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## Bowls Scotland Chair Statement

I sincerely hope that each and every club and member has had a successful year. People are the lifeblood of our sport and bowls simply cannot operate without the many hard-working volunteers up and down the country. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of Bowls Scotland to thank our fantastic volunteers for the countless hours they dedicate to our wonderful game.

A huge thank you to our 2024 President, Frances Sandilands, for the immense contribution she has made during her year in office. Frances has been the first ever unified President of Bowls Scotland, and she has fulfilled the role with distinction. We continue to strive towards our quest for greater equality, diversity and inclusion across bowls.



Sadly, we lost our Vice President, Andy Meekison, shortly before our National Championships in July which has been a great loss to Bowls Scotland and the wider bowling community after his long service to the sport. Andy was an amazing human being and will be sorely missed by all that knew him.

For the 2024 National Championships, the weather was very kind to us and there was well earned praise for the great improvement in the conditions of the National Centre greens. Our hard-working staff delivered an excellent event under the guidance of our CEO, Alan McMillan, who has moved on after a period of 15 years guiding us through the modernisation of our sport. The Board expressed thanks for his loyalty, vision and dedication and wish him every success in his future career. Currently the recruitment drive is well underway to find a suitable replacement.

Our up-and-coming stars had great success on the green this year with Scotland winning both the Under 18 Youth International Series and Under 25 Junior International Series at Belmont Bowling Club in Belfast, Northern Ireland. Full credit to the players, coaches and support staff on achieving these incredible results.

The National Centre for Bowling in Ayr also hosted several major international events this Summer, including the inaugural Atlantic International Challenge and the 2024 Bowls Europe Championships. Scotland produced excellent results at both events and were worthy winners of the Andy Meekison Trophy for the overall best performing nation at the European Championships. A triumph which I'm sure Andy would have been extremely proud of.

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate those clubs who achieved their bronze, silver and gold accreditations through our BowlsMark development programme. BowlsMark assists clubs in creating welcoming environments and sustainable futures and we look forward to more clubs in engaging with the programme in the coming year.

Our grateful thanks must also go to **sportscotland**, our commercial partners and suppliers, who all contributed to a successful 2024.

Looking ahead, I am delighted with the confirmation that bowls will be included in the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games. Though we do not yet have information about the format that the competition will take, for now we must celebrate this excellent news for our sport.

I would like to close by thanking all our members for their participation and support for our great sport of bowls and long may this continue in the future.

**David Scouller, Interim Chair of Bowls Scotland**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Scouller'.



## Bowls Scotland Chief Executive Officer Statement

### Introduction

As I reflect on 2024, it is clear that this has been another defining year for Bowls Scotland. It has been a year of both progress and challenges, but above all, one that highlights the resilience of our organisation and the sport. Our collective dedication to growing the sport and enhancing opportunities for all members has been inspiring. This year, more than ever, Bowls Scotland has demonstrated a continued commitment to evolving the game.



### Membership and Participation Growth

A key focus for 2024 as part of our new 4-year strategy was trying to maintain participation at all levels and I'm pleased to report that we made solid strides in this area. Our membership numbers are healthy with a small decrease of 1%. Our key programmes of "Try Bowls" and BowlsMark, supported by a coach and volunteer education system continues to attract new club members, developing club structures and has resulted in a 40% rise in Junior membership, a particularly encouraging sign for the future of the sport. And whilst there will be some adjustments to a change in the capitation return process, we expect to see positive returns from the 75 new clubs that signed up to Try Bowls in 2024.

Our ambition to make bowls accessible to all was further supported by the creation of adaptive sessions tailored for players with disabilities, reinforcing our mission to break down barriers and promote inclusivity.

### Playing the Game

On the competitive front, 2024 has been a successful year for our international players. Scottish bowlers performed exceptionally well on both the Home Nations and International stages, securing key results that have further raised the profile of our sport. The Scottish teams' performances in winning the Para, U18 and U25 Home Nations Championships were a highlight.

Following on from the Home Nations, the Atlantic Challenge and European Championships stretched our up-and-coming players against strong opposition, giving new players to international representation at chance to show what they can do. The future looks good with some good results.

