

FORWARD



Pat MacDonagh
President

What a special year 2013 is for Leinster Bowling Club as we celebrate our Centenary. We also hold the Presidency of the B.L.I. (Ron Prince) and the L.B.L.I. (Kitty Roberts) –in for a penny in for a pound. I am honoured to have been elected as President of this wonderful Club, which has been a huge part of my life for 25 years. When you read through this historical record, you will see how the game, the greens, and the fashion styles have evolved. What hasn't changed though is the spirit of the members. We pride ourselves on the friendship, and hospitality of our club. Many friendships and relationships

have been formed over the years which have often been a lifeline for those who are ill or have suffered loss. May that continue to be the case for the next Century. Enjoy all the competitions and functions that the hard working Centenary Committee have put together. Enjoy the trip “down memory lane” when you read through the booklet. My thanks go especially to Charlie Ryan, Pat Kenny and Paddy Gallagher who have helped me collate the information, which like all historical records may not be 100% accurate. Most of all Good Bowling and Good Health to one and all.

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LEINSTER BOWLING CLUB 1913-2013

This year, 2013, the Leinster Bowling club celebrates its centenary. Reaching such a landmark would not be possible without the voluntary work and dedication of many people over the intervening years. Today we can be justly proud of the progress and development of our club during its first one hundred years.

We also have the honour of nominating the Presidency of the Bowling League of Ireland and the Ladies Bowling League of Ireland. To President Ron Prince and President Kitty Roberts, we convey our congratulations on their election and wish them every success during this memorable year.

During the late nineteenth century and the early twentieth century, lawn bowls was already established in the Dublin area with three clubs already formed. These were Kenilworth Bowling Club, Railway Union Bowling Club and Blackrock Bowling Club. A number of Leinster cricketers anxious to introduce a new sport into the Club formed the Leinster Bowling Club in 1913. Among the founder members of the Club were David Ogden; D.A.H. Milling; W.E. Rogers; W.H. Pollett and R.H. Bob Lambert in whose memory a memorial plaque is displayed in the Club House. The plaque reads R.H. Lambert, many times Captain and President of the Club. Captain of the Gentlemen of Ireland. Scorer of a Hundred Centuries.

The bowling section is now just one part of a much larger club namely The Leinster Cricket Club with its long history and tradition. Founded on May 1st 1852. During its early years it moved from Grosvenor Square, its original ground, to Rathgar opposite the end of Garville Avenue in 1853. The following year it moved again, this time to the vicinity of Palmerstown Park where it remained until 1861. The next move was to Emor Ville, opposite Portobello Gardens on the South Circular Road before finally coming to its present location just off the Lower Rathmines Road in 1865 (*LCC Brochure, 2002*).

The entrance to our Club is by way of a cul-de-sac, Observatory Lane, which takes its name from an astronomical and instrument making firm once located there and owned by Sir Howard Grubb.

Our first bowling green was laid beside the old cricket pavilion where the present car park is now situated. Matches between the clubs were played on a regular basis but Leinster B.C. was seriously handicapped by having only a three rink green. Without photographs and the lack of minutes of that time it is not easy to fully appreciate the extent of the difficulties. However a report of a bowling match played in Leinster B.C. during the summer of 1926 may help throw some light on the problem. The report stated *'in the condition the Leinster Green now is, good bowling is scarcely possible as it is largely a matter of luck rather than skill in the getting of shots'*. Fortunately our Executive Committee did view the matter in a serious way and commenced to draw up plans to include a full size green in the Club.

At an important meeting of delegates from the bowling clubs in Dublin held on Friday 25th March 1927, it was decided to establish an association of clubs under the title of 'The Irish Free State Bowling League' later named 'The Bowling League of Ireland' to control the game of lawn bowls in the republic. Draft rules which provided that all competitions should be played on a league principle were submitted to the meeting for consideration. Two competitions were arranged to be held during the first season. One for a challenge cup presented by Mr. D. Stephens and another for a junior rinks competition. Leinster B.C. was represented at this meeting by Newman Thompson; Richard J. Howley and George C.W. Christie.

