

## **Citations for Shortlisted Nominations 2021**

### **Guernsey Sports Commission Trophy**

#### **Alastair Chalmers (Athletics)**

After enjoying a stellar 'home' season in 2020, 400m hurdler Ala embarked on the 2021 campaign with lofty ambitions and determination. He earned a place on the British team for the European Team Championships where he performed strongly to take second place in 49.95sec. The younger Chalmers brother was keen to take calculated risks in pursuit of his goals and prepared for the British Championships with an outing at the prestigious World Athletics Continental Tour Gold meet in Hengelo, Netherlands. His season highlight followed as he retained his British title with 49.98sec in very average weather in Manchester. Next was a slightly frustrating 6<sup>th</sup> place at the European U23 Championships in Tallin, Estonia – but this only added fire to his final effort of the summer as he finally topped his performances of 2020 with a superb time of 49.55sec at a meet in La Chaux de Fonds in Switzerland. This time is 0.01sec outside all-time great Dale Garland's Guernsey record but this makes Ala the second-best Guernsey athlete of all time behind his former coach according to World Athletics ranking points.

#### **Cameron Chalmers (Athletics) – also nominated for Richard Burton Salver**

Cameron overcame the difficulties of the pandemic by preparing for his first Olympic Games in the comfort of home at Footes Lane. It was in fact there, the venue of so many training sessions, where he opened his racing season with a Guernsey all-comers' record 45.98sec 400m circuit. It wasn't all plain sailing from there though as he encountered the iffy British weather twice stunting his individual performances and the carelessness of a relay team-mate putting a dampener on the 4x400m at the European Team Championships (ETC). However, a second place and season's best 400m of 45.89sec at the ETC and a silver medal at the Olympic Trials paved the way to Tokyo for his maiden Olympic bow. Cam was one of the first names on the team sheet in both the men's and the mixed 4x400m relays. But it was the latter that he enjoyed the most, securing a 6<sup>th</sup> place finish in the final having set a new British record in the heats. He posted superb legs in both, leading off in the heat with 45.86 and anchoring the team home in the final with 44.79sec. An Olympic debut to be proud of.

#### **Abi Galpin (Athletics)**

Having received recognition during a pandemic-hit 2020, Abi scaled new heights in 2021. Not only did she break records, but she achieved the feat of breaking a Guernsey record every month of the summer from May through to September. This included lowering former Sarnian superstar Kylie Robilliard's Guernsey 100m record of 11.94sec to 11.90. However, there were set-backs as the in-form sprinter was no less than three times denied cracks at 'National' championships by the ever-changing covid travel rules. Eventually she did make it to such a championships, albeit the Welsh Champs, where she showed her class in taking second place behind fellow guest athlete and England international Ellie Bandy. Her personal best and Guernsey record time of 23.96sec that day, according to World Athletics

ranking points, makes her Guernsey's second-best ever female athlete behind Kylie Robilliard's classy hurdling exploits and Guernsey outright best-ever sprinter.

### **Maya Le Tissier (Football)**

Over the last year Maya has established herself as one of the best prospects in the Women's FA Super League.

Le Tissier is one of the first names on the Brighton and Hove Albion team sheet every week and has helped the Seagulls reach new heights in the league as well as the Women's FA Cup semi-final.

She also continued on her international pathway by becoming a member of the England U23 squad.

### **Sebastian Priaux (Motor Sport)**

Sebastian Priaux has flown the flag for Guernsey on his race car over the past year and with a lot of determination and sheer grit succeeded in winning the integral Porsche Carrera North America championship. What impressed us the most was the amount of travel backwards and forwards from America he did with long spells away from home and in these times with COVID 19 was especially difficult without his family support. There were some tough times and therefore we are so proud that he managed to win the Championship ... therefore we feel he deserves some recognition.

### **Alex Scott (Football)**

Alex Scott has had an amazing 2021. During the year he has signed a four-year contract with Bristol City, captained their u 18s in the FA Youth Cup to the last 16, made his debut for the u23s and won their league, made his debut for England u18s against Wales getting a win and the man of the match, made his Bristol City first team debut and is now on 17 appearances recently scoring the winning goal against Wayne Rooney's Derby County in the Championship. He also made his debut for England u 19s in the Euro championship starting every game and earning the much coveted no 8 shirt. A Guernsey lad making the island proud

### **Richard Burton Salver**

**Alastair Chalmers (Athletics) see above**

**Cameron Chalmers (Athletics) see above**

### **Charlie-Joe Hallett (Swimming)**

Charlie-Joe's top performance of the year came in the South West Short Course Winer Championships at Millfield School in November.

The 19-year-old landed the senior regional short-course title for the 50m breaststroke with an outstanding 27.72sec. swim, shattering both the Guernsey and championship records and coming within touching distance of the Commonwealth Games 'A' standard, which is 27.60.