Domestically, we introduced new national competitions aimed at making the game more dynamic and engaging for players and spectators alike. Feedback from players will guide how we progress these events in the future, and we will continue to refine the competition structures. Whilst not everyone will be happy with some of the changes that have been introduced, as with all aspects of bowls we need to continue to move the game forward, to encourage more players and challenge those players that have ambitions for international representation.

### Financial Sustainability

2024 was also a year of financial prudence and sustainability. Despite the economic pressures many governing bodies of sport face, Bowls Scotland remains in a robust financial position. We have and will continue to diversify our income streams.

However, we are conscious of the ongoing financial pressures facing our clubs, the members and Bowls Scotland. Our focus on the financial sustainability of Bowls Scotland will remain a priority as we balance growing the game, supporting the clubs and continue to deliver our responsibilities to the membership in climate where costs are increasing.

I would like to thank our partners who have supported us over the year and who will continue to work with clubs to assist them with reducing costs please take the time to contact our commercial partners to see where your clubs could save money.

As ever **sportscotland** support Bowls Scotland not just financially with over £500k annually of Government funding, but also through advice and the sharing of ideas/solutions to many of our challenges. Without this support many of the functions of Bowls Scotland and support for clubs would not be possible. I would like to thank Partnership Manager Lindsay MacKenzie and High-Performance Manager Aileen McGillivray for their ongoing support.

### **Marketing and Communications**

Our social media engagement has grown exponentially, helping to raise the profile of bowls across Scotland and beyond. We utilised live streaming for key competitions, allowing fans to engage with the sport from the comfort of their homes. This investment in digital infrastructure is part of our long-term strategy to modernise the sport while reaching new audiences.

### **Challenges and Looking Ahead**

Despite our achievements, 2024 was not without its challenges. The unpredictable Scottish weather impacted some key events and like many other sports, we continue to face the challenge of adapting to the ever-changing landscape of sport participation in a digital age. Retaining members, especially younger players, in the face of competing leisure activities remains an area for ongoing focus. We have shown we can do this but need to continue to enthuse more players of all ages into our game.

As we move into 2025, our priorities will include further improving inclusivity and ensuring that clubs have the support they need to thrive through our committed and hard-working staff. The delivery of the programme offering free period products for participants at club level and at the national centre for all events, is innovative within bowls and shows that we are working hard to overcome barriers for women in bowls. Additionally, we will continue to foster a culture of sustainability, not just financially but environmentally, as we explore greener practices across our clubs and events.

### **Finally**

After 15 years working within bowls in Scotland, I have now decided to move onto another challenge. It has been an honour and privilege to work within a sport that makes such a difference to Scottish life in many areas across the country. As with all sports, bowls has challenges, with the main one being that of balancing tradition with modernising the sport. My outgoing plea to all involved is to look at what is happening across other sports and society and make the changes necessary to bowls so that the game is relevant and meaningful in your community and across Scotland.

In closing, 2024 has been a year of considerable progress for Bowls Scotland. We have seen growth, success, and innovation across the organisation, all while staying true to the core values that have defined our sport for generations. None of this would have been possible without the hard work and dedication of our staff, volunteers and members. I would like to thank each of you for your continued support.

Together, we have worked hard to lay the groundwork for a bright future for bowls in Scotland. As we look forward to 2025 and beyond, I am confident that Bowls Scotland will continue to build on this momentum, ensuring that bowls remains a vibrant and accessible sport for all.

Thank you for your commitment to Bowls Scotland.



**Alan McMillan, CEO of Bowls Scotland**

## Development

Clubs continue to be at the heart of everything we do, and we are committed to working in partnership with clubs to grow our wonderful game through developing modern clubs that are welcoming, sustainable and at the heart of their local communities.

### Key Highlights:

- Try Bowls Clubs achieved a 2% growth in membership (+494 members).
- The number of Bowls Scotland members has decreased from 50,012 to 49,458. This is a decrease of 1%. This is despite the number of Bowls Scotland affiliated clubs decreasing from 821 to 812, a decrease of 1%.
- Increased the number of Try Bowls Clubs by 20% from 373 to 447 – Encouraging fun, safe, warm & welcoming club environments for everyone.
- Maintained the Try Bowls Activator (TBA) programme, continuing with 8 TBAs to provide additional support locally to clubs delivering Try Bowls events.
- 56 clubs received direct club support for membership growth initiatives via our National Development Officers and Try Bowls Activators.
- Increased the number of clubs achieving BowlsMark by 68% from 38 to 64 with 8 currently going through the BowlsMark process.
- Delivered Local Authority Forums to 15 areas, with 65 clubs attending these drop-in sessions.
- Facility Survey completed by 766 clubs – 94% return rate. Established baseline facilities information providing valuable data to understand our current position and shape the future bowling landscape.

