



1888-1988

Scottish Amateur Swimming Association

INTRODUCTION

ONE HUNDRED YEARS is a minute time in the history of mankind but a long time in the world of contemporary sports. It is a time in which successive generations have worked to bring swimming in Scotland from humble beginnings to the well organised and widely popular sport which exists today.

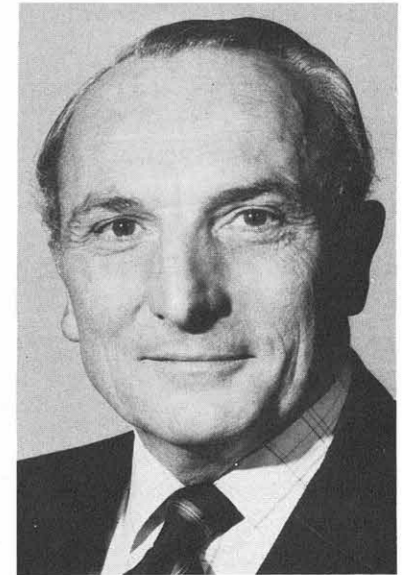
The decision to form the Scottish Amateur Swimming Association was taken at a meeting of club delegates in Edinburgh on 28th January 1888. The Association can look back with pride on what has been achieved in one hundred years.

The programme of events which has been arranged to mark the Centenary Year demonstrates the extent of the activities now available to the members and their involvement in international sport.

The Association is deeply appreciative of the encouragement and support it continues to receive from the Scottish Sports Council, the Local Authorities of Scotland and its Sponsors, many of whom are directly involved in the special events associated with the Centenary Year.



Peter Heatly CBE, DL
Chairman of the Centenary Committee.



100 Years of Scottish Swimming

THE FORMATION OF THE SCOTTISH AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

The early minutes of the Association have been lost but thanks to Carnegie Amateur Swimming Club of Dunfermline. I am able to relate how and when the SASA was formed.

There were a number of clubs in existence for some years before the founding of the SASA in 1888. Some are still with us today but many no longer exist. Bon Accord Amateur Swimming Club instituted 26th April 1862 became Bon Accord Amateur Swimming Club and Humane Society in May 1866, is the oldest club still in membership.

The earliest information available of an organised body of clubs comes from the minutes of the Carnegie SC of 17th September 1877, when a letter was received from a Mr W. Wilson (Glasgow) inviting the Club to join the Association of Swimming Clubs of Scotland.

Nothing appears to have been done until 18th April 1886, when a further letter was received and was considered by the Club at the Annual General Meeting, when a Mr E. C. Stewart, Hon. Secretary of the Club, proposed the name of the Association should be the Scottish Amateur Swimming Association.

It was almost two years later, on 28th January 1888 that a meeting of club delegates was held in the Bible Society's Rooms, 5 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh at 4.00 pm and the following agenda dealt with:

- a) Correspondence and Hon Secretary's Report
- b) Election of Office-bearers
- c) Appointment of Committee of Management
- d) Constitution and Rules

This would appear to have been the very first meeting of the SASA, 63 delegates were in attendance.

Bon Accord ASC and Humane Society agreed to join the SASA at a Club meeting on 5th November 1888 and the members were informed of acceptance by the SASA on 7th January 1889. They held their first contest under SASA Rules on the 8th February 1889 against Dee Swimming Club.

The Treasurer's book for the period 1888 - 1921 is still in possession of the Association. This shows a total of £9 10s for the first year made up of subscriptions from three "Local Centres" Dundee, Western and Eastern. Expenditure amounted to £8 19s 9d leaving a balance of 10s 3d. The largest item of expenditure was £5 16s for printing. Another early cost was 29s 6d (less than £1.50) to send a swimmer from Glasgow to Nottingham in 1894. By 1920 the annual turnover amounted to £304 18s 7½d.

The activities of the Association had increased dramatically in that early period including involvement in the 1912 Olympic Games. Aquatic Football became Water Polo, freestyle swimming was joined by backstroke and breaststroke in 1913. Butterfly and individual medley swimming appeared in the 1950s. Graceful swimming continued until 1938 and graceful diving until 1951. Springboard diving was introduced in 1936 at 3 metre and Highboard from 1947. The newest discipline of synchronised swimming was developed from the early period in the various watermanship skills through ornamental swimming, rhythmic swimming, flotation teams, water ballet and aquatic art.

The Association is now in full swing towards the Centenary Year with a full programme. One of the aims will be to produce a more detailed account of the first 100 years.



