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Dirrans Athletic AFC
75th Anniversary Dinner
23rd October 2021

Mon the Dirrans!



Ground David Faddes Park
 Kilwinning Community Sports Club
 Pennyburn Road
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<i>President</i>	John Scott			
<i>Secretary</i>	Ian Fenney			
<i>Manager</i>	Jason Stewart			
<i>Coaches</i>	Ryan Gemmell	Colin Fraser	Ian Collins	Jim Hodge
<i>Kitman</i>	Stewart Roxburgh			
<i>Committee</i>	Hugh Wallace	Brian Nelson	Gary Porter	Iain Shaw
	Ross Stewart			

CLUB HONOURS

Post Premier League Formation (1997- Present)

Ayrshire 1st Division	Winners	2000-01*	2013-14
Ayrshire North 1st Division	Winners	2000-01	
Ayrshire North 2nd Division	Winners	1997-98	

Pre Premier League Formation (1935 –1996)

Ayrshire 1st Division	Winners	1968-69*	1969-70*	
Ayrshire North 1st Division	Winners	1958-59	1968-69	1969-70
Ayrshire 2nd Division	Winners	1967-68*		
Ayrshire North 2nd Division	Winners	1965-66	1967-68	1982-83
Ayrshire North 3rd Division	Winners	1996-97		
Ayrshire West Division	Winners	1957-58		

*After Play Off

Knockout Cups

Ayrshire Challenge Cup	Winners	1971-72				
	R/Up	1958-59	1969-70	1981-82		
J Scott Memorial/Lumley Cup	Winners	1968-69	1969-70	2015-16		
	R/Up	1955-56	1958-59	1971-72	1983-84	
Donsports Trophy/Howie Cup	Winners	1990-91	2015-16			
	R/Up	1959-60	1968-69	2001-02		
Donsports League Cup	Winners	1996-97				
Irvine Herald Trophy	Winners	1981				
KSC Community Shield	Winners	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
	R/Up	2014				2021

Scotland AFA Cap Calvin Kemp

Ayrshire AFA Representative	Johnny Dorrans	Bobby Campbell	Johnny Ferguson
	Jim Duncan	Robert Mitchell	Bobby McGregor
	Andy Arnott	Mark Timmons	Ross Stewart
	Barry Fleeting	Jamie Anderson	Graeme Muir
	John Pirie		



It is a huge honour and privilege to be invited to tonight's event in my role as President of the Scottish Amateur Football Association, and I was delighted that I was able to take up the invitation and attend in person.



For an Amateur Club to reach the ripe old age of 75 years, particularly in these days of austerity and with so many other recreational activities available, not to mention the last couple of years when COVID-19 has taken over all of our lives. It is quite astonishing and is testament to the dedication of all the committees, players and volunteers past and present who have given up of their time and who on a week to week basis, indeed in some cases daily, work tirelessly to ensure their club is run as professionally as is possible within the Amateur environment.

I know from personal experience how difficult this can be, and moreover have seen for myself how effectively it has worked over the years for this great club. So all concerned with Dorrans Athletic should be proud of their achievements to date, and I'm certain with their continued drive this will continue for many years to come.

75 years is, without doubt, a huge milestone for Dorrans Athletic A.F.C, or indeed any club, and on behalf of everyone at the Scottish Amateur F.A, I congratulate all of you very sincerely.

I am sure we can all look forward to a wonderful night in celebration of this auspicious occasion, and I trust all in attendance will enjoy, and take great pleasure in being here as part of the 75 year existence of Dorrans Athletic!

Thank you again for inviting me, and I assure you I am very proud to have been asked along this evening, so have a great and successful dinner, and again my congratulations and very best wishes go out to each and every person who has made it possible for the club to reach 75 years of age.

I'm certain there will be many more such celebrations to come!

Stuart Urquhart
President, Scottish Amateur Football Association.



