

BARNTON HOTEL, Edinburgh
22nd February 1986

The 29th Annual Dinner of the Past Presidents of the Scottish Amateur Swimming Association was held in the Barton Hotel, Edinburgh on the evening of Saturday 22nd February 1986 following the 88th Annual General Meeting of the Association held in Donfermline earlier that day.

The following past presidents were in attendance:-

J. Gunning	1957
W. Sharp	1961
G. Prescott	1964
A. Spence	1967
J. Neil	1973
L. Torberville	1974
P. Hearty	1975
P. Smith	1978
A. Robertson	1979
J. Thomson	+

Mrs. P. Healy 1981
T. Nelson 1982
J. Snowden 1984

With the exception of the Senior past president present, John Gunning, all were accompanied by their respective partners

There were apologies for absence from Tom Myers (1983) Georn Rae (1963) Bill Cowan (1968) Jack Wamporter (1969) Mary Black (1976/7) ~~and~~ Don Hawthorn (1983) and Douglas Cape (1985) J. Thomson (1980)

Jack. Snowden who had been charged with the responsibility for organising the function was in the chair and welcomed all present particularly the newly installed president of the Association for 1986 - Norrie Beattie together with his wife Freda.

Having enjoyed pre - Prandial drinks in

The lounge everyone was ready for an excellent meal ~~at~~ in a private dining area albeit accompanied by Noise Off and Music following from the adjoining public dining area.

Following the meal, the Scribe then read his account of the 28th Dinner held at Kenyas the previous year. As usual, since no-one could dispute the facts related it was adopted as a true record of what had taken place that evening.

The same gentleman (Les Turberville) was on his feet again. Shades of Jack Wainwright, another Sassenach to propose the customary toast to the Association and to the incoming president. He reflected the pleasure of all present in seeing Normie Butler sufficiently restored to health after his recent illness to enable him to embark on what would ~~be~~ undoubtedly be a most important and

arduous term of office coming as it did
in a year when the Commonwealth Games
was to be held in Scotland & has
then referred to the diligent manner in
which the retiring president Doug Lyle
had carried out his duties culminating in
the Annual General Meeting earlier that day.
It was most unfortunate that at the
eleventh hour, Douglas had been prevented
from attending the dinner.

Norman Beattie in his reply thanked
the members for their kind reception of himself
and his wife Isobel. He looked forward to
carrying on the tradition of former presidents
in the exciting period of the Edinburgh
Commonwealth Games and the build up to
the Association's centenary in 1988
when it was hoped that a number of
European events would be staged in
Scotland. In conclusion, Norrie wished
Alec Tishdale every happiness in the leisure
he would now enjoy following his retirement.

as General Treasurer of the Association, a post he had held for a number of years.

Arising from representations made at last year's dinner, the Secy reported that the S.A.S.A. Council had agreed to a list of Past Presidents appearing in the Association's handbook. It was also understood that the existing ~~chain~~ Presidents chain of office had been brought up to date.

Informally they took over and reminiscences and ^{old} photographs circulated round the room. The Secy again reminded members that a number of ^{recent} Past Presidents' photographs were missing from the album originally provided by Alex Spence for such a pictorial record.

Before the evening concluded, it was noted that next year's A.G.M. was to be held in the Midland District and the ^{by tradition} junior Past President of the District, Douglas Cape would be expected to make arrangements for the

Past President's Dinner

Jack Snowden was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his organization of another very happy and harmonious gathering