W. Black
Honorary General Secretary.

CENTENARY COMMITTEE

Chairman:	Mr Peter Heatly CBE, DL
Secretary:	Mr William Black DA DipEdTech
Treasurer:	Mr Michael Sheppard CA
East District:	Mr George Philp Mr Thomas Nichol
Midland District:	Mr Peter Smith
North District:	Mr Graeme Robb
West District:	Mrs Helen Brunton Mr Alex Taylor

Whatever



You do,



do it



in Style



Alive · Active · Adventurous **SPEEDO**



SPEEDO OFFICIAL SWIMWEAR SUPPLIERS - AMERICA'S CUP '87



LYCRA DU PONT'S REGISTERED TRADEMARK FOR ITS ELASTANE FIBRE.

REG. TRADEMARK OF SPEEDO KNITTING MILLS PTY LTD.



THE TROPHY CENTRE LTD.

FROM TROPHIES TO BADGES, SWEATERS TO PENS...
WE HAVE THE GIFT FOR EVERY OCCASION

Over 1 Million Pieces of Trophy Components Custom Made
To Order Engraving Service Glass & Crystal Sales &
Engraving Ties, Badges, Sweaters Computerised
Embroidery (on premises at Kilmarnock Road Branch) Means
Fast Service and Low Cost Gold Blocking Service Available
PENS, TIES, CALCULATORS and OTHER BUSINESS GIFTS
Main Agents for Parker Pens, Cross Pens & Colibri Lighter...
Free Engraving On Above!!

SEND FOR OUR OWN FREE COLOUR CATALOGUE

Head Office: 28 KILMARNOCK ROAD, GLASGOW G41 3NH. Tel: 041-649 3843.
THE SAVOY CENTRE, SAUCHIEHALL ST., GLASGOW G2 3DH. Tel: 041-331 2095.
388 DUMBARTON ROAD, GLASGOW G11 6RZ. Tel: 041-334 9290.
THE FORUM CENTRE, IRVINE KA12 8EJ. Tel: 0294 311436
67 CAUSEYSDIE STREET, PAISLEY PA1 1YT. Tel: 041-887 1270.

Scottish Swimming Awards

Three Major New Developments

25 METRE DISTANCE

The badge that's the stepping stone to the big league.

ELVER
A fun badge for the beginner.

SCOTTISH ELVER AWARD

PRELIM SYNCHRO

Gives a taste of the sport that's caught the public imagination.

This sponsorship is one of a series of youth, educational and sporting activities supported by the British Bottlers of Coca-Cola.

BE IN THE SWIM!

by ordering an annual subscription for
Swimming Times

The *Swimming Times* comes out monthly and has been operating for the last 55 years.

CONTAINS

The results of all major swimming events. Reports of the Olympic Games, European Championships and the Commonwealth Games. Teaching and coaching posts which are available. Where the latest swimming books and equipment can be obtained. Technical articles on swimming and coaching. It will cost you only £8.00 per year, including postage and you will receive twelve issues whatever month you decide to start. You can also order it through your local newsagent or through your club.

OVERSEAS SUBSCRIPTION

An overseas subscription costs £9.00 p.a. (second class post). If you want it airmail, it will cost extra. If you have friends abroad, why not keep them up-to-date with what is happening in this country.

BULK BUYING

If you order through your club, why not try and get six others to do likewise. You can then all have your magazine at a ridiculously low rate of £5.50 p.a. We will send the order to one of you, who can distribute it on a club night.

CLUB AGENT

Why not become our Club Agent and earn some pocket money. Send to us for the details.

THE EDITOR

SWIMMING TIMES
HAROLD FERN HOUSE,
DERBY SQUARE,
LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS, LE11 0AL
Tel: Loughborough 234433
Publications 234408

CENTENARY PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

27 February	Annual General Meeting and Dinner Dance	Beach Ballroom Aberdeen
25/27 March	Water Polo 4 Nations Contest	Wishaw
30 March/ 2 April	European Diving Cup	Royal Commonwealth Pool, Edinburgh
15 April	Centenary Dinner	Glasgow
27/30 May	Len Calendar Congress	Hospitality Inn Glasgow
28 June/ 3 July	8 Nations Congress	Royal Commonwealth Pool, Edinburgh
21/26 June	Esso Age Groups and National Championships	Dollan Baths East Kilbride
27/28 August	Long Distance Swim	Loch Lomond
2/4 September	Synchronised Swimming Invitation Meet	Hector McNeil Pool Greenock
4/6 November	Great Britain Masters Championships	City of Dundee Pool
10/11 December	European Swim Cup	Royal Commonwealth Pool, Edinburgh

Annual General Meeting and Dinner Dance

27 February 1988
City of Aberdeen

Hosted by the Lord Provost and Council of the City of Aberdeen

This Meeting will celebrate the first 100 years of the Association and will be the launching platform for the next.