I am delighted to be able to attend this evening's function to represent Ayrshire AFA to help celebrate a wonderful achievement of the 75th Anniversary of Dorrans Athletic AFC, especially given the circumstances of the last few years it is a pleasure to be here in person to say hello again to some old friends.



As President of Ayrshire AFA, we appreciate all that Dorrans Athletic have done for the Association both as a club and the representatives from the Dorrans Committee, who have served with distinction on our Committee and played a crucial role in the running of Ayrshire amateur football. The Dorrans have had many successes over the years and have represented our Association well all over Scotland.

To reach such a milestone is testament to the many hours of hard work of all those behind the scenes and there have been many, past and present, who are responsible for the continued success of the club. I have always enjoyed visiting Dorrans and have had many a competitive battle over the years, but have always been greeted warmly following the match.

I look forward to a great night of celebrations and hope to continue the competitive battle for many years to come.

Enjoy your night
Graham Mair
President, Ayrshire AFA

In 1946 Jimmy Scott with the help of a committee of men from the Dirrans estate in Kilwinning formed Dirrans Athletic AFC. The club played it's home games at McGavin Park and immediately joined the Ayrshire Amateur Leagues. In the late 40s the club left the amateur league to play in the juveniles (Under 28) league but returned to the amateurs after just one year.

The original committee members were Jimmy Scott, Jimmy Walker, Robert Galloway, Tommy Morrison, William Smith, Duncan Robb, Patrick Torley, Willie Hodge, Hugh McLaughlan and James Cuthbert



By 1954 the club had moved to the newly built Dirrans Park located beside the estate and wasted very little time before making their mark on the Ayrshire game with an appearance in the 1956 Lumley Cup Final where unfortunately at Winton Park in Ardrossan the club lost to Shell Amateurs. Undeterred the club got it's first taste of silverware during the 1957-58 season winning the Ayrshire (West) league. League success continued in season 1958-59 in the Ayrshire (North) league although hopes of a treble that season were dashed with the club losing in the Lumley Cup Final again this time against Ardrossan Winton and in their first Ayrshire Cup Final appearance to Crosshill Thistle at Maybole. The club lost another Cup Final in 1959-60 this time to Barony Colliery in the Howie Cup. In 1962 the club dropped out of the top league. By the time season 1966-67 came around though they found themselves back in the top Division. A number of significant local figures donned the Dirrans blue jersey during this period perhaps most notably Jimmy's son John Scott who signed in 1957. John has remained a constant with the club who as well as playing has acted as Club Secretary, Manager and in his current role as Club President. Jimmy Walker was the first Dirrans Captain. Goalkeeper Campbell Thom played for the club in the League winning season and would return in the late 60's as manager. John Gibson was another stalwart of the club, playing in goals in the 50s and early 60s. Wullie Hodge was a Right Back who played in a defence which included Centre Half Johnny Dorrans, Bobby Campbell and Johnny Ferguson. Johnny Dorrans also captained Ayrshire while at the club. The club had a fine array of Midfielders over this period. Arguably the pick of whom were John Conway, Alex Craig and Ben McKinlay. Ben signed directly from Queens Park and was a fine left back. Andy Robb and Joe Scott also enjoyed great success at the club over the period and were respected strikers throughout the Ayrshire League.

Season 1966-67 ended in another relegation and the club appointed former goalkeeper Campbell Thom as manager in the hope that the fortunes of the club could be reversed. Success became a regular occurrence as the club entered a golden period starting with the North 2nd title in 1967-68. In seasons 1968-69 and 1969-70 the club were Ayrshire League champions when as well as winning and defending the North 1st title they won the Robert Murdoch Trophy played between the North and South champions both seasons. Outright Knockout Cup success still proved elusive however with a James E Howie Trophy defeat from Vale of Girvan (1968-69) and a share of the Lumley Cup with Fenwick Thistle after a 2-2 draw AET in 1968-69. In 1970 the club reached there 8th final where they were to play in the Ayrshire Cup Final against local rivals Eglinton Amateurs. They suffered a crushing 4-0 defeat with Eglinton's Jimmy Wilson scoring all four goals. The following evening a battered and bruised Dirrans squad had to face Knockentiber in the Lumley Cup Final. Centre Half Davie Cousar, who had suffered a serious injury in the Ayrshire Cup Final was replaced by Niven Rose. Niven was more used to playing with an oval ball with Irvine Rugby Club but scored the first goal as the club's long wait for silverware ended with a 2-0 victory.