From the original five founder member clubs, the Bowling League of Ireland now represents a total of 30 clubs. Leinster B.C. has played its part in the administration of the association since its foundation, holding the key position of President on 19 occasions.

Leinster B.C. affiliated to the Irish Bowling Association, the governing body of the sport of outdoor bowls in Ireland in 1929. The highest office attainable in Irish bowls, The Presidency of the Irish Bowling Association was conferred on Pat McGuirk in 1969 and Jack Burke in 1985. In 1996 Jack Burke had the singular honour of being elected President of the British Isles Bowling Council in recognition of his outstanding work for bowls in these islands. He was the first member of The Bowling League of Ireland to be so honoured.



Jack Burke

The first match of the new league for the Stephens Cup was played on the Leinster green on 4th June 1927 when Leinster B.C. played a visiting team from Clontarf B.C. The records show that not only did Clontarf B.C. win this match by 79 shots to 51 shots but went on to win the inaugural league title. The Leinster B.C. team for this first league game was

Lead	J. Shaw	D. McCrea	C. Hayes
No. 2.	J. Cassidy	N. Thompson	E.A. Byrne
No. 3.	J. O'Toole	A.B. Wilkinson	J. Heaslip
Skip	A.E. Bridle	G.W.C. Christie	D.H. Milling

The laying of a bowling green is an expensive and complicated job but the Executive Committee of the day is to be congratulated using best practice current at the time. Martin Burke possessed not only the qualifications but also the enthusiasm required to tackle this difficult task. On Saturday, 3rd August 1929 before a large attendance, the President of Leinster Bowling Club, W.D. Hemsworth, performed the opening ceremony of our new full size green situated in its present location. This was followed by a match between a northern touring team from Belfast and a team selected

from The Bowling League of Ireland Clubs. The Northern Team won by 130 shots to 113 shots.

Great credit is due to those early members for the vision and dedication to the future of the club.

Over the next twenty years of competition in The Bowling League of Ireland, Leinster B.C. won three senior and one junior League Titles. In the individual competitions, Club Members won the senior singles, pairs, triples and fours albeit once. We recorded our first national championship win in the fours competition. At junior level, the singles twice, pairs twice and the fours on three occasions.

The first Leinster Bowling Tournament was played in 1945. Now in its 69th year, it has been recently co hosted with Crumlin Bowling Club. The tournament is a fitting memorial to Walter Chapman whose brain child it was. During the 1940s and 1950s, Walter Chapman contributed greatly to the development of our Club. As a player he won five senior B.L.I. titles and three national championship titles. As an administrator, he was elected President of the Bowling League of Ireland and was later appointed Secretary of the Association.

During the 1948 bowling season, eight new members joined the club from Herbert Park B.C. Namely Pat McGuirk; Johnny Fulham; Dave McEnaney; Johnny Hyland; Billie McNally; Billy Wilkie; Ernie Dewan; Johnny Murphy and Jimmy Connolly who joined from Railway Union Bowling Club. Under the guidance of Walter Chapman, these new players laid the foundation of what was to become one of the most successful clubs in The Bowling League of Ireland.

Leinster B.C's greatest period of success was during the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s when the club won every honour in Irish bowls. Like most successful clubs, we attracted more successful bowlers, notably Jimmy Thompson; Willie Byrne; Don Mellor; Tom Kennedy; Tony Murray; Brian Carpenter and former Leinster Cricketer David Marchant; and two younger players Paul Smyth from Herbert Park

B.C. and Paul Moorehead from Railway Union B.C. who quickly reached their full potential and started to add further to the honours being won by the Club.

The club has had many successes over the years. 12 of our players were selected for international honours. No other club can boast to more national championships, 22 senior and two junior. 23 senior league titles (see appendix).