Those in attendance representing all the Clubs in membership will receive reports of the past year and approve plans and programmes for the next.

The Association is grateful to the City of Aberdeen for its generosity in hosting the Meeting and the Dinner Dance.

The City is the home of the oldest Club — Bon Accord — as well as of the former Secretary of the Association for years, the late J. Y. (Jock) Coutts. Aberdeen has also provided some of the "greats" of Scottish Swimming in past years, most notably Ian Black and more recently Olympic Medallist — Neil Cochran.

Ian Black must always be linked with Aberdeen's "Mr Swimming" Andy Robb, his coach. Andy produced many outstanding swimmers such as Ian's brother Gordon Black, Ian Spence, Alhol Still, and Sheila Watt. He coached Robert Gordon's College for 30 years and made them a force to be reckoned with a Scottish Swimming.

The City of Aberdeen has indeed a proud Swimming heritage.

ORGANISING CHAIRMAN
Mr Graeme Robb

4 Home Nations International Tournament (water polo)

25 - 27 March 1988

Wishaw

This Contest is traditionally one of the highlights of the International Water Polo calendar with each country vying for top spot.

Scotland were winners in 1986 and lost by only a one goal margin to England in 1987 following a series of tense and exciting matches.

England have dominated the Home Nations since the first early success enjoyed by Scotland who won in 1890, 91 and 97. The 1986 victory was outstanding in breaking the long sequence and demonstrating the success of Hartley McGibbon's coaching methods. In recent years Dunfermline and Portobello have been successful in British Club Competitions. They have revived the sort of success Motherwell AS & WPC enjoyed in the 1950s. Murray Anderson of Portobello made the Guinness Book of Records in 1974 as Britain's most capped Water Polo player with over 100 caps. Murray never realised his ambition though to beat England! All our players still have this ambition which makes for a 'special' competition.

ORGANISING CHAIRMAN
Mr Hugh Cullen

European Diving Cup

30 March/2 April

Royal Commonwealth Pool, Edinburgh

The most important Annual event in the Diving Calendar, with about 20 European countries represented. Each team consists of divers, men and women, taking part in both the Highboard and Springboard competitions.

The first two days comprises a team with each diver performing the full range of dives.

On the final two days, a new format of head to head individual "knock out" competitions is held between the top 12 ranked divers from the Team contest. In this way, a high level of excitement is sustained throughout the few days of competition.

As a specialised sport Diving has had fewer numbers taking part due to a dearth of facilities in Scotland, but those who participate are dedicated and enthusiastic. The most famous Scottish Diver has been Peter Heatly — it is claimed "that to be a successful diver one must not only possess an alert brain but that the muscular system must be capable of immediate response to the impulses of the mind". This seems to sum up the character of Peter Heatly. He competed in the 1948 Olympic Games in London and in the 1952 Games in Helsinki. He also took part in three Commonwealth Games — 1950 New Zealand, 1954 Canada and in 1958 Wales. European Championships in 1954 and 1958. He represented Great Britain from 1947-1958. Chairman Bill Law has also had a distinguished career as Diver (1958 Commonwealth Games) Coach and Administrator.

Currently we have two young divers of outstanding potential in Stephen Forrest and Peter Smith both performed with great credit in the 1986 Commonwealth Games achieving a higher standard than any previous Scottish performer, especially as the sport becomes more complex.

In 1987 Bill Law was team manager to the British Team which competed in Sofia, Bulgaria. The German Democratic Republic were winners of the men and womens events and of course the combined. G.B. finished 8th in the mens and 6th in the womens with 6th place overall a creditable show. Seventeen countries competed.

Robert Morgan (Wales) in spite of a back injury, finished 4th in the Men's Highboard event.

ORGANISING CHAIRMAN
Mr William Law

Centenary Dinner

15 April 1988

City of Glasgow

Hosted by the Right Honourable the Lord Provost and Council of the City of Glasgow

It is most appropriate that the City of Glasgow should be the venue for this special anniversary occasion as it was in the City that the Association was formed and launched 100 years ago.

Glasgow was right in the forefront of provision for swimming in those early years and to-day, the City is still actively encouraging participation with its sponsorship over the last few years of the fast developing Scottish Masters Championships programme.

The Dinner will celebrate the past 100 years in wonderful style thanks to the generosity of the Lord Provost and City Council.

Glasgow also hosted a dinner fifty years ago to mark the jubilee of the Association.