In season 1971-72 the club followed this up with its one and only Ayrshire Cup Final success to date when a Bobby McGregor penalty and a goal from Jimmy Wilson (the club's nemesis in 1970) secured a 2-1 win over Metallic at Abbey Park.



The successful Ayrshire Cup Winning Team was:

Duncan, McCulloch, Blair, P.Monan, McGregor, Polland, Pettigrew, Reid, Wilson, Duff and Hume. Other players to feature in the Ayrshire Cup run included McKibben, Happell, Cousar, Walker, McCall and Soutar.

Although defeat in the Lumley Cup Final that same season to Girdle Toll United took a little of the shine of the achievement the Dirrans still remained one of the strongest teams in the region. Nationally however the club couldn't quite make the final step losing in one Scottish Cup semi Final and three West of Scotland Cup Semi Finals.

The trophies dried up and by 1976 Campbell had left. The club drifted back down to North Division 2 where they would stay for seven years. In 1981 with only 4 signed players, Jimmy Scott wrote out a letter confirming that the club were tendering their resignation from the AAFA. Jimmy's son John showed the letter to his friend Joe Morrison who intervened, tore it up and approached Jim McDonald to become the manager. This sparked a mini renaissance with a first Herald Trophy success (the aforementioned Joe Morrison saved a penalty in the final) and then a surprise appearance in the Ayrshire Cup Final the following year. Although defeated the Dirrans took a strong Darvel Victoria team to extra time before losing by the odd goal in three. This near miss spurred the club on and under the continued guidance of manager Jim McDonald they returned to the North 1st Division as champions of the North 2nd Division in 1982-83. This time the visit to the top league was brief as the club returned immediately to the North 2nd after just one season. The club also missed out on silverware after a 4-2 defeat to Knockentiber in the 1983-84 Lumley Cup Final.

Off the field founder member and Club president Jimmy Scott passed away in 1984. Jimmy's son John who had played and managed the club became Club President.

Relegation to North 3rd Division followed in 1986 and the club stumbled along in mid table until a 2nd place finish in the 1989-90 season took the Dirrans back into the North 2nd Division. Alan McTurk was a star performer in that team and his performances led him all the way to Somerset Park where he signed for Ayr United direct from the Dirrans. The Howie Cup was won in 1990-91 and a third place finish led to an unexpected promotion back into the top league following a league reshuffle. The promotion proved to be a false dawn and once again the club's stint in the top league was over after only one season. After a season finishing in the middle of the North 2nd Division in 1992-93 the wheels fell off and by the end of season 1994-95 the club were rock bottom of the North 3rd Division. Heavy defeats at the start of the 1995-96 season left the Dirrans stranded at the bottom of an all Ayrshire 3rd Division. The two remaining mainstays of the committee John Scott and Davy Faddes turned to Derek Roberts and Donnie McManus Jnr in a desperate bid to resurrect the team's fortune. Gradually the team improved and by the 1996-97 season the club had clinched it's first league title since 1983. The Donsports League Cup was added to the league title as the club continued it's recovery.

