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A word from our President

Delighted to report that feed back about our recent AGM and Annual Dinner has been very positive indeed.

A good turnout, despite the rigours of travel arrangements in the Capital.

Our guest speaker, Chis Paterson, was absolutely first class in every respect and the overall support of the SRU was both impressive and very welcome.

Time marches on and it is both appropriate and important that we review our structure to help meet and indeed try to take more advantage of an exciting new era in the Scottish Rugby scene.

More of that later, but meantime very best wishes to all for a very enjoyable and relaxing Summer.

David Mackay

Annual Dinner

Despite the tube strike and airport issues disrupting many members travel arrangements, 68 members and their guests attended the Friends of Scottish Rugby Annual Dinner held at the Caledonian Club on Thursday 4th June.

Following the drinks reception in the Morrison Room and led by our Piper Ralph Potter the members and their guests were warmly welcomed to dinner in the Johnnie Walker Room by the President David Mackay.

Grace was said by the Reverend Alistair Cumming. The Address to the Haggis was given in traditional style by Neil McNair.

The Loyal Toast was given by our newest member, and possibly youngest member, Josh Howell. Josh is a player, coach and referee and currently lives in Crieff.

After dinner the President introduced the Guest Speaker for the evening Chris Paterson MBE. "Mossy" as he is known, is Scotland's second most capped player, with 109 caps. He also scored 809 points in his career for Scotland.

Chris had a wonderful relaxed, informal style, and invited questions from the audience that he answered with insight and candour. The audience went away with a lot to think about and much better informed about the current state and future prospects of Scottish rugby.

Trophy presentations were made as follows:

Freddy Douglas – The Sir Willie Purves Quaich. Freddy was unable to be present and his trophy will be presented to him personally in Scotland at a later date.

Tom Wilstead – The Sir Tommy MacPherson Quaich

Francesa McGhie – The Lady Jean MacPherson Women's Trophy

The Vote of Thanks was given by Allan McKelvie.



Guest Speaker—Chris Paterson



Above Left: The Sir Willie Purves quach is presented to the men's player most likely to make it into the National Team and this year it went to Freddy Douglas (Edinburgh). Unfortunately, Freddy was unable to attend so the Quach was presented by Alan Laing to Douglas Struth (Managing Director of Edinburgh Rugby) on behalf of Freddy.

Above Right: The Sir Tommy Macpherson quach is presented to the most promising young player at London Scottish FC and was awarded to Tom Wilstead by former Scottish rugby union international player, Bryan Redpath.

Right: The Lady Jean Macpherson Women's Trophy which is presented to the most aspiring female Scottish player, went to Francesca McGhie of Ealing Trailfinders and was presented by Jane Mackay.



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Trophy Table



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Year	SIR WILLIAM PURVES QUAICH			SIR TOMMY MACPHERSON QUAICH			LADY JEAN MACPHERSON TROPHY		
	Winner	Caps	Points	Winner	Caps	Points	Winner	Caps	Points
2000	Donnie MacFadyen	11	10	First presented in 2011			First presented in 2019		
2001	Andrew Wilson	1	0						
2002	Allister Hogg	48	50						
2003	Chris Cusiter	70	15						
2004	Mark McMillan								
2005	Stuart Corsar								
2006	James Eddie								
2007	Moray Low	37	0						
2008	Sean Crombie								
2009	Richie Gray	79	15						
2010	A.P. Blair								
2011	Duncan Weir	30	80	Anthony Kent					
2012	David Denton	42	0	Daniel Mugford					
2013	Sean Kennedy			Jamie Stevenson					
2014	Jonny Gray	82	20	Tommy Spinks					
2015	Finn Russell	94	505	Alec Coombes					
2016	Mark Bennett	29	40	George Horne	46	84			
2017	Magnus Bradbury	22	15	Ally Miller					
2018	Matt Fagerson	65	20	Isaac Miller					
2019	Darcy Graham	56	190	Lewis Wynne			Rachel McLachlan	59	10
2020	Jamie Ritchie	62	10	James Malcolm			Rhona Lloyd	66	150
2021	Scott Cummings	50	15	Matas Jurevicius			Evie Gallagher	40	40
2022	Rory Darge	40	35	Harry Sheppard			Shona Campbell	13	5
2023	Luke Crosbie	12	5	Cam Anderson			Hollie Davidson		
2024	Harry Paterson	4	10	Jack Ingall			Emma Orr	35	50
2025	Max Williamson	13	5	Matt Wilkinson			Alex Stewart	20	5
Total		847	1040		46	84		233	260
Grand Total								1126	1384

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