

# Dyce UPDATE Academy

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## QUIZ HOT-SHOTS IN FIRE PREVENTION

### DRAMA

#### SPARKS FLY AS DYCE QUIZ TEAM SETS FIRE STATION ALIGHT

What is LPG? How far apart should a row of tents be to stop fire spreading? Well, do you know? These were just two of the questions asked when Dyce quizzers were busy again recently, this time with an all-boys team taking part in the Aberdeen round of the National Fire Prevention Quiz. Team members Graeme Veitch, Ben Collins, John Donald and Peter Moir, with John and Richard Esson in reserve, (all from the Dragon Club) were fired (oops, sorry!) with enough enthusiasm to see them through two training evenings as well as the competition itself, their aim being to show that they knew more about fire prevention than anyone else. Teams from Air Training Corps, Guides and Sea Cadets also took part in the quiz held at the Fire Station on Monday 18 March, answering questions on a wide range of fire prevention issues.

Competition was white-hot, culminating in a sizzling triple tie-breaker, at which point one of the Air Training Corps teams scorched their way to victory, beating Dyce by only one point. Our team's enthusiasm is not extinguished, however, and they look forward to competing again next year. One bright spark's reply to our reporter's question "What was the most important thing about the competition?" was "We nearly won!"

PS It seems that some members of the victorious Air Training Corps team were also pupils from Dyce Academy. Warmest (?) congratulations - and if these meltingly modest gentlemen would identify themselves to any Update roving reporter, we could keep our readers posted on their progress in the next round!



PPS Well? Did you know the answers? LPG is Liquid Petroleum Gas (Highly Inflammable) and tents should be 4 metres apart for safety. We hope Mr Taylor knows this!!!

# ARCHERY



Four and a half years ago, Marilyn one of our peripatetic musical instructors, had never even picked up a bow and arrow but now, in the world of archery, she's ranked first in Scotland and eighteenth in Great Britain. This ranking is based on outdoor competition but she's obviously a target indoors too as this year she came first in the Scottish Indoor Championship and third in the British competition.

Marilyn first became interested when she had the opportunity to 'have a go' whilst on holiday. "I wasn't very good - in fact I couldn't do it. The fact that the instruction was in a foreign language didn't help but I decided that this might be the sport for me and that I'd give it another go once I got home."

So, what sort of commitment is needed to reach the high standard she has achieved?

"I have to practise as often as possible, at least three evenings a week - every day if possible. People don't really think of it as a physical sport but it involves doing a lot of mobility exercises. I also have to be prepared to travel up and down the country most weekends between Easter and September."

Marilyn is a member of a club - The Bennachie Bowmen - based in Inverurie, where her talent has been nurtured by the coaching skills of Pat and Ed Grant. Chatting to Marilyn about archery soon reveals how grateful she is to them for their help, support and friendship.

Marilyn would like to see more young people take up this sport and she is eager to point out that it really is a sport for all. It's certainly one sport in which many disabled people find satisfaction. She knows of one club down south that caters particularly for blind archers. So what's her advice to anyone thinking about taking up archery? -

"Be prepared to work at it. To work hard at it. Get yourself a good coach and be prepared to listen To do as you're told. That's when you'll reap the benefits."

So, what's next for Marilyn herself? Well, she would like to improve her position in the British rankings but to do this she would need to travel to more competitions in the south of England and on the continent. Unfortunately, however, without sponsorship that's likely to be impossible.

"I've worked with the Dutch Olympic Team Coach and he is willing to work with the Bennachie Bowmen again - but his expenses have to be met - sponsorship could help."

So, if any businessmen/women out there would be interested in sponsoring a lady who has the dedication and the talent to promote Scotland through her archery - Marilyn is just waiting for your call.

L YOUNG

## YOUNG CONSUMERS

Five Dyce Academy senior pupils - Claire Findlay, Michaela Harrison, Fiona Hurn, Paula Leask and Lesley Nicol - have once again triumphed in the third round of the YOUNG CONSUMERS OF THE YEAR COMPETITION 1991.

The North of Scotland Finals, held in the Highland Regional Council Chamber in Inverness on 20 March, gave the Dyce team yet another victory. They faced some stiff opposition from the Nicholson Institute (Stornoway and Western Isles champions) and Glenurquhart High School (Highland Regional winners) - winning by a margin of just one mark!

Quizmaster, Jimmie Spankie, posed questions on subjects including consumer law, rights and safety, money and credit and general knowledge.

The winning team members and their school received Caithness Glass Trophies and a cheque for £100 to go towards school funds. These were donated by Hawco, Inverness, the competition's local sponsors.

The Dyce team will now be looking forward to July of this year when they will take part in the National Finals, competing against 24 other teams. These Finals are being held in Rotterdam, in recognition of the Open Market in 1992.



# VOLLEYBALL

On Sunday 28 April at the University Recreation Centre the final of the Grampian Schools Simmers Biscuit Trophy for 4-a-side volleyball took place between Dyce and Kincorth. In a closely fought tussle Dyce's more experienced opponents won 15-11, 15-9. All credit, however, to the boys in reaching this stage.



