

The Irish Tenpin Bowling Association

Senior Group Sub-Committee

Report for April 2023 to April 2024

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| <u>Committee Members:</u> | Chairman | Joseph Ridgeway |
| | Treasurer | Peter Murphy |
| | Secretary | Maeve O Reilly |
| | Member | Ken O Reilly |
| | Member | Pat Holmes |

The remaining Tour of the 2022/2023 season was held in LeisureMax Wexford on the 7^h May 2023. It was a great day out (always enjoyed due to the courtesy of Adrian and all the Staff. We had some difficulties, but all ended well, and we are guaranteed that all will be well this year.

The Average attendance For the **Tour Season 2022 / 2023** was 41. Given that we were dealing with the aftermath of covid this was a very Strong attendance.

ITBA Senior Grand Prix 2022/23 Finals

From comments received, bowlers found it a great success, a great success indeed. Thanks to the brilliant staff at Leisureplex Tallaght and Sean Kennedy. For making it a great success.

Sean Kennedy said that the strings allowed for faster games. The new format of the Ladies starting early and the men second plus using the full 20 lanes created a much earlier finish. Much appreciated by all. Last game finished at 2.35.

A special thanks goes to Maeve and Ken for the new format. Great that you are always looking at ways to improve the Tour and adding so much to it.

Some of the scoring was incredible, with some fantastic games.

The Winners were:

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| Fergal Mc Loughlin | Scratch | Theresa Watts | Scratch |
| Paddy Gibbons | Handicap | Dymphna Kestell | Handicap |

- **Shields** were presented to each of the following Category winners:
 - Men's Scratch and Handicap.
 - Ladies Scratch and Handicap.
 - **Brian Moriarty Memorial Shield** is awarded to the Gents Handicap winner.
 - **Joan Mulcahy Memorial Shield** is awarded to the Ladies Handicap winner.

Congratulations to all the winners!!

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The Grand Prix concluded a very successful Season.

Thanks to the tremendous work by all the Senior Committee.

Thanks to all the Senior Bowlers for their continued contribution and Support.

The Seniors Tour 2023/2024

The 1st tour of the 2023/2024 season

Kicked off in Leisureplex Blanchardstown on the 10th September 2023 and with help of Nicola Staines and all her staff it was a very successful return to bowling.

| Senior Touring League 2023/2024 | | |
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| Date | Event / No. | Centre |
| 10-Sep-23 | Touring League (1) | Leisureplex, Blanchardstown |
| 08-Oct-23 | Touring League (2) | Leisureplex, Coolock |
| 12-Nov-23 | Touring League (3) | Leisureplex, Charlestown |
| 03-Dec-23 | Touring League (4) | ALSAA |
| 07-Jan-24 | Touring League (5) | Leisureplex, Tallaght |
| 25-28 Jan-2024 | Senior National Championships (6) | Charlestown |
| 18-Feb-24 | Touring League (7) | Leisureplex, Charlestown |
| 03-Mar-24 | Touring League (8) | Leisureplex, Coolock |
| 07-Apr-24 | Touring League (9) | ALSAA |
| 21st-Apr-24 | Touring League (10) | LeisureMax, Wexford |
| 21 st May | 2023/2024 Grand Prix | Charlestown |

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The 28th Senior National Championships: Took place in Leisureplex Charlestown on the 26th – 29th January 2024
There was a great attendance of 53 bowlers Which contributed to a very **successful** Championships.

The Winners Were:

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| Single Gents: | Alan Mc Donnell | Larry O Leary Trophy |
| Single Ladies: | Lorraine Keane | Elsbeth Gailey Trophy |
| Bernard Groves Gents: | Ken O Reilly | |
| Bernard Groves Ladies: | Maeve O Reilly | |
| Masters (All Events) plaque Gents | Alan Mc Donnell | |
| Masters (All Events) plaque Ladies | Lorraine Keane | |

Congratulations to All the Winners

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The Senior Triple Crown: 19TH-21st May2023

The Senior Triple Crown 2023 Was hosted by Wales and took place in Bromborough England.

Team Manager: Paddy Gibbons

Ladies Coach : Doug Barnes

Ladies Team: Lorraine Keane, Anita Watts, Theresa Watts, Elaine Lalor,
Pat Holmes, Berni Moriarty.

Mens Team: Philip Watts, Kieran Shortt, Paddy Dunne, Liam Byrne, JR Wilson
Tommy Nolan

There were some great performances.

1st medal **Bronze** singles Anita Watts

Men's doubles **Bronze** Philip Watts and Liam Byrne

Ladies Doubles **Bronze** Theresa and Anita Watts

Mixed Doubles **Silver** Elaine Lawlor and Philip Watts

Masters' **Gold** Theresa Watts

Masters **Bronze** Anita Watts

Gold Ladies Team Event



Well done **All** !!!

