

# East Fife Sports Council Newsletter Issue 2 2017

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## EFSC Dates for your Summer & Autumn Diary 2017:

- Wed 3rd May 2017—Annual Awards Ceremony Gateway Building, St.Andrews. 7.00pm
- Thurs 1st June 2017—Executive Committee Meeting. Duffus Park Bowling Club. 7.00pm.
- Sat 17th June 2017—East Neuk Sports Hub Open Day. Waid Academy. 10.00am.
- Wed 13th September 2017—EFSC AGM. Duffus Park Bowling Club. 6.30pm.

## Invitation to participate in the EFSC Sports Quiz Night 2017

Following the success of last years Quiz Night the membership are invited to again test their sporting and general knowledge skills at this years Quiz Night extravaganza. This event is taking place at Barnetts Park Langlands Road St Andrews; the home of St Andrews United AFC. Clubs may register as many teams of 3 to 5 contestants as they wish. Cost to the individual is £3. Generous team prizes are on offer together with the annual trophy. A good social gathering is forecast with complimentary refreshments to

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to the Autumn 2017 edition of the newsletter. This edition will be giving you information about some of the things that have been going on within our area as well as events due to take place.

There are lots of photographs and information from our very successful Awards Ceremony . I am pleased to report that the number of nominees is increasing each year to an amazing 45 this year. This helps to make the awards ceremony a truly special occasion for all concerned. Unfortunately, the greater numbers means that we have outgrown the Gateway Centre. For next year we are exploring the opportunity to have the awards ceremony in the Younger Hall, North St. St Andrews.

For the autumn we are planning two events. The first is a Hall Training Workshop. As the workshops covers Health & Safety and Food Regulations this would be of particular interest for those clubs who use their own property. The second event is the annual Quiz. This



follows on from last years' quiz which proved to be a great success. Earlier this month the Secretary and I attended the SALSC annual seminar which was held in Perth. We attended a number of really interesting workshops. We feel that some of these would be helpful to you and we are looking at the possibility of bringing some of these events to our member clubs. In the meantime I hope you have a great autumn.

## DUFFUS PARK JUNIOR BOWLERS SUCCESS AT NATIONAL FINALS 2017



The Chair congratulates Junior Bowlers Evans Hodgkinson and Niall McCorquodale on qualifying for the National Finals in Ayr and winning 3 of their 5 matches. Assistance towards their travelling expenses was requested and duly granted from the East Fife Sports Council.





# Fife OLYMPIAD



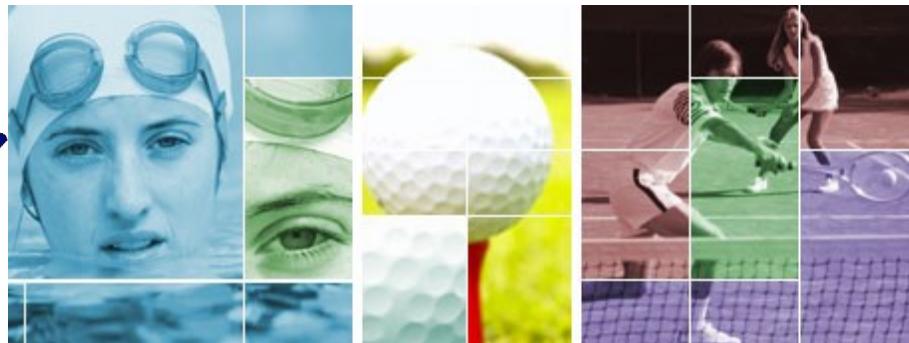
Team Fife have just returned from Böblingen after a very successful time at the 15th Olympiad. Böblingen were the hosts for the Youth Olympiad at the beginning of the third cycle of this triennial event that started in Germany in 1978.

This Twin Town Olympiad movement was created to give young people the opportunity to experience new cultures and make friends whilst competing in sport against their peers from other towns and backgrounds.

All of the Fife team supported these core values and in the process won 37 gold, 39 silver and 40 bronze medals over the three days of competition in 10 different sports.

This was a huge success for the team but they also won the overall "Fair Play" trophy. This was only the second time that this has been awarded to the team in the Olympiad's history. It was due to the conduct, behaviour and approach of the team and coaches during and





## Profile on AM SOCCER

AM Soccer Club is a highly respected community football club that has an unrivalled reputation for developing young players. AM Soccer have Legacy level status with the SFA, the highest award available for clubs in Scotland; with players participating from 3 – 50+ years of age.

They offer a pathway from Fun 4s & Super 5s to 7-a-side for 10,11 and 12 year olds before the provision for 13 to 16 year olds at 11-a-side. Beyond that AMS has an amateur and 2nd team; ensuring young players can stay with the organisation throughout the early parts of their lives.