ORGANISING CHAIRMAN
Mr Norrie Beattie

European Swimming Federation Congress and Calendar Conference

27 - 30 May

Hospitality Inn, Glasgow

The City of Glasgow has been chosen to host this important and prestigious gathering which will receive reports of the many events held by the Federation in all disciplines (Swimming, Diving, Water Polo, Synchronised Swimming and Masters).

The Hospitality Inn will be the venue and offers superb facilities at a reasonable cost, a factor in the delegates supporting our bid. It was last held in Great Britain in 1974 in London.

The Congress will also enact any relevant legislation, while the Calendar Conference will plan the busy European programme at National and International level for the following season 1988/89.

The official languages of the LEN are English and French — in any case of dispute about wording — English is preferred. It is intended to provide simultaneous translations in several languages.

There will also be a programme of visits and social events for the 300 delegates from every country in Europe, as well as guests from Australia, North America, North Africa and the Middle East. Thirty-five countries are affiliated to the LEN (Ligue Europeenne De Natation — European Swimming Federation) from the tiny San Marino to the huge USSR.

The Congress and Conference are supported by Speedo (Europe) Ltd, Arena and Golden Cup.

ORGANISING CHAIRMAN

Mr John Rose

8 Nations International Contest (Swimming and Water Polo)

28 June/3 July

Royal Commonwealth Pool, Edinburgh

These International Contests in both Swimming and Water Polo are held annually between the representative teams of the following countries:—

BELGIUM:	FINLAND:	IRELAND:	ISRAEL:
NORWAY:	SCOTLAND:	SWITZERLAND:	WALES.

It is always a closely fought event and will have added significance in 1988, being held just a few months before the Olympic Games in Seoul, Korea.

Dates:	Water Polo	28 June — 1 July
	Swimming	2 and 3 July

The competition was initiated by Belgium in 1971. Scotland was the host in 1972 when the Royal Bank of Scotland presented a quaich for a perpetual trophy. The original eight nations included Spain and Iceland but both had to withdraw, Iceland a number of years ago due to financial reasons — many of their swimmers are studying abroad and Spain due to involvement with preparations for the World Championships held in Madrid in 1986.

Scotland won the swimming contest in 1973 at Sion in Switzerland. Spain had been so confident of winning and retaining the Quaich that they had not bothered to bring it with them, the Swiss hosts had to very quickly find a substitute trophy! Norway have been the other strong team in the group, winning on many occasions.

ORGANISING CHAIRMAN

Mr Douglas Brown

Centenary Esso Age Group and National Swimming Championships

21/26 June

Dollan Baths

East Kilbride

These two events have in previous years been held separately but in this Centenary Year it was decided to combine them into a six day long Festival of Swimming, in which the high degree of excitement created by the Age Groups would mix well with the high quality of performance from the Nation's finest swimmers.

National squads and teams will be selected immediately following these events and the National Championships will also form part of the selection procedure for the 1988 Great Britain Olympic Team.

Age Group Swimming was introduced in Scotland in 1966 with age groups from 10 years to 16 years, the current range is from 12 years to 24 years. Don Schollander the Olympic 100m Freestyle Champion who pipped Bobby McGregor for the gold in the 1964 Tokyo Olympics was a product of the United States Age Group Programme which commenced in 1952. It must be considered as one of the most significant developments in swimming, without being a magic formula to success. Age Group Swimming brought many problems until coaches and administrators learned from the experience.

East Kilbride was Scotland's first long course pool (50m) and we have enjoyed a happy relationship with the District Council and the pool Management.

With the exception of the Commonwealth Games this is probably the most ambitious event contemplated by the Association and should indeed be a Festival of Swimming.

ORGANISING CHAIRMAN
Mr Robert Craig



Lending Support to British Sport



Long Distance Swimming Event

27/28 August

Loch Lomond

This event, one of the most formidable open water swims in the world's long distance calendar will be swum over the 22 mile length of Loch Lomond, commencing from the Ardlui Hotel at the North End, and finishing at Drumkinnon Bay, at the beach at the west of the steamer pier, Balloch. In the event of a strong opposing wind, the course will be reversed.

Long distance swimming is becoming more popular, the FINA have introduced two World Cup events, the first held in 1986 at Lake Windermere and the second, a 26km marathon event in Egypt. At the latter the two leading swimmers Sanda of Czechoslovakia and Nayeel of Egypt were neck and neck all the way at 15km, they were averaging 65 seconds, per 100m with no tidal assistance, incredible swimming!

