

## **CS Membership Secretary's Report for Council meeting 22March 2009**

### **Membership numbers**

It doesn't achieve much estimating our membership numbers more than once a year so I will leave that to the AGM. However I thought it might be of interest to look at the number of members who haven't renewed by month from 1 May 2008 up until February 2009. The 30 April is the date used for calculating membership for the AGM. The numbers are given in the attached spreadsheet. Also included is a list of the numbers of new joins by type.

It is unlikely those members in the months May to October will renew now and certainly it is unlikely that 100% will renew for the period November to February. We would have a healthy growth in membership if we could have less non renewals.

### **Player of the Year**

Intend to run as per last year unless a new manner is suggested. The one thing that causes me to concern is that nominations are not of equal merit so we are faced with an expense (many members are contacted by email for free but a number require snail mail) for an outcome that could be predicted. It might be possible to operate as we do for junior players but this does mean people devoting valuable time to the project. Unless the council decides on a change the applications for nominations will be posted on the web after the meeting with voting forms going out in June's magazine.

### **Club Information**

Information on the following clubs is suspect considering the last time their information was updated. Unless anyone knows if they are alive and well and can confirm that the data we show on the web is correct I intend to delete them from the list of clubs we maintain on the web.

<b>ClubName</b>	<b>LastUpdate</b>
Ardrossan	30/11/2004
Ayr	03/11/2003
Bankton	06/06/2004
Dalmuir	30/11/2004
DNA	30/11/2004
Kirriemuir	02/12/2004
Peebles	01/01/2003
Renfrew	08/12/2004

### **Calendar**

There was discussion on the notice board on having a real time calendar to allow organisers to share their planning with others. I must admit I couldn't get very excited about the proposal. Out calendar runs for the next 12 months so we can show events that are planned for next February now. (Having looked at the calendar Feb 2010 appears at the top of the calendar, something to correct.) However there are no

events yet for the three months before February. When March 2010 appears in April in the calendar the date of Glenrothes will be showing.

Anyone planning a new event in a particular month can always look at this year's 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 or the previous year calendar downloads. Major events do tend to be arranged in the same period each year so it is not too difficult to know who to contact. For example if you were considering November it is obvious you should check with Oban, SNCL and Richardson/Spens organisers or maybe not waste your time and select another month.

One aspect of the calendar I am considering is the fact that organisers send an entry form and ask for the event to go in the calendar. This generally involves opening the form and extracting the information. My plan is to have a set up that allows the organiser to fill up a form the output of which is loaded into the CS database.

Alex ? Suggest something like this on the notice board 15 Oct. 2008 as follows:

"There are plenty of SQL templates and PHP interfaces free on the web for CS to have their own up-to-date calendar, running on their web space, where all tournament and event organisers can post to".

I have found out that this is the way to implement my plan and have the books and Apache on my computer but help from Alex would be appreciated.

George  
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