

TERNAN

TIMES



E Newsletter

In issue 17

October 2010

Message from President Edwina
Record Number of Rotarian Visitors at Braemar
Past Times in our Club
Visits to Overseas Clubs
Rotary Sport - Charity Golf Success
Rotary Sport - Fishing report
Jon Hammond Shooting for Scotland
Rotarians Out and About
PR Matters

Message from President Edwina

On July 7th I took up the office of president of Banchory Ternan Rotary Club. I had a hard act to follow as our past president Jim had done such a great job the previous year.

One of my first duties was to induct Peter Medley into the club; on doing so we then had our first married couple as members of the club.

We held our first major fundraising event on a gloriously sunny day at the end of August. The Inchmarlo Golf Challenge was a huge success with more teams taking part than ever before. We all had a great day and made plenty of money.

September 4th is a date I shall not forget in a hurry, my first grandchild was born; needless to say I did not make it to Braemar.

The welcoming committee there did a super job and welcomed people from 7 different countries. I believe whisky and champagne were both flowing.

I feel as though I am settling well into my new job. I have wonderful support and hope that things steadily improve as the year goes on.

President Edwina

Record Number of Rotarian Visitors at Braemar

Banchory Rotarians were kept very busy at the annual Meet and Greet stand at the Braemar Gathering on Saturday 4th September. The weather was good and it was one of the busiest days since we began attending in 2001. The team welcomed a record number of visitors from France, Louisiana, Australia, the Philippines, California, Greece and even Chile.

As always a photographic record is kept of the visitors as can be seen below.



Some Meet & Greet members enjoy a light breakfast



Members of Le Touquet, France, before presenting a bottle of champagne



Ron Roberts (RC Kingaroy, Queensland)



Pericles Tachiaos (RC Panaramoz, Thessalonika, Greece)



Oliver Wood (RC of Pueblo, Colorado)



Mrs Souza Chile, piper from Chile, Dr Francisco Souza RC of Santiago,

25 Years Ago

From the September 1985 News Sheet

What Makes Our Club Run?

The fuel that is needed to keep our Club running is inexpensive yet extremely high grade, and the mileage that we get from it is measured not on some small dial but in the face of our community. It is not our annual subscriptions which keep our Club going but Club Service fuel. Put some in and watch us go!

20 Years Ago

From the October 1990 Club Banter

The President for 1990/91 Ian Hendry wrote as follows:

This Fragile Earth

Almost daily we are made aware of the ever increasing number of environmental issues which confront our global society. As Rotarians we can and should be prepared to take action to ensure the creation of a better world for the future of our children and grandchildren.

The theme of tackling global overpopulation addressed by the Fragile Earth project is very appropriate in this year when RI President Paulo Costa is asking all Rotarians to help Preserve Planet Earth. Every Club has been asked to mobilize communities and members to carry out environmentally conscious projects at both local and international levels.

We, as Rotarians, with our talents for organisation, planning and our large number of contacts, can do much to lead the way in increasing public awareness of the importance of preserving the planet.

15 Years Ago

In July 1995 David Holmes took on the mantle of District Governor. This was the second time that our Club had produced a DG - the first was in 1986/7 when Ian Geekie held the post. Those of you who were at David's Conference held in Aviemore in September 1995 will never forget the Sergeant at Arms Phil Taylor leading the top table guests into the room on the first night of the Conference and the second night was not much better.

He wrote as follows about the occasion.

With some 18 months planning behind us, nothing could go wrong at this Conference! Then, bingo, on opening night we get a guy who doesn't know his left from his right - Drill Sergeant's nightmare. Oh yes, I hear all this about how it broke the ice, but it darned near broke my heart as well - to say nothing of what it did for David's nerves. Aye we can laugh now.

Lady Calamity was not to let go at that either. After doubly, know trebly, making sure that nothing could go wrong on the Saturday night, some pipe smoking miscreant sent all hell loose just as I was about to call dinner. I ended up standing outside in the car park, as we all did, upon hearing the fire alarm and waiting till the fire engine appeared. What the H... did I do to deserve this?

