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Foreword from President Ryan

I can hardly believe that a quarter of my year has gone by already. There certainly has never been a dull moment. We have done so much in the past three months and the fellowship, as always, has been great. I am both privileged and proud to have been given the opportunity to serve you as your president.

In July as usual we had a stand at the Banchory Show, which this year was extended in scope to include raffle ticket sales for the Mini as well as our regular tombola and dice game fund raisers. Then in August Andy and I were delighted that so many of you could come to the barbecue at Rosebank, ably managed as always by the Entertainments Committee; the gathered party refusing to allow spirits to be dampened by a little rain. At the end of August we had the annual golf day at Inchmarlo, with a record 42 teams taking part.

September saw our Meet and Greet event on behalf of District 1010 at the Braemar Gathering, where disappointingly there were fewer foreign visitors this year. The car raffle ticket selling outside the gate went well, however. District Conference this year was at the AECC Aberdeen and the few of us that attended from Banchory were treated to some very enjoyable and inspiring presentations.

I was pleased to have the opportunity personally to present to the club on Peace Day this year and say something of the achievements of the charity Peace One Day. This charity is led by the former actor Jeremy Gilley, who so inspired us at the RIBI Conference last April.

Meanwhile art has been rolling in for the ARTanon auction on 4th November at the Royal British Legion, Banchory. The website www.artanon.org.uk is now live.

Thank you all for your support. I look forward to yet more of what we do in fellowship in the future.

Ryan

Record Numbers for Charity Golf Competition

This years Charity Golf Competition was again played on the Laird's Course at Inchmarlo, on Sunday 21st August 2011

42 teams entered, our highest entry to date, and although one had to cancel at the last moment, 41 teams were in competition for the Rotary Club of Banchory – Ternan Trophy together with other team and individual prizes.

This year we were again blessed by good weather (apart from a 5 minute shower in the afternoon) and the tournament got underway at 7.40am.

This was the 10th 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 **Royal Bank of Scotland** (who were 3rd equal last year) with 142 points, **The Pink Panthers** (a team sponsored by **George McDonald Builders Ltd** of Tarland) were 2nd with 139 points, and **Murray Montgomery Partnership** were 3rd with 138 points.

(Last years winners Salon 70 were 15th - showing how hotly contested this competition is every year!)

The individual prizes were won by :-

1st – with 45 points – **David Jack** from the Murray Montgomery Partnership team and
2nd - with 43 points – **Brian Warren** from the Stag Hotel team.

Nearest the Pin at the 8th was won by **Stephen Thomson** (Deeside Construction team), Nearest the Pin at the 11th was won by **Neil Johnston** (Craig Stephen Joinery team) and the Longest drive at the 14th was won by **Craig Matheson** (Deeside Timberframe 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 just over £9,000 which will be distributed to local charities and worthy causes over the next 12 months.

Geoff Wilkinson
Charity Golf Convener

President's Barbecue Picture Page

A large number of Rotarians and partners enjoyed a great afternoon of fellowship at the President's Barbecue in mid August. Whilst the weather could have been more benign, this was more than compensated for by the warmth of the welcome at Chez Ryan. A big thanks to Ryan and Andy and all the Rotarian helpers who ensured the success of the afternoon.



Despite passing showers, George and his chefs and lady helpers, along with an "umbrella support team", provided a feast of a Barbecue for the guests.



Never mind the weather, as long as we're together!

New Member Profile

Born and brought up in Stockton – on – Tees until my marriage in 1971 to Sue when we moved 1st to Eaglescliffe a village just outside Stockton and then 7 years later after the birth of our only son Stuart to the small town of Yarm again a few miles to the south of Stockton.

I started work in 1962 at a shipyard on the river Tees called Smiths Dock. After an apprenticeship became a fully qualified Sheet Metal Worker.

I moved into the office as a trainee planning engineer and became involved in creating critical path networks for the construction and outfitting of the vessels on the order book.

