

St Leonards Bowling Club (East Kilbride Sports Council)

On Sunday May 13th 1973, sixteen men gathered for an Inaugural Meeting to form a Bowling Club. Office Bearers were Elected, with Sam Quigley as the first President and the Club was duly named - St Leonards Bowling Club. Now, East Kilbride has six Bowling Clubs, the oldest of which is the East Kilbride B.C. along with the Murray B.C. * - Whitemoss B.C. * - Red Deer B.C. * - Rolls Royce B.C. and St Leonards B.C. * (* Council owned Grounds)



Left to Right - W Hendry, W Fairbairn, J McVeigh & F Lynch

Over the years, many new Members have joined and the Club has won many Trophies. The highlight was in 2005, when the Senior Fours won the Lanarkshire Fours being the first Team from the Club to reach the Final and only the third Club in East Kilbride to win the Cup! The Club has won the Lanarkshire League twice and also won the East Kilbride and District Seniors League a record number of times.

The Team is – Messrs W Hendry, W Fairbairn, J McVeigh & F Lynch.

Motherwell Bowling Club (Motherwell Sports Council)

Motherwell Miners Bowling Club, established in 1927, is located at Ladywell Road Motherwell. The Rink attending on Saturday, will consist of -

- Jim Close Skip, at 78 years young reached our Club Championship, but was beaten on Saturday
- Willie Findlay 3rd, defeated in Seniors Championship Final on Saturday
- Tom Lindsay 2nd, beaten in last years Seniors Final
- Fred Kellet Lead played in this week's Seniors Club Pairs Final.



Dalsersf Bowling Club (Hamilton Sports Council)

Dalsersf Bowling Club, originally a Miners Welfare Club was founded in 1924 and is situated in the village of Ashgill, near Larkhall, in Lanarkshire. The Club has 60 Male, 25 Senior, 23 Ladies and 30 Junior Members.

The late Willie McQueen, known to Bowlers as "The Machine" was the Club's most successful Bowler having represented Scotland in the World Championships, Australia in 1980, winning 2 Silver Medals. He also played for Scotland in the Home Internationals between 1971 & 1981.

The Ladies Section have won 2 Scottish titles. The Triples in 1981 and Fours in 1991, both skipped by Mrs May Bryson, a great achievement for a small Club in Lanarkshire. The Club also have a very good Junior Section aged between 5 and 16 under the guidance of Club Coach May Bryson.

The Team playing today won the Hamilton Area Senior Fours Championship 2009.

Dalsersf Bowling Club wish all Players participating the Best of Luck in the Competition.

Stranraer, West End, Kirkcolm and Kirkcowan Bowling Clubs (Wigtownshire Sports Council)

The Bowlers representing Wigtownshire this year are Jock Hardie, Jim Stevenson, Ian McColm, all from Stranraer Bowling Club; Peter Wilson and Jimmy Sproat from West End Bowling Club; Danny Best & W. McWhirter of Kirkcolm Bowling Club and John Paterson of Kirkcowan Bowling Club. None of these players have International status, although four of them have held Scottish Senior Titles and our Players' ages range from late sixties to 84 years!

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Welcome from the Aberdeen Sports Council Chairman

On behalf of Aberdeen Sports Council, I wish to welcome all the Visiting Bowlers and their Supporters here today, from seven other Regions of Scotland representing Local Sports Councils from as far afield as Wigtownshire and Ross & Cromarty! In particular, I wish to extend a special Welcome to Kintore Bowling Club, representing Aberdeenshire & Kincardineshire Sports Council, the current holders of the Scottish Association of Local Sports Councils Gents 50+ Bowls Title.



We are delighted that the President and Committee of Polmuir Bowling Club have acted as Hosts for this most prestigious Event and I look forward to a great day of Bowls. We appreciate all their work and also the hard working Ladies in the Kitchen. I am also delighted that Aberdeen's Lord Provost - Peter Stephen - and his Good Lady, will be visiting us during a very busy day of appointments....as will be Jim Conn, Chairman of SALSC.

We are most grateful to our Sponsors - Sainsbury's House Furnishers - who have a great Family Tradition in Bowling, for their support of this Tournament and supplying our Trophies.

I hope you all have a great day here at this Competition and eventually, have a safe journey Home....and in conclusion, I extend the Toast of Bon Accord - " Happy to Meet, Sorry to Part, Happy to Meet Again! "

Bill Berry MBE

Aberdeen Sports Council

Welcome from the Polmuir Bowling Club President

I am delighted to welcome you to Polmuir Bowling Club this year. It is encouraging to see so many Teams, from all over Scotland, willing to travel to sunny Aberdeen to compete. I hope it is sunny, as at the time of writing, our Green is flooded for the first time in 4 years.