A second title soon followed winning the last nine games of the season to clinch the North Division 2 league and by the 1998-99 season the club lined up back in the North 1st Division. By this time however the Ayrshire Premier League had been formed and only the North 1st Champions were promoted to compete in it. The Dirrans found promotion from this league a tougher challenge than the previous two seasons but after three campaigns and a few clever additions to the squad the club were back playing in the top league in Ayrshire. At this time the club again became competitive in the major trophies and from the 1998-99 season in The Scottish Cup they lost out to eventual finalists three years in a row. Liberton RM, Bearsden AFC and culminating in losing to St Pats in the 7th Round of the Scottish Cup in 2000-01. A 6th Round West of Scotland Cup defeat to Clark Drive in 2001-02 left the club still searching for it's debut appearance in a Major Trophy Final. In it's first season (2001-02) in the Premier the club more than held it's own, finishing in a very respectable mid table position but the season finished with a loss to Ardeer Rovers in the Donsports Trophy Final in June. A difficult second season saw them retain their Premier League status only after a 5-2 play off win against the previous season's nemesis' Ardeer Rovers. Derek resigned in 2003 and the team broke up dropping back down the leagues with two relegations in two seasons. Following league reconstruction in season 2006-07 the club found themselves back down in the bottom league. This time in an all Ayrshire 4th Division. The club turned to it's long serving committee man and former player Hugh Wallace to lead it back up the divisions. Despite an early hiccup - the club narrowly missed out on promotion in his first season in charge — Hugh guided his team to two consecutive 2nd place finishes and subsequent promotions. In 2009-10 season a 3rd place finish was enough to secure a berth back into the 1st Division. Hugh decided to resign after this and with one more step required to get back into the Premier the club appointed former Ardeer Thistle manager Peter Kean to lead the club back to where it felt it deserved to be.

Despite a great start to the season the club floundered in the latter stages of the season and suffered a last day relegation. Peter resigned and Jason Stewart assisted by Alan Kerr were invited to lead the club's return to the 1st Division. The boys created a tremendous atmosphere at the club and were unlucky not to return to the 1st Division after a tense promotion battle ended in disappointment on the last day of the season. Luck was however on the side of the club and after another reshuffle they found themselves starting the 2012-13 season back in the 1st Division. That season was again to end in disappointment with a late slump leaving the club in 4th position and facing up to another year in the 1st Division. There was to be no mistake the following year however as the club walked away with the League title securing it with games in hand. A Semi Final defeat in the Donsports Trophy and a 5th Round Scottish Cup adventure signalled a positive outlook for the club as it looked forward to it's Premier return in 2014.

Season 2014-15 ended with a 4th place Premier League finish but the club were left to think of what could've been with the disappointment of a crushing 5th Round Scottish Cup loss to St Joes and a narrow 6th Round West of Scotland Cup loss to Clark Drive. At the 2015 KSC Community Shield, now with a trophy named after one of the club's previous manager's the late Donnie McManus Snr, the Dirrans staked their claim to be the best amateur team in North Ayrshire. A convincing 5-3 Cup Final win over local rivals KSC Wolves, provided the club with it's first Cup Final victory since 1997.

The 2015-16 season developed into a bit of a relegation dogfight but it was turned on its head with some fine cup runs. After Premier survival had been achieved



the James Scott Memorial Trophy (formerly the Lumley Cup) named after the club's founder was won for after a hard fought 2-0 win over Clark Drive at Ardeer Stadium. Player manager Jason Stewart and John Pirie were the scorers. Not content with that the club followed this up with a Donsports Trophy (previously Howie Cup) win against West Kilbride at Abbey Park. This time following a 2-2 draw (goals from Brian Wallace and Ross McManus) Reece Boyd scored the winning penalty after Ross Stewart had saved two in a penalty shoot out.