Both his own Guernsey record and the existing championship best performance had stood a shade over the 28sec. mark

## **Billy Le Poullain (Boxing)**

2021 has been a comeback year for the Guernsey boxer after he struggled to cope with a lack of boxing during lockdown. The year finished with a rejuvenated Le Poullain claiming a place in an England Boxing National Amateur Championships final for the first time having previously missed out at a lower weight in defeats to Carl Fail and Harris Akbar.

Going into the quarterfinals and semi-final at Cannock, Le Poullain knew he was boxing in a very competitive middleweight (Under 75kg) division with a number of Youth champions and prospects moving up to compete at a senior level.

He produced two accomplished performances to first stop highly rated Jimmy Sains and then outpoint Guildford's Joel Bartell to book his place in the final against Olympic hopeful Ramtin Musah.

It wasn't to be on the night but Le Poullain had already done enough to qualify for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games.

## **Sebastian Priaux (Motor Sport) see above**

## **Alex Scott (Football) see above**

## **Guernsey Brewery Salver**

## **Abi Galpin (Athletics) see above**

## **Laura Le Cras (Swimming)**

Guernsey Swimming Club's breaststroke star Laura Le Cras had her best swim at the Island Championships in November when she covered her focal 50m breaststroke in 33.12, eclipsing a record dating back 22 years and belonging to former Commonwealth Games swimmer Helen Watts. She added wins over 100m freestyle and breaststroke.

## **Maya Le Tissier (Football) see above**

## **Tanya Scholtz (Rugby)**

Guernsey Raiders Ladies rugby star Scholtz made her international debut for her home country of South Africa when she was named in a 33-strong squad to face France and the Barbarians Women in November

## **Tatiana Tostevin (Swimming)**

Young Guernsey backstroke ace Tatiana began 2021 on a high as she was named as part of the Swim England's national junior squad for 2020-21. She is also hoping to make a return to Commonwealth Games action at Birmingham later this year.

## **Kylie Vaudin (Cycling)**

Guernsey Velo Club teenage mountain bike start Kylie Vaudin has had a great year competing on both the national and local stage.

## **Sir John Loveridge Trophy**

## **Ben Acey (Football)**

Ben has made significant progress since signing for Guernsey FC as a sixteen-year-old. His technical ability, honed at Southampton FC and Northernners AC, allowed him to compete in early training sessions. Ben's mastery of the ball, awareness of space, teammates and the opposition meant that he could perform at a high level whilst developing his physical and mental strength.

Ben was used as an impact substitute early in the 2021/22 season, but it soon became clear that he warranted a starting position in the team and he now has the trust of all the coaching staff to be able to control a game from a central midfield position.

Ben can look forward to a significant number of appearances for Guernsey FC although greater challenges could await him if he continues to progress at this level.

### **Will Bodkin (Athletics) *apologies missed off the programme***

With the exception of the occasional low-key cross-country fixture, Will Bodkin had walked away from the sport of athletics after two 7th place finishes at the Island Games in 2015. However, as the lockdown of 2020 ended, Will emerged from the wilderness and threw himself into competition – testing himself at any distance from 800m right through to half marathon. There were some new personal bests thrown in for good measure, but he wasn't finished there. 2021 saw a step-up in class and he established himself as the current leading endurance runner on the island. To any athletics guru, the improvements and potential are vast across the board – but numbers speak loudest, and it is in the 5,000m and 10,000m where his 2020-21 improvement are clear. In the shorter distance he moved on from 15min37sec to 14:49. In the 10,000 he went from 32:19 to 31:08. Will continues to boast a range of distances, in 2021 he competed successfully over 1500m, as well as winning the Guernsey Marathon.

### **Vicky Carre (Athletics)**

Marathon runner Vicky made some big inroads into her best times for 26 miles in 2021 after doing better than most in managing to compete over the distance in 2020. Amid the worst of the pandemic, she made use of the air bridge to the Isle of Man to clock a 2020 best of 2hr20min56sec – close to a 4min improvement on her 2019 effort in London. However, 2021 was a real step forwards for the GP as she returned to the streets of London with renewed vigor and covered the distance in an impressive 3:04:48. Vicky then impressively supported her local event only 3 weeks later and was the first female home in the Guernsey marathon in a still impressive 3:10:10 despite the slow course.

### **Ollie Chedhomme (Golf)**

Ollie is 16 years old and has a remarkable year reducing his handicap to +3 making him the lowest handicap in the Island.

He made his debut playing in the Men's 2021 Inter Insular winning his pairs fourball and foursomes' competition and halving his singles match.

He won the Royal Guernsey Men's Centenary Trophy with a stunning round of 67 gross. Ollie is heading to Spain in February after receiving an invitation to the prestigious Junior European Open. The Island's leading player and Hampshire u18 star was in action in a qualifier at Lingfield Park during the October half term.

