattanaich as an alumnus of the University, a pre-eminent sportsman and World War I casualty, with a medal to be awarded annually to the University Shinty Club's Player of the Year in the calendar year from 2016; an annual talk/lecture on a shinty-related topic to be delivered in Gaelic with simultaneous translation or English, in alternative years.



In Memoriam

Shinty in 2015 appears to have been dealt several heavy blows across the playing community and amongst the ranks of supporters. Every effort has been made to include all those who have passed away, but it is inevitable and regrettable that one or two may have been missed due to the passage of time and pressures of space. It is one of the game's great imperatives that its past is not forgotten.

Ian 'Andy' Anderson, Kingussie

Kingussie Camanachd Club lost one of its greatest players and life-long club member and supporter when Andy Anderson passed away suddenly. He will be remembered throughout the shinty world as a legend of the sport and one of the most skilful shinty players ever to play the game, to play in every position from Goalkeeper to Full-forward. His style of play was characterised by always playing the ball with his stick rather than firstly stopping it with his feet or body, and with the quickest of swings he could score fantastic goals.

After winning the MacTavish Juvenile Cup in 1949 and 1950 he went on to secure his first second team success when he played in Kingussie's Strathdearn Cup winning side of 1951. In 1953 he made his First Team debut aged 18, and he remained in Kingussie First Team for a remarkable 27 seasons.

He captained Kingussie on two occasions, 1964 and 1973, and in both seasons he lifted the Macaulay Cup in Oban. His greatest day came when he played in the Camanachd Cup winning team of 1961, one of Kingussie Camanachd Club's most memorable victories. He also played in three other Camanachd Cup Finals.

During his last season in the first team in 1980, he played in goals and helped Kingussie to win Division 1, a notable success as his son Davie was also in the team. He was part of a legendary shinty family. His grandfather Jonathan Macdonald was a member of the 1921 Kingussie Camanachd Cup winning team.

Andy passed away on 27th April, 2015 aged 80 and he is survived by his wife Elsie, two sons Davie and Ian and grandchildren Jack, Ruaridh, Finlay and Rory.

Jack Asher, Glasgow

Any account of the life of Jack Asher is one of unparalleled commitment and devotion to shinty, his family and his profession as a teacher of history at Crookston Castle Secondary School in Glasgow.

Born in 1927, a native of the city, Jack was educated at Nethy Bridge Primary School and Grantown on Spey Secondary schools, before going on to Glasgow University.

It is for his outstanding service to refereeing that Jack will be remembered most by the shinty community, but he also served the game significantly as an administrator and was a huge supporter of the burgeoning women's game.

A member of the Glasgow Celtic Society for over 50 years, he was President of that august body for 20 years and Chief for the last 17 years.

He was a member of the Future of Shinty Committee in 1980 and also a founder member and Vice Chair of Camanachd Referees Association.

He refereed three Camanachd Cup Finals and all of this having lost an eye at the age of 12 the loss of a lung thereafter.

Jack was a great all-round sportsman and a Double Blue of his beloved Glasgow University, for Shinty and Judo. A staunch supporter of the University club, he was made Honorary President with a special testimonial match in 2008.

A founder member of Glasgow Kelvin, Jack was presented with the Marine Harvest Centenary Award in 1999.

The sympathy of the whole shinty community is extended to the family, sons Gordon and Richard and wife Liz. A minute's silence was held prior to the Glasgow Celtic Society Cup Final at Taynuilt as a mark of respect for his passing. Jack's funeral was held in Nethy Bridge.

Colin Edgar, Col Glen and Bute

After a long illness, Colin Edgar passed away on Sunday 20th December 2014. Colin played for many years for Col Glen Shinty Club as well as for Bute for a short period.

Colin's funeral service was held on Wednesday 30th December at Greenock Crematorium.

Dugie Forgive, Oban Celtic

Dugie Forgive member of the great Oban Celtic team of the fifties and sixties passed away on Saturday 24th January after a short illness. Dugie was captain of Celtic's Scottish Cup winning team in 1963. The sympathy of the shinty community is extended to the family of a man who played a significant part in the history of shinty in Oban. His funeral took place on Thursday 29th January at 1.00pm from Oban Parish Church, Glencruitten Road, Oban thereafter to Pennyfuir Cemetery.

Mrs Dolly Fraser, Glenurquhart

Mrs. Dolly Fraser, Shewglie, who passed away on Thursday 5th February 2015, was Vice-chieftain of Glen Urquhart Shinty Club and with her death at the age of 95 is lost a connection which goes back to 1948 and the rebirth of the ancient game in the Glen.

A keen and enthusiastic supporter of her beloved Glen, Dolly was a regular at every shinty occasion and her cheerful presence in the Blairbeg "stand" will be greatly missed by everyone connected with the club.

The thoughts of all the shinty community are with Callum, Ken and Ron and the rest of the Fraser family at this sad time.

Her funeral took place Friday 13th February at Urquhart & Glenmoriston Church of Scotland, Drumnadrochit.

