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SCOTTISH HOCKEY AWARDS

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RUNNING ORDER

19:45 – Martin Shepherdson welcome, Susie McCabe stand-up comedy

20:00 – First course

20:30 – Second course

21:00 – Coach of the Year / Volunteer of the Year / Masters Team of the Year / Spirit of Hockey Award / Player of the Year

21:30 – Third course

22:00 – International Player of the Year / Community Club of the Year / Official of the Year / Inclusion Award / Club Team of the Year / Derek Forsyth Award

Awards End – DJ set / bar remains open

12:30 – Carriages



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MARTIN SHEPHERDSON, CHAIR, SCOTTISH HOCKEY

A very warm welcome to the Scottish Hockey Awards, a brilliant occasion where we come together to celebrate and recognise the achievements of clubs, players, volunteers, and officials from across Scotland. This year is bigger and better than ever!

I'd like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to everyone nominated – your achievements and contributions to the sport are truly remarkable. On behalf of Scottish Hockey, thank you for your dedication and outstanding efforts within the game.

I'd also like to express my gratitude to all of tonight's sponsors and partners for their support of the awards, helping us provide a well-deserved platform to celebrate the nominees and winners this evening.



A huge thank you to all the Scottish Hockey staff for their amazing work on behalf of everyone in the sport, and to all the volunteers on the board and committees to do so much to support Scottish Hockey on its journey forward.

We're working together as One Team and I can't wait to celebrate a brilliant year in the journey of Scottish Hockey. Have a fantastic night, and I hope you all enjoy the occasion.

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LYNN FORSYTH, PRESIDENT, SCOTTISH HOCKEY

I'm thrilled that Scottish Hockey is hosting this wonderful evening, bigger and better than before, to celebrate the passion, skill, and camaraderie we all cherish in our beloved sport. This evening, we come together not just as fans, players, coaches, and volunteers, but as a community bound by hockey.

Tonight's awards ceremony honours the teamwork, resilience, and love for the sport that form the very foundation of hockey. We're here to recognise those who have demonstrated exceptional skill on the field, as well as outstanding leadership, dedication, and a true passion for the game, both on and off the pitch.

However you enjoy participating in our sport, the Scottish Hockey Awards bring us all together under the banner of our shared love for the game.

Let's celebrate the hockey community, create more memories with teammates and friends, and share in the joy of the sport.

Enjoy the evening!



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CRAIG MUNRO, VICE PRESIDENT, SCOTTISH HOCKEY

As Vice President of Scottish Hockey, it's a privilege to be part of another amazing awards ceremony, celebrating the achievements, talent, and dedication that define our sport. Tonight, we gather not only as members of a sporting community but as individuals united by a shared passion for everything that the hockey community represents.

The clubs, teams, players, coaches, and volunteers honoured at these awards are vital to the sport's success. This evening provides us with a wonderful opportunity to come together and recognise the incredible achievements on the field, as well as the unwavering commitment behind the scenes.



To all the nominees, congratulations on your well-earned recognition. Your tireless contributions to the growth and success of hockey in Scotland are truly appreciated. Enjoy the celebrations, revel in our shared love for the game, and I hope you all have an unforgettable evening.

COACH OF THE YEAR

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This award is for an outstanding coach/deliverer working in a school, club, community setting. The recipient will have invested time in their development as a coach and have made significant impact of the people they coach.

JAMIE HOGARTH (ERSKINE STEWART'S MELVILLE)



Jamie is the most committed and dedicated coach and a fantastic role model for children. Jamie has been youth coordinator at the club for a few years now and he is fantastic in this role and is irreplaceable. Jamie always has great ideas to progress the youth section of the club and puts them into action, this is on and off the field. He is kind, empathetic and really does have the children and the parents on side. Everything runs like clockwork and Jamie devotes a lot of time ensuring that everything is very well planned and thought through.

The kids adore his training style. Nothing ever seems too much for Jamie and as well as training the children, he has invested in training up the young adults to be coaches themselves.

He not only coaches at club level but at East District as well. His commitment is amazing and deserves recognition.

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DAN COULTAS (THE WATSONIAN HOCKEY CLUB)

A top player in the country whilst coaching the Watsonians 1st XI to their first ever Scottish cup win and first ever top 4 finish.