In season 2016-17 after a second preseason KSC Community Shield win versus Kilbirnie, the club finished 3rd in the Premier league (their highest ever position since the Premier league was started). A defeat from Campsie Minerva in the latter stages of the West of Scotland Cup continued the club's disappointment in the national tournaments. Jason resigned as manager at the end of that season and was replaced with his assistant Alan Kerr. Alan's first season saw us consolidate our place in the Premier League finishing 6th, following a third KSC Community Shield victory this time against Ardeer West. The club also reached the Ayrshire Cup Semi Final but were defeated 1-0 by Cumnock Ams in a scrappy game at Beechwood Park.

Season 2018-19 started in a familiar fashion with a fourth KSC Community Shield victory, this time against Ardrossan Castle Rovers. A defeat in the James Scott Semi finals and a 5th place finish in the league concluded the season. The club maintained it's grip on the KSC Community Shield in 2019, Beith this time being the victims in the final. In January 2020 Davy Faddes the clubs long serving secretary passed away and the club and the local community mourned the loss of one of it's most loved characters. Fittingly the club's home park has now been named after Davy, a man who genuinely devoted a large part of his life to the club.

Covid prevented the completion of the 2019-20 season and also put paid to hopes of a 2020-21 season but the club returned to competitive football in the Ayrshire Premier League in August 2021. Prior to the season we again successfully defended the KSC Community Shield, this time with victory over Beith AFC but after losing on the opening day of the new season Alan Kerr resigned from his position as manager.

The club have again turned to Jason Stewart to manage it and hopefully maintain the levels of success we have enjoyed over the last few years.

Not many amateur clubs have the tradition and history of DIRRANS ATHLETIC AFC.



Eric Whyte (AAFA) presenting Jimmy Scott with a memento on the occasion of the clubs 25th Anniversary



Joe O'Donnell presenting John Scott and Colin Craig with a silver salver to commemorate the clubs 50th Anniversary.



Calvin Kemp with his Scotland AFA Cap he received in May 2018



David Faddes with his certificate to commemorate his life membership to AAFA in 2018



From the time when the club was founded in 1946 till his death in 1984 Jimmy Scott was Dirrans Athletic. Jimmy contributed hugely to the club. This included being the driving force behind the building of the Dirrans Park in 1954. Jimmy also served as the President of the AAFA. His and the club's place in Ayrshire amateur football was cemented when after he passed away they named the North Ayrshire Cup (formerly the Lumley Cup) in his honour.



Jimmy Walker was the first club captain and was involved in the club for many years. Jimmy was the special guest at the clubs 50th anniversary dinner dance.



Tommy Morrison Snr was involved with the club from his inception in 1946. Tommy acted as secretary for many years and was a club stalwart throughout the 50s and 60s.



Campbell Thom was a goalkeeper who played for the club in the late 50s. In 1967 when the club dropped down into the North 2nd Division Jimmy Scott turned to him to manage the club and it proved to be a great decision leading to the most successful period in the club's history.



John Scott's dad Jimmy founded the club in 1946 so it was no surprise that in 1957 just before his 18th birthday, John signed for the club. A defender, John played in the successful Ayrshire West League winning team in his first season and in the club's winning North 1st Division team the following season. John played up to the late 1960's and has managed, coached and acted as secretary of the club over the years. In 1984 after his father passed away, John took over as the Club's President. Despite health issues, John still fulfils the President role at the club.

In 2016 when the club lifted the Jimmy Scott Memorial Trophy, John was unable to attend the game. He didn't miss out though as the boys took the trophy round to his home in Kilwinning to let him share in the celebrations.

John has seen more Dirrans teams than anyone else over the years and named the following in his greatest ever Dirrans XI:

Campbell Thom; Wullie Hodge, Johnny Dorrans, Bobby McGregor, Ben McKinlay. Alan McTurk, John Conway, Peter Monan and Sandy Hume. Robert 'Mickey' Mitchell and Joe Scott.