The tournament brings together some of the finest junior golfers in Europe. Previous competitors have included Luke Donald, Justin Rose, and Nick Dougherty. Sky will be covering this event on our screens in early 2022.

### **Ed Cooper (Water Polo)**

Ed Cooper has worked tirelessly in the pool over the past year to progress in water polo (as well as surfing - island champion). In previous years Ed has attended regional training but it was noted improvements were needed. Ed has put in extra hours around his already hectic schedule and was selected to play for the South East Region in Division 1 - an astounding achievement considering the number of players and teams in the area. Ed played for the South East region in the national tournament in November 2021. The team came 2nd Nationally and the performance was the best the region has produced in any age group in over 20 years.

### **Luke Elliott (Sailing)**

Luke Elliott, age 13, competes in the Optimist dinghy class for age 15 years and under. 2021 has been a hugely successful year for him, ending with Guernsey's best performance at under 16 level for over 10 years.

Luke competed in all 6 national competitions throughout the year, with many individual race results in the top 10. This is an impressive achievement especially considering he is competing against sailors up to 2 years older than himself.

In May, Luke was invited to the Team GB selection trials, an invitation-only event for the Top 80 Optimist sailors in the UK, by IOCA (International Optimist Class Association). He finished 30th overall and, with his best individual race result of a 12th and still having 2 years left competing in the class, he was selected for the Great Britain Development Team. With Covid cancelling the GBR team trip to Estonia, Luke had to wait until October to represent Team GB.

Luke trained hard all summer, both in Guernsey and at off-island training camps.

Following his performance at the RYA British Regional Championships in September, Luke was invited to join the South 1 Regional Training Squad - the highest British Youth Sailing Squad for which he is eligible.

In October, Luke travelled with Team GB to the Halloween Cup in Lake Garda, competing against 446 sailors from 21 different countries in the age 11-15 fleet. Luke produced a fantastic performance, qualifying for the (Top) Gold Fleet, finishing 86th overall and 2nd British boy.

Luke finished his superb year with a race win at the National Winter Championships! Luke is the only Guernsey sailor to have won a race at Under 16 level. With an overall 9th place finish at the Championships (4th boy in his age range), Luke's year finished on a massive high.

Luke has worked very hard on all aspects of his sport; he has developed into a much fitter and mentally tougher athlete and competitor over this past year. His dedication to his sport saw him living in a motorhome in the UK for many months, completing his schoolwork

online in the midst of training and attending events. His performance this year reflects Luke's dedication, hard work and love of sailing.

### **Oakley Francart (Fencing)**

Oakley is fencing in the under 17 cadets GB points competition doing amazing as he has only just turned 14 in August. At present he is ranked 34th out of 75 with most of them GB fencers and with the lack of fencing over here makes it more amazing that he is holding his own by the end of December he could be even higher. Oakley has also been selected for the Commonwealths next year to represent Guernsey in other under 17 in London.

### **Chloe Gaudion (Golf)**

At just 14 years of age Chloe has broken the Ladies course record at La Grande Mare and has also won the Ladies Centenary Competition at the Royal Guernsey Golf Club. Chloe has also won the Ladies Club Championship at the La Grande Mare along with winning the Junior Competition too.

As a result of all her hard work she has managed to get her handicap down to a 7.6 which is an incredible achievement.

At such a young age Chloe shows great talent and being a junior Chloe is also 3rd best lady player in the Island.

Also, Ladies Hampshire Golf is keen to get her to England to play for Hampshire.

### **Thierry Le Cheminant (Triathlon)**

After starting out with Tri Club Juniors, then Strive, Try-a-Tri and Tri-Fitness, Thierry has been the next generation of triathlon for the past five years.

It has only been in the past few years working with Entire that Thierry has truly started dedicating himself to the sport fully.

This has culminated in some superb performances in 2021, truly establishing himself at the top of the sport in Guernsey, constantly competing against the best and challenging for the win each time he toes the line.

Keeping focus throughout the past year has been tough for everyone, however Thierry has fully committed to his training programme. He's now seeing the benefits in not just Triathlon, but each of the disciplines, being at the forefront of cross countries, road cycling and not forgetting winning his very first Olympic-distance triathlon.

It's sometimes forgotten that he is under 18 as we can't help but compare him to his senior counterparts that he competes against.

Forgetting performances, Thierry is a fantastic ambassador for the sport, bringing enthusiasm, passion, and flair to both his training and racing, and I can't think of a better nomination.

His progression and personality should be an inspiration to all of those around him, both younger and older. We are looking forward to what he can achieve in the future.

### **Sebastian Priaulx (Motor Sport) *see above***

### **Sydney Schreimaier (Football)**

Sydney is well on her way to following in the footsteps of Guernsey professional footballer Maya Le Tissier as she joined Brighton & Hove Albion Under 21s.

After trialling with the club over the summer, the 17-year-old is living with a host family in Worthing while training with the Dual Career Academy and completing her A levels at Worthing College.