## Coaching and Volunteering

Coaching continues to be a key driver in producing high quality bowlers throughout all levels of our sport from their first game to our High-Performance Coaches and Bowls Scotland are committed to delivering World-leading Education opportunities to develop our people and our clubs.

Volunteers continue to be the foundation of our events and our clubs and we strive to ensure they continue to be development and showcased for their hard work!

### Key Highlights:

- Increased the number of Bowls Scotland Coaching Courses delivered from 27 to 33 (19% increase)
- 179 Coaches have upskilled throughout our Introduction to Bowls coaching Award which is 16% more IBCA Coaches than at end of 2023
- 82 Coaches have completed the Level 1 Bowls Coaching Award which is 24% more than at end of 2023
- 464 Clubs now have a qualified coach which is 72 new clubs this year (16% increase)
- Creation of a £10,000 Coach Education Subsidy which has seen 115 Coaches receive FREE Education since January 2024 in partnership with **sportscotland**
- 44% of Coaches upskilled in 2024 received subsidy finance support enhancing the diversity of our clubs' coaching workforce
- We continued to reward those unsung heroes across our bowling clubs with 12 winners of our National Volunteer Awards presented across Scotland.
- Delivered first ever European Coaching Conference at National Centre for Bowling, in partnership with Bowls Europe and World Bowls.
- Total number of volunteers including Event Volunteers, Umpires and Competition Coordinators rose to 140 individuals – 9% increase

## Competitions and Events

We were delighted to be able to deliver a full calendar of events throughout 2024. We, of course, could not deliver these events without our fantastic volunteers including District Co-Ordinators, District Youth Co-Ordinators, umpires, event volunteers, team managers, selectors and coaches. Our partnership with South Ayrshire Council must also be recognised along with the clubs across Scotland who host early rounds of these national competitions. A full list of results from each competition can be found in Appendix I.

### Key Highlights:

- Developing Scotland's Future:
  - Youth National Championships delivered with 361 players competing, an 88% increase from 2023.
  - Youth Scottish Cup Triples delivered with 81 players competing, a 22% increase from 2023.
  - Youth U15 Pairs delivered with 48 players competing, a 26% increase from 2023.
  - Youth County Competition delivered with 96 players competing, a 33% increase from 2023.
  - Youth International Series held in Ireland with players from Scotland, Ireland, Wales and England. Scotland won the gold medal.
- Bowls Scotland National Championships delivered:
  - 20,282 entries, representing 800 clubs, a 1.9% decrease from 2023.
  - 6,865 Spectators attended, marking an increase (9%) attending.
  - Over 130 volunteering opportunities available.
  - Continuation of Volunteer of the Week Award with Louise McCartan winning the award.
  - 317,192 Facebook reach, increasing from 245,554 in 2023.
  - 157,485 Live Stream views across Facebook, YouTube and BBC Scotland (131,057 views in 2023).
  - £1M estimated revenue in the South Ayrshire area.
- Linda Brennan U25 Ladies Pairs delivered with 29 teams competing, a 61% increase on 2023.
- Ladies National Top 10 Semi Final and Final delivered with 4 teams competing for the title from an entry of 28 teams: a 12% increase on 2023.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> Bowls Scotland Gents National Top 10 delivered with 13 teams participating.
- The European Open in partnership with Erskine was held in July with 120 teams, comprising 240 players, competing in this annual event.
- British Isles Championships took place in England, Scotland secured 2 gold medals and 3 silver medals from the 14 disciplines.