One of the most important successes enjoyed by the Club was in 1961 when under the Captaincy of Johnny Fulham, Leinster B.C. captured the Blue Riband of Irish Bowls when it became the first and, to date, the only southern club to win the Irish Bowling Association Senior Cup. The Leinster Bowling Club I.B.A. Senior Cup winning team was:



I.B.A. Senior Cup Champions 1961

Lead	C. Dunbar	J. Fulham	G. Fuller	F. Cowle
No. 2	D. Farrell	J. McCreight	G. Duff	J. Hyland
No. 3	D. McEnaney	W. Robinson	J. Connolly	K. Stafford
Skip	W. Byrne	P. McGuirk	J. Thompson	F. Kennedy



Pat McGuirk

During that era, Pat McGuirk was Leinsters B.C's. most prominent bowler. As an administrator and a player he was well known and respected throughout these islands and further afield. His bowling record is second to none. Winner of 28 B.L.I. Championships which included eight senior singles titles. B.L.I. Bowler of the Year 1978, at national level he won a further eight titles. I.B.A. Bowler of the Year 1969. Captain of Irelands World Bowls Team in 1966 and managed the Irish World Bowls Team in 1980.

For 21 consecutive years he represented Ireland at international level. A remarkable record which arguably makes him the B.L.I.'s greatest player (see appendix).

In mentioning the above, it is not intended to overlook all those members who made valuable contributions to the administration of our club, who gave of their time in whatever other capacity and all those who represent the club season after season without whose commitment the club could not function.

The performance of Martin Burke in laying our green in the late 1920s can be measured by the fact that it was considered to be one of the best in Ireland. Tragically, before the start of the 1978 bowling season our green was vandalised by a person or persons unknown. Chemicals were poured around the four edges of the green and in three lines from ditch to ditch parallel and of equal distance from one another. This had the effect of not only killing the grass but also the roots which inhibited the growth of new grass. Whoever perpetrated this act did so with the intention of causing maximum harm. Expert advice was sourced. The bowlers carried out the remedial work, the re-sodding of the vandalised area, the reseeding of others. During the winter of the same year, it was decided that the best approach was to rest the green and close it for bowling during the 1979 season.

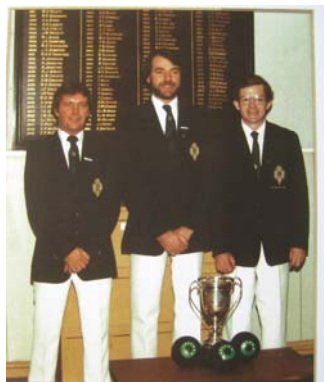
Representations were made to the Bank of Ireland who had acquired the sports grounds at Knockrabo and with their good will they generously allowed Leinster B.C. use their green as our home venue for matches during the 1979 season. It is important to acknowledge the cooperation which the Bank of Ireland B.C. extended to our club, without it our problems would have taken a lot longer to overcome.

We live in a country which has to contend with more than its fair share of rain, notwithstanding that, we are often warned of the need to conserve water. A club similar to ours with its large cricket grounds, grass tennis courts (as per the 1970s) and a bowling

green, under repair, having its own water supply would be invaluable. With that in mind the bowling committee took the initiative, with the support of the Executive Committee, set about the task of sourcing our own water supply. Michael Holland's engineering skills were called upon. A well was drilled and the bowling members built the pump house and laid the piping to the various parts of the grounds. This water supply continues to serve the club.

For the 1980 bowling season, five rinks were opened for play. This allowed a large area which had been reseeded to mature.

In 1981, Paul Smyth (skip) won the National Championship in triples and fours. The following year at the British Isles championship in Ayr, the Leinster teams completed a truly remarkable double when Paul Moorehead, Richard Darcy and Paul Smyth (skip) captured the triples championship and then combined with Brian Carpenter to take the fours title.



B.I.B.C. Triples
Champions 1982



B.I.B.C. Fours Champions 1982

From the late 1970s, Leinster's team successes declined winning only one junior league (the old intermediate league) in 1983. However in 1984 under the captaincy of Dick Blake and again in 1986 under the captaincy of Frank Mack, Leinster B.C. won the very popular junior 'Tailteann Triples' competition at Blackrock B.C. and a veterans league title in 2003.