Sydney came up through the ranks of St Martin's, was in the Ravenscroft Girls Player Development Centre and the Mourant Girls Football Academy.

### **Alexander Stewart (Shooting)**

Alexander in only his second year of target rifle shooting and first year at Fullbore Alexander has made huge steps forwards in the sport. After a successful start to the season, he attended the UK national championships where he continued to shoot consistently with some excellent individual results which gained him selection to the Guernsey team for the International matches. Here he showed his true form top scoring in two out of three matches which is something even the most experienced shots rarely achieve.

### **Tom Teers (Boxing)**

Super-flyweight Tommy Teers landed the title in the development division of the Western Counties championships with a points win over Jabal Akhtar.

He then moved on to the National Amateur Championships winning his development semi-final on a unanimous decision against the London champion, Abu Hassan of Earlsfield ABC.

In the final he was unlucky to finish on the wrong side of a 3-2 decision against Acocks Green's Jaden Cayenne.

Overall, 2021 was a fantastic year for the young Guernsey boxer.

### **Dave Dorey Memorial Trophy**

#### **Stuart Bloese (Sailing)**

Stuart Bloese has been heavily involved in Junior Sailing for many years and has consistently delivered a top performance not only as a coach but also directing the training both as a committee member and as Chief Instructor.

He has been the driving force behind the re-introduction of double-handed dinghies to the Junior Sailing fleet. Under his guidance and with access to a new fleet of double-handed boats, many more youngsters stayed in and flourished in the sport. Over the years many have taken part in off-Island events, including World Championships, Feva Nationals and Regional Championships. Some of these sailors have been selected for regional and national level training. Others have gone on to race larger team-oriented boats, including 29ers and yachts.

In addition to his work as lead coach for the growing Feva fleet, in 2016 Stuart took on the important role of RYA Chief Instructor for the GYC. Responsible for ensuring training safety and adherence to RYA training procedures, he continued the development of the Club's Junior Sailing Operations Manual, ensuring that the guidance, orders, and risk assessments covering all training, instructional and racing processes are clear, unambiguous and in line with RYA recommendations and requirements. His role also required him to oversee all Junior Sailing activities and so he could be found at the Club most days of the week during the summer and autumn terms. Even when not actually coaching, he kept an eye on sessions and processes and helped to bring on and develop newer (and sometimes older)

instructors. Under his guidance as Chief Instructor, the Club's annual RYA Inspections were all passed with ease with only minor suggestions for improvements.

The double-handed fleet that Stuart introduced has made sailing more inclusive, accessible, and fun for many junior sailors at the GYC. As well as providing those sailors with the opportunity for individual fleet racing and training, Stuart also provided match racing and team racing experience, neither of which would have been possible without the introduction of the double-handed fleet. His vision and his years of voluntary effort both in instruction and in the organisational area of the sport have benefitted hundreds of children enabling them to remain with and develop in the sport.

### **David Bromley (Hockey)**

Over the last 10 years David has been involved with the coaching and development of U18 girls' hockey on the island. He was instrumental in getting a junior girls' team into the Ladies League, where they have competed successfully against adult sides and have also won the Ladies' Cup Competition. The number of girls playing hockey in the teams he coaches continues to increase every year. David has given huge amounts of time and energy to these groups of girls over the years, encouraging them to improve as players and people. He has also helped them to access senior hockey in a safe and inclusive way, helping to support them into the senior structure within Guernsey Hockey.

David has been integral to helping these girls to have fantastic experiences within hockey, organising fantastic tours and helping the girls to raise money to be able to take part in them.

Many of the players that he has coached have gone on to become important members of the Ladies' first team over the years.

### **Ben Duff (Boxing)**

Ben has been coaching at the Amalgamated Boxing Club for over 10 years.

Ben has worked tirelessly over the past two years to improve the training of the boxers to take them one step forward. He has spent hours and hours researching new drills, partner work and technical work and putting this into practice. The standard of boxing at the club has improved massively due to this.

Ben is the heart of the boxing club and holds everything together. He encourages the coaches to step out of their comfort zone and try new things. Ben has been working closely with coaches to put together session plans and to work on the development of the boxer with fault correction.

Ben has the pressure of carrying out all the club matching for the shows and is working on training other coaches in this area to help improve their knowledge.

Ben works closely with the elite boxers and was successful at the recent the Western Counties Championships with two boxers winning titles.

Boxing is a passion for Ben, not a job. His enthusiasm for boxing and desire to improve and bring out the best in everyone is obvious to all.

