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## President's message

We've had a very active last couple of months with many members attending District Conference in Perth, Gary, Eddie, Robert, Jim Stewart, Martin McLaughlan, Jack and myself. The Rotary Club of Renfrew got a few special mentions, firstly Eddie Williams for all his efforts in initiating a 'New Rotact Club' at Braehead, Renfrew.

The last Renfrew Rotaract Club disbanded 15 or so years ago and in the current climate of dwindling membership of Rotary throughout the world shows this as a fantastic achievement. And secondly, our very own Sports Officer Mario Caroppo, for the numerous sporting activities including: Golf, Shooting, Snooker and Curling. I hope all Rotarians and their guests are gearing up towards the 'Annual Dinner Dance on Saturday 29 November, it promises to be yet another successful evening. **President Martin Moir.**

## Important Dates:

Annual Dinner Dance  
Saturday 29 November  
at the Glynhill Hotel

West Side Story  
Monday 24 November in  
Glasgow

## Curling at Braehead

Fri 31 October - a great evening for Rotarian's and guests alike - sorry no photo's Peter Shea's camera steamed up, he was the captain of the winning team, no loss there then!



## Renfrew Rotary & PoppyScotland Collecting through October

The Club has supported the Appeal for 39 years and, headed up for the fourth year by local stalwart Mac de Sousa, the team were working hard to distribute poppies and collecting cans to ensure a successful campaign in Renfrew this year. The 2007 Scottish Poppy Appeal raised a record £1.76 million (Renfrew Rotary raised over £8,500) and PoppyScotland, organiser of the annual campaign, hopes the 2008 event will see another record total to enable it to continue its work, supporting veterans and their dependants in Scotland.



Gary Loutitt



Donald McNeill

## Clay Pigeon Shooting Saturday 11 October

Last years defending champion rotarian Martin McLaughlan was eased into 3rd place by the Moir brothers Martin and Jim, with Martin winning by 2 shots. 10 people took part with Gary Loutitt being shamed by ace shot son Adam. Results:  
38 from 50 - President Martin Moir  
34 from 50 - Jim Moir

28 from 50 - Martin McLaughlan  
21 from 50 - Adam Loutitt  
20 from 50 - Charles  
20 from 50 - David Atkinson  
17 from 50 - Donald McNeill  
17 from 50 - Gary Loutitt  
16 from 50 - Peter Shea  
01 from 02 - Jack Atkinson (50%)



## Member Profile: John Stuart

**Born Aberdeen 1952. Moved to Glasgow with parents 1966.**

Working initially in the soon to fail steel industry saw John change career path into a fledgling computer industry. Then tempted by the Thatcher promises of free markets, entrepreneurialism, and a new era of economic liberalism set up a brewery in Clydebank - Strathalbyn Brewers. Following the failure of the company some 5 years later, he returned to the computer industry.

John is a relatively recent addition to the Renfrew Rotary Club in 2005. He didn't so much join but was absorbed into the club when he was asked to train a team of Rotarians to a basic level of hill walking skills and fitness to enter the 3 Peaks Challenge. The Challenge was completed successfully followed the next year by the West Highland Way.

2008 saw him lead a team to Gran Canaria to yet another Mountain Challenge. As many returned as went, so that too was counted as a success. This after recovering from a minor stroke which seemed to have worsened an already dire sense of humour.

**A resident of Renfrew, he lives with long term partner Mary. They have 5 children 4 girls and 1 boy. Grandson Connor now 5 keeps him young at heart.**

## Attendance

For the first 3 months of Martin's Presidential Year (July, August & September) the overall figure is 68%



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**"The webshop facility is such a simple but effective idea. We receive a commission on each purchase you make. Donating to our organisation couldn't be easier!"**

## £1,220.00 for Yorkhill Children's Hospital

President Martin Moir, presenting a cheque for £1,220.00 to Lesley Wilson, Sister of the soon to be opened Teenage Cancer Unit at Yorkhill hospital. Funds will be used for the purchase of a new electric powered bed.



## Golf - 26 September 08



**Peter Shea, Iain Balfour, Stephen Darroch (Paisley Rotary) and Bruce Harley**

On 26th September The Rotary Club of Renfrew (and a Paisley impostor) took to the lush fairways of Greenock Golf Club to participate in a charity golf day to raise funds for Yorkhill children's foundation. Although out of the prizes the team enjoyed the excellent facilities at Greenock and the weather stayed fair and in total the day raised close to £1000 for Yorkhill. Contrary to the image Peter did cheer up a little later in the day !!

## Snooker - Tuesday 7 October In-Off Club Renfrew

**Another keenly fought contest with 3 teams in it right to the end. Mario had a great scoring system that only he could workout. It started off with Mario suggesting 20 minutes per game with time constraints, but then he realised that no one had potted a ball after 20 minutes we reverted back to winner takes all. The highest scorers in the final 3 frames were to be the winners - Ron Graham and David Atkinson managed to snatch victory with the pink and black.**

