

## Lewis and Harris Sports Council 2001/02

### Executive Committee Line Up

Honorary President:	Kirsty Wade
Chairperson	Kenny Murray (Stornoway Golf Club)
Vice-Chairperson	Manus McGee (LHJFA)
Treasurer	Robert Emmott (Treasurer)
Secretary	Steven Munro, Community Sport Development Officer (Ex-officio member)
Minute Secretary	Edna Morrison (L & H Sports Festival)

### Sports Representatives

Brian Scarisbrick: Sub Aqua Club	Ian Macpherson: Bowling Club
Murdo Campbell: Canoeing Club	Diane Morrison: Karate Club
Jane Macintosh: Gymnastics	Mike Briggs: Tennis (Harris)
Angus Morrison: Harris Golf Club	Malcolm Macdonald: L & H Football
David Macleod: Primary Schools Rep	Alasdair Dunlop: Secondary Schools Rep
David Matheson: Further Education Rep	Janette Ramsay: LHYCA
Dorcas Frame: SRAC	Marion Finlayson: L & H Riding Club
Gordon Thomas: Disabled Sport/Recreation	

### Ex-officio Members

Ian Campbell: Sportscotland	Donald Macleod: Western Isles Enterprise
Donald Macleod: Northern Constabulary	Alasdair G Macrae: CnES
Donald Maclean: CnES	Tony Wade: Sports Facility Manager
Brian Chaplin: Western Isles Enterprise	Bill Houston: Leisure Services, CnES
Emma Matheson: Uist & Barra Sports Council	
David Arnott: Scottish Association of Local Sports Council	

### Affiliated Clubs, Organisations & Individuals 2001/2002

Stornoway Angling Association	An Sulaire Trust	Harris badminton Club
Island Archers	Isle of Harris Golf Club	Lewis Camanachd
Lewis & Harris Football Association	North Harris Bowls Club	North Lochs Girls Club
Point Girls Club	Ionad Loch a Tuath	Sail Hebrides
Lewis & Harris Riding Club	NLSC Leagues	Western Isles Pony Club
South Harris Bowling Club	Stornoway Sea Angling Club	Stornoway Golf Club
Stornoway Squash Club	Stornoway Rugby Club	Stornoway Karate Club
Stornoway Bowling Club	Stornoway canoe Club	Uig Community Assoc.
Calum Buchannan	John Mitchell	Mike Briggs
Western Isles Disability Sport	Western Isles Duke of Edinburgh Award	
Westside Football & Recreation Club	Lewis & Harris Junior Football Assoc	
Hebridean Walking 7 Climbing Club	Lewis & Harris Badminton Club	
Lewis & Harris Youth Club Association	Western Isles Amateur Swimming Club	
Stornoway Running & Athletics Club		

### **Service to Sport Award**

Murty Campbell has been involved in the coaching and training of both youngsters and adults in the Canoe Club since 1986, running sessions all year round at Cuddy Point or the pool every Thursday night. In addition he leads and organises trips and expeditions in all seasons. As a dedicated chairman he has helped many others develop into skilled canoeists and instructors.

Murty's own paddling achievements provide inspiration to us all. He has paddled from Barra to the Butt and from Stornoway to Ullapool in aid of Charity. His participation in the expedition from Lewis to Sulisgeir and North Rona was commended by the Scottish Canoe Association and in 2000 he made a return crossing to St Kilda. His 'minor' exploits include trips to the Flannan Isles, across the Little Minch and he has paddled almost the whole of the Outer Hebrides Coastline. In addition, he has competed in every Western Isles Challenge and was a member of the winning team in 1998. Needless to say he is renowned for his stamina, strength and seamanship.

Murty is a modest individual who does not seek attention but motivates others through his own joy and love of the sport. He encourages others to learn and helps them achieve their aspirations, leading and teaching by example. He represents the very spirit of this award as the embodiment of a sport suited to the wilderness of the Outer Hebrides.

Murty has also been an enthusiastic member of the Lewis & Harris Sports Council's Executive Committee for the past three years.

The local Service to Sport Award is a well-deserved recognition of Murty's commitment to helping others develop as canoeists for more than fifteen years.

### **Grant Aid For Clubs**

One of the key functions of the Sports Council is to disburse grant aid on behalf of Comhairle nan Eilean Siar and Western Isles Enterprise.

