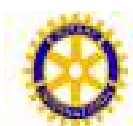


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President Jim's Conference Report

Friday at 12 noon I arrived with Betty in Aviemore and booked in. The district council meeting was started on time and finished on time. If I had travelled to take part in the meeting and nothing else I would have been totally disappointed. Arrived at our chalet and met in with Linda and David, unpacked and settled into our first bottle of wine, had a few more until Dennis and Edwina arrived to help us with the next bottle. We then got ourselves changed for the evening programme but first we had a chalet-full of guests, as every one of the Banchory lot appeared for pre evening drinks.

The meal was in the main hall where we were seated at different tables, then it was back to the chalet for a debrief on the evening's activities.

The main part of the conference on the Saturday morning went well, with good speakers. After lunch time off to do your own thing. We met up at 6.30 for pre-dance drinks, the chalet across must have wondered what was going on. After a superb meal and dance, we returned to base camp for more drinks. These conferences are hard going! Sunday, up watered and fed and off to the final session, which was brilliant, with a selection of great speakers. The absolute climax was of course PP Stewart receiving a District Governor's citation. He has worked so hard for this and it was a fitting end to a great weekend. Edwina will of course be looking for the same support next year, but on behalf of Betty and myself, we would like to thank everyone who did come and by gum we did enjoy ourselves!

President Jim

Conference Photo Gallery



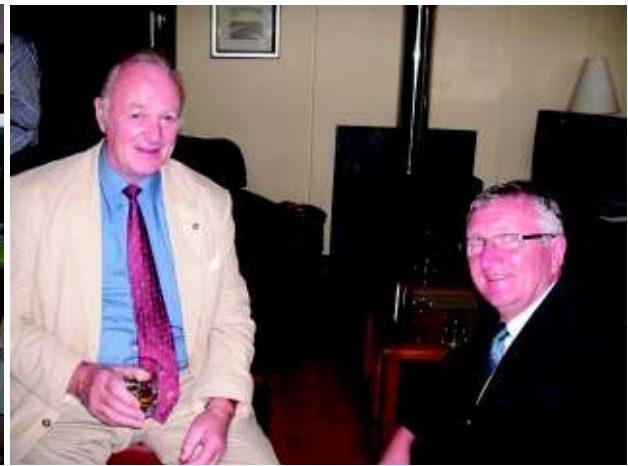
Dorothy and Ryan deep in conversation



A quiet moment for President-Elect Edwina



The Banchory ladies – looking swell!



Leonard and Raymond in relaxed mood



Stewart photographed with Bill MacFarlane Smith after the presentation of his District Governor's Citation

A Rotary Bell for Central Buchan

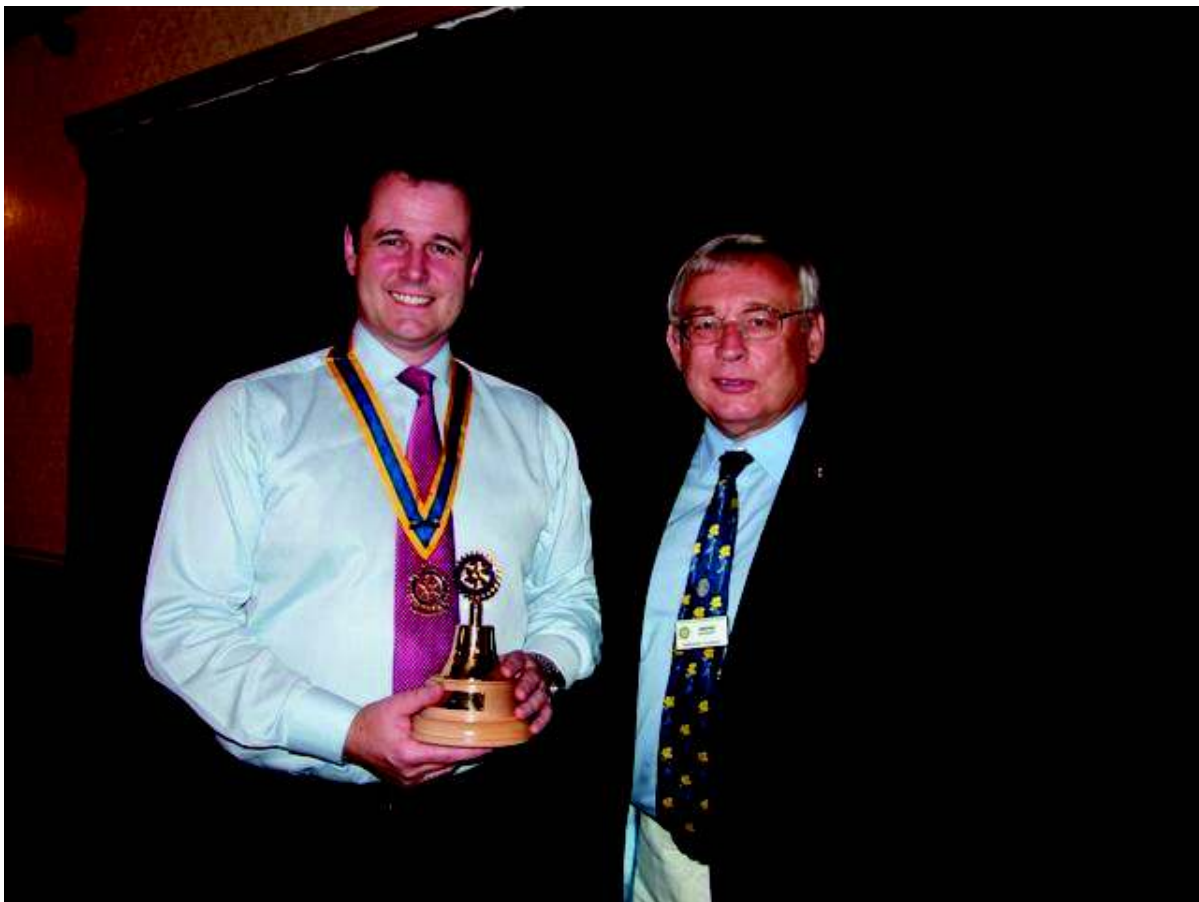
On Wednesday 9th September, Treasurer Raymond, VP Ryan and PP Eddie Gillanders and I paid a most enjoyable visit to the newest Rotary club in our District, namely Central Buchan. It was a lengthy drive to the BanCar Hotel, Lonmay, where they hold their evening meeting, but well worth the effort. Although just formed they have 22 members, with a new member about to join.