Watt a performance

15medals

6 **Gold**

2 Silver

7 **Bronze**

What a great job done by Paddy Gibbons Team Manager and Coach Doug Barne's

The **ESBS** took place in Bolonga in Italy in June 2023

Pat Holmes returned With a **Gold** medal after a magnificent performance.

Congratulations Pat on Winning the Gold medal in the
30th European Senior Bowling Championship's
Becoming the ESBC Masters Champion 2023



I hope we have continued Success in this Years Senior Triple Crown

2024 SENIOR TRIPLE CROWN - SCOTLAND – 25th /28th APRIL 2024

Men Team:

Men's Team : Paddy Dunne
Ken Foley
Tommy Fetherston
Philip Watts (
Kieran Shortt
Paul Molphy

Ladies Team : Lorraine Keane
Theresa Watts
Mary Heffernan
Dymphna Kestel
Elaine Lalor
Anita Watts

Sadly Alan Mc Donnell, Haulie Storan and Fergal Mc Loughlin had to pull out of the original selection. Also, Pat Holmes.

Team Manager: Paddy Gibbons. **Thanks again** Paddy for taking on the difficult Task of **STC manager**

We wish the teams the best at luck at the tournament.

Special thanks to:

Adrienne, Doug & Tim
Senior Selection Committee for their very difficult task of selecting Teams.

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The Senior Committee would like to extend their thanks to the following:

Chris Sloan, Xtreme International and Alsa , Pro Shop for their generous support throughout the 2022/2023 season.

John Dunne and Tim Dawson for updating senior results and calendar on the website. Also for looking after the scoring and results for the **Irish National Scratch Championship** event and The **Senior National Championships**.

The Management and staff of all the bowling centres for their co-operation and assistance

Leisureplex for their continued sponsorships, Thanks Sean and all the Staff for their contribution,

Our Special thanks to the Executive for their extraordinary input to ensuring grant allocations were achieved.

A **special** thanks to Jim Donagh for all his guidance and the work carried out to ensure due diligence of all the accounts to the Satisfaction on the Sport Ireland Auditors,

Thanks to all those who stay in the background helping the present Senior Committee.

We the committee would like to express a special thank you to Kay Lyons For creating the Senior Sub Committee Hand Book (With the assistance of Maeve O Rielly).

It is a remarkable document creating a picture of the Senior Tour nuts and bolts workings. It will be a great roadmap to any new committee.

Thanks again to the **TWO** Paddy's

One for all the wonderful videos and photos, creating great memories and for keeping the history of ten pin bowling alive in Ireland.

And the other, for the Monthly Calendar and for doing the scoring in Alsa, a great help indeed. It allows Maeve to relax and enjoy her game.

I personally would like express a special thanks to the Executive for their selfless work in keeping the r For their Tremendous work in achieving Grant Funding to keep it going year on year.

Thank you, Peter, Maeve, Ken and Pat., For all your hard work.

The Senior Tour would not have been such a success without the tremendous effort you all put in.

And last, but not least, thanks to our **members** who support the monthly tournaments.

We were all **deeply** saddened by the passing of Niall Cullen,
We thank Paddy Gibbons for the wonderful tribute to Niall in video and photos.

Niall represented Ireland on many occasions and was a great supporter of our **Senior bowling tour**.
May he rest in peace.

In Conclusion an Overview.

The Senior Tour 2023/2024 is a great success overall.

We have new members joining and this keeps the numbers up despite some seniors be absent due to long term injuries. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Some Leisureplex Centres didn't want to take on bowling events that ran over a number of days. So, we had to revert to Charlestown for the Senior Championships and the Grand Prix.

The 28th Senior Championships was a great Success despite oil machine difficulties and needing to reboot the scoring system.

With the assistance of grant funding from Sport Ireland and distributed to the Senior Committee we were in a position to renew and upgrade our Plaques and Trophies A great job, thanks Trophy Gallery.

Also, we were able to keeps the Senior accounts balanced thanks to the diligent work by Peter Murphy and the excellent guidance provided by Jim Donagh.

We had a vote by the members as to whether we should drop the monthly finals to save money and balance the books. The vote was inconclusive.

We the committee decided to drop the finals at the monthly events.

But with a strong opinion expressed by some, we decided to reinstate some finals. In the bowling centres that had the larger number of lanes. As this allowed for an earlier finish.

This excluded Alsa and Wexford from playing finals.

Maybe the incoming committee will consider reinstating all finals for the new 2024/2025.

I truly wish them well.

As this is my final Senior Sun Committee Report. I would like to Acknowledge the excellent tremendous, tireless work carried by the officers of the ITBA executive.

Chris Sloan, Jim Donagh, and Aine Lebioda.

The effort and the dedication they put in has to be admired and for their vision going forward. To hopefully create 32 County National Governing Body for ten pin bowling. The setting of Youth bowling Clubs in the bowling centres to grow bowling at the ground roots.

I wish them and all the Sub Committees the best and every success going forward.

Joseph Ridgeway

Chairperson Senior Sub Committee
08/04/2024

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