



Record Quick AGM



The 2005-2006 ScotSAC committee (from left to right - Graham Clark, Alison fish, Jack Morrison (chair), Andy Murray (secretary), Jan Crawford and Kevin Miller (NDO)

THIS YEAR'S AGM was one of the shortest in memory starting at 1.00pm and finishing at 3.15pm with a half hour coffee break in the middle. Ken Smith the Chairman welcomed members and after one alteration to last year's minutes he reported that the last year had been a difficult one but thanked all those who had supported and helped him through the year. He especially thanked Alicia and Annmarie for the excellent job they

do in the office.

Bill Beattie then outlined all the meetings he and Ken had attended on behalf of the Club and some of the correspondence from the boring to the bizarre.

Kevin Webb reported that it had been a quiet year for courses, this is cyclical every three years or so there is no great demand for courses. He thanked all the regional coaches, instructors and examiners for all their help during

the past eighteen months that he has had the privilege to be NDO.

Due to the recent resignation of the treasurer, Ken presented the accounts and proposed a small rise in subscriptions - this was passed unanimously.

After the break Jack Morrison made a short presentation on ScotSAC's three year plan. This had been prompted by new rules from sports^{scotland} for funding. This, for now, is based on delivery of a long term plan aligned as much as possible to Sport 21. He outlined that the ultimate goal over the term would be to replace our current dive manual. However the starting point should be a member survey to ascertain the needs and expectations of the members. In future the criteria for grants may change with the emphasis for small governing bodies like us to be funded based on specific projects.

There being no other pertinent business, the meeting closed with the chairman proposing a vote of thanks to the retiring committee.

Technical Courses at Lochaline

IF YOU fancy attending a technical diving course - there is no better place to go this year than Lochaline Dive Centre; as an IANTD facility for 2006 they are offering a full range of technical diver courses from Advanced Nitrox to Full Trimix, open or closed circuit, in association with Outdoor Explorers Ltd.

Courses included are: Recreational Trimix, Advanced Recreational Trimix, Technical Diver, Normoxic Trimix, Trimix, CCR Diver, CCR Normoxic Trimix and CCR Trimix. Prices range from £449 to £799 and include accommodation for your stay (3-5 days), breakfast & dinner, all diving gas, hard-boat hire and course literature - as well as your actual tutoring!

Accommodation during the

courses will be at the Old Post Office, recently renovated it can accommodate up to 10 divers and boasts an open fire and wonderful views of the Sound of Mull.

The instructor for all of the courses will be Simon Ross Deveau, who has been teaching recreational and technical diving full time since 1999, mainly within UK waters with a few excursions out to Egypt and other warm places. As a Trimix Instructor Trainer, Simon has been involved with commercial diving projects in European waters, as well as his own deep exploration projects.

Simon is not only an open circuit instructor, but a closed circuit instructor. Having used the Inspiration and Ouroboros rebreathers for a number of deep exploration projects over the last



few years. Simon's main diving love is caves, but as he spends too much time diving outside of the caves, the next best thing are wrecks. He says: "Deeper diving allows for true exploration into areas that no one has been before. Although shallow diving still appeals there is nothing quite as good as seeing something for the first time."

If this is a sentiment that you share then book yourself on one of the Lochaline Technical Diving courses, for more information visit: www.lochalinedivecentre.co.uk

CONGRATS

AFTER A five year break from diving, it was great to see Johanna Carrie back into the water again and logging her 825th dive in the 'nearly' clear waters of Loch Fyne in March. You looked very impressive in

all your new kit Johanna! It's great to see you back in the water - from all at Lotsac.

IRVINE SUB Aqua Club (ISAC) recently celebrated with two of its divers who between them have notched up 3000 dives.

Glen Wallace, founder member of the club, celebrated

2000 dives and Jim Craig BDO celebrated 1000 dives.

CUMBERNAULD SUB Aqua Club would like to congratulate Stewart Russell and 'Big' Mike Keennan for their notable and extensive commitment within our club; they also happened to achieve their

Master Diver badges, in January this year. Big thanks and very well done to both of them.

But thats not all, Robert Hill qualified in January as our latest sport diver, and became a dad on the February 17 - no diving for a while then Rob, or sleeping!?