### **Paul Ingrouille (Bowls)**



Paul has been an avid member of the GIBA for many years, taking up the roles of Secretary and President (for a total of 8 years), he is now a council member as well as being the coach of the Terriers. The Terriers are a group of individuals with learning, and some physical, disabilities who play bowls each Saturday morning between 10am and 12pm. Paul has been coaching this group since their original set up to take part in the Special Olympics, he was instrumental in changing the name of the group to the Terriers to improve their group appearance, which included designing and ordering shirts for the team. He has also been a great contributor to the council and advocated for additional accessibility in ordering more bowls wheelchairs for the club. We believe that he has made an outstanding contribution to the sport and the development of the accessibility for indoor bowls.

### **Mark Naftel (Triathlon)**

Mark has been club president of Guernsey Triathlon for the last 20 years, giving high amounts of time and energy to making the club an inclusive and fun place to compete. Mark stepped down recently, and we would love him to be recognised.

The club grew from a small group of policemen to having a membership of 185 annual members with a 50:50 gender split, from having no female triathletes, Mark encouraged female participation, so much so, that we took a team of four ladies to the Gibraltar Island Games and won Gold.

He has also overseen the development of a thriving juniors club; over 30 juniors ranging from 6-15 meet on a weekly basis to learn triathlon skills. In the 2021 season, 5 juniors completed alongside the adults in all the super sprint and sprint distance triathlons.

The club is welcoming, friendly, and supportive, something we aim to continue and grow as we move forward.

### **Casey Osborough (Water Polo)**

We would like to take the opportunity to nominate Casey who will be stepping aside as coach of Guernsey water polo, to make way for James Cooper. Casey started Guernsey Water Polo in 2015, with no funding and a few members e.g., tables had to be turned on their sides and used as goals. Just 6 years later and the club has been transformed. The club has gained Swim Mark accreditation, established a junior, youth and senior section (players ranging from 8 years to 76 years). Despite the pandemic, this year alone the club has had 1 player selected for the England team, a further player selected for England trials in January 2022, 2 players representing the South East region nationally and a further player due to be selected for the region in 2022.

### **Matt Robilliard (Squash)**

Matt is a Level 3 three coach and commits a lot of time and effort to our Adult Coaching. His energy and enthusiasm help to motivate adult players of all levels from beginners to advanced.

### **Phil Roussel (Hockey)**

'Beany' (Phil Roussel) has been involved in hockey over many years. He is one of the most enthusiastic, passionate, and popular hockey coaches involved with Guernsey Hockey. Over

at least the last 15 years he has coached the U14 boys and been hugely involved with the mini's sessions.

Beany inspires the young people that he coaches, and they all make huge improvements in their game after being coached by him.

Beany has also made huge contributions in other areas of the sport during his long involvement. He has been fantastic on the pitch and has also developed great ideas to help raise money for the club. This has mainly been focussed on one of his great passions, which is touring. The money that he has helped to raise has supported lots of young people to be able to travel away to play hockey.

Beany has seen the number of young people in hockey rise in his time.

His infectious enthusiasm and love for the game have been a huge part of that. Many of the players he has coached have gone on to achieve great things in hockey and have been part of the success of the men's first team over the last 10 years.

### **Guernsey Sports Commission Team Trophy (over 4 competitors)**

#### **Amazon Ladies Hockey Team**

Close to folding their team at the end of the 2019/20 season, the remaining Amazons Ladies players rallied together and called upon people new to hockey and some who had previously stepped away. They put together a strong team and played some great hockey throughout the season. After having almost disappeared from hockey, they came back strong to win the league in 2020/21, with Laura Cashin their outstanding player, and also won the GHLBG Ladies' Player of the Season award.

#### **Canaccord Griffins Cricket Team**

Canaccord Griffins had a year to remember winning the Odey Wealth Evening League Division 1 title remaining unbeaten winning 9 matches and having 1 washed out due to poor weather. Not only did they dominate the shorter format (T20) cricket they also dominated the long format (50 over) winning both the Odey Wealth Weekend League winning 5 out of their 6 matches and the GCA Cup defeating Cobo by 1 wicket in the group stage and defeating Wanderers in the final by 6 wickets. All in all, Griffins played 22 matches winning 17, losing 3 and having 2 washed out due to poor weather.

#### **Guernsey Full Bore Target Rifle Team**

The team competed at the National Championships at Bisley and won the top overseas team for their performance in the three international matches contested. They also had a convincing win in this year's inter-insular capping off a hugely successful year.

#### **Guernsey Lawn Tennis Association**

Guernsey celebrated their first tennis inter-insular triumph in 14 years in 2021 winning the big Bucktrout Trophy showdown by six rubbers with a clean sweep of the four doubles matches.

Rob West's team beat Jersey 9-3 at the Longcamps Tennis Centre in November.

#### **Guernsey Padel Club**

The Club was instrumental in organising the first ever Padel Tennis Inter-Insular which took place in Guernsey in September.

The local team became the first to lift the Corcuera Cup playing 51 games across men's, women's, vets, and mixed matches and winning 36-15.