Since it was established in 2006 by former professional and UEFA licenced coach, Austin McPhee (now Assistant Manager at Heart of Midlothian and N. Ireland.

AMS has won plaudits the world over for its innovative approach to the beautiful game. Over 500 players attend classes every week utilising a unique player development programme which focuses on improving technical ability and game awareness. At AM Soccer weekly coaching for girls and boys is offered with team football from U.9s to Amateur level, as well as foreign travel opportunities, professional trials and scholarships in the USA.

Three of AMS's most promising students became the first Scots in more than two decades to receive an invitation to train with Spanish giants FC Barcelona. Another fifteen have been snapped up by Dundee United FC and now attend their nationally renowned youth academy.

So what is the secret to our success ? Simple.



We care passionately about maximising young footballers' technique and that means developing their touch, intelligence and speed rather than worrying about their ability to out-run and out-muscle their opponents. Come and see what we have to offer.

### FORRET CURLING CLUB

#### PREPARE FOR THE COMING SEASON

Forret Curling Club begin their season on Sat 23rd Sep with a Bonspiel taking place at Kinross Curling Rink. This busy club maintains a presence in 4 regional leagues and has a further 3 internal leagues. A further 15 friendly matches take place annually with other Fife Curling Clubs.



If you fancy 'throwing a stone' make contact with the Sec. Graeme Russell.  
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### FALKLAND TENNIS CLUB

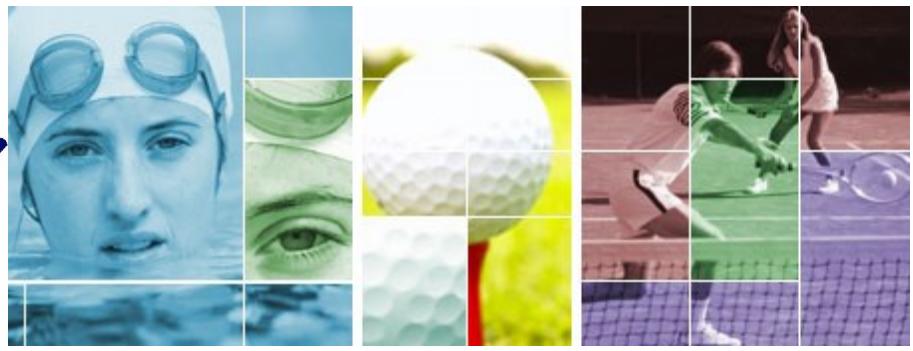
#### CELEBRATE FIFE AWARD AT FINALS DAY

On Sat 2nd Sep Falkland Tennis Club celebrated their season with a Finals Day to reward on court achievements. Kabir Dillon, Sandy Kinneear, Euan Sheach, Ryan Hetherington & Hamish Barr won junior events. Graeme Nicholson and Wilma Catignani were victorious in the gents and ladies singles respectively.



Michael Kavanagh, Sports Development Officer for Fife Council, presents the coveted Club Fife Activity Award to Liz Mc Cubbin





## 2017 AWARDS CEREMONY

The 2017 Awards Ceremony took place in the Gateway Centre, St Andrews on Wed 3rd May and was a large gathering with over 45 nominees for awards and 180 guests in attendance. The evening started with the traditional buffet supper and Chair, Rona McCraw, welcomed everyone at the start of proceedings. The MC for the event was Richard Brickley MBE and he skilfully guided the programme through 15 categories of awards and other evening entertainment.

The event project this year consisted of a Schools Sports Film produced by the pupils of local secondary schools. It proved an interesting and

entertaining insight to school sporting activities.

After the main awards finished the Guest Speaker, Austin McPhee, gave a fascinating insight to his career in football and the aims and workings of AM Soccer. He went on to give inspirational advice to all young athletes, sports men and women with regard to participation and dedication to whatever endeavour they sought to achieve.

Councillor Margaret Kennedy concluded the evening by kindly giving a vote of thanks to all sponsors, prize-givers and everyone else who helped at or took part in this highly successful and entertaining evening,

Photos by Dave Smith of Links Media



Stephi Pratt of Pagan Osborne presenting Junior Awards to Anna Hedley, Colin McKie and Lyle Robertson



Liz Waugh of Kettle Produce presenting awards for the Athlete with a Disability to Michael Simpson, Oliver Carter & Sam Fernando



Lt Col Coombes SCOTS DG presents Achiever of the Year awards to Millie Smith, Lyle Robertson and Kathryn Walmsley



Graham Lindsay of Forret Curling Club receiving the Masters Award from Ken Crighton



Austin McPhee of AM Soccer delivers Keynote Speech

Smiling Madras College helpers for the Awards Ceremony all so critical to the smooth running of the night