We had been sent a menu by email and made our selection in advance. This method has been adopted as all their members are on email and the hotel can plan ahead. Nevertheless the system has its problems because when the meals were brought in, Raymond did not get what he had ordered. We could only assume someone had either forgotten what they had chosen or had changed their mind!

We were made most welcome and listened to an interesting address by a reporter from the local newspaper, the Buchan Observer, which we were told is known locally as the Buchanie. This prides itself on having an increasing circulation and helps in fostering community spirit, in an area of mostly small towns and villages.

However the main reason for our visit was to present the club with the gift promised at their Charter Dinner in June this year. President Donald Taylor was most grateful and thanked our club for its generosity in providing such a splendid Rotary bell.

PP David M



IPP David presents the Rotary Bell gifted by our Club to Central Buchan President, Donald Taylor

Past Times in our Club

25 Years Ago

Salmon Fishing was reported on by the then convener Ken Robinson.

The long drought has taken its toll; the fishing is just about at a standstill on the Dee and has been over the past month or more.

The usual run of grilse and sea trout we expect to see at the end of June and July did not make it this time due to the low water conditions.

The nets came off the river in August, so if the fine weather ends as it usually does with heavy rain for a day or two, we could still get a run of back end fish in September and end the season on a happier note.

20 Years Ago

We read that *Ian Hendry has been appointed Team Leader for the following year's GSE visit to New Zealand.*

Rotary is spreading - In 1989 some 762 new clubs were formed around the world. On 25 June 1989 the first Club in Eastern Europe since World War II was started in Budapest.

15 Years Ago

Two jokes from the October 1999 the very first edition of Ternan Times

They said it

"There are three kinds of accountants - those who can count and those who can't" Ken Murray in his recent job talk to the Club (Think about it!)

"What's the difference between a joiner and carpenter? A joiner works in wood. A carpenter paints cars!" Leonard McIntosh to the derisory groans of fellow Club members!

Stewart W

Club News in brief

- **Braemar Meet and Greet Team** had 39 visits from visiting Rotarians attending the annual Highland Games day on 5th September, while the Car Raffle sellers also had a most successful day raising a total of £902.....
- **TV's Hairy Bikers fed Rotarians** while on their visit to Aberdeenshire. A panel including PP Ian Paterson and Chris Engel, as well as Andy Bond, Tina Hammond and Lisa Ingram (Ian's daughter) were amongst those set the task of deciding which dish was the best of the dishes prepared by the Bikers and The Milton Restaurant chef. All the food looked very appetizing.....
- **The Deeside Photographic Competition 2009** attracted a large number of entries. The results are now progressing towards the publication of a Calendar of winning entries. See page 6 for full report. The photographs can be seen using the link on the Club website.....



Banchory Welcome for North Carolina Visitors

Club members gave a great welcome to the eleven members of the Rotary friendship exchange group from North Carolina in August. The group attended the weekly meeting of the Club, where they got to know members and gave interesting presentations on their families, customs and lifestyles in their state.

During their three night stay the programme of activities offered to our guests included visits to castles, fishing on the Dee, hill-walking on Lochnagar, Aboyne Games and the Tartan Day Parade in Aberdeen, before catching the evening ferry bound for the Northern Isles, to meet their next hosts the Rotary Club of Shetland.

Club members will recall the warmth and friendship which was shown by the visitors and Club members excelled in pulling together to make sure that their memories of Banchory-Ternan would be good ones.



President Jim with members of the Rotary friendship group from North Carolina, USA, during their visit to our Club

Successful Charity Golf Day at Inchmarlo

This years Charity Golf Competition was again played on the Lairds Course at Inchmarlo, on Sunday 23rd August 2009

34 teams were competing for the Rotary Club of Banchory – Ternan Trophy, together with other team and individual prizes.