Promotion to section leader came and then 3 years later became Planning Manager with responsibility for strategic planning and estimating at the tendering stage.

Shortly after being married in March 1971 I joined the TA at the local barracks in Middlesbrough. As with all services, sport was encouraged and within the unit it was quickly realised there was the making of a good football team. We won the regional command cup for the next 3 years. By winning regional command we were automatically entered into the national cup competition where we managed to reach the semi-finals in 1974 to be beaten on the toss of a coin after extra time.



It was in 1986 that the government decided to close Smiths Dock and I managed to be appointed as the Planning Manager at the now defunct Hall Russell shipyard in Aberdeen. Two years later and I joined oil contracting company AOC International (it's now part of Wood Group / PSN) where I was Senior Planning Engineer for almost 10yrs working on a variety of projects incl a stint in Perth Australia for 6 months.

In 1998 I joined what is now called Technip working in the marine dept - planning for a new construction vessel and for maintenance / drydockings of existing vessels.

We moved to Woodlands of Durris in October 1986 and this is where we still live after making many friends in the community especially down at the village hall at Kirkton where I still play indoor bowls during the winter months. I joined Banchory GC in 2002 where I am now part of the seniors section and am treasurer for our friendly matches with other golf clubs in the area.

Dave R

International Fellowship Exchange 2011 – Nova Scotia

Our group of three couples and two singles toured Nova Scotia for two weeks in September, what a welcome we received! We stayed in the homes of Rotarians for three nights at each of five locations and had a solid fortnight of being educated over the early history of Canada, the extensive shell fish farming (great lobsters) and parties nearly every night. We saw the 12 metre tide, went to the museum of Alexander Bell, the Citadel in Halifax, early French Acadian settlements and the blueberry and apple orchards in the Annapolis Valley. Our hosts, many who came to District 1010 only two months before, wanted to show us as much of their homeland as they could and gathered over twelve Rotary clubs in different places to meet us, and the trip showed in the best way that Fellowship is the same in whichever country you visit.

A few pictures to give you a taste of our journey - Peggy's Cove Lighthouse, 1½ lb Lobster, Halifax Citadel, Yarmouth Rotary Meeting and a home ceilidh in Cape Breton Island.

John K



Rotary Fishing 2011

Normally in past years the excuse for our fishers not catching many fish has been due to low water conditions in the summer months but this year the excuse is quite the opposite. It was high water conditions that disrupted our fishing programme.

It started in July when we lost a couple of days fishing due to the heavy rains further up the valley, this caused the river to rise several feet. However one of our members, fishing in the evening between spates, managed to hook a splendid mature 18lb cock salmon. After a desperate struggle with not only the fish but also the fierce current that still raged, the fish was coaxed into the bank where it was landed for the necessary measurements to be taken before it slipped back into the water to resume its battle against the elements. The following morning one of our guests also landed a beautiful fish. This was a fresh 10 lb salmon which had come straight up from the sea but the 18 pounder won the club competition.

By the end of the week the river had calmed down the weather improved and fishing conditions were perfect at both Crathes and Lairds Caste. Plenty of fish were showing but unfortunately none would

take the fly. Perhaps they were resting after fighting the strong currents of the previous days or were just being plain difficult but what ever, even the Ghillies had no luck.

In August our charity fund-raiser at Banchory Fishings, was also severely disrupted. High water again prevented us from fishing on 2 out of the 3 days and no fish were landed. Arrangements were made to rearrange dates for those who were affected but unfortunately still no catch was recorded. This event raised £1200 for our charity fund and thanks must go to President Elect Alistair for so kindly affording our Club the privilege of fishing on his beat and for donating the proceeds to our charity fund.

Ian P

ARTanon – Our Latest Charity Project

Artworks have been rolling in throughout the summer for our new fundraiser, “ARTanon”, in time for online exhibition throughout October and live auction at the Royal British Legion, Banchory on Friday, 4th November. This is no ordinary art auction, though. The identity of the artist behind each picture will remain hidden until after the auction, hence the “anon”.

