

Barlton Hotel,

Edinburgh, 28/2/70.

The 13th annual dinner of the former presidents of the S.A.S.A. was held in the Barlton Hotel, Bill Bowman (1968) organiser, in the chair.

In attendance were:-

W. E. Barnie, 1944; J. A. Grossart, 1950;

R. Paterson, 1949; T. Myers, 1953;

P. Philp, 1954; J. Ramsay, 1952;

J. S. Donn, 1958; W. Sharp, 1961;

W. Mellors, 1962; G. J. C. Rae, 1963;

G. Prescott, 1964; J. Dunne, 1965;

A. Spence, 1967; J. Wainwright, 1969.

and guest of honour, Jim Reed newly elected president.

Apologies for absence were given on behalf of W. Foulds, K. Brown and T. Chapman.

The loyal toast was proposed by Bill Bowman, then Jack Wainwright welcomed the guest of honour, who

had achieved an unusual distinction by being the first president in 50 years to have been elected for a second spell in office.

The toast of the S.A.S.A. was made by Jim Ramsay, who spoke of the immense expansion in the activities of the association and the excellent state of its finances. He hoped that Scotland would be represented by their best swimmers and divers at the Commonwealth Games, ability, not numbers, should be the objective.

Jim Reid, the President, replied to the toast in his usual easy style and said that he was looking forward to a formidable year's work.

Jim Grossart reported that he proposed the following arrangements for our luncheon for visiting presidents attending the Commonwealth Games:-

The function will take the form of a buffet lunch, preceded by get together drinks or two, and would last from around 12.15 till 2. Invitations would be restricted to Presidents (Swimming) of visiting countries or Vice-Presidents, if substituting. The date is Wednesday 22 July, this being a free day in the swimming programme.

The cost would be met by each SASA President paying his own lunch and the remainder - drinks and lunches of the visitors to be shared equally among the ex-presidents still active and interested in our annual get-together. This latter part was suggested by Alex Spense and appeared to meet with general approval.

Thanks were expressed to Bill Cowan and George Down who had collaborated in organising yet another

annual dinner, with excellent food, wine and good company.

Wednesday, July 22, '70

Headed by President Jim Reid, nine former presidents, W. E. Barrie, W. Brown, J. Dunne, J. R. S. Donn, J. Ramsay, T. Myers, P. Philp, A. D. Spence, and J. Rae, gathered in the Carlton Hotel, Edinburgh, hosts of a luncheon for presidents (swimming) of countries competing at the Commonwealth Games.

The visitors were: R. Gaul, Canada; L. Bratt, New Zealand; R. Johnson, Papua and New Guinea; T. Fox, Zambia; E. Keighly, England; J. Kerningham, No. Ireland and V. Griffiths, Wales.

It was a most happy and informal affair, guests and hosts

mixing together in easy and friendly fashion with plenty of agreeable conversation.

As usual the Carlton staff produced an excellent meal which was thoroughly enjoyed.

The success of the occasion was due largely to the work of Bill Bowman and ~~George~~ George Down, who took over the arrangements after the sudden death of our colleague, Jim Grossart.