Jamie Kerr, Oban

The shinty community was saddened and shocked in May by the death of Jamie Kerr in an accident on a barge that he skippered while working at Loch Spelve on the island of Mull.

Jamie did not waste any of his short life; he was hardworking and ambitious, putting all his energy into any project he undertook. He did not let any setback get him down and recovered from an accident on a motocross bike to compete again.

This accident interrupted his shinty career but he had returned to Oban Camanachd and Lochside Rovers. Jamie began his shinty career at Lochnell Primary School and progressed to success with Oban Camanachd at under 14 and under 17 level. He played for Lochside, winning the Bullough Cup and also South Division Two.

Jamie loved the sea and made his career working with boats. He had gained the respect of his colleagues and fellow seafarers. He leaves behind his father, John, and mother, Morag, who supported and encouraged him in all his endeavours; his brothers, John, with his partner Danielle and their son Jack, and Jordan and sisters, Amanda and her fiancé, David, and Ashleigh and his girlfriend, Toni MacIntyre. He also leaves behind a wider family and many friends, all of whom will truly miss him.

The funeral service took place at the Oban Parish Church, Glencruitten Road, Oban on Thursday 21st May thereafter to Pennyfuir Cemetery.

Mrs Gillian MacDonald, Beauly.

The village of Beauly was saddened to learn of the death of Gillian MacDonald who passed away in Raigmore Hospital on Sunday, January 4. Gill, who was just 51, was at the hub of a well-loved and respected family in the village. She immersed herself in family activities and energetically supported her children, Jack and Beth, in their various sporting pursuits. Her warm and friendly disposition endeared her to all who knew her and those visiting Braeview will have experienced at first hand the warmth of her welcome dispensing teas and coffees from the tea hut while simultaneously watching Jack's exploits on the pitch.

Born Gillian MacKay, from an early age shinty played a significant part in her life. Her father Jimmy was a well-known character in the village and a keen supporter of the club and her late brother Trevor also established himself in the senior side.

Gill's death came just two days after her son Jack had scored a crucial goal for Beauly in their 2015 Lovat Cup triumph. Her efforts were recognised when she was a popular and fitting winner of the Jock MacKenzie Unsung Hero Award.

Her passing has been keenly felt and the sincere condolences of all in the Beauly club are extended to Ellie, Jack and Beth and the MacDonald and MacKay Families.

Gillian's funeral service took place at the Church of Scotland, Croyard Road. She was laid to rest in Kilmorack cemetery.

Willie MacDonald, Ballachulish, 1932 – 2015 (83)

Having married into a legendary Ballachulish shinty family in the mid-1950s, it was inevitable that Willie MacDonald would become immersed

in shinty. He went on to serve the game to an extraordinary degree locally and nationally. Born and brought up in Ardgour opposite Fort William, young William went to the local Primary School before moving on to the "old" Fort William Secondary School across Loch Eil. In the mid-fifties he met and married Margaret Lawrie, a niece of the legendary "Seedy" Lawrie of Ballachulish. In Park Road his lifetime of community service to the village began, serving for fully half a century on the Jubilee Parks Committee and in virtually all the administrative positions of the shinty club until his passing. He latterly looked after the new clubhouse facility.

Willie served on the CA Disciplinary Committee for over 40 years and continued as a Referees' Assessor, guiding younger officials and monitoring others. He also served on numerous man of the match selection panels at Cup Finals and was involved in choosing officials for cup finals and major matches.

Willie's lifetime achievement to shinty was recognised in 2011 when received the Marine Harvest Centenary Award. Willie was a quiet man who died peacefully in the Belford Hospital on July 5 after a relatively short illness. Pre-deceased by Margaret some two years before, Willie is survived by Willie Junior and a daughter Mary who have, between them, five grandchildren.

Lachie Macdougall (1930 – 2015), Glasgow.

Shinty in Glasgow lost one of its staunchest supports and long-term volunteers with the passing on May 7 of Lachie Macdougall. He was 85. Although born in Glasgow, he spent his early years in Kilfinnan, before the family returned to the city for his senior school years. Introduced to shinty in the Tighnabruaich area, Lachie followed the path of many Kyles boys before him and joined Glasgow Mid Argyll. Although he was unable to establish himself as a regular team player, nevertheless he gave unstinting support in off-field roles that helped the rise of the club to the top rank in South shinty. His proudest moment came in 1973 when, as club President, Glasgow Mid Argyll defeated Kingussie in the Camanachd Cup final. As a serving police officer, Lachie was closely involved in setting up the Glasgow Police shinty club in the mid-sixties. Lachie continued to attend GMA home matches until just before his death. A long-standing director of the Glasgow Celtic Society, he latterly held the office of Vice-President. The funeral was held on Friday, 22nd May at Linn Crematorium.

Iain "Teak" MacIntyre, Oban Camanachd & Glasgow Mid Argyll

Iain MacIntyre, of Inveraray, formerly of Oban Camanachd and Glasgow Mid Argyll clubs, died in August after a long illness.