## High Performance

The year was kicked off in September with the 2023 World Championships in Australia. We welcomed the inclusion of the para competition for the first time and allowed an extremely distinguished squad of players to come together as Bowls Scotland to compete at one of the pinnacle competitions in the bowling calendar. Building on the foundations they had laid during the 2023 season Wendy Purdie, Frazer Muirhead and Bob Christie led the performance squads, and the players were able to deliver in difficult conditions, winning 3 silver and 4 bronze out of 11 disciplines. September was also a successful month for our U25 squad as they produced some outstanding performances to take gold in the women's event and the overall gold to be crowned British Isles champions.

The biggest changes within the High-performance programme have been the release of the new Drive to Success – Podium Pathway in November 2024. With opportunities to engage in the performance pathway now open to all we had a fantastic response of 445 members wishing to express an interest, 350 engaged in our inaugural podium opens and 189 were selected to take part in assessment weekends for National team selection. 27 Podium events were delivered over 6 weeks across 23 different clubs. This massive feat wouldn't have been possible without the wonderful and committed support of our volunteers and member clubs.

To complement our new pathway Derek Lang and Wendy Purdie our pathway leads have worked tirelessly to bring the programme to life whilst supporting our coaches Amanda Easson, Pauline Murray, Colin Noon, Julie Forrest, Frazer Muirhead and Stewart Getty. The para team ran out clear winners at the Home Nations whilst the women's squad were narrowly pipped to silver at the British Isles Internationals in June. Our U18 squad battled hard in Belfast to take the win at the youth international series in July and Scotland secured silver at the inaugural Atlantic International Challenge; a new competition devised to create competitive opportunities with a format to showcase the range of specialist skills Scottish players have to offer.

The continued success of our teams throughout this transitional year of change speaks volumes about the professional and dedicated approach our players, coaches and staff have taken to ensure we maintain our status as a dominant force in bowls across the world. It is a credit to the clubs and volunteers across Scotland who continue to nurture the wealth of Scottish talent, and we are extremely proud of the immense backing and support our performance players receive.

#### Key Highlights:

#### **World Bowls World Championships 2023**

7 medals from a total of 11 disciplines.

- Silver:
  - B6-8 Women's Pairs (Pauline Wilson & Rosemary Lenton)
  - Men's Fours (MBE Alex Marshall, Derek Oliver, Jason Banks, MBE Paul Foster)
  - Men's Triples (MBE Alex Marshall, Derek Oliver, MBE Paul Foster)
- Bronze:
  - B2-3 Mixed Pairs (Robert Barr, Sarah Jane Ewing, Melanie Inness, George Miller)
  - Women's Pairs (Claire Anderson, Emma McIntyre)
  - Women's Fours (Carla Banks, Claire Anderson, Stacey MacDougall, Caroline Brown)
  - Men's Singles (Iain McLean)

#### **2023 U25 British Isles Internationals**

- Overall Team (Gold) Women (Gold) Men (Silver)

#### **2024 Para Home Nations**

- Team Gold

#### **2024 British Isles International Series**

- Women (Silver) Men (4<sup>th</sup>)

#### **2024 Atlantic Challenge**

- Team Silver



## Marketing and Communications

We are committed to ensuring we promote a positive and modern image of the game through seeking better engagement with our clubs and partners. During the 2024 season we focussed on highlighting success at grassroots level, sharing more club stories than previous years. Across the board, we have increased our coverage and social media reach during 2023-24.

Key Highlights:

- Profiled a total of 59 clubs and individuals through club stories and National Volunteer Award profiles
- Increased the number of social media page followers across Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and LinkedIn from 29,255 to 31,750.
- Maintained organic Facebook page reach during the season of over 1million at 1,115,697
- Increased Bowls Scotland Facebook likes from 16,198 to 16,612 (Facebook Followers 20,617).
- Number of video views across Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, and Twitter increased from 392,680 to 627,103
- Increased the number of monthly E-Newsletter subscribers from 3,610 to 4,177.
- Increased the number of monthly E-Newsletter opens from 23,996 to 24,812.
- Maintained the number of announcements on our website at 178.

## Governance

### Strategy 2024-2028

Following a 12-month consultation process, we launched our new four-year strategy 'At The Heart Of Your Community' in February 2024. The strategy sets out our values and vision for the sport, with four key focus areas:

- Strong and Sustainable Clubs.
- A Modern and Progressive Sport.
- A Diverse and Accessible Sport.
- Achieving Potential.