I wish I could, personally, participate on Saturday 12th, but as a 49 year old spring chicken, I will have to wait another year.

Once again, welcome to Polmuir, where you will meet old friends and some new ones.

Ken Scott

President Polmuir B.C.

S.A.L.S.C. Inter-District Gents 50+ Bowls Tournament Programme

Official Welcome / Opening

10.00	Pool Matches	Round 1
10.50	Pool Matches	Round 2
11.40	Pool Matches	Round 3
12.50	Pool Matches	Round 4
13.30	Play Off Games	
14.20	Semi-Finals	
15.00	Final	3rd / 4th Play Off
16.00	Prize Giving / Presentations / Raffle / Celebrations	

All timings are approximate



Photo Courtesy of Peter Flockhart Esq

Your Hosts Polmuir Bowling Club (Aberdeen Sports Council)

Polmuir B.C. originated in 1894 as Ferryhill Bowling & Lawn Tennis Co. Ltd., changing to Polmuir B.C. in 1936. The Tennis Courts were sold to a contractor, who built flats, and also the Clubhouse. Polmuir Members built an extension to house their equipment and a Committee Room above.

In 1984, Aberdeen hosted the World Bowls Championships and each Club, in the area, was asked to host a Team. Polmuir received Wales, which has led to various touring Welsh Teams visiting the Club.. In 2008, Aberdeen hosted the World Singles Champion of Champions and this time Polmuir were asked to host 2 Teams. They asked for Wales and also received Hong Kong as well.

Recently, Polmuir has started to have some local successes. In 2007, they had a Rink of 4 and a Triple reach the Scottish Finals at Ayr. In 2008, the Club won the Bon Accord 4's and the Bon Accord Pairs. This year, the Pairs & Triples Teams were Runners Up in the Bon Accord Leagues. At present, two Club Members hold Office with the Bon Accord Bowling Association - John Muirhead is the President and Archie Watt is the Secretary.

Aberdeen `A` Team is Russell Orchard, Jim Milton, Ronnie Robertson & Stuart Robison.
Aberdeen `B` Team is Irvine Forbes, Ian West, Donald Robertson & John Cox.

Defending Champions Kintore Bowling Club (Aberdeenshire & Kincardineshire Sports Council)

Kintore Bowling Club was established in 1933 when a Railway Carriage was used as a Clubhouse. This was replaced in 1988 when the present Clubhouse was built by the Members. A waiting list was in place at that time when the Club had 120 Members, and a waiting list! However this has gradually dwindled and two years we had only sixty Members, but at the present time our Membership is 52 Gents and 29 Ladies making a grand total of 81. The Club has gained many achievements over the years, winning the Benachie League this year for the third year in succession, the Crowmallie Cup, the A&K Singles and Triples, the Forbes Hendry Trophy - both Ladies and Gents, Craigie Ladies Champions Pairs and Triples and the Grampian Ladies Champion of Champions. The Club has been represented at Ayr four times in the Junior Singles, the Gents Singles and the Senior Fours. The Ladies have also participated three times in the Singles and twice in the Two Bowl Pairs



Last year's Winners – Kintore Bowling Club – receiving the SALSC Trophy from SALSC Chairman Jim Conn.

Team Players - J. Christie, R MacKenzie, S Stuart & T Beattie

Five present Members of the Club have played at County level. The Club has two Internationalists, Ian Beattie when playing for the House of Daviot was capped in 1981, 1982 and 1983 and reserve in 1984. Andrew Duncan won the Scottish Junior Singles in 2006 and went on to represent his Country in the Junior Internationals in 2006, 2007 and 2008. He also played in the Hong Kong World under 25 Junior Singles where he finished in third place. He won the District Junior Singles 2002, 2005 and 2006. He now skips for Aberdeenshire and Kincardine, and has been capped 34 times by the County. Kintore Bowling Club are present holders of the SALSC Trophy and three of the same team will play in the forthcoming tournament. Sandy Stuart (who is the Club's Coach), Ron MacKenzie and John Christie. Jim Morrison or Alan Miller will take the place of Ian Beattie who is unavailable.

Invergordon Bowling Club (Ross & Cromarty Sports Council)

Invergordon Bowling Club was formed in 1899 as part of the Town's celebrations for Queen Victoria's Jubilee and is the oldest Bowling Club in Ross - shire. The Club was one of the Founding Members of the Northern Bowling League and has taken an active part ever since providing Office Bearers including President and Secretary/Treasurer.