The Grants Policy is geared to providing support to clubs, organisations and individual members of affiliated clubs to encourage participation, improve performance and promote the importance of sport. Over the past twelve months a total of 28 grants for sport were awarded by the Lewis & Harris Sports Council. A summary of how this money was used and the benefits which were obtained are detailed below.

### **New Clubs Started**

One of the objectives of the Sports Council is to encourage and support the development of new clubs and organisations or the formation of junior sections to existing clubs. Three new organisations were assisted this year which will hopefully lead to increased participation in sport:

North Tolsta Primary Youth Club; Harris Badminton Club; Westside Football & Recreational Club

### **Coach Education**

The Sports Council views the training of coaches and instructors as being the cornerstone for good club development. Clubs and organisations which have invested time and money improving the knowledge and coaching skills of their coaches are regarded as being in the best position to offer quality experiences to their members. Clubs and organisations which made use of the Sports Council's Coach Education Grand Aid Scheme this year included the following:

Lewis and Harris Junior Football Club

To help one of the Association Members who is an A-Licence Coach attend an SFA Tutor Training Course.

Stornoway United and Lochs FC

Provide D Certificate coaches to increase the number of coaches within the clubs.

Westside Football Club

Provide D Certified coaches to help with the primary Development Centre in the Westside area.

Stornoway Rugby & Athletics Club

For 2 SRAC coaches to attend UK athletes workshop at Meadowbank Stadium, Edinburgh

Stornoway Karate Club

To enable the club to provide members with top-level instruction with a grading available on the final day

Stornoway Squash Club

To provide an introductory squash coaching course to club players and interested members of the public. The course to be run by a top Scottish Squash Club.

Stornoway Canoe Club

For a member to attend the level 2 coach assessment course in kayaking at Glenmore Lodge. Also for 2 club members to attend level 3 kayaking (sea) training course at Loch Eil.

Sports Equipment

Video Camera

This was purchased by the Sports Council for the affiliated club to help improve and develop the skills of club members by assessing the video evidence.

North Lochs Girls Club

Provide the club with their own equipment to develop the members sporting skills.

### **Sports Coaching Development Grant**

Lewis & Harris Sub Aqua Club

Help the local club to provide instruction to new members towards gaining assistant instructor qualification with a view to being examined for the qualification of Club Instructor.

#### Western Isles Pony Club

For members of the Western Isles Pony Club to attend the riding school in Dingwall to improve their skills in cross-country, eventing and showing at competition level.

#### Lewis & Harris Riding Club

Allow the Club to bring a top riding instructor to the island to help members improve their skills and performance.

### **Sports Events**

#### Lewis & Harris Women's Football Association

Set up a junior girls 7 a-side football league at Smith Avenue All Weather Surface and Sgoil Nan Loch Football Pitch. This is to help continue the girls development by improving their game awareness and competing against each other in their local team.

#### Western Isles Disability Sport

For an athlete to attend the BT Scottish Senior Championship for physically disabled and blind swimming in Glenrothes, Fife and also send a team to attend the Discovery Centre in Dundee.

#### Island Archers

Compete in the John Clark Memorial Rally in the Borders.

#### Isle of Lewis Gymnastics Club

For coaches and members of the club to attend a gym rest at the Athens International Gymnastics Festival in Greece

### **Excellence**

#### Western Isles Amateur Swimming Club (Ness Section)

Send a team of swimmers to attend North of Scotland Championships in Inverness.

#### Stornoway Running & Athletics Club

8 junior athletes attend the inter district championship to represent the North of Scotland Cross Country Team. 7 junior athletes attending the Scottish national Track/Field Championships and also help a club member to allow him to defend his European IVet Title in 500m/1500m.

#### John Mitchell

Competing in British Quad Championship. Take part in events in England and Southern Ireland.

#### Lewis & Harris Junior Football Association

Help send 4 players from the junior football league to represent Ross County Football Club at under 15 level in the SPL Youth League.

#### Stornoway Bowling Club

Send members to the regional qualifying round of the Scottish National Bowling Championship in Inverness.

**Discretionary**

Lewis & Harris Sports Festival

To provide a part time administrator/co-coordinator for the duration of the festival 2002.