Our main achievements were in the individual competitions. From 1980 onwards, another 18 senior and a total of nine under 18 and under 25 Bowling League of Ireland Championships were won by club members.

In 1999, after an absence of 25 years, Leinster Bowling Club won the Open Challenge Cup. The winning team, under the captaincy of Paul Moorehead, was

Lead	N. Smyth	C.J. Ryan	O. O'Brien	B. Tormey
No. 2	T. Fitzpatrick	M. Hickey	J. Bradshaw	E. McDermott
No. 3	N. Murray	H. Pedreschi	R. Darcy	N. Roche
Skip	T.P. Smyth	C. Day	P. Moorehead	L. Finn

The Club won the cup again in 2005 and 2007.



Stan Greer and David Brown
In the Old Bar

One of the most significant developments came in 1994 with the opening of our new clubhouse. Some members may mourn the closure of the old bowlers bar and the good social nights of which there were many. But few will disagree with the extended and improved facilities of the new building. One aspect of this new

development was the retention and improvement of our car parking facilities.

Prior to 2005, the management of the bowling club was vested in a President and Committee elected at the Annual General Meeting held each year during the month of October. The lady bowling members held their own Annual General Meeting and elected a committee to cater for the needs of their players. This arrangement was unsatisfactory as it did not allow the female membership participate fully in the running of the club. From 2005 onwards, the

bowling committee introduced new procedures for the management of the club allowing equal participation.

Every generation must have a vision of the clubs future and lay the foundations for it. Like the bowlers of the late 1920s, the present membership also planned for the future with the opening of our new artificial green in 2010. The following article by Paddy Gallagher and Pat Kenny outlines the reasons and the work involved.

The Artificial Bowling Green

A finance advisory committee was established by the Clubs Executive in June 2008 with a remit, interalia, to make recommendations with regard to the evaluation and financing requirements of the individual club sections and also the overall club. To enable the finance advisory committee to review and evaluate the requirements of the sections in detail, each section was required to list their aspirations for development over a five year period including the potential for increases in membership and the requirement for improved facilities.

Considering the full size bowling green was completed in its present location in 1928, the Bowling Committee considered it indeed fitting that we should turn our attention to the bowling green that has served us so well over this time. Pat McGuirk who was arguably Leinsters B.C. and possibly Ireland's finest bowler once profoundly said "since 1928 this holy acre has brought pleasure and contentment to many, many members who otherwise would have had to weed a garden, cut a hedge or bring the dog for a walk".

The Bowling Committee were in no doubt that the bowling green and the surrounds were in need of serious refurbishment and the associate costs would likely be considerable. Our only asset was the bowling green, which in years past was the envy of many clubs. However, time had taken its toll and the bowling green undoubtedly needed a complete professional assessment.

The Bowling Committee established two sub committees, one to examine the capital and running cost of replacing the turf on the existing green and the second committee to establish the capital and running costs of an all weather artificial green.

On receipt of the reports from both committees the Executive Committee (LCC) decided to replace the existing green with an all weather artificial green with flood lighting. Such a facility would provide all year bowling for its members.

Tenders were invited from a number of sports contractors to construct an all weather bowling green to World Bowls performance standards and to include flood lighting. An interim report on the tenders received was submitted to the LCC in August 2009.

A contractor was appointed in November 2009 and work commenced on the site later that month. Persistent heavy rain in the weeks before Christmas and snow and frost in January 2010 prevented any work on the site and had serious implications to the works programme. It was not possible to regain lost time.



Speed Test

LCC commissioned the Centre for Sports Technology (CST-Global), an independent firm of sports consultants to carry out measurements on the porous macadam base during construction to ensure compliance with World Bowls performance standards (WBPS). Dale Sports supplied and fitted the carpet and underlay. The carpet is “Mastergreen

Needle Punch” and the underlay is “Skipad”, both have WBPS approval. The playing area of the green is 38.4 x 38.4 metres. On completion of the installation in June 2010, the CST-Global conducted extensive tests to ensure compliance with the WBPS in respect of speed, draw, surface levels, drainage etc. However WBPS flat green bowls surfaces stipulates that for product approval “testing will only be carried out on a facility that is between three and

twelve months old". This is to allow the pile to settle in before seeking WBPS certification. The facility was re-inspected and tested for the remaining parameters on 29th March 2011 and a certificate of compliance to WBPS was issued 15th June 2011.