Despite all of this we did enjoy a great Conference but David chooses not to remember with much affection the RI President's Representative - ask him about it some time! Stewart

Visits to Rotary Clubs Overseas

One of the interesting features of our weekly meetings is the call for Club members who have been visiting other clubs. This is particularly so, when the clubs are overseas. Jim Gordon who regularly visits his property in Spain reports below.

The Rotary Club of Guardamar Del Segura, Alicante

Whilst on holiday during July in Alicante Spain, I visited the RC of Guardamar Del Segura near Alicante. The club received its charter on May 14th this year and is the 17th club in the Alicante region. The club meets at 14.30pm on Tuesdays, at a hotel owned by Margarita one of the Rotarians.

Being Spanish 14.30 is only an indication and we finally sat down just before 3pm. Dress very casual. Two of them in t-shirts and shorts. I was surprised at the ages of the members – I was certainly the auld mannie among the kids. I was old enough to be all their fathers and in a couple of cases, their granda. Pres. Ramon and the members made me very welcome and 3 spoke very good English, better than me. Although the meal cost 20 euros, it was 3 courses plus tapas nibbles to start and as much wine as you wanted (pity I was driving).

I was surprised at the format of the meeting, Pres. said very little, Sec. nothing at all but this may have been because it is a new club. But, true to Rotary, they took an hour to decide if a BBQ on Tabarca Island should cost 50 or 55 euros. At the end I was asked to give my overview of the meeting and I told them not to worry as our club spent an evening discussing soup and main course or main and sweet. However, as I was made very welcome, I will be back.

Regards

Jim G

Rotary Sport – Charity Golf Success

This year's Charity Golf Competition was again played on the Laird's Course at Inchmarlo, on Sunday 22nd August 2010

41 teams, our best ever turnout, were competing for the Rotary Club of Banchory – Ternan Trophy, together with other team and individual prizes.

This year we were blessed by good weather and the tournament got underway at 7.50am. Half way through the competition however a 10 minute thunder plump soaked the players and ball spotters. (Unfortunately some of the Rotarian ball spotters, unlike most of the golfers, had no waterproofs with them, and have no doubt learned a valuable lesson for future years!)

This was the 9th year of the competition on the main 18 hole Laird's Course (the previous 4 years having been played on their 9 hole Queen's Course) and only once, in 2007, was it cancelled due to the weather.

In a closely fought competition the winners on the day were **Salon 70** with 140 points, **W M Donald Ltd** were 2nd with 136 points and **Royal Bank of Scotland** and **Keown Associates Ltd** were 3rd equal with 133 points. Last year's winners Sterling Resources were 5th

The individual prizes were won by :-

1st – with 43 points – **Ian Gray** from the W M Donald Ltd team and

2nd - with 42 points – **Alan Baxter** from the Keown Associates Ltd team.

Nearest the Pin at the 8th was won by **Neil Armour** (Iain Smith Solicitors LLP team), Nearest the Pin at the 11th was won by **Ross Cook** (Cooper Crouse-Hinds team) and the Longest drive at the 14th was won by **Paul Shinnie** (Sterling Resources team).

Our grateful thanks go to Colin Wilson and his staff at Inchmarlo Resort & Golf Centre for allowing us the use of their 18 hole championship course, looking after our guests on the day and for providing a wonderful carvery, all of which helped us raise the magnificent sum of £8,000 which will be distributed to local charities and worthy causes over the next 12 months.

Geoff Wilkinson
Charity Golf Convener

Rotary Sport – Fishing Report

Conditions during this year's Club fishing was perhaps the best we have had for several years. The weather was kind, the water conditions were almost perfect and several of our guests over the three sessions throughout the summer caught something, but sadly none of our Rotarians managed to land anything except IPP Jim.

We started in early July at Crathes. Water was good and weather was kind, a little bit breezy at times which made it tricky for those of us who are less skilled at casting. Unfortunately few fish were seen and none were caught.

In mid July we had a brilliant week at Lairds Cast. Again the water was great as was the weather and two of our guests landed fish, a grilse and a 10 lb salmon.

Ted and our new member Sigrid both fished with us for the first time and really enjoyed the experience.