SEAN HADFIELD (GRANGE LADIES HOCKEY CLUB)

Sean Hadfield continues to inspire and coach a generation of Grange Junior Girls from a young age through to Grange Ladies. Not only does he work hard coaching Grange Juniors and Ladies he produces incredible results! He is without a doubt a stand out coach of girls and ladies who delivers. Season 23/24 Sean delivered amazing results: Ladies 1 Premiership 5th place (promoted 21/22 and stayed up since under Sean) Ladies 1 Indoor National 2 Winners U18G Scottish Cup Winners U16G Scottish Cup Winners U15G Indoor Scottish Cup Winners U14G Scottish Cup Runner Up That is a lot of silverware in one season.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

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Volunteers are at the heart of any club and this award recognises the outstanding contributions an individual has made, going above and beyond, within a club setting. Their commitment and passion to improve the lives of people, players, and the wider community is clear.

KAREN THOMSON

Karen is a true stalwart of Perthshire Hockey Club - player, coach and umpire! Karen is fantastic at encouraging youth talent at our club, nurturing and encouraging young hockey players through youth hockey and into ladies hockey at the club. Our 1st XI includes a mix of experience and school girl hockey players who she helps to develop, not only their hockey skills but also their leadership skills and confidence. She sets high standards which all players want to achieve because, ultimately, we all want to impress her and do her proud! As well as playing she umpires on a regular basis, travelling the length of Scotland to ensure all hockey players can play our sport in Scotland. This means she is often jumping off an umpire appointment straight into a match for Perthshire. I'm not sure how she fits it all in!

JILL MCMASTER

Jill tirelessly runs the kids hockey, nurturing and developing the kids enabling them to move with confidence into the ladies team. She works with some of the younger players on the ladies team enabling them to develop their coaching skills, She also plays a huge part in the running of the ladies team.



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DIANE SCADE

Diane is one of those committee members who 'on paper' has one role (Social Media & Website Convenor), but in reality, contributes to every aspect of the club. She lives and breathes GHK and has completely overhauled how our club is run, and our club communications. She is a leader and advocate for youth development at GHK, contributing to coaching at U14s, U16s, and our 5th and 6th XIs. She is also a national level umpire, and regularly contributes to our umpiring commitments. Her engaging and enthusiastic nature has undoubtedly contributed to the growth of the club and its successes over the last 5 years and as a committee, we are completely indebted to her. She played a major role in organising the club's first ever Cairnhill Steel Solutions Cup - a preseason tournament between 4 Glasgow-based Premiership teams, with all funds raised going towards the club's chosen charity, Crohn's & Colitis UK (£1500).



MASTERS TEAM OF THE YEAR



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This award is for the Masters Team who has achieved success at any level across season 2023 – 2024 and deserves recognition.

SCOTTISH MASTERS HOCKEY WOMEN'S 60S

The team won silver medal at World Outdoors 2024 – following on from their gold at the European Championships the previous year.

SCOTTISH MASTERS HOCKEY MEN'S 35S

The team won silver at the World Indoors 2024.

SCOTTISH MASTERS HOCKEY WOMEN'S 55S

Bronze at World Indoors 2024 - The squad embarked on a hopeful yet somewhat unknown adventure given this was the first ever Indoor Masters World Cup. However, with a core of seasoned senior players they were clearly aiming to medal at this event. The main reason for this nomination is not just for winning the bronze medal but even more so for the way the girls conducted themselves in the bronze medal match despite the crushing disappointment of the previous day. The demonstrated considerable and commendable resilience to produce one of their strongest performances of the tournament to defeat the Netherlands by 7-0.

SPIRIT OF HOCKEY AWARD

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This award is for any club, team, volunteer, coach, official who continuously displays the values of the game in everything they do, encompassing the true spirit and power of hockey.

EWAN CAMPBELL



Ewan is everything that is good about hockey in Scotland. He lives and breathes hockey from all levels, from youth coaching and involvement, to umpiring at district hockey, to coaching both indoor and out and all this whilst also maintaining a spot in Hillhead's men first team. Playing premiership hockey, week in week out. Hillhead has an absolutely wonderful ethos and culture, there is arguably no better representation of that culture than Ewan, who gives up an incredible amount of time to see the club he's been a member of for a long long time succeed.