This new all weather bowling green was completed on 23rd June 2010.

Three days later Saturday 26th June 2010, the first league match was played on the new surface when Leinster B.C. under the Captaincy of Tony Hyland played host to Railway Union Bowling Club. The game ended in a draw 62 shots each. The Leinster Team for this game was

No. 1.	M. Doyle	F. Shaughnessy	A. Marchand	J. Dowley
No. 2.	J. McCarty	D. Conaghey	C. O'Kelly	N. Mountaine
No. 3.	M. Holland	J. McKeown	J. O'Dwyer	D. O'Keeffe
Skip	C.J. Ryan	J. Lehane	N. Moran	T. Hyland

Our new green was officially opened on 16th July by Andre Marchand (LCC President) and our own Lady Member Mrs. Annette Finn (President of the Irish Women's Bowling Association).

Each year our Club enters four men's teams in the BLI League structure, div 1, div 3, div 5 and a veterans team. Club competitions are organised on a championship and handicap principle catering for the experienced and the inexperienced.

While updating the records of the club, it was came to my notice that one of our members the late Dave McEnaney holds a unique record amongst B.L.I bowlers as he is the only one to have won national championships in each of the four competitions; singles 1966; pairs 1968; triples 1973 and fours 1950, 1953, 1954 and 1963.

The future success of L.B.C. may be measured by new and renewed membership, however, our accomplishments may be judged by the management of club records. These records which were commenced by the late Pat McGuirk allow us read the history, enjoy the present and plan for the future of this historic club which we have all enjoyed over the years. *C.J. Ryan, 2013.*

T. Paul Smyth



T. Paul Smyth

When Paul Smyth made history by being the first ever teenager to win a BLI championship, in taking the 1966 Junior Singles title at Iveagh Grounds, it would prove to be the first of a long list of achievements over the next forty six years.

After this success Paul followed in the footsteps of Pat McGuirk, Davy McEnaney and Johnny Fulham, bowlers who graced the Rathmines green for many a season, and joined Leinster Bowling Club from Herbert Park where he had started his career. The

move being motivated by his desire to play bowls on the best green in the company of the best players.

Paul's ambitions were dealt a cruel blow when in 1970 he was the victim of a road traffic accident which left him with serious leg injuries and doubts over his future in the sport. He returned driven by a singular determination and self belief which was to characterise his approach to bowls in the ensuing years.

In a career which encompasses 46 International caps, 2 Olympic Games, 4 National titles, 19 BLI titles and numerous Leinster Club titles there are many highlights.

In 1976 Paul was awarded the coveted IBA 'Bowler of the Year' for his achievements in a year that included BLI success in the Senior Singles, Senior Fours and Under35 Singles and an IBA Fours title in the company of Paul Moorhead, Pat McGuirk and Tom Kennedy.

At the Olympic Games for the disabled – now the Paralympics – in Arnhem, Netherlands, in 1980 Paul won gold in the bowling singles and in partnership with Bill Ensor also lifted the pairs' gold. A feat repeated four years later in Long Island, New York.

While Paul has many achievements as a singles bowler, perhaps his greatest was in 1982 at the British Isles Championships, Ayr, Scotland.

Partnering Paul Moorhead, lead, and Richard Darcy, second, in the Triples wins over Scotland, 22-18, and Wales 22-15 saw the Leinster Triples take the title.

With the addition of Brian Carpenter, in the Fours the Leinster rink went on to add the Fours title following wins over Scotland, pre tournament favourites, 24-15 and in the final England 17-16.

It was in the final that Paul displayed his determination and belief in his own ability when on the final end with England, needing four to win, lying two shots and a further bowl '*loitering with intent*', Paul, having surveyed the scene, declared "*I'll take it (loitering bowl) out*". He duly obliged. Ireland winning 17-16.

