

Scottish Press Awards – Daily Record scoop the pool



The Scottish Press Awards took place last night at the Radisson Blu Hotel on Argyle Street. Everywhere you looked there was somebody who looked familiar. (Even Fred Macaulay was there!)

The winners were announced by the super professional Tam Cowan with the Chair of the Judges Austin Lafferty doing a good job in ushering the winners into position for the obligatory photos.

Photographer Gordon Jack was remembered at the start of the evening along with other 'absent friends' from the press who have passed away this last year.



Two other members of the press pack were given awards: Stewart Attwood was crowned Sports Photographer of the Year and Jeff Mitchell was awarded News Photographer of the Year (they are photographed above in the middle of the front row).

The Daily Record was crowned Scotland's Newspaper of the Year for 2014 at the 36th annual Scottish Press Awards.

In total The Daily Record won five accolades at the ceremony at Glasgow's Radisson Blu Hotel, with Keith Jackson named as Sports News Writer of the Year for the third year in a row. The paper also won Front Page of the Year for its splash 'THE VOW' about the plans to deliver more powers to the Scottish Parliament after the Referendum.

Winners of major individual awards also included Marion Scott from the Sunday Mail, who was named both Reporter

and Journalist of the Year'. She said on getting the first of her two trophies that she was 'flabbergasted' but wanted to thank the two Jims in her life – her husband and her editor.

The Daily Mail won Campaign of the Year for its Armed Police campaign, with the newspaper also winning Journalism Team of the Year

The Daily Record took the award of Newspaper of the Year for the way in which it handled the debate of the referendum.

Commenting on the Daily Record's Newspaper of the Year award, Chairman of the judges, Austin Lafferty said the newspaper's coverage of the issue was: "A fine example of journalistic imagination, skill, and political nous."

Weekly Newspaper of the Year went to Fife Free Press.

The awards are organised by the Scottish Newspaper Society (SNS). SNS director John McLellan said: "2014 was a year to remember and all our editorial teams more than stepped up to the plate to deliver some brilliant journalism which captured a significant moment in time.

"Scottish newspapers remained at the heart of the action and reaffirmed the industry's ability to make vital contributions to the decisions affecting the lives of all Scots.

"Judging the awards is never easy and this year was more difficult than most, but it's always a privilege to see the quality and diversity of coverage in our titles across all subjects."

Over £3,500 was raised from a table raffle for Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS).

The full list of winners which included a special Chairman's award to The Sunday Herald is as follows:

Award	Winner	Publication
Sports Photographer of the Year	Stewart Attwood	Herald & Times Group
News Photographer of the Year	Jeff Mitchell	Getty Images
Cartoonist of the Year	Brian Petrie	The Scottish Sun
Young Journalist of the Year	Darren Hamilton	Evening Telegraph
Weekly Newspaper of the Year		Fife Free Press
Arts/Entertainment Journalist of the Year	Brian Beacom	The Herald
Interviewer of the Year	Patricia Kane	Scottish Mail on Sunday
Political Journalist of the Year	David Clegg	Daily Record
Columnist of the Year	Chris Deerin	Scottish Daily Mail
Financial/Business Journalist of the Year	Erikka Askeland	The Press & Journal
Feature Writer of the Year	Emma Cowing	Scottish Daily Mail
Sports Feature Writer of the Year	Aidan Smith	The Scotsman
Sports News Writer of the Year	Keith Jackson	Daily Record
Innovation of the Year		Scotland Now
Front Page of the Year		Daily Record and THE VOW
Journalism Team of the Year		Scottish Daily Mail
Campaign of the Year		Scottish Daily Mail on Armed Police
Scoop of the Year	Murray Foote	THE VOW for the Daily Record
Reporter of the Year	Marion Scott	Sunday Mail
Lifetime Achievement Award	Drew Cochrane	

Journalist of the Year	Marion Scott	Sunday Mail
Chairman's Award for Outstanding Achievement in 2014	Richard Walker	Sunday Herald
Newspaper of the Year		Daily Record