

Invercarse Hotel, Dundee

23 February 1991

The 34th Annual Dinner of the S.A.S.A. Past Presidents was held in the River Suite, Invercarse Hotel, Dundee on the evening of Saturday 23 February 1991 following the Annual General Meeting of the Association held in the Northern College of Education earlier the same day.

The company assembled for drinks at 7pm in a very friendly and informal atmosphere. Those present were:-

John Gunning (1957)

George Prescott (1964)

Alex Spence (1967) and Mrs Spence

Jack Neil (1973) and Mrs Neil

Les Turberville (1974) and Mrs Turberville

Sir Peter Healy (1975)¹⁹⁸⁸

Allan Robertson (1979) and Mrs Robertson

Jim Thomson (1980) and Mrs Thomson

Mae Healy (1981)

Don Hawthorn (1983) and Mrs Hawthorn

Jack Snowden (1984) and Mrs Snowden

Doug Cape (1988) and Mrs Cape
Andr ur Taylor (1987) and Mrs Taylor
Don MacGillivray (1989) and Mrs MacGillivray,
Jim McWhir (1990) and Mrs McWhir

Also present was Isabel Smith wife of former
past president Perc Smith and the Guests of Honour
George Philip - newly installed president of the
Association and his wife, Agnes.

The company adjourned to an adjoining room
for dinner the grace being said by our serious
past president present - John Gunning.

A well-prepared meal was enjoyed - the
digestive juices being given time to operate in that
the service of the courses and the wines was
remarkably slow, ^{in contrast} ~~in that~~ we were competing with
another and larger function (Stewart's "Cream of the
Barley") in the main function room.

At the conclusion of the meal - or was it
at the beginning - Donald MacGillivray who was in the
chair - welcomed everyone mentioning especially
George and Agnes Philip, Isabel Smith, Jim
Thomson's new wife Christine or Chris who was

attending her first P.P.S dinner, ^{and} George Prescott
who was nearly out of hospital. On behalf of all
present he ~~acted~~ ^{would} the congratulations which had
reached throughout British Government circles on the
well-deserved Queen's Birthday Honour bestowed on
Peter and Mae. - now Sir Peter and Lady Heatly

The chairman intimated apologies from the
following Bill Cowan (1968) Mary Black (1976/77)
Tom Nelson (1982) and Norrie Beattie (1986).

The company observed a short silence in
memory of our former colleague Jack Wainwright
(1969) who had died suddenly whilst attending a
sports council meeting in Stronachan earlier in
the month. The Association and Past Presidents
were well-represented at the funeral service.

Whilst coffee was being consumed, the chairman
proposed the Loyal Toast whereupon Jim
McWhir produced two magnificent samples of the
grape and the grain which proceeded to
circulate among the company.

Notwithstanding, the official business of the
evening continued, with the scribe, Les Torbett

who had congratulated him that day and pledged their support. As a Dental Technician he looked forward to getting his teeth into the job and especially to becoming a past-president in 12 months time. Behind every male president there is a wife who plays a very important supporting role and there is no way that one could carry on without that support.

The chairman thanked George for his reply and recalled his last sentence of appreciation in relation to all the ladies present.

A message of good wishes was relayed from Mrs Helen Sharp.

The gathering then continued informally with the usual anecdotes and recollections until 11.20 pm when the chairman called proceedings to a halt and wished everyone a safe journey home.

The chairman was thanked for the manner in which he had conducted the evening - and along with the other Midland past-presidents for the excellent arrangements made.