### Board Recruitment

We were very pleased to add Chris Holloway and Nicola Wilson to the Board of Directors this year, bringing valuable expertise and skills. Our thanks go to Kim Walker, who stepped down as chair earlier this year, and David Scouller, who stepped in as interim chair. Work is ongoing to appoint a new permanent chair.

### Working Groups

Three new working groups were formed this year to support the implementation of our strategic objectives:

- Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Working Group
- Minimum Operating Requirements Working Group
- Competitions & Events Youth Working Group

## Equality and Diversity

We are committed to embedding the values of equality, diversity, and inclusion throughout our sport by implementing new ways of developing and delivering projects. These values are fundamental to ensuring we progress towards fulfilling our vision of a sport that is accessible for all. We continue to work with members of the bowling community to ensure their feedback and input is heard and illustrated throughout the work that we do.

### Key Highlights:

- We had period products at our National Championships for the first time ever – as part of Empowering Women in Sport and creating inclusive and welcoming environments.
- Developed an overarching Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Working Group with members of the Bowling Community.
- We delivered SAMH Mental Health Sessions as part of our Annual Calendar of events.
- We developed a visual baseline of statistics using the information we currently held around competitions, volunteers and equality data, to help inform future projects.
- Completed our SAMH Mental Health Charter Action Plan and appointed a Mental Health and Wellbeing Lead
- Began our journey through the Moving to Inclusion Framework
- Continue to deliver against the outcomes in the Bowls Scotland Equality Action Plan

## Wellbeing and Protection

Wellbeing and protection continue to be a priority for the organisation with training and development opportunities available. This area is critical to ensure the safety of children and vulnerable adults within our sport, and to maintain the appropriate processes and procedures.

### Key Highlights:

- Maintained 100% compliance - Safeguarding in Sport Standard.
- Five virtual Child Wellbeing and Protection in Sport courses delivered with 55 participants attending.
- Five virtual Child Wellbeing and Protection Officer courses delivered with 49 participants attending, a 29% increase from the previous year.
- 154 PVG checks carried out, a 23% increase from the previous year.
- 60 members from 57 clubs completed training for the new PVG system.

## Finance

### 2023-24 Accounts

This summary should be read in conjunction with the Financial Statements prepared by BDO, accountants to Bowls Scotland.

The 2023-24 financial year resulted in a deficit of -£21,012.

### Income

Income decreased in 2023-24 due to returning £43k of unused 2022-23 High Performance Staffing investment to **sportscotland** and a 7% drop in competition income. Membership income also fell by £6k. Despite this, we received an additional £20k from **sportscotland** outside our investment agreement.

### Expenditure

Overall expenditure rose compared to 2022-23, mainly due to competition and event costs, and increased staffing investment. Admin costs went up by £8k, driven by higher IT, accountancy, miscellaneous, and bad debt costs.

Staff costs increased by £132k. It should be noted that the increase in staff costs is largely proportionate to the investment received once the timing difference of the £43k investment return previously mentioned is accounted for. The remaining balance is due to salary increases in line with inflation and additional staffing investment, supported by **sportscotland**.

### Overall Position

While the organisation's financial position remains robust, the cumulative impact of several years of rising costs, driven by the COVID-19 pandemic and the cost-of-living crisis, is now becoming apparent.

The board and management will conduct a comprehensive review of financial projections and necessary actions. This will include evaluating opportunities to diversify commercial income, reassessing affiliation fees, and analysing the return on investment for partners and members.

## Appendix I

### Linda Brennan U25 Ladies Pairs: 25<sup>th</sup> May, Bainfield Bowling Club

| Linda Brennan U25 Ladies Pairs |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| <b>Winners</b>                 | Abbie Harris (Ralston BC)<br>Aimee Harris (Scotstounhill BC) |
| <b>Runner Up</b>               | Kara Lees (Townhill BC)<br>Beth Riva (Gifford BC)            |

### Alan Michie Under 15 Pairs: 1<sup>st</sup> June, Grangemouth Bowling Club

| Alan Michie Under 15 Pairs |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| <b>Winners</b>             | Frazer Lees (Inverkeithing BC)<br>Emily Houston (Prestwick BC) |
| <b>Runner Up</b>           | Corey Cadger (Fochabers BC)<br>Lewis Smith (Lossiemouth BC)    |