John also spoke glowingly about John Gibson, Alex Craig, Gordon Lockhart, Jim Cochrane and Andy Arnott



Davy Faddes joined the club in 1982 when his brother in law, Jim McDonald, was appointed manager of the club. Davy became secretary in 1984 and continued in that role up to his untimely death in January 2020. His 38 year service to the club is equalled by Jimmy Scott and only surpassed by John Scott. Davy had total commitment to the club and lived for his Saturday afternoon's. Whether he was in the changing rooms with the players getting their sweep or standing flag in hand on the touchline you always got Davy the same way. His honesty and integrity as a linesman was noted before his death when the club held a 'Respect the ref' course with the Ayrshire Referee Association.

The club acknowledged his massive part in it's history when it named it's home park in his honour.

Hugh Wallace signed for the club in 1978 and was part of the squad who won the North 2nd Division in 1982-83. Hugh also played in the 1981-82 Ayrshire Cup and 1983-84 Lumley Cup Final defeats. He made a number of substitute appearances during the clubs successful spell in the late 90s and became the only man to play for the club in four decades when he came on as a sub in a league game v Howard Ams in 2005.

Hugh also managed the club for 4 seasons taking them from the 4th Division to the 1st with three consecutive promotions. Hugh has also acted as the club Physio and kitman over the years. *Don't mention Darvel*



Brian Nelson was a journeyman junior player up until he joined the amateur ranks with Kilwinning Amateurs in 1993. In 1995 he became Derek Roberts first signing for the Durrans and he has spent the last 26 years with the club. As a player Brian has played over 200+ games for the club and with his playing days gradually diminishing he joined the committee in 2002. In 2007 Brian came on as a sub for his son Darren (one of two father and son's on the pitch for the Durrans that day). A fantastic man both on the park, in the changing room and on a night out! Big Nelly was part of three league title winning squads including the team that took the club into the Premier league for the first time. *Don't mention his header at Catrine*

Gary Porter scored two goals on his debut in 1996 v Troon, that season the club completed a league (North 3rd) and Donsports League Cup double. With only a 10 week spell at Kilwinning Rangers in 1997 breaking up his 25 years service Gary has played over 180 games for the club. His playing days ended in 2003 when after a number of failed comebacks following a cruciate injury he received in a Premier League game in 2001, Gary decided to join the committee.

Gary has played in every position for the club including 90minutes in goals when the goalkeeper called off late before a game in 2006.

Don't mention Garnock Valley



League Positions Record

1957-58 West League—Champions

1958-59 North 1st—Champions

1965-66 North 2nd—Champions

1967-68 North 1st—Champions

1968-69 North 1st—Champions

1969-70 North 1st—Champions

1970-71 North 1st—Runners Up

1971-72 North 1st—Runners Up

1975-76 North 1st—11th (12)

1976-77 North 2nd—5th (12)

1977-78 North 2nd—7th (12)

1978-79 North 2nd—10th (14)

1979-80 North 2nd—12th (14)

1980-81 North 2nd—12th (14)

1981-82 North 2nd—6th (14)

1982-83 North 2nd—Champions (14)

1983-84 North 1st—11th (12)

1984-85 North 2nd—7th (14)

1985-86 North 2nd—13th (14)

1986-87 North 3rd—5th (14)

1987-88 North 3rd—8th (14)

1988-89 North 3rd—9th (14)

1989-90 North 3rd—2nd (12)

1990-91 North 2nd—3rd (14)

1991-92 North 1st—11th (12)

1992-93 North 2nd—5th (12)

1993-94 North 2nd—12th (12)

1994-95 North 3rd—10th (10)

1995-96 Ayrshire 3rd—8th (18)

1996-97 North 3rd—Champions (8)

The AAFA introduced a Premier League in season 1997-98.

1997-98 North 2nd—Champions(12)

1998-99 North 1st—7th (12)

1999-2000 North 1st—3rd (12)

2000-01 North 1st—Champions (12)

2001-02 Premier—7th (12)

2002-03 Premier—10th (12)

2003-04 Premier—12th (12)

2004-05 North 1st—11th (12)

2005-06 North 2nd—11th (14)

The North/South split was removed in season 2006-07 creating 4 all in Ayrshire leagues.