The idea came from Andy Bond after Ryan came home from a Council meeting in mid-2010 following the bad weather at the May vintage car rally. “We’ve got to think of something that’s not weather-dependent” was the message. The Grampian Hospitals Art Trust (GHAT) runs an anonymous art sale every year (CD case size), so does the Royal College of Art in London (postcard size), so why not try something like that? And so the idea developed.

Chris Engel’s IT skills have been invaluable in setting up the website, of course, but his good advice, along with that of Colin Sutherland and Ranald Rennie, has also been tremendous. After much debate we agreed to limit the size of entries to A4 and, in order to keep down the cost to the artists, to invite contributions unframed. We have put everything into simple frames for the auction presentation, although some artists have even kindly provided their own frames.

We were overwhelmed at the positive response we received from the art world and have finished up with 72 pieces from 54 artists. Entry to the auction will be charged at £5 per head if registering online, or £6 at the door. Wine and canapés will be served on entry. We now look forward to a successful and entertaining night with our dynamic duo, George and Ian, in auctioneering action.

Ryan

Meet and Greet at Braemar 2011



Alistair, Peter & Sigrid with Dr Wrenae Shabel & Lynne Weities, both from RC Rolla Breakfast Club, MO, USA

This year there was a drop in the number of visitors from overseas who visited the Rotary Meet and Greet at the Braemar Gathering. Club members nevertheless enjoyed meeting and



Ian, Ryan, Alistair and Jim meet & greet Reichart & Frau Mauris RC Salzburg Aldstadt



welcoming those fellow Rotarians from home and abroad who attended the Games, as the photo selection illustrates. No doubt a few drams were also enjoyed.



Bill, Ryan, Alistair, Jim G and Ranald, with Christine Blair RC of Truro, Nova Scotia

Jim G, Ryan, Eddie and Reg meet Rev Bill and Beth Beattie

Picture from the Past



The above photograph was taken in the Rotary year 1988-89 during the Presidency of Father Charles McGregor. Rotarians who were Club members at the time will remember Charles as a very popular and charismatic President; indeed the photograph shows very well the twinkle in his eye.

The Club membership at that time was forty three. Over the years a number of those pictured have passed on to higher service, while others have moved from the district or left Rotary. There are, however, nine Rotarians in the photograph who still hold full or honorary memberships of the Rotary Club of Banchory-Ternan.

Ed

Resounding Success for Fellowship Weekend



These fellows look as if they know what they're doing!



Enjoying good food during the Fellowship Weekend



Speyside Rotarian Bill Templeton talks about Granttown

Sixteen Rotarians and partners, including a RC Deeside Club member, enjoyed a great week-end of fellowship in Granttown on Spey last weekend.

Gilleen & Sean and all the staff at the Be Mhor hotel ensured that every-one enjoy plenty of good food amidst comfortabl surroundings. During the day members of th group were able to enjoy various pursuit: including golf, hill walking or trips to the mar activities in the surrounding area. In th evenings, Geoff and Raymond had organise a games night, quiz night (including a whisk tasting) and a short talk on the history (Granttown from Speyside Rotarian B Templeton, and a tricky Dingbats competitio spread over the weekend.

Following a final lunch on Sunday it wa homeward bound from what could only b described as a most enjoyable few days an an exciting Rotary departure from the norm.

A very big thank you is due to the Fellowshi Weekend organiser, PP Geoff, for all his har work in providing us with one of the highlight of this Rotary Year.

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President Ryan gave a Conference report at the Club meeting on 19th Oct. and was delighted to announce that The Rotary Club of Banchory-Ternan gained several awards at the District Conference. These were the **Foundation Award (the Maori doll)**, a **salver** for the **District Website Award 2011** and a **District Literacy Award**.

Hearty congratulations to all Club members involved in bringing these achievements to such a fruitful conclusion.

Ed