### Youth Scottish Cup Triples: 2<sup>nd</sup> June, Grangemouth Bowling Club

| Youth Scottish Cup Triples |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| <b>Winners</b>             | Frazer Lees (Inverkeithing BC)<br>Sarah Roberts (Colinton BC)<br>Logan Fraser (Abbeyview BC)             |
| <b>Runner Up</b>           | Harrison Fraser (Craigentanny BC)<br>Finley Rudge (Craigentanny BC)<br>Liam Fairgrieve (Craigentanny BC) |

### British Isles Championships: 28<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> June, National Centre for Bowling, Ayr

| British Isles Championships  |   |               |
|------------------------------|---|---------------|
| <b>U18 Singles</b>           | Aaron Miller, (Inverkeithing BC)  | Runner up     |
| <b>Ladies Junior Singles</b> | Rachel Pirie (Brought BC)   | Semi-Finalist |
| <b>Gents Junior Singles</b>  | Daniel Martin (Dunfermline Northern BC)   | Semi-Finalist |
| <b>Ladies U25 Pairs</b>      | Abbie Harris (Ralston BC)<br>Aimee Harris (Scotstounhill BC)  | Semi-Finalist |
| <b>Ladies Singles</b>        | Emma Mitchell (Gilmerton BC)  | Semi-Finalist |
| <b>Gents Singles</b>         | Alastair White (Jedburgh BC)  | Semi-Finalist |
| <b>Ladies Pairs</b>          | Alison Ross (Bainfield BC)<br>Susan Allan (Bainfield BC)  | Semi-Finalist |
| <b>Gents Pairs</b>           | Darren Gualtieri (Hyndland BC)<br>Ryan Gualtieri (Hyndland BC)                                      | Runner up     |
| <b>Ladies Triples</b>        | Emma Kennedy (Stonehouse BC)<br>Susan Morrison (Stonehouse BC)<br>Gail Notman (Stonehouse BC)       | Semi-Finalist |
| <b>Gents Triples</b>         | Derek Hutcheson (Abbeyview BC)<br>Dylan Robertson (Abbeyview BC)<br>Connar Robertson (Abbeyview BC) | Winner        |
| <b>Ladies Fours</b>          | Anne Bone (Windygates Durievale BC)   | Winner        |



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|----------------------------|---|---------------|
|                            | Jane Anderson (Windygates Durievale BC)<br>Julie Sword (Windygates Durievale BC)<br>Lynn Stein (Windygates Durievale BC)  |               |
| <b>Gents Fours</b>         | Blair Fleming (Windygates Durievale BC)<br>Robbie Wilson (Windygates Durievale BC)<br>Shaun Wilson (Windygates Durievale BC)<br>Christopher Stein (Windygates Durievale BC) | First Round   |
| <b>Ladies Senior Fours</b> | Margaret Armstrong (Glenmavis BC)<br>Mandy McFadzean (Glenmavis BC)<br>Delia Flannigan (Glenmavis BC)<br>Lorraine Craig (Glenmavis BC)                                      | Runner Up     |
| <b>Gents Senior Fours</b>  | Robert Dickson Jess (Marchmount BC)<br>Derek Smith (Marchmount BC)<br>Colin Peacock (Marchmount BC)<br>Donald Poland (Marchmount BC)  | Semi-Finalist |

### British Isles International Series: 30<sup>th</sup> June – 2<sup>nd</sup> July, National Centre for Bowling, Ayr

| British Isles International Series |               |              |
|------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
|                                    | <b>Ladies</b> | <b>Gents</b> |
| <b>Gold</b>                        | England       | England      |
| <b>Silver</b>                      | Scotland      | Wales        |
| <b>Bronze</b>                      | Ireland       | Ireland      |

### European Open in partnership with Erskine: 31<sup>st</sup> August – 1<sup>st</sup> September, National Centre for Bowling, Ayr

| European Open in partnership with Erskine |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Winners</b>                            | Mike J Ross (Fortrose & Rosemarkie BC)<br>Kyle J Ross (Fortrose & Rosemarkie BC) |
| <b>Runner Up</b>                          | Ben Major (Lenzie BC)<br>Stevie Dow (Lenzie BC)                                  |