Then on to Banchory Fishings (at Banchory Lodge) where there were so many fish, but over the 3 days the river was rising and falling like a yoyo to make things more difficult.

On the Thursday my guest Arthur Beattie in the space of a couple of hours hooked 5 fish but only managed to land one. Two got away in a last gasp attempt as he was trying to net them and two slipped off his line after a fight but before he could reel them in. He was however delighted with his morning on the river. Another guest Mark had one on his line for 10 minutes before it broke loose and in the evening another of my guests Stewart Gibson caught a 12lb salmon under the bridge but could not get into the water to net it so had to let it go.

The following day Alan Smith guest of Alistair emailed me to say, *"For a whole 20 seconds I had the biggest fish ever seen in Scotland, never mind the Dee on the end of my line, pure exhilaration. Then it just slipped away!"* Talk about a fisherman's tale?? PP Jim Thomson managed to uphold Rotary's honour by landing a couple of fish on the last day at Banchory Fishings.

So once again a great few days casting a length of nylon line with a tiny hook on the end into the River Dee provided great sport for some and total relaxation for others and this year's winner is once again PP Jim Thomson (I think he uses a worm but don't tell anybody).

Thanks to Jim, Chris and Colin who helped set everything up this year and particularly to Alistair T for providing the fishing at Banchory Fishings from which we raised over £1000 for the Rotary Charity fund.

If any one else in the Club is interested in having a go next year let me know and I will include you in my emailing list.

Tight lines

Ian P

New Member Profile

Born in Torphins 28/11/1967, 2nd youngest of 5 boys, grew up in Kincardine O'Neil and went to Kinker School. The family moved to Glen Dye then to The Garrod and attended Strachan School and then on to Banchory Academy. After school various jobs, including working at sawmill (The Stripe), Labourer, Taxi Driver, Chap Construction, Postman then latterly a funeral director. Passed my Black Belt in Karate 1996 and also enjoy gardening, walking, golf and socializing.

Married to Angela for twenty-one years and have two children Shauni and Sam. Started funeral business in 1992 in Peterculter, then opened further rest rooms in Banchory and Aboyne.



Jon Hammond Shooting for Scotland in Delhi

On Thursday 29th July 2010 Tina & I drove down to Edinburgh Airport and caught a flight direct to Munich, arriving in the evening. We had fortunately chosen a hotel with very good transport links between Marienplatz, the centre of Munich, and the Shooting Range.

The main object of this visit was to watch our son Jonathan competing. He was shooting in two disciplines. 50m prone rifle and 50m 3 positions.

On Friday morning we headed out for a late breakfast at Café Munchner Freiheit, before heading down to the centre at Marienplatz, where the Opening Ceremony of the Championships was taking place. Some of the competitions started on Saturday, but Jonathan's first competition was scheduled for Sunday so we did the tourist bit on Saturday and explored Munich a bit.

Sunday was exciting seeing the range for the first time. It was very impressive for a 38 year old range. The shooters and their coaches all consider this range to be the best in the world. So Jonathan's first competition was the 50m prone rifle. There were 140 competitors so they were split to shoot two elimination rounds, shot in the afternoon and with some wind to contend with. Jonathan shot a 593(ex600) and finished 14th in the second of the elimination rounds, comfortably qualifying for the main match the next day. The Monday dawned fine and calm, good conditions for shooting even though it was an 8.00am start. The standard of shooting for this competition was the highest there has ever been in an international event. After the main match the top 8 shooters then contest a ten shot final. To get into the final, a score of 598 was required. This was the first time the standard had been so high. Jonathan scored a 595, two below his personal best, and he finished in 29th place. Its interesting to note that he had two shots that were 9.9 therefore counting as a 9. A 10.0 counting as a 10 is about 1mm nearer the centre. Had Jonathan had one shot 1mm closer he would have moved from 29th to 16th. It's a precision sport!!

Tuesday was Jonathan's second discipline of 50m 3 positions. They shoot 40 shots prone, same standing, and then kneeling. Again there was an elimination round followed by main match. His score of 1156(ex1200) was good enough to qualify. He did have a moment of glory as after the prone part of his shoot his 399(ex400) put him top of the leader board. He wasn't however too happy with his shoot. So to Wednesday, his final shoot and our last day in Munich. His score improved from the previous day with a 1165, only 3 below his personal best, so he was reasonably happy.