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STEVEN GLASS

Steven Glass led Dunfermline Carnegie to the Men's Premiership for the first time in the club's history and then, as player-coach, led them further on to secure a top 6 premiership finish the following year (2022). In the summer of 2022 tragedy struck for Steven. 3 days before he was due to travel to Nottingham to compete for the Masters World Cup he visited a physio complaining of back pain and ultimately was referred to the hospital, expecting to be cleared to play hockey that week. Instead, he was kept in hospital for the next 81 days continuously for treatment on what transpired to be a broken back and severe nerve complications. Far less compete in the World Cup that summer, Steven was told he would never play sport again. Steven could be forgiven for wanting nothing to do with hockey. Instead as the 23/24 season started he was back at the helm of Dunfermline Carnegie Men's 1s, from the sideline on his crutches he led them to promotion back to the premiership at the first attempt. As well as coaching the men's 1s he completely overhauled the club's youth coaching structure and the stream of young talent now plying their trade in the premiership for the club is testament to the improvements he made. Over the festive period of 2024 he decided to try and give back a little more to indoor hockey, as coach of the Scotland Masters 40s heading to the indoor world cup in Nottingham. He then coached the team to the bronze medal finale where they unfortunately fell agonisingly short of medalling. Through the summer of 2024 he worked tirelessly on all aspects of both Dunfermline Carnegie Hockey Club's infrastructure and the men's first team, assembling a new squad capable of competing in the premiership with an emphasis on youth and investing further in the home grown hockey talent. As a coach alone his tenacity, tactical acumen and motivational capabilities are deserved of reward, as would his off-field improvements to the infrastructure of the club. But to do it all in the face of such a life changing tragedy, to do it without once asking for credit, to do it without once feeling sorry for himself while all who spoke to him from both within the club or opposition teams alike would confess they wouldn't be able to, just shows the character of the man combined with his passion for the sport he has loved since a young age.

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ALAN VEITCH

Alan as a “self-confessed lover of sporting facts and statistics” is passionate about sharing this information with the whole hockey community, as well as the wider public through the website he has created. Alan has curated Inverleith HC’s records and made an arrangement with the City of Edinburgh Council to store them and anyone can request to see them. Alan believes passionately in sports heritage and particularly keeping accurate records of domestic competitions, international matches and international caps, for the whole hockey community and the wider public to share. Alan heard about the SHHG and made contact to find out what we were doing and was instantly invited to join the group. Alan has embraced all the challenges he has set himself, to complete data/records researching via Scottish Hockey, National Records of Scotland, National Library of Scotland, local museums, districts, clubs, club players, international players/coaches/managers. Alan wrote the Scottish Hockey Heritage Project document, created the SHHG website, set up the SHHG link on Teams and has catalogued all the trophies in Scottish Hockey’s possession, including identifying all those that are missing. Alan is aiming to preserve Scotland’s hockey heritage, maintain a digital archive, publicise it through the SHHG website and future social media platforms as well as links with Scottish Hockey’s platforms. He wrote a book titled, “Scottish Hockey Results of national Club Competitions, Leagues and Cups Seniors, Youths and Schools”. Alan is well on the way to identifying and verifying Scottish senior men’s and women’s outdoor caps. Anyone who comes in to contact with Alan has a huge respect for his never ending commitment and the thousands of hours he has spent in the service of hockey heritage. He is a very quiet, humble and unassuming guy. It is an incredible commitment in terms of years he has spent in the service of hockey heritage.

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STEVEN GLASS



ALAN VEITCH

PLAYER OF THE YEAR



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This award is for an individual player within our domestic competition structure who has excelled in the season 2023-2024 in any of the following ways: playing ability, leadership, commitment, and positive role modelling.

CLAIRE MACDONALD

Claire was diagnosed with cancer back in February 2024. Usually something like this would stop someone from playing sports, however Claire did not miss a single game or training session between February and the end of the season. Whilst going through chemotherapy and umpteen other procedures, surgeries, blood tests, Claire has never stopped and always has a smile on her face. Claire also took part in our 60 hour hockey world record! Whilst the rest of us were struggling as fully healthy adults, Claire kept a smile on her face and completed the 60 hours with more energy than some of the rest of us (all of this whilst going through chemotherapy treatment!). Claire is a true example of commitment to hockey and to your club and is also a great role model for everyone on never giving up.



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GAVIN SOMMERVILLE

GOAT in the goal. Undoubtedly one of the best, if not the best keeper in the Scottish game. Gav, former captain of Western Wildcats Men's 1s, has helped lead the squad over the years and helped set them up for their current success. He drives excellence at training and in games, supporting his teammates as he goes. He is committed to his own hockey and wants to be the best he can be for the club, his teammates and himself. Gav is always at training and grinding out sessions in between. He is a positive role model for the younger generations of goalkeepers and gives up his time to offer support and guidance.

