

## **Sports Awards Winners 2017**

### **Sports Volunteer of the Year – Katie Campbell, SAST Para Squad**

- Became involved with the squad last year where she assists with coaching in the pool and on land.
- She has travelled to various galas throughout the year to support the squad.
- Also travelled to Sheffield to support swimmers and tennis players competing in the Special Olympic National Games
- Her involvement with the squad gives everyone a boost and encourages them to keep up all of their great performances.

### **Junior Sports Team – Coylton BC 04**

- In their first season playing 11-a-side in the West of Scotland YFL the team won the Tom Young Cup (an introductory cup for boys playing 11 a side football for the first time).
- They then went on to win the league undefeated, while also winning the Presidents Cup and Hoggit Cup.
- The boys worked hard all year to raise money to compete in the Barcelona International Cup where they finished 3<sup>rd</sup>, competing against teams from across the World.

### **Provosts Trophy - Club of the Year – South Ayrshire Swim Team Para Squad**

- In two years the squad has gone from four competitive swimmers to 13 who compete regularly.
- The squad is a fabulous group who range from 10 to 36 years old and have swimmers with learning, sensory and physical disabilities.
- In addition, four of their swimmers undertook the UK level 1 Aquatics course in 2017 with two now teaching and coaching with South Ayrshire Council and the other two volunteering and helping teachers on poolside.

### **Young Achiever of the Year – Miya Morrison, Ayr Diving Club**

- Miya attends every training session available and goes to every event on the competition calendar.
- Her determination has translated into many medal winning performances in competitions, having won a range of gold, silver and bronze medals in SASA Levels diving events.
- The highlight of her career so far has been a gold medal at the Shipley Novices event in Yorkshire, one of the biggest novice diving events on the diving calendar and which features teams from all over the UK.

### **Coach of the Year** – James Claxton, Tenpin Bowling

- James runs a Young Bowlers Club for children ages 7-18 every Saturday. He also runs an after school club for children aged 5-12 years.
- At least 15 adults with a disability come along to a session that James coaches every Tuesday morning.
- He travels the World to represent Scotland at Bowling Competitions.
- James is an excellent team leader and even better role model to people of all ages.

### **Sports Team of the Year** – Prestwick Cricket Club

- On 26 August, 2017 Prestwick FirstX1 won the Western District Premier Division Championship. This is the first major honour to be lifted by the club in 26 years.
- Winning the league meant that they had a playoff game against the Eastern Division winners Herriot's. In what was another amazing game with twists and turns Prestwick came out on top and were crowned Champions of Scotland. A truly outstanding achievement.

### **Local Service to Sport** – Ricky Taylor, Ayr Seaforth

- Ricky volunteers his time coaching three times a week at Ayr Seaforth and officiating at a National and International level.
- He has recently officiated at the World Para Championships as well as the IAAF World Championships in London.
- Ricky is an excellent ambassador for athletics at local and national level and has done much to raise the profile of the sport, Ayr Seaforth and South Ayrshire at National level.

### **Junior Sports Personality** – Katie Robertson, South Ayrshire Swim Team

- Katie currently holds 20 Scottish National age group records from 11 years to juniors and in breast stroke is currently ranked number 1 junior in Great Britain.
- She is a member of the Scottish Youth Squad and recently competed for Great Britain at the 2017 World Junior Championships where she finished 9<sup>th</sup> in breast stroke at just 15 years of age.
- Katie is hugely dedicated to her sport and regularly attends ten sessions a week which she has been consistent with even through exam periods.
- 2017 has been a successful year for her and she now has her sights set on the 2018 European Championships and breaking through into senior elite swimming.

### **Sports Personality of the Year – Jack Dickson, Prestwick Tennis Club**

- Jack is a very talented and committed athlete who has autism, but having this disability has never stopped him from wanting to try his very best at whatever he does.
- He has competed in a number of competitions travelling to Wales, England and competing all over Scotland.
- All his hard work and determination paid off when he was picked to represent Scotland West at the Special Olympics in Sheffield in August and he went on to win Gold in the men's singles and in the mixed doubles with his partner Francis Smiley.
- He has a total of 53 medals across both tennis and swimming.
- Jack is an inspiration and a great ambassador for the youth of today.