### **Independents Men's 1 Hockey Team**

Independents Men's 1. During the 2020/21 season Independents dominated the Men's 1st Division, winning 15 of their 16 games, only losing in the final game of the season, long after the league title had been sealed.

They consistently fielded the same, strong 15 players and play fast, simple, flowing hockey all season long. Their captain, Tom Still, was voted GHLBG Men's Player of the Season as well. They showed last season that they were the strongest team, beating all but one team 4 times each, with the level of play never declining.

### **Ravenscroft Ladies Basketball Team**

Ravenscroft Ladies basketball team, known as the Ravens, won the league for a record sixth time at the end of the 2020/2021 season. This was the first season they had also been undefeated.

While six wins would suggest the team has more talent than their competition, the results tell a different story. Each season has been a battle from start to finish with many games having just a few points difference at full-time and a number of titles decided in the last few games. The team has also lost and gained players each season, which in recent years has mainly been due to pregnancy.

What makes the Ravens team such a success is nothing to do with the skill of the individual players but the bond they have and the relationships they built. Old players are welcomed back with open arms, new players immediately feel like they have been part of the team for years and more importantly, no-one believes they are better than anyone else. Everyone gets their time on the court, regardless of the score.

The team trains every other week with game nights on top but the players, who range in age from 45 down to under 18s, are in constant communication with team socials and a WhatsApp group.

### **Guernsey Sports Commission Small Team Trophy (4 competitors and under)**

#### **Guernsey Horse of Year Senior Team (Show Jumping)**

Another inter-insular competition that was able to take place this year was the Guernsey Horse of the Year Show in August.

This fantastic event also proved to be a successful one for the local riders with the Senior Team captained by Eleni Falla and Mistro 1 and joined by Sarah Jackson on Follyfoot Arkadia, Poullette King on Cobrino Cruise and Kelly Kind on Company Business coming out on top against their Jersey rivals.

#### **Jeremy Nicolle & Jake Marshall (Golf)**

Jeremy and Jake were the well-deserved winners of the inaugural Guernsey Press Elite Men's Foursomes Championship in May. They beat Arthur Evans and Ollie Chedhomme 4 & 3 in some challenging conditions on the L'Ancrese course.

### **Marc Isabelle & Dani Barnett (Rowing)**

Marc and Dani only started rowing in the doubles class at the beginning of 2021 having both previously rowed in mixed quads.

Their performance in this year's Sark to Jersey rowing challenge was nothing short of spectacular. Not only were they navigating and steering the course for the first time – a feat in itself for this challenging offshore race as their previous experience in quad boats would have involved the cox doing this – they won their class in a time of 02.19.48 beating their nearest Jersey rivals by less than a minute.

Their performance was instrumental in the Guernsey Rowing Club retaining the coveted Le Poidevin Trophy for yet another year.

Marc and Dani were also crowned Mixed Doubles champions for the 2021 Guernsey Rowing Club race season

### **Sport Guernsey and Nautical Guernsey Shield**

#### **Centenary Siam Cup**

After numerous cancellations the Centenary Siam Cup finally went ahead on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November to a packed Footes Lane. In a fiery and tense affair, Jersey just edged out Guernsey by 14-13 to retain the trophy but the home teams romped home to two comfortable victories in the women's Siam and the Nash Cup.

It was the ninth consecutive cup victory for Guernsey's women who ran in 8 tries to defeat the Jersey women's team by 46-7

Meanwhile, Guernsey Veterans regained the Nash cup after an emphatic 55-19 win against their opponents from Jersey.

The home side dominated throughout the game and came home comfortable winners.

It was a fantastic day of rugby.

#### **Guernsey Hockey Inter-Insular**

Guernsey Hockey LBG- Inter Insular weekend (November 20th, 2021):

This was an historic occasion for Guernsey Hockey; the first time that U16 and senior first team Inter Insulars have been played at the same time. The day itself had a fantastic atmosphere with a crowd in the hundreds attending. There was fantastic hockey played throughout the day, despite being organised under difficult circumstances due to the Covid 19 pandemic. The organisers were strongly supportive of the island's measures, encouraging people to take precautions before attending and whilst at the club. This also marked the first time that hockey was live streamed in Guernsey, thanks to a partnership with Spike Productions and Guernsey Press Sport.

#### **Guernsey Yacht Club Dorey Financial Modelling Guernsey Regatta**

The Guernsey Yacht Club has a long tradition of annual championship weeks, but in recent years this has waned. In 2020 the Guernsey Regatta was re-introduced as a dinghy only regatta and incorporated the selection for the then Guernsey Island Games 2021 and was well supported.