2006-07 Ayrshire 4th—5th (16)

2007-08 Ayrshire 4th—2nd (12)

2008-09 Ayrshire 3rd—2nd (12)

2009-10 Ayrshire 2nd—3rd (12)

2010-11 Ayrshire 1st—11th (12)

2011-12 Ayrshire 2nd—5th (12)

Due to another league reshuffle the club were promoted back into the Ayrshire 1st Division

2012-13 Ayrshire 1st—4th (12)

2013-14 Ayrshire 1st—Champions⁽¹²⁾

2014-15 Premier—4th (12)

2015-16 Premier—9th (12)

2016-17 Premier—3rd (12)

2017-18 Premier—6th (11)

2018-19 Premier—5th (12)

2019-20 Premier—League void

2020-21 Premier—No competition

2021-22 Premier



Lumley Cup Final 1984.

Back row (l to r) Bobby Ross, Hugh Wallace, David Northcote, Alan Jamieson, Gordon Lockhart, Dougie Lynch, Andy Prasher.
Front row (l to r) Jim Cochrane, Alan Welsh, Andy Arnott, Arthur Brooks, Arthur McQuade, Jim McCubbin and John McIntyre



Season 1989-90

Back row (l to r) J.Scott, J.Latta, C.Allan, Grant, R.Gray, T.Dickson, J.Kelly, J.Connell
Middle row (l to r) J.Lindsay, J.Weir, Jinksy, A.Pratt, B.Park, G.Gillon, A.Lennox, D.Lynch, D.Beaton
Front row (l to r) D.Faddes, T.Davidson, A.McTurk, J.Hodge, B.Higgins, D.Kemp and G.Campbell



Season 2001-02

Back row (l to r) D.Faddes, J.McCubbin, D.Roberts, J.Scott, H.Wallace, J.Morrison.
Middle Row (l to r) J.Savage (sponsor), M.Anderson, D.McMillan, A.Clinton, S.Gilmour, I.Collins, M.Timmons, D.Dean, S.Forbes, R.McRae(sponsor)
Front row (l to r) B.Nelson, G.Porter, C.Baird, M.Gilmore, A.Porter, C.Daniells, S.Roxburgh and H.Queen



Season 2013-14

Back row (l to r) S.Hodge, A.Postlethwaite, K.Barrie, G.Porter, B.Nelson, H.Wallace, A.Frew, R.Cuthbert.
Middle Row (l to r) B.Wallace, B.Strain, S.Cochrane, I.Collins, R.Stewart, G.Meikle, J.Anderson, D.Chalmers, L.Wylie
Front row (l to r) S.Barrie, B.Fleeting, G.Cooper, J.Stewart, C.Stewart, G.Muir and David Faddes

Club Officials

Over the years various individuals have served the club in several Capacities

Manager

Campbell Thom (1967-76)

John Scott

Ritchie McCulloch

Freddie Mills

Jim McDonald (1981-84)

Peter Coughlin

Donnie McManus Snr

Alec Kelly

Jim Lindsay (1989-92)

Jim Dale (1992-93)

Davie 'Pop' McIvor (1993-94)

George Leask (1994-95)

Derek Roberts (1995-2003)

Hugh McKendrick (2003)

Jimmy Murray (2003-04)

George Faddes (2004- 06)

Hugh Wallace (2006-10)

Peter Kean (2010-11)

Jason Stewart (2011- 17)

Alan Kerr (2017-21)

Jason Stewart (2021-)

Secretary

Tommy Morrison Snr

Jimmy Scott

John Scott

Joe Morrison

Davy Faddes (1984-2020)

Ian Fenney (2020-)

President

Jimmy Scott

John Scott (1984-Present)

Derek Roberts played for the club in 1967-68 season and returned to play in the Herald Trophy winning team in 1981. In 1995 he was appointed manager and led the club from the bottom division to the Premier League. The Player of the Year trophy is named after Derek in recognition of his contribution to the club.