The achievement of Paul, Paul Moorhead, Richard Darcy and Brian Carpenter in winning both BIBC Triple and Fours titles is unique in the history of the Bowling League of Ireland.

As a father of two bowling sons, Paul took great pleasure in leading a rink of Pat Whelan, Thomas, Nicholas and himself to victory in the BLI Fours in 2007 and in 2009 Paul and Nicholas had the distinction of representing Leinster on the first BLI team to win the IBA Inter Association Championship in more that seventy years of competition.

He continues to be a vital member of Leinster's Senior League team and plans to play on for many a season.

Those who believe he may retire and leave the field open should note his remaining ambition..... to complete the BIBC set by winning the Singles and Pairs titles.

On 19th January 2001, Paul Smyth was awarded honorary life membership of the Leinster Cricket Club for his 'Outstanding service to the sport of bowls'.

International Caps: 46 (to date), 1st cap 1978.

Olympic Games: Singles Gold 1980 Arnhem, 1984 Long Island.

Pairs Gold 1980 Arnhem, 1984 Long Island.

British Isles Championships: 1982 Triples Winners
1982 Fours Winners

IBA 'Bowler of the Year': 1976.

BLI 'Bowler of the Year': 1976, 1989, 2009.

IBA National Champions: Triples: 1981.
Fours: 1976, 1981.
Junior Singles: 1977.

BLI Champions: Senior Singles: 1976, 1981, 2009, 2012.
Senior Pairs: 1988.
Senior Triples: 1981.
Senior Fours: 1976, 1980, 1981, 1989, 1990,
2007.

Under 35 Singles: 1975, 1976, 1977.

BLI 'Champion of Champions': 1982, 1988.

Junior Singles: 1966 (Herbert Park.)

Leinster Bowling Club: Singles

1972, 1979, 1980, 1982, 1988, 1990, 1991, 1994, 1997, 2009, 2012.

Paddy Deering

BOWLING LEAGUE OF IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

SENIOR SINGLES

1946/58/61	R.CRAIG
1952/5/6/63/4.8/9/71	P.MCGUIRK
1959	J.A.CONNOLLY
1965	T.H.KENNEDY
1966	D.MCENANEY
1972/4	D.MARCHANT
1973	D.MELLOR
1976/81/2009/12	T.P.SMYTH
1980	P.MOOREHEAD
1987	M.GEARY

SENIOR PAIRS

1943	R.CRAIG/A.WHITE
1951	J.HYLAND/W.CHAPMAN
1953	J.FULHAM/W.CHAPMAN
1955	D.C.FARRELL/V.HENDERSON
1960	J.FULHAM/G.FULLER
1961	P.MCGUIRK/D.C.FARRELL
1962	P.MCGUIRK/J.A.CONNOLLY
1963	J.MCGREIGHT/W.BYRNE
1966/7/9	J.FULHAM/P.MCGUIRK
1968	D.MCENANEY/T.H.KENNEDY
1971	L.BYRNE/D.MELLOR
1972/4/5	T.H.KENNEDY/D.J.MARCHANT
1978	P.MOOREHEAD/P.MCGUIRK
1983	P.MOOREHEAD/R.DARCY
1988	P.MOOREHEAD/T.P.SMYTH

SENIOR TRIPLES

1954/61/70/73	J.FULHAM/DMCENANEY/P.MCGUIRK
1955	S.KYLE/P.BYRNE/J.A.CONNOLLY
1971	D.MARCHANT/T.KENNEDY/J.THOMPSON
1974	D.MARCHANT/T.THOMPSON/S.MAGUIRE
1980	J.FULHAM/B.CARPENTER/P.MCGUIRK
1981	P.MOOREHEAD/R.DARCY/T.P.SMYTH
1982	J.FULHAM/R.O'FLANAGAN/B.CARPENTER
1986	M.HOLLAND/J.J.BURKE/H.PEDRESCHI
1996	S.O'BRIEN/MURRAY/R.DARCY
1998	W.TORMEY/J.KAVANAGH/T.FITZPATRICK