With the Island Games on hold and Covid restrictions in place the Guernsey Regatta was held again in 2021. The Regatta was extended to include two weekends and two evenings racing and involved a wide cross-section of the club from Fast dinghies, slow dinghies, catamarans, windsurfers, youth sailors and juniors in Optimists. In total over 60 boats took part in wide-ranging weather conditions across the week. 2022 looks to continue to build on this success with yachts once again included in the regatta programme. It is also hoped that if travel restrictions are lifted, that competitors from outside the Bailiwick will compete. Dorey Financial Modelling Regatta 2020 will also be a chance for the race management team to hone their skills ahead of the GYC hosting sailing and windsurfing as part of the Island Games 2023.

### **Lee Merrien (Athletics Schools X Challenge)**

Children from 20 different schools took part in the annual Guernsey Athletics X Challenge. The event, also known as 'cross country with a difference' due to the unique course, saw over 500 students taking part this year. Participants from school years 5 to 10 tackled a spectator friendly course at Footes Lane. The course was full of twists and turns as well as obstacles such as logs, car tyres, hay bales and even a net crawl to negotiate. The emphasis was on a team-based event with separate races held for Years 5 & 6 combined as well as Year 7 & 8 and Year 9 & 10 respectively and for both girls and boys.

### **Padel Corcuera Inter-Insular**

The Club was instrumental in organising the first ever Padel Tennis Inter-Insular which took place in Guernsey in September.

The local team became the first to lift the Corcuera Cup playing 51 games across men's, women's, vets, and mixed matches and winning 36-15.

### **Beau Sejour Trophy**

#### **Guernsey Horse of the Year Junior Team (Show Jumping)**

The Guernsey junior team of Captain Ella Gidney on Bria, Ruby Tetlow on Blue Dream, Alexa Lambourne on Loughkey Bobby and Georgia Rihoy on Lucky Boy were triumphant in the team competition following a close finish against rivals Jersey.

#### **Elizabeth College Elliot Bowl Team (Shooting)**

The Elizabeth College rifle team contested the Elliot Bowl match for local teams and came out on top after a tough competition with a convincing win against a number of senior teams.

Freddie Stewart

Rollo Tiffin

Rachael Dawson

Alexander Stewart

### **Vale Rec U12's (Football)**

I would nominate Vale Recreation u12 (now u13) football team who were unbeaten in the league, won the Corbet Cup and retained the Jason Piriou Memorial Trophy

### **Lambourne Shield**

#### **Kate Bain**

Kate had shown her prowess over two laps of the track in 2020 by virtue of one single run-out over the distance resulting in an impressive 2min17sec performance. But the youngster was limited by various and repetitive growth-related injury issues. In 2021 she finally fulfilled her recent potential, breaking the Guernsey U17 record in June at Footes Lane with 2:14.70. However, it was her late season exploits that caught the eye as she was one of very few track and field athletes to make her way over to the UK once the travel rules allowed. This saw her claim first the Southern Championships title and then the Hampshire Championships title within a week. The latter was a particularly impressive race execution that saw her lower her island record further to 2:14.7. That time also ranks her third on the Guernsey senior all-time list.

#### **Charlie Birch**

Charlie had an unbelievable 2nd season in local cricket. He started off his Old Elizabethans career in fine form with scores of 58, 37, 120, 104 and 39 and finishing 2nd in the runs scored with 359 runs behind Matthew Stokes. Not only did this player score valuable runs he also chipped in with 5 wickets with best figures of 7 overs 1 for 30 against Wanderers Irregulars. Scoring back-to-back hundreds in men's first division cricket is quite some achievement and something which may not have been done before. Alongside his OE's commitments he also bowled excellently in Evening League 1 with 6 wickets with best figures of 4 overs 1 for 21 against Griffins.

#### **Ollie Chedhomme (see above)**

16-year-old Junior Hampshire golfer Ollie Chedhomme had another year to remember following a stellar 2020 season when he won the prestigious Guernsey golf union player of the year award after some outstanding displays. Despite being unable to compete in the UK during the summer of 2021 due to covid restrictions, Ollie had an incredible season at home becoming the lowest handicap player in Guernsey off +3.

Ollie had a number of brilliant performances including winning the scratch prize at the Alderney Open defending the title he won the year before. He was also unbeaten in the Guernsey scratch league with a 100% record playing against the best players in the Island. Ollie also won the La Grande Mare Men's Championships as well as becoming the new course record holder with a brilliant round of 63. He then won the prestigious Centenary Trophy at Royal Guernsey and equalled the lowest round of the season at L'Ancrese (65) in the Le Riche and Tradesman's Cup - one of Guernsey golf's Major Tournaments. In September he was selected for the men's inter insular team becoming the youngest Guernsey player in living memory. Despite playing away from home against more

experienced opposition he was unbeaten, winning two of his matches and halving the other. In October Ollie was finally able to compete in the UK for the first time since the pandemic started playing two tournaments in Surrey and qualified for the prestigious European Junior Open in Spain in February 2022 where he will compete against some of the finest Junior golfers in Europe.

Finally, Ollie capped off his superb year by winning the Guernsey Golf Union Player of the year for the second year in a row.