While the weather had been poor in the run up to the competition and the forecast for the day was dreadful, the early morning course inspection by the Inchmarlo greenkeeping staff confirmed the Course was playable, and the tournament got underway at 8am. This was the 8th year of the competition and only once, in 2007, was it cancelled due to the weather.

In a closely fought competition the winners on the day were **Sterling Resources** with 131 Stableford points, **Salon 70** with 129 points were 2nd and **Royal Bank of Scotland** with 128 points were 3rd. Last years winners L & G Joinery's "C" team were 4th equal with Inverurie Apartments, A W Gordon Ltd and Raeburn Christie Clark & Wallace all on 123 points.

The individual prizes were won by :-

1st – with 40 points – **Shaun Duguid** from the Sterling Resources team and
2nd - with 39 points – **Gerry Mullins** from the Structural Steel Draughting Ltd team.

Nearest the Pin at the 8th was won by **Ross McDonald** (Aberdeen Property Leasing team),
Nearest the Pin at the 11th was won by **Jim McDougall** (W M Donald Ltd team) and the
Longest drive at the 14th was won by **Derek Reid** (AMEC team)

Our grateful thanks go to Colin Wilson and his staff at Inchmarlo Resort & Golf Club for allowing us the use of their 18 hole championship course, looking after our guests on the day and for providing a wonderful buffet, all of which helped us raise the magnificent sum of £6,750 which will be distributed to local charities and worthy causes over the next 12 months.

Geoff Wilkinson
Charity Golf Convener

Deeside Photographic Competition

Early in 2009 the Communications and PR committee looked at the possibility of running a photographic competition. The main aims were to create publicity for the club, to showcase both the local scenery and photographic talent and finally, to run the competition as an opportunity to publish a calendar towards the end of the year.

A website was created which explained the rules of the competition and invited on-line submission of digital images. Four classes of image were defined: The Best of Deeside, Flora and Fauna, Deeside at Work and Play and Seasons on Deeside. Any amateur photographer could enter up to 8 images. School pupil entries were free and adults were charged £3.00 for up to 8 images. Advertising in the Deeside Piper and on our club website called for entries and by close at the beginning of August over 100 photographs had been submitted. Although this was a smaller number than was originally anticipated, the quality of images was excellent.

The photos were judged by Ian Hendry and Chris Engel who selected 12 images, one for each month, for publication in the calendar. In order to include photos from all competitors, an array of smaller images was selected for the foot of each month. By mid August work began on producing the calendar layouts and we are on the point of having 500 calendars printed, for sale through local outlets and to club members.

Chris

Curling Report

The new season has started already with mixed fortunes for the team. First Chris was a member of the winning team at the opening Bonspiel, Len was 4th while Ian and Colin were also-rans. Congratulations to Chris who has won a prize at every opening Bonspiel he has taken part in so far.

Our first league game a week later, against Aberdeen 3, started with high hopes for the Banchory team. After winning the first three ends Banchory lost a vital four shots at the fourth end. The opposition then got their tails up and managed to sneak a single shot at every end thereafter, to comfortably win the game, which was a disappointing end to a promising start for Banchory.

Our next game is not until the 11 October so the team will have to re-learn how the ice is running and adopt some new tactics. Maybe a wee practice before then would not go amiss.

Fishing Report - 2009

The Rotary fishing competition got off to a slow start at the beginning of July, with no fish showing at Crathes. The weather, if you can remember that far back, was simply scorching and the river was very low so no fish were caught. Still Crathes is a beautiful beat and with the glorious sunshine we had a great couple of days and at least we all caught the sun, especially those who are a bit thin on top.

In mid July we moved on to the Lairds Cast but unfortunately again things were not quite right for catching fish. After several big thunderstorms further up the valley the level of the water rose and turned to a muddy brown on at least three of the 6 days, making the fish nervous and uninterested in taking the fly. However Colin did manage to catch a 4lb sea trout before the stormy weather started.

Then in August on to Banchory Fishings. Here on this fantastic beat things began to happen. On the first day a couple of fish were hooked but unfortunately not landed. Early on day 2 three fishers (who shall be nameless) attempted a rather crude method of snorkelling, probably to see if any fish were actually there, and had to get dried out before continuing. But things were to improve. In the afternoon David M caught a 5lb Grilse and Ian P managed to land two fish a 5lb grilse and a 6lb salmon the latter in a most unorthodox manner as his fishing reel fell apart during the excitement and he virtually had to hand line it the last few yards.

Finally day 3 and President Jim with a secret fly (he wouldn't tell us what it was!) hooked and landed a beautiful 12lb salmon to win the club's fishing trophy. A great finish to an exciting season, well done Jim.

Our gratitude and thanks go to Jamie Burnett, David Trenbath and Alistair Thomson for allowing us the privilege of fishing three superb beats, thus enabling us to hold our annual fishing competition. **Donations given at Banchory Fishings raised an amazing £1300 for Rotary Foundation, a 30% increase on last year.** Thanks to all the Rotarians and friends who participated and "tight lines" for next year.

Ian P

Thanks to all contributors of text and photographs