The original Clubhouse, costing £48-10 /- was in constant use until the Clubhouse of today was built in 1983. This gave the Club the ability to take up Short Mat Bowling in the off-season and join the Black Isle & District Indoor Bowling League, allowing competition and fellowship with other Short Mat Clubs in the area.

The Club takes an active part in the Northern Bowling League, Northern Women's Bowling League, and the Black Isle and District Indoor Bowling League.



Left to Right - Hugh MacDougall, Alec Hutchison, John Fraser & Sandy Adam

Inverness Highland Bowling Club (Inverness-shire Sports Council)

The IHBC, est. 1903, is one of the most successful Clubs in Inverness. Members have taken an active part in Scottish Bowls at Local, Regional and National level. Findlay MacIvor and Boyce Macleod were both President of SBA. IHBC have provided Presidents to the HBA on three occasions and to NCBA three times. Members take an active part in National Competitions reaching SBA finals on 15 occasions. Represented at SALSC Inter District Finals on 5 occasions. The earliest I can trace was at Clydebank in 1994. We reached the ¼ finals once. We look forward to our visit to Aberdeen and intend to upkeep the good reputation of IHBC.

Players representing IHBC are Lead, Ted Mackenzie, Past President IHBC, NCBA and also of the Past Presidents Assoc; Second, Tom Russell, Club Treasurer; Third, Steve Menmuir, Part President and Green Ranger; Skip, Duncan Gray, Past President, Past Club Champion, and current holder of NCBA Pairs title.

The Team could be called 'The Four Decades' - the over 80's, over 70's, over 60 and over 50. Spectators can determine who's who!!!

St. Ninian Bowls Club (Nairn Sports Council)

Nairn Area Sports Council will be represented again this year by St. Ninian Bowls Club. It is one of three Clubs in Nairn, with around 55 Members. Being a seaside resort we have our numbers boosted by visitors popping in for a game.

St. Ninian has represented the Council since 2004, and in that year the team came third. In 2005 the team was runner-up and in 2006 won the Tournament. Two Members of this year's Team have played each year since 2004. We are looking forward to meeting old friends and meeting new ones in 2009.

Team:- Jim Taylor, Colin McKay, Willie Mair & Jim Grant.

Keith Bowling Club (Moray Sports Council)

The establishing of a Bowling Green in Keith was first recorded in 1878, however the dream was made a reality in 1879 when a local benefactor - William Longmore - gifted the land adjacent to the Longmore Hall for use as a Bowling Green for the Gentlemen of Keith! Early Office Bearers were instrumental in setting up of the Highland Bowling Association in 1897. The Green was officially opened in June 1879. The Club Affiliated to the S.B.A. in 1930 and have been represented in the Scottish Finals in 1970 and 1971 by the Senior Fours and in 1984 by the Triples. Keith BC had the honour to be the first Highland Bowling Association Club to represent the Association in 1991 in the Scottish Top Ten Tournament.....reaching the Quarter Finals.



Left to Right - G Mitchell, W Thain, D Auld & I Mann

Bathgate and Glen Mavis Bowling Clubs (East Lothian Sports Council)

Bathgate Bowling Club was formed by local business men and profession men of the area in 1862. It is still a Private Club.

They have held the World Single Championships and the Scottish and British Isles Championships Titles ...and one of their Members - Robert Sutherland - won them all. They held the Scottish "4's" in 2000.

Glen Mavis Bowling Club was previously the Railway Bowling Club before being taken over by the Council before being renamed.

The Club won the Scottish Pairs in 2009.

The Team are:- Hugh Brown and James Gauld - Bathgate; William Aitken and John Small - Glen Mavis.

Lochgelly Bowling Club (Dunfermline Sports Council)

Lochgelly Bowling Club was founded in 1879. Its Membership mainly comprised of professionals and business men with a sprinkling of what were then called the "Aristocratic Colliers." The Fife Association decided to adopt the rules of the Scottish Bowling Association in 1895 as against "Mitchells Annual" under which they have played up till then. Throughout the years the Club has represented Scotland in International Matches. John Sinclair in 1939 was a Member of the British team which toured the USA. The Lochgelly Club won the British Championship in the 1960's.

Today the Club proudly hosts two Scottish Internationalists - one of whom is James Gilruth, who is current Club Champion and Fife League Champion of Champions. The Mens Section last week retained the West Fife Championship Title. Also the Ladies Section won the Ladies Title last year. The Club Membership is just over 100 and is quite strong.

Len Kerr won the pairs competition this week with partner James McGuire (Scottish Internationalist) this week.



Left to Right - T Reynolds, L Kerr (Outdoor and Indoor Scottish champ) G McGee, A Mitchell (3x Senior Club Champ)