# YOUNG MUSICIANS

In Dyce Academy we are fortunate to have a wide range of instrumental instructors and the uptake by pupils is very good. Although the majority of pupils receiving tuition play in the Community Orchestra, we have a lot of pupils who also play in groups outwith the school.

A number of our string players are members of the Saturday Morning Orchestra which meets in the Music Centre, Belmont Street - Shona Swanson (S4), Hilary McWilliam (S6), Kay Marshall (S2), Fiona Leggat (S2), Sarah Moir (S1), Laura Gairdner (S1).

In June, both Fiona and Shona are joining the Senior Orchestra on their concert tour to Denmark. Shona, Fiona and Hilary also play in the Grampian Schools Orchestra which means them giving up a week of their summer holidays in July to rehearse! Fiona is also a reserve member of the National Youth Orchestra of Scotland and plays in the University Orchestra and Banchory Strathspey and Reel Society.

We also have a large number of pupils who regularly sit Associated Board or Trinity College exams in piano, guitar, woodwind and brass, some of whom gain very good passes indeed.

A McINTOSH

## CONGRATULATIONS!...

..... go to Kim Watson in S6, who has won a place on a three-year Theatre Training Course at the Laine Theatre Arts School in Surrey. She joins ex-pupil Amanda Hutcheon, who started a similar course there last year.

..... also go to Andrew Cornell (S6) who has been awarded a flying scholarship from the RAF. This will allow him to develop his skills to the point where he will be allowed to fly solo. Andrew eventually hopes to pursue a career in flying.

## FINGERPRINTED!

Our Young Enterprise company, Fingerprint, has just been wound up after a successful year. The company, whose main line was personalised stationery, drew its Advisers from Caleb Brett, which operates in the oil industry. Shareholders were happy to receive a 40% return on their original investment, and both our Achievers and Advisers agree that it was an interesting and enjoyable experience.

Next year's company will hopefully get off the ground in June, when new members of S5 and S6 will be invited to 'declare an interest'!

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# DYCE VICTORIOUS !

After a memorable victory over the Grammar School in the semi-final, Dyce faced up to Oldmachar in the final of the President's Trophy at a windswept - and freezing - Northfield (is it ever anything else?). Oldmachar, too, were surprise finalists, having defeated Cults in a previous round.

The game itself was rather a dour affair with defences on top for much of the match. In the first half Dyce's best opportunity fell to Brian McBeath whose right-foot shot forced the Oldmachar keeper to make a good save. The second half saw Oldmachar make more of the running as they took advantage of both the wind and the slope. However, dogged defence punctuated by the odd breakaway, kept Oldmachar at bay. Two saves by Paul Florence in particular kept the scores level. A Scott Crabb backheader forced him to look lively, whilst a brilliant push over the bar from an on-rushing Oldmachar forward earned applause from the sidelines.

Extra time saw little action and as tiredness set in 'super-sub' Kennedy Miskimmons limbered up, hoping to catch Mr Littlejohn's attention, but eventually the final whistle blew and so it was down to penalties. Up stepped Andrew Fraser and he calmly struck home the first. Paul Florence then performed heroics again by saving Oldmachar's first attempt. Scott Crabb was next - and hit the post. But, thankfully, Florence came to the rescue by saving again. Penalties then went with the takers as both Allan Maitland and Steven Bjorkvoll scored. With the score 3-2 to Dyce, Brian McBeath then stepped up and, with what has been described as one of the worst ever penalty kicks, bobbled the ball into the net via his ankle! Nevertheless, scenes of jubilation were witnessed as Brian found himself buried in a heap of Dyce players.

K GILLIES



# FOOTBALL

The 1990-91 football season ended on a high note with the Seniors clinching the President's Trophy in a close fought final against Oldmachar Academy (see report elsewhere). Overall, however, Raymond Littlejohn described the season as "disappointing". He said, "A little more commitment coupled with the right attitude could have brought more trophies". In particular, the U-15s defeat by Northfield in the semi-final of the Gerrard Trophy came about after the game had been largely dominated by Dyce. A more disciplined approach would surely have won this match.

## Results

## Scorers

### U-13

(L) v Westhill	1-2	B Buchan
(L) v Banchory	2-6	A Ogston, E Hutcheon
(L) v Mackie	4-4	B Buchan, K Gibb, S Barclay (2)

### U-15

(GT) v Bankhead	1-0	P Matthews
	(abandoned - fog)	
(GT) v Bankhead	2-0	R McGregor, D Reid
(GT) v Northfield	1-3	P Matthews

### Seniors

(PT) v Portlethen	5-2	J Cossar (3), A Wood, R McBain
(PT) v Grammar	4-3	D Weaver (2), B McBeath (2)
(PT) v Oldmachar	*0-0	* won on penalties
(L) = League		
(GT) = Gerrard Trophy		
(PT) = President's Trophy		

### Total for Season 1990-91

### Top Scorers

	P	W	D	L	F	A
U-13	11	1	2	8	20	42
U-15	5	3	0	2	13	7
Seniors	8	6	0	2	24	17

### Top Scorers

Gavin Balfour	(4)
Brian McBeath	(6)
Roy McGregor	(4)
Chris Page	(4)
Drew Weaver	(5)