Jason Stewart took over as player manager in 2011 and guided the club back into the Premier League. Under Jason's stewardship the club also won the Jimmy Scott Trophy and the

Donsports Trophy. Jason returned as manager in September 2021.



Donnie McManus Jr joined the club in 1995 with Derek Roberts. Donnie played in the 1996-97 league winning team and was the club coach from 2005-11. Donnie also holds the record as the oldest goalscorer for the club when he scored with a header in a match against Dunlop Corinthians aged 49 years 336days.

Player of the Year

1995-96 Brian Nelson
1996-97 Stephen Hough
1997-98 Colin Kerr
1998-99 Alistair Porter
1999-00 Mark Anderson
2000-01 David Burns
2001-02 Stewart Forbes
2002-03 Andy Clinton
2003-04 Stewart Forbes
2004-05 Paul Reilly
2005-06 Ally Frew
2006-07 Callum Hodgart
2007-08 Jason Hollas
2008-09 Allan Tudhope
2009-10 Sandy Bradford
2010-11 Alan Frew
2011-12 Colin Fraser
2012-13 Jamie Anderson
2013-14 Liam Wylie
2014-15 Logan Stevenson
2015-16 Andrew Postlethwaite
2016-17 Chris Bennett
2017-18 Ross Stewart
2018-19 Graeme Muir

Player 's Player of the Year

1995-96 Jim Cochrane
1996-97 Gary Porter
1997-98 Mark Roberts
1998-99 Scott Gilmour
1999-00 Andy Clinton
2000-01 Gary Porter
2001-02 Andy Clinton
2002-03 Andy Clinton
2003-04 Stewart Forbes
2004-05 Craig Stewart
2005-06 Craig Haraty
2006-07 Johnny Boyd
2007-08 Sandy Bradford
2008-09 Allan Tudhope
2009-10 Gordon Adam
2010-11 Alan Frew
2011-12 Graeme Muir
2012-13 Stephen Cochrane
2013-14 Liam Wylie
2014-15 Logan Stevenson
2015-16 Andrew Postlethwaite
2016-17 Chris Bennett
2017-18 Lewis Walker
2018-19 Graeme Muir

Most Appearances Since 2004-05



1	Graeme Muir	269
2	Alan Frew	231
3	Ross Stewart	225*
4	Scott Milne	222
5	Chris Bennett	189
6	Logan Stevenson	175
7	Stephen Cochrane	166
8	Jason Stewart	166
9	Brian Strain	142
10	Andrew Postlethwaite	140

*Played for club before 2004-05 season

Most Goals Since 2004-05



1	Scott Milne	84
2	Terry McEwan	79
3	Alan Frew	77
4	Graeme Muir	71
5	Logan Stevenson	67
6	Stephen Cochrane	58
7	John Pirie	47
8	Ally Frew	39
9	Chris Bennett	39
10	Jamie Anderson	26

A Field of Dreams

By Peter Gibson (2006)

In the days before we had television
A group of young men had a wonderful vision
To build a team to take their place
In amateur football and a title place.

Some boys were local and some were not
But if they played football it didn't matter a jot
Some came to play after serving their king
While others were happy just to do their own thing

We were asked to submit a name for the team
Wanderers, Rangers, Rovers—we would dream
Some were quite good, others quite pathetic
They were all thrown out, it became **Dirrans Athletic**

The team became quickly known and gathered support
From all local folk who were interested in sport
Now many years on they are still going strong
Proving the detractors and critics undoubtedly wrong

These men with their vision to bring to this place
A football team to be proud of, so here I rest my case
They confounded the experts who down through the years
Forgot what they say about 'Blood, sweat and tears'

'Long live Dirrans Athletic'