### National Championships: 23<sup>rd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> July, National Centre for Bowling, Ayr

| National Championships |   |   |
|------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Competition</b>     | <b>Ladies Results</b>   | <b>Gents Results</b>  |
| <b>Junior Singles</b>  | Megan Sproat<br>(Ladeside of Kilbirnie BC)                                      | Dean Riva<br>(Gifford BC)   |
| <b>Singles</b>         | Jaclyn Neil<br>(Arthurlie BC)   | Iain McLean<br>(Blackwood BC)   |
| <b>Pairs</b>           | Morag Weir & Lynn McLachlan<br>(Dalserf BC)                                     | Kevin Donaldson & Stuart White<br>(Gordon BC)                                   |
| <b>Triples</b>         | Kara Lees, Sophie McGrouther & Lynn Lees<br>(Townhill BC)                       | Grant Prophet, Calum Williamson & Craig Adrain<br>(Irvine Park BC)              |
| <b>Fours</b>           | Jane Anderson, Anne Bone, Julie Sword & Lynn Stein<br>(Windygates Durievale BC) | John Stevenson, Kevin McDougall, Colin Bonner & Ronnie Duncan<br>(Bonnyrigg BC) |
| <b>Over 55 Singles</b> | Jan Oliver<br>(Dumfries BC)   | Graeme MacDougall<br>(Mount Vernon BC)  |

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|--|---|--|
| <b>Over 55 Fours</b>                       | Elaine Taylor, Sharon Moran, Paula Barrett & Angela Bell (Deans BC) | Brian Kyle, Robert Gibson, Kenny Cairne & Michael McColm (West End Stranraer BC) |
| <b>Mixed Pairs</b>                         | Christine Tennant & Keith Shuttleworth (New Abbey BC)               |  |
| <b>B2/B3 Singles (Visually Impaired)</b>   | Sylvia Johnston (Muirhead & Birkhill BC)                            | Ross Noble (Summerside BC)   |
| <b>B6 Singles (Physically Disabled)</b>    | No competition in 2023  | Fraser Mathieson (Bridge of Allan BC)  |
| <b>B7/B8 Singles (Physically Disabled)</b> | Pauline Wilson (Willowbank BC)                                      | Michael Simpson (Strathmiglo BC)   |
| <b>Open Para 3 Bowl Pairs</b>              | Garry Hood (Ayr Craigie BC) & Kevin Wallace (Clackmannan BC)        |  |

### Youth National Championships: 27<sup>th</sup> July, National Centre for Bowling, Ayr

| Youth National Championships |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| <b>Youth Singles</b>         | John Mackay Whitehall BC  |
| <b>Youth Pairs</b>           | Corey Cadger (Fochabers BC)<br>Lewis Smith (Lossiemouth BC)                                   |
| <b>Youth Triples</b>         | Chloe Buchanan (Prestwick BC)<br>Emily Houston (Prestwick BC)<br>John McAllister (Catrine BC) |

### Youth International Series: 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> July, Belmont Bowling Club, Ireland

| Youth International Series |          |           |
|----------------------------|----------|-----------|
| <b>1st place</b>           | Scotland | 59 points |
| <b>2nd place</b>           | England  | 46 points |
| <b>3rd place</b>           | Wales    | 19 points |

### Ladies & Gents National Top 10: 25<sup>th</sup> August, National Centre for Bowling, Ayr

| National Top 10       |                             |                      |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
|                       | <b>Ladies Results</b>       | <b>Gents Results</b> |
| <b>Winners</b>        | Wantaebowl                  | Cobras               |
| <b>Runner Up</b>      | Morayshire Ladies           | Bowler Coasters      |
| <b>Semi Finalists</b> | Allsorts & Bowls Midlothian | Highland Select      |

### Andy Houston Youth County: 3<sup>rd</sup> September, National Centre for Bowling, Ayr

| Andy Houston Youth County |                  |           |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| <b>1st place</b>          | Districts 9 & 10 | 34 points |
| <b>2nd place</b>          | District 6       | 25 points |
| <b>3rd place</b>          | District 14 & 15 | 24 points |



Thank you to **sportscotland** and our commercial partners  
for their continued support.

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