Scotland's best known long distance swimmer was W. E. 'Ned' Barnie who made a double crossing of the English Channel in 1950 and 1951. Margaret Kidd of Maybole competed in the first FINA World Cup at Windermere, she was the only Scot to finish the course in the very cold conditions.

ORGANISING CHAIRMAN

Mr Denis Sullivan

Synchro Swim International Invitation Competition

2/4 September

Hector McNeil Pool

Greenock

Synchronised Swimming is the most recent of the aquatic disciplines to be added to the Olympic Games and in 1986 the Commonwealth Games. The sport evolved in Canada and the United States from a number of activities including life-saving tricks and floats. In Scotland there has been a long tradition of ornamental swimming, rhythmic swimming and flotation teams but it was not until the 1960s that synchronised swimming got underway. The 1970 Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh had a demonstration event which gave a boost to the development. Steady progress has been maintained with another big increase since the 1986 Commonwealth Games.

Teams representing Denmark, England, Spain and the Federal Republic of Germany have been invited to compete with our Scottish Swimmers in an International Invitation Event.

The Competition will consist of Solo, Duet and Team Events which will be run in accordance with FINA rules and regulations.

Each country will be represented by a team of eight swimmers, two reserves and three officials.

Our visitors and the Scottish team will be hosted in very comfortable accommodation in Largs overlooking the beautiful Clyde Coast.

A Civic Reception will mark the beginning of our gathering and a party-disco will bring it to a close.

For those visitors who wish to stay for an extra day or so, we would be delighted to extend our hospitality by suggesting a cruise down the Clyde, a visit to our Capital City, or perhaps a sight seeing shopping expedition to Glasgow.

To make this a most memorable as well as a highly technical and spectacular occasion, during our Centenary Celebrations our Committee is actively engaged in a Sponsorship Campaign to enlist the Financial Assistance from the West of Scotland's Business Community both great and small.

ORGANISING CHAIRMAN

Chas. G. T. Stark

Great Britain Masters Championships

4/6 November

Dundee

The Masters (25 years and over) Movement is the fastest growing aspect of the whole Aquatic programme. Competitions are flourishing at all levels from Local to World Championships. This event will involve both the stars of yesteryear along with many new converts.

Masters events combine both intense and friendly rivalry which create a good social atmosphere amongst competitors from all walks of life. Apart from fitness and health benefits there is an opportunity to renew friendships from earlier years.

Scotland has been in the forefront of Masters swimming development. In 1980 at Greenock the first Scottish Masters Championships were held and proved a resounding success with 17 former Olympic Champions taking part, such as John Naber, 1976 Olympic Backstroke Champion from the USA, Murray Rose, 1960 Olympic 400m Free Style Champion from Australia, Notabuka Taguchi of Japan, 1972 Olympic 100m Breaststroke Champion, Duncan Goodhew, 1980 Olympic 100m Breaststroke Champion and of course David Wilkie, 1976 Olympic 200m Breaststroke Champion to mention some of the stars.

The first ever GB Masters Championship will take place in Wales in 1987 at Afan Lido, Port Talbot. Short Course (25m) has always been the most popular with Masters in general and we expect a big entry. The Dundee Leisure Centre has all the peripheral facilities to make it an ideal venue as well as a long swimming tradition.

ORGANISING CHAIRMAN

Mr Ronald Macdonald

European Swimming Cup

9 - 10 December 1988

Royal Commonwealth Pool,
Edinburgh

This competition is always a climax of our calendar year in European swimming when the best in each Nation come together to compete in the exciting Short Course (25m) programme of events. It has been held in this format since 1980. The emphasis is on winning points for the team, therefore extra incentive in every event.

In 1988, most of Europe's top swimmers will come from their efforts in the Seoul Olympics determined to both beat their previous best individual performances and try to win the coveted European Cup Trophy for their country.

The Swimming Cup was staged previously in Great Britain at Barnet in 1981. There is always a great demand to host this competition due to the high regard that it has earned throughout Europe, our bid was successful due to the excellent facilities that we have to offer at the Royal Commonwealth Pool. Over 350 competitors and officials will participate.

Winners					Venue
1980	MEN	USSR	WOMEN	GDR	ANTIBES
1981	"	USSR	"	GDR	LONDON
1982	"	USSR	"	GDR	GOTEBORG
1983	"	USSR	"	GDR	ANKARA
1984	"	GDR	"	GDR	BERGEN
1985	"	FRG	"	GDR	DEN'BOSCH
1986	"	FRG	"	GDR	MALMO
1987	"		"		MONTE CARLO
1988	"		"		EDINBURGH

ORGANISING CHAIRMAN
Mr Douglas Brown