

PITFIRRIANE ARMS HOTEL, Crossford, by
Dunfermline - 24 February 1990

The 33rd Annual Dinner of the
S. A. S. A. Past Presidents was held
at the Pitfirriane Arms Hotel, Crossford,
by Dunfermline, Fife on Saturday 24
February 1990 the annual general
meeting of the Association having been held
in the Glen Pavilion, Dunfermline earlier that
day

The following past presidents and spouses
assembled at 7³⁰ pm for 8 pm.

John Gunning (1957)

George Prescott (1964)

Alex Spence (1967) and Mrs Spence

Jack Wainwright (1969)

Les Turberville (1974) and Mrs Turberville

Peter Hearty (1975) and (1988)

Mary Black (1976/77) and Mr Wm. Black
Allan Robertson (1979) and Mrs Robertson

Jim Thomson (1980)

Mrs Mae Hearty (1981)

Tom Nelson (1982) and Mrs Nelson

Don Hawthorn (1983) and Mrs Hawthorn

Jack Snowden (1984) and Mrs Snowden
Norrie Beattie (1986) and Mrs Beattie
Andrew Taylor (1987) and Mrs Taylor
Donald McGillivray (1989) and Mrs McGillivray

Thus 16 out of the ^{known} surviving 20
Past Presidents were present who, together
with their partners and the guests of honour
Mr and Mrs J. McWhir made a total
company of 28.

The chairman for the evening was the
local lad from West Lothian Andrew
Taylor who had been responsible for all
arrangements pertaining to the event.

Our two lady past presidents were allowed to
dominate the early part of the proceedings
with Mary Black saying the Grace and Mae
Hearty proposing the Loyal Toast both in
their individual gracious styles while their
male counterparts meantime forewent themselves
with good food, good wine and - we hope -
good conversation

After the digestive jollies had had time to settle,

The chairman, Andrew Taylor, began the formalities of the evening. In his opening remarks, he welcomed the S.A.S.A. President and his lady and wished him well on his year of office. There were apologies for absence from Tom Myers (1953) who had been on the phone saying he was full of antibiotics. The scribe was asked to write wishing him well. There was letters from Bill Cowan (1968) who also had been experiencing a bad time healthwise; Jack Neil (1973) who was in New Zealand but said his thoughts would be very much with us and Doug Cape (1985) whose only surviving brother had just arrived home from Australia.

Thanking the scribe, Les Turberville, read the minutes of the 1989 Dinner at Dundee *

Allan Robertson proposed, in a short humorous address, a toast to the Ladies - or should it be "Spouse persons"

Don Hawthorne in making the toast to the Association, congratulated Don McMillan on his year of office and on his handling of a somewhat difficult AGM earlier that day. He referred to certain highlights of the AGM e.g. Bill Black in full flight - "the speaker's dead" x - the

Appeal Committee ~~of~~ Five having seven members on it - to be
known to 8" and the Treasurer's philosophy of "if you
are making a mistake make it a good one"

He echoed the tributes ^{paid} ~~made~~ to Mac Healy following his
retirement as Secretary of the Joint Awards Scheme and
congratulated Mary Black on her receipt of the
J.V. Coates Memorial Award thus completing the first
husband and wife partnership to be so honored.

The 2 young water polo players who had
shone at the Navy Beach Memorial Medal had typified all
that was best in the Association.

With reference to the report on the work of the
Review Committee, there was a heavy responsibility on
the executive and Council to have regard to the
views of the association.

While results of the Commonwealth Games ^{in Auckland} were disappointing
there were some indications of progress such as the success
of Scotland in the 8 Nations Contest.

For Peter Healy (and Mae) the general success
and widespread participation in the Auckland Commonwealth Games
must have been a dream come true. For Peter as chairman
of the Commonwealth Games Council it would be said to be the

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colmination of a quite brilliant career

Finally, in asking the company to respond to the
Trust, he wished the new President Jim
McWhir and his wife an enjoyable and successful
term of office

Jim McWhir, in his reply, thanked the
company for their good wishes. He was
certainly looking forward to the next 12
months and hoped that his ~~expertise~~^{expertise} as
a Master Baker might be gainfully employed
in helping Mike Sheppard (Treasurer) with
"The Dough" !!

In the customary fashion, the usual
anecdotal stories and reminiscences occupied
the remainder of the evening before thanks were
expressed to Andrew Taylor for his
organisation of a most enjoyable meal and evening
where Donald McInerney was charged with
the responsibility of a similar undertaking
in 12 months time when the 1991 AGM was
to be held in the Midlands District.