KEIR ROBB

Keir Robb captained the Edinburgh University Men's Hockey 1st team for the 2023/2024 season. Over this time, he led them to a 2nd place finish in the Scottish league, just one point from topping the leader board. In the same season, he secured playoffs for the team and led them to victory in the Scottish plate. He was top goal scorer for the second year in a row from a club of over 150 players and 7 teams, making him one of the highest scorers in the Scottish Premiership league. He did all of this whilst excelling in his degree, achieving a distinction for his academic achievements in his 4th year of Medical School. The university's team is composed largely of young, promising hockey talents, and under his leadership, they were motivated to excel both on the pitch and in their academics – cementing Edinburgh's reputation as an ideal base for student hockey players, in Scotland, the UK and further afield in Europe. Keir has always showed immense leadership skills, mentoring the 12 younger players of the club's first team and being an approachable point of contact for them. He has continued this into the current academic year despite no longer holding the captain's hat, and is essential to the club's culture of friendship and enjoyment of the game of hockey.



INTERNATIONAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR



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This award is player nominated, with the winner chosen by the public. The Scotland international players voted for the individual in their squad who has demonstrated the following attributes; excellent team mate, outstanding performance on the pitch, hard work and commitment to the programme.

JESSICA BUCHANAN

KATIE BIRCH

FRANCES LONERGAN



LEE MORTON

STRUAN WALKER

ALI RICHMOND

COMMUNITY CLUB OF THE YEAR



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This award is for a club which is at the heart of their community. A club which not only delivers and grows hockey but works tirelessly to provide an environment open to the local community with key partnerships and programmes to embed themselves with the growing community around them.

DUMFRIES HOCKEY CLUB

Dumfries Hockey Club has 150+ members aged from 5 to 75, and has a strong Masters element. They have 4 teams (2 Mens and 2 Ladies Teams) that play hockey in the West District League of Scottish Hockey. Youth Development players attend coaching sessions and are split into U8, U10 & U12, U16 & U18. They also attend and host youth festivals in and around the Glasgow areas. They have an agreement with Annan HC who are in their infancy allowing individuals to play for them at district level.

Dumfries Hockey Club liaises with the Dumfries & Galloway Council Active Schools Programme throughout the Nithsdale area to deliver taster hockey from P4 to P7 which culminates in age appropriate festivals. They have hockey members who assist the Active Schools Officers with the coaching of these taster sessions. They leave follow up lesson plans for the class teachers and also aim to support after school clubs which can involve local MUGA games and also mini festivals. Visiting 20 different schools over several weeks before the P4/P5 festival where they did hockey taster sessions to approximately 400 pupils. Recently, just held the P4/P5 Minis Festival where 9 different schools attended, (the furthest which was Sanquhar which is 28 miles from Dumfries). A total of 11 teams attended the festival where 70 children/pupils attended. Promisingly, the relationship between SH and the Active School teams has been strengthened; there has been a buy in from teachers attending the CPD opportunities and for the West RM to work with the ASM to work with each other in the future.



COMMUNITY CLUB OF THE YEAR



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CLYDESDALE HOCKEY CLUB

Clydesdale Hockey Club has a rich history of community engagement, youth development, and fostering inclusivity within the sport. The club's efforts to engage with the local community are bolstered by partnerships with local businesses, such as Milne Craig Chartered Accountants, which has supported the women's section for years. Clydesdale has a history of producing top-level talent that goes on to represent Scotland and Great Britain at international levels, including Olympic medallists. This success serves as inspiration for the next generation of players and adds to the club's community prestige. Also this year Clydesdale did a mammoth task with the help of other local hockey clubs to raise money for their pitch funds by playing the longest game of field hockey in the world and broke the official record to play 60 hours non-stop! The following Monday Clydesdale set to break another record for having the most hockey players on the field in a continuous match which was topped at 400 players. It was a great success and involved large parts of the community to help out. This was a huge feat brought together by a group of volunteers who put months of effort and planning into this. These events brought people from hockey clubs across the UK to Clydesdale to achieve these world records.

HIGHLAND HOCKEY CLUB

Highland has hockey sessions for every age from pre-school, junior, youth, both ladies and men's teams and social opportunities. This is particularly important as there is no men's hockey in the secondary school system in Highland. A limited number of members give huge amounts of time to keep the sport alive in Highland. It's truly a community effort, much appreciated by many.



OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR



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This award highlights an individual who has demonstrated an outstanding contribution to officiating through their professionalism, conduct, and as an advocate for fair play – creating a positive environment for the competitive game to be played.

SARAH WILSON

Sarah umpired at the Olympics in the summer, taking charge of the women's final.



MARTIN MADDEN

Martin has been a phenomenal ambassador for Scottish officials on the very top stage of world hockey for well over the past ten years. He has umpired at multiple European championships, World Cups and Olympics, along with many other top level tournaments. He umpired at the 2024 Paris Olympics, umpiring the Gold medal match which was his last as an umpire. Domestically Martin always makes time to support those of us who have had the opportunity to umpire with him. He is very generous with his time and never makes you feel like you've asked a stupid question. Offering his sage wisdom on anything you care to ask about.