## **Harry Duke**

2021 proved to be an excellent year for Harry, as an allrounder it was a season to remember. The 15-year-old scored back-to-back hundreds in the newly formed Colts League. His first came against Cobo scoring 126 off 153 balls including 10 x 4's up at the College Field he backed up this achievement 3 days later scoring 104 not out off 140 balls including 4 x 4's at the KGV.

To back this up he also scored an unbeaten 83 against Rovers in the Bowl final to lead Elizabeth College to victory. As a true all-rounder he finished top of the Weekend League bowl competition taking 9 wickets at an impressive economy rate of 4.16. Finally, in the topflight of Guernsey Cricket he represented Wanderers Irregulars in the GCA Cup competition and almost saw them over the line in a very tight final Vs. Griffins sharing a 9th wicket partnership of 55 with Ant Stokes. Not only did he shine with the bat this day he also shone with the ball taking 1 for 15 off his 5 overs, running out Matt Philp and also taking a superb one-handed catch to end the Griffins innings. Alongside this he also stepped up to play for the OE's in the GCA championship this year in what turned out to be an excellent year.

## **Chloe Gaudion (Golf)**

Chloe has had an amazing year at golf, at the age of just 14 Chloe broke the Ladies Course Record at the La Grande Mare, she has also won the Ladies Club Championship at La Grande Mare, Chloe has also won the Ladies Centenary Competition at The Royal Golf Club which was against some of the top Ladies players in the Island, Chloe also won a Junior Competition.

As a result of all her hard work over the last few years her handicap has dropped to single figures to 7.6. Chloe is also the 3rd best Lady golfer in Guernsey, she is a real talent for the game of golf at such a young age.

## **Tom Hook (Surfing)**

Yakwax team rider Tom Hook won the U18 Channel Island Championships in Jersey in November.

In epic conditions he consistently racked up excellent scores in every round on this way to taking the win.

## **Thierry Le Cheminant (Triathlon) (see above)**

Thierry should be nominated for the Lambourne Shield for his performance in his first Olympic Distance Triathlon at L'Ancrese. Not only was it his first Olympic distance, but the

first time he's taken the win against his senior counterparts. He exhibited a mature, confident, and well executed performance to lead from the swim, have a solid and well held bike before running away from the field. It was a fantastic performance and is well deserving of being recognised as one of the best sporting achievements from an outstanding individual who is a testament to the quality and spirit of Guernsey triathlon.

### **Megan O'Hanlon (Climbing)**

Megan started climbing just over two years ago and, in that time, even through 2 lockdowns, she has shown great determination and commitment to her sport and has made great progress. She was 'scouted' whilst climbing in a UK climbing centre whilst on holiday and invited to join a centre team and train and compete in the UK. She travelled over for training and competitions and competed at a national level for the first time in 2021 and came 13th out of 25, which is a huge achievement at that level, especially given it was her first competition series. She's the first member of the Up Climbing club to compete in the UK and we are extremely proud of her achievement which is why we have nominated her for this award.

### **Gian-Luca Robilliard (Athletics)**

Gian-Luca has shown a steady progression in the past couple of years competing in the 800m. Having dipped under 2min for the event in local races in 2020, he took advantage of some great weather conditions locally to drop his time right down to 1:56.73 at Footes Lane in June. The 16-year-old then made the most of his late season by making the effort to travel to UK events, starting with the traditional and prestigious English Schools' Championships in Manchester. Taking on the best athletes in the country, he was rewarded for some smart running with an 11<sup>th</sup> place finish at the national event. He followed this up right at the tail-end of the summer with double silver at the Hampshire Championships as he finished second in both the 800m and 1500m.

### **Maddy Russell (Water Polo)**

Maddy has been selected as part of the England Water Polo team. Throughout the year she has attended intense selection and training weekends in the UK to finally be selected for the England team in October. Throughout the year she has recorded the fastest times in the pool within the team, which no doubt helped to strengthen her selection. She will represent England next year at international tournaments.

### **Mali Smith (Hockey)**

Mali has been attending England Hockey Performance Centre training sessions over the past year, having been nominated by her coaches from Guernsey Hockey. Mali always gives her best for every team that she plays in.

At the start of the 2021/22 season, at the age of just 15, Mali broke into the Ladies 1st team, and has been a great contributor. She played her first Senior Inter Insular two months later, playing for a large portion of the match. This followed her performance for the U16 team, in which she was one of the outstanding performers.



Mali is an asset to every team she plays in, not only for her hockey ability. She is always the most positive and most encouraging player on and off the field of play, supporting and pushing her teammates to be the best that they can be.

### **Freddie Stewart (Shooting)**

Freddie has trained hard over the last two years and was successful in gaining selection for the GB U18 target rifle team. He performed consistently at the top end of that team in the international matches they won this season. After a testing selection weekend recently, he has gained a place in next year's GB U19 team while still only 17 years old.