It was a great experience for us to see the sport of target shooting at it very best.

COMMONWEALTH GAMES, DELHI. 2010

Jonathan's next competition is the Games in Delhi. He flew out from Glasgow with the rest of team Scotland just over a week ago. He has reported that he was surprised how good the team's accommodation was after all the publicity.

He is competing in 50m prone rifle and 50m 3p rifle. He will be doing the pairs' competition and the individual competition in both disciplines. His partner in both pairs' competitions will be Neil Stirton from Aberdeen.

The 3 P pairs' competition is on Friday 8th October with the individual on the Saturday.
The prone pairs' competition is on Tuesday 12th October with the individual on the Wednesday.

Anyone interested can follow the results at www.results.sius.com

Jim H



From left: Graham Rudd, Neil Stirton, Kay Copland, **Jon Hammond** and Jen McIntosh

Rotarians Out and About

As always during the first quarter of the Rotary year club members are involved in a variety of outdoor activities both charitable and recreational, as these pix show.

Banchory Rotarians at Work



President Edwina visits the Rotary Stand at Banchory Show



George & Jim on gate duty at the Deeside Steam Vintage Rally



David Needham and Ralph Singleton presenting Hill of Banchory P6s with Dictionaries for Life Banchory & other Rotarians at Play



Treasurer Raymond celebrates his 60th Birthday



Members of Louisiana Friendship Exchange group dining in Vittoria Restaurant, Edinburgh, arranged at the start of their visit to 1010 by Colin Sutherland

Some years back under the editorship of Eddie Gillanders, the Ternan Times was awarded a trophy for being the best District 1010 club magazine. This year we have submitted the TT for inclusion in the judging. We have also submitted the club website and the club's press cuttings book for consideration under separate judging classes. Results will be announced at the Inverness conference in mid October.

In 2005 the club installed the "Banchory Stane" at the eastern approach to the town. With the ongoing developments at the new Tesco retail site just adjacent to the stane, the visual effect of the stane will be diminished - in part by the new building and at night by the lighting on the Tesco site. The main site contractors, Barr Construction have very kindly offered to provide upgraded lighting for the stane and also planting of mature trees behind the stane.

And finally, some excellent news. On 1st October generous funding was secured to add a new gateway stane on the western approaches to Banchory. The budget should be adequate to cover the bronze lettering and lighting. It is hoped to have the new stane in place for 2011, the club's 40th anniversary of charter.

Chris E

Castlemaine Bulletin Revives Rotary Memories

A report in the Bulletin of our twin club the RC of Castlemaine, Australia brought back memories of a project in which Banchory-Ternan was very pro-active in the 1980s and 90s, namely Rotary Youth Exchange.

A number of Rotarians who were members back then will remember young people like Mary from the USA (who could forget Mary?), Gemma and Chris, New Zealand, Kate, Australia, Celina, Argentina and Paula, Brazil. Each, in their own way, brought something special into our club during their year with us.

The Castlemaine Bulletin reported the outgoing presentation of their 2009-10 Youth Exchange Student, Gusten Danielson from Sweden. The report also included remarks made by Castlemaine members including;

- Rotarian Matt Driscoll who thanked Gusten for re-invigorating the Youth Exchange program in the club.
- Ray and Margaret Paulsen who thanked Gusten on behalf of the Youth Exchange Programme.

and perhaps the most telling remarks of all came from the outgoing President Robert Cordy who gave the final word on Gusten saying that:

- the club itself had gained even more from Gusten's presence amongst them and that Gusten's stay was the highlight of his year as President.

In the 80s and 90s, Banchory-Ternan hosted no less than 6 Youth Exchangees, and sent six young Scots in reply across the world. Now that we have attracted some new blood into our Club, is the time approaching when it might be appropriate to draw on our experience from the past and renew our enthusiasm for this exciting and fulfilling Rotary programme? Something to ponder on fellow Rotarians.

Ed

Thanks, as always, to all contributors of text and pix. Ed