

**SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION FOR BLIND BOWLERS**  
Hosting

**THE 7<sup>TH</sup> I.B.B.A.  
WORLD BLIND BOWLS  
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Girvan

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August-Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2001



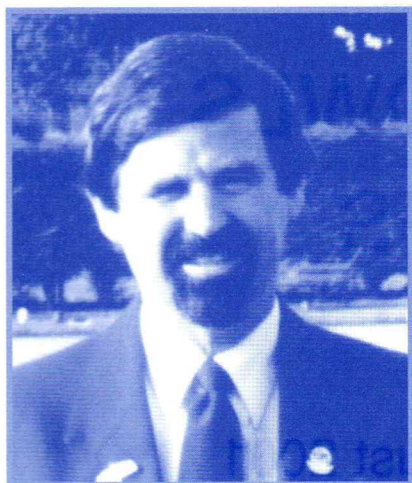
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**GIRVAN BOWLING CLUB**

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# INTERNATIONAL BLIND BOWLING ASSOCIATION

## WELCOME FROM THE IBBA PRESIDENT



On behalf of the International Blind Bowls Association, it gives me great pleasure to welcome all countries from the Northern and Southern hemispheres to this prestigious event. It just seems like yesterday when we were in New Zealand at the 6th World Bowls Championships and here we are in the picturesque town of Girvan, situated on the Ayrshire coast.

The Girvan Bowling Club is well known for its hospitality and I am sure that you will be made most welcome in this small fishing town, which is neighboured by one of our championship golf courses at Turnberry.

Most of the competitors will be staying at the Jarvis International Hotel in Ayr where I am sure you will find the facilities of a high standard. Your journey each day from Ayr to Girvan is a half-hour drive through Burns country and I am sure there will be opportunities to visit the Robert Burns heritage centre which is only a few miles from the hotel.

In conclusion, I would like to wish every success to all competitors and their coaches and trust that the games will be played in a sporting manner and the warmth of fellowship between the countries flourish.

J.F. Bircham  
President I.B.B.A.

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# WELCOME TO SCOTLAND



The committee, and members of the Scottish Association for Blind Bowlers, extend a very warm welcome to the competitors who are attending the seventh Blind Bowling World Championship in Girvan.

The Scottish Association is honoured to be hosting this championship. We have all worked hard to ensure that the games will be a great success, and that your visit to Scotland will be most enjoyable.

As an adopted Scot for the past 33 years, I know that the welcome you will receive here will be very warm and hospitable - Unfortunately we can't promise that about our weather, but I can assure you that everyone will leave with fond memories of their visit to Scotland.

With participants from Australia, Canada, England, Hong Kong, Israel, New Zealand, Scotland, South Africa, Wales, and Zimbabwe, we can truly say that this is a World Championship.

The members of the Scottish team, our national committee and myself are all looking forward to renewing old friendships and making new ones.

The most important thing to remember is that whether you win, or lose, it's how you play the game that matters.

So good luck to one and all.

Judith Marshall  
Acting President  
Scottish Association for Blind Bowlers



# Girvan Bowling Club

(Founded 1841)

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## WORLD BLIND BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2001

### MESSAGE FROM THE GIRVAN PRESIDENTS



There has been a close relationship between Girvan Bowling Club and the Blind Bowling organisations since 1990, when the first Home International Championships were held in Girvan. This was repeated in 1995, and more recently a Tri-Am was staged in 1999 between Canada, Israel and Scotland.

This has resulted in the forging of a close bond between members of our Club, and many of the International competitors who have visited us. Margaret and I were privileged to join the Scottish team during their visit to Israel last year, and we look forward to renewing friendships made during that enjoyable trip.

On behalf of the GBC organising committee, and all of the members of our Club, we would like to extend a very warm Girvan Bowling Club welcome to all the competitors and their support team. We wish everyone a successful Championship and a very enjoyable and memorable stay in Scotland.

With Best Wishes

Colin and Margaret  
Joint Presidents 2001



# **Scottish Association of Blind Bowlers (S.A.B.B.)**



Bowling for the blind and partially Sighted (P.S.) was started in the late 1940's or early 50's by the Scottish War-blinded based at Lynburn House, West Lothian, where a bowling green was part of the recreational facilities provided for the men. In my capacity as Welfare Officer for the Blind in Fife, I founded a bowling club for my clients in 1958. At around that same time, three other areas in Scotland also created bowling clubs for their areas. In the summer of 1959, the first tournament for the Scottish Blind Bowlers was held at Baxter Park Dundee, when the following teams took part: Dundee, Edinburgh, Renfrew, Fife and the Scottish War-blinded, who on that occasion took the trophy. The S.A. B.B. was founded later that year. From these early beginnings around 20 clubs in Scotland are enjoying the sport, which has developed both nationally and internationally and will reach a pinnacle in the year 2001 when The World Blind Championships will be held at Girvan in Ayrshire. So the doubts and criticisms received in the early days about even considering bowling for the blind and partially sighted have proved to be unfounded.

**D.W. Birse ( Glenrothes, Fife.)**



# S.A.B.B.

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Fund Raiser	Pat Brand
Selectors	Ron Crate and Jim Fraser

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## FINANCE COMMITTEE



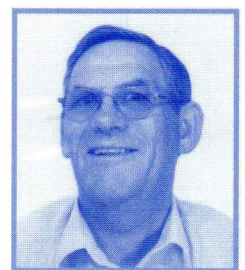
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Bowls Administrator  
Organiser  
Martin Conlin



Fund Raiser  
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Recorders	David Dowie and John Kirkwood
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## GIRVAN BOWLING CLUB

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