Iain was one of the many top class shinty players produced in Oban in the post-war era. He was a member of the Oban Camanachd teams which were beaten finalists in the Camanachd Cup finals of 1952 and 1958. When he moved to Glasgow, his skills and experience were key factors in Glasgow Mid Argyll's first Celtic Cup final win over Kyles Athletic in 1964. After hanging up his caman, Iain continued to serve the club as team manager. His proudest moment came when he guided his team to victory over Newtonmore in the Frew Cup at Perth just one week after the star-studded Badenoch side had defeated Kyles Athletic 7-1 in the 1971 Camanachd Cup final.

Iain was also a noted referee in the 1980s and 1990s and also contributed to the game in his role as a referee co-ordinator. He was a great character who will be widely missed.

The funeral service took place at St Paul's Church, Strathblane Road, Milngavie and the cremation followed at Maryhill Crematorium on Wednesday 26th August.

Ernie Macpherson, Inveraray and Strachur

The condolences of everyone in the shinty community go to the family of 'Big Ernie' MacPherson, who passed away peacefully at home on the morning of January 7. Ernie was, simply, a great shinty man, a gentleman and former Inveraray and Strachur captain. He famously played in the 1983 Camanachd Cup Final for Strachur in their strip, but with an Inveraray shirt underneath. The late Donald MacKay memorably capture an image of Ernie with Scott Turner of Kyles clambering all over him in the Cup Final at Fort William, when Strachur came so very close to pulling off one of the greatest wins ever. It is a great picture capturing the commitment of both players to the game and their teams. The opening of the year marked a sad time for the Macpherson clan and their extended shinty family but the enduring images, memories and the stories about Ernie may soften the blow in some way.

Ernie's funeral took place on Friday 16th January in Kilmorich Parish Church, Cairndow.

Kenny "Duchan" MacPherson, Portree

The funeral service for former Skye Camanachd player, committee member and shinty referee Kenny "Duchan" MacPherson, Portree took place at the Church of Scotland, Portree on Saturday 14 February 2015. Kenny was a member of one of the families best known in shinty circles in Skye and was a totally committed player and supporter of the island side. He also spent a considerable number of years officiating at shinty matches far and wide.

Kenny's funeral service was held in the Church of Scotland, Portree with the interment at Portree Cemetery thereafter.

DAVID "DAVIE" MORRISON Caberfeidh and Lovat

It is with great sadness that we record the passing, on Saturday 11th July, of Davie Morrison, ex-Caberfeidh and Lovat, at Fodderty House Care Home, Strathpeffer.

Davie was born in Nigg with the family later moving to the Kiltarlity area and while there he played shinty for Lovat 2nd Team. After completing his National Service and his marriage to his wife, Betty, in the mid 1950s, he became resident in the Strathpeffer area. Davie and Betty had a family of five, Betsy, Margaret Ann, Kate, David and Malcolm. On his arrival in the Strathpeffer area, Davie played shinty for many years throughout the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s for the 1st Team. As well as playing shinty Davie was an accomplished golfer being a long-time member of Strathpeffer Spa Golf Club.

Davie was also proud of the contribution made to the game by his two sons, David and Malcolm, sons-in-law Mike and Ian, and four grandsons, Ian, Kevin, Craig and Blair, who all played, or still play, for Caberfeidh, with Kevin also playing for Lovat.

Davie was pre-deceased by his wife, Betty, in 2013. , will be very much missed by the Shinty World, as well as by his family, and our sympathy is extended to them at this time of sad loss.

Davie's funeral was held on Saturday 18th July in Fodderty and Strathpeffer Parish Church, thereafter to Fodderty Cemetery, Strathpeffer.

John Morrison, Lochaber Camanachd

John Morrison was one of Lochaber Camanachd Club's greatest volunteers and supporter from years gone by. John was father of shinty player and club legend Angus Morrison, step-father of Duncan Kelly and Grandfather to John and Conner Sweeney. Husband to the late Mary Morrison who was his long-term companion on the Spean bridge touchline, John along, with others, was the back-bone of LCC in the late 70s and 80s, from acting as secretary, committee member, team manager, fund raiser, and one of the guys who was always there for the club and the teams. He led the Lochaber team that won the Aviemore sixes in 1986 for the third time in the mid 80s. Lochaber went on that same year under the guidance of John and others to win the Balliemore cup final. John will be sadly missed but never forgotten at the club.

The funeral was held on the 24th of December at Kilmonivaig Parish church, Spean Bridge.

Mavis Nicolson, Portree

Everyone at Skye Camanachd, and the wider island community, was saddened to hear of the passing of Mavis Nicolson, Portree. Mavis was married to the late John "the Caley" Nicolson for 65 years. Skye Camanachd stalwart John passed away on 24 October 2013.

The condolences from everyone at Skye Camanachd go to daughters Pauline Ann, Jemima, Dorothy and the extended family.

Mavis Nicolson's funeral took place at the Church of Scotland, Portree on Wednesday 22 April 2015, with the interment at Portree Cemetery thereafter.

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