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ANNA WATSON

Anna is an outstanding advocate for the sport and officiating. In her role as National Umpire for GHK Ladies Hockey Club, she continues to promote fair play at Premiership and West District level. She uses her experience to help encourage youth development. She promotes inclusivity at all levels and is a huge advocate for the Scottish Masters programme, regularly officiating at all major international competitions, including the Masters World Cup in New Zealand in November. She is a cornerstone part of our hockey club, but raises the profile of sport inclusivity irrespective of age, throughout the country and internationally.

INCLUSION AWARD



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This award is for a club which has demonstrated a commitment to inclusion across everything it does on and off the field. This could be anything from delivering bespoke projects and programmes to engage specific demographics of their local community to implementing policies and ways of working to provide a safe and welcoming environment for all members of the club and community.

ESKVALE HOCKEY CLUB

Eskvale put inclusion front and centre by providing a welcoming environment and real feeling of community for their members. The club's Wockey initiative for all ages and abilities was the first Walking Hockey session to start in Scotland and is going strong with a regular 15-20 members attending weekly sessions. Eskvale organise Christmas parties for their junior and senior sections - offering tickets to the party for free to all under 14s! Eskvale has been dedicated in delivering and promoting hockey in community sessions offering hockey at primary and secondary schools who do not have hockey programmes. This resulted in four community clubs set up at the secondary schools in different towns to reduce the barrier of transport. The club was successful in gaining a Club Community Fund grant to purchase sticks and balls, and upskill young leaders through Leaders training. They upskilled 6 youth leaders who now assist at these local community club sessions. This initiative has also resulted in one of the schools entering a boys' team into the Junior Aspire tournament (and hosting!). Eskvale also offers and promotes development opportunities for all club members. They are on the ball upskilling youth leaders and providing them session time to further enhance their coaching and umpiring skills.

PRESTON LODGE LADIES AND ROSS HIGH HOCKEY CLUBS

The two clubs partnered with one another to create a programme for young girls to try out hockey for the first time by removing costs of participation. This partnership not only helped to strengthen club to school links but also strengthened the link between the two clubs who directly compete in the leagues against one another. The two clubs acknowledged that hockey can be inaccessible due to socioeconomic challenges and that young girls can often fall out of love with sports due to low self-esteem and fear of judgement. The clubs set aside the fact that they were competitors and set to work to improve the accessibility of the sport, developing a programme that provided free sessions to female teenagers and provide them with new sticks to participate.

CLUB TEAM OF THE YEAR

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This award for any team who participates within a Scottish Hockey league competition or cup. It is for the team who has excelled on the pitch throughout season 2023-2024.

WESTERN WILDCATS MEN

The first Scottish team to win an EHL KO16 match and progress to the KO8. Indoor league champions for the 3rd successive season, finished 5th out of 8 in the indoor European B division. National outdoor champions for the 3rd successive season, after winning play off final against Grange (indoor/outdoor double for 3 seasons running).



EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY MEN 2s

Unbeaten season in both Scottish league and Scottish Cup, Winning Regional League 1 and Scottish Regional Cup.



WATSONIANS LADIES

Winners of every competition they competed (Women's Premiership, National Indoor 1, Scottish Cup and Grand Finals).




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RAFFLE PRIZES

- Overnight stay, dinner, bed and breakfast for 2 adults at 5* Dalhousie Castle Hotel & Spa (provided by SportsHotels.com)
- 4 tickets to a premiership rugby game (provided by Gallagher Insurance, Risk Management and Consulting)
- Overnight stay with bed and breakfast for 2 (provided by The Clayton Hotel, Glasgow)
- £250 Net World Sports Voucher
- Scottish Hockey Senior Men Framed and Signed Shirt
- Scottish Hockey Senior Women Framed and Signed Shirt
- 2025 Scottish Hockey Event Pass
- Gift box (provided by Ishga skincare)
- Bottle of gin (provided by Eden Mill)
- Treatments for 2, Afternoon Tea, use of facilities, robe & slippers (provided by The Crutherland (Macdonald Hotels))
- 70cl bottle of Glenkinchie 12-year-old (provided by Glenkinchie Distillery)
- Distillery tour for 2 (provided by The Clydeside Distillery)
- Gift box (provided by The Dookit Brewery)
- Brewery tour for 2 (provided by Moonwake Beer)



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