### **Lifetime Volunteer Achievement (Non – Coaching) Chris Clow – Prestwick Sailing Club**

- Chris is currently the Club Secretary, but over the years has had many different roles within the management committee; including Treasurer, Sailing Captain, Training Officer and more importantly Commodore.
- He shows an outstanding level of dedication and all his spare time solving problems and putting corrective solutions in place for the best interest of the club and community.
- His exceptional Lifelong contribution to volunteering on the management Committee has provided invaluable experience and knowledge to the club and sport.

### **Volunteer of the Year Audrey Strachan – Gymnastics**

- Audrey has attended gymnastics classes as a volunteer every week for past three years.
- She volunteers three hours a week amounting to 350 hours to date.
- Audrey is a key member of the gymnastic team and is reliable, friendly, committed and is an asset to the team.
- Due to her commitment she has now gained enough experience and knowledge and is looking to develop as a coach and attend a Level 1 coaching course.

### **Young Person's Coach of the Year Morris Thompson - Coylton Tennis Club**

- Morris has delivered curricular and extra –curricular tennis to P3/4's in both Annbank and Coylton Primary schools, during term 1 and 2, ensuring all children are prepared for the Primary School Competition at Prestwick Tennis Centre.
- He has delivered over 120 hours; free of charge; impacting on over 150 pupils and will deliver again in term three in preparation for next year's tennis competition.
- Morris has shown real commitment to developing tennis in the schools and local community.

### **Young Coach of the Year Aiden McLean - Active Schools**

- Aiden has coached for two years with Active Schools and over the last year has delivered over 85 hours of extra –curricular and 36 hours of curricular coaching.
- Since October last year Aiden has delivered football for P6/7 and introduced a girls only football coaching session for P5-7 at Kingcase Primary, coached basketball and hockey at Monkton for P4-7, handball to P2/3 and P4/5 and helped with P4 fitness testing.
- Aiden is a very reliable student and has gone over and above the expectations of his placement hours and is always willing to help out at other sessions
- He builds up a good relationship with children and has been commended by Monkton Primary school on how good he is with the pupils.

### **High Performance Coach of the Year Gary Craig – SAST Para Squad**

- Gary has committed an outstanding amount of time to coach the fast growing Para Squad, which in two years has gone from four competitive swimmers to 13 who now compete regularly, at local, national and international level.
- He plans twice weekly sessions and attends galas as required and the improvement in the swimmers is commendable
- Gary is a well-liked and respected coach and whose personality is perfect for engaging with this group.

### **Lifetime Coaching Achievement Award Gerry Phillips - Former Principal Teacher of PE at Kyle Academy**

- Gerry led a highly motivated team, working tirelessly to ensure pupils received a wide range of sporting opportunities.
- He committed hours above and beyond his duties, delivering extra –curricular sport before school and at lunchtimes and after school preparing pupils for local, regional and national competitions across a number of sports and regularly travelled all over Scotland.
- Gerry was passionate about ensuring pupils arrived in S1 ready to take part in sports at Kyle Academy and gave up a lot of time to deliver transition activities .
- He built up the standard of volleyball within the school to the extent that his teams regularly won national school competitions, rivalling many more established volleyball schools and organised fixtures, referees and results for the South Ayrshire and Ayrshire Schools Football League.
- He is an inspirational character who always gave 110% for his school and his pupils.

**Young Volunteer of the Year** (under 25yrs) Chloe Jackson – Active Schools

- Chloe received Young Ambassador of Year 2016-17
- She has been chosen to work with **sport**scotland as part of the National Conference Team for the Young Ambassador Conference
- Chloe has been volunteering with Ayr Gymnastic Club, her local Dance school and Troon Handball club.
- She has delivered in Prestwick Academy and the cluster Primary schools from P1 to S6 in a variety of sports and averages eight hours a week.