SENIOR FOURS

1939	A.WHITE/R.CRAIG/D/H/STEPHENS/F.BESTALL
1950	J.HYLAND/D.MCENANEY/P.MCGUIRK/W.CHAPMAN
1952	R.CRAIG/W.CHAPMAN/C.MCCARTHY/R.ADJY
1953	D.MCENANEY/P.MCGUIRK/J.FULHAM/W.CHAPMAN
1954	D.MCENANEY,P.MCGUIRK/J.FULHAM/J.THOMPSON
1956	D.C.FARRELL/S.KYLE/G.DUFF/J.A.CONNOLLY
1961	F.COWLE/J.MCGREIGHT/W.ROBINSON/W.BYRNE
1963	D.MCENANEY/P.CGUIRK/J.FULHAM/J.A.CONNOLLY
1965	J.MCGREIGHT/W.ROBINSON/W.BYRNE/F.G.CONNELL
1968/70	D.MCENANEY/P.MCGUIRK/J.FULHAM/T.KENNEDY
1975	P.MCGUIRK/T.KENNEDY/P.SPAIN/D.MARCHANT
1976	P.MCGUIRK/T.KENNEDY/T.P.SMYTH/P.MOOREHEAD
1980/1	P.MOOREHEAD/R.DARCY/B.CARPENTER/T.P.SMYTH
1985	C.DAY/M.HICKEY/T.QUINN/B.CARPENTER
1989	P.HEADE/R.DARCY/P.MOOREHEAD/T.P.SMYTH
1990	E.HUMPHREYS/R.DARCY/P.MOOREHEAD/T.P.SMYTH
2007	P.WHELAN/T.SMYTH/T.P.SMYTH/N.SMYTH

BOWLING LEAGUE OF IRELAND-JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

JUNIOR SINGLES

1940	W.WEST
1949	P.MCGUIRK
1957	W.BOLGER
1970	D.J.MARCHANT
1971	K.KINSELLA
1975	D.MCDONAGH

JUNIOR PAIRS

1945	J.LANG/B.GLASS
1948	F.DOOLEY/W.MCNALLY
1953	G.K.DUFF/W.BOLGER
1971	K.KINSELLA/A.MURPHY

JUNIOR FOURS

1940/41/46/58 NO NAMES RECORDED

B.L.I.BOWLER OF THE YEAR

1975	T.H.KENNEDY
1976/89/2009	T.P.SMYTH
1978	P.MCGUIRK
1992	P.HEADE

B.L.I.CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

1968/70	T.H.KENNEDY
1969	D.BROWN
1982/88	T.P.SMYTH
1987	P.MOOREHEAD
2007/9	N.P.SMYTH
2011	N. ROCHE

CLUB VICTORIES

SENIOR LEAGUE	23 TIMES
SENIOR CUP	19 TIMES
JUNIOR LEAGUES	7 TIMES
JUNIOR CUPS	5 TIMES
VETERANS LEAGUE	1 TIME

C.Y.M.WATERFORD GLASS INVITATION FOURS

1964	J.FULHAM, D.MCENANEY, J.CONNOLLY, P.MCGUIRK
1966	D.BROWN, J.MCCREIGHT, W.ROBINSON, T.KENNEDY
1977	J.MIDDLETON, B.CARPENTER, J.BURKE, P.SPAIN
1979	D.MCDONAGH, R.DARCY, B.CARPENTER, P.SMYTH
1984	C.DAY, R.DARCY, P.MOOREHEAD, P.SMYTH
1993	T.FITZPATRICK, N.ROCHE, R.DARCY, P.SMYTH
1994	T.FITZPATRICK, N.ROCHE, R.DARCY, P.SMYTH
2008	N. SMYTH. P. WHELAN, T. P. SMYTH, T. SMYTH

KENILWORTHBOWLING CLUB-FOURS

1993	W.O'BRIEN, F.SHAUGHNESSY, D.BLAKE, J.KAVANAGH
2006	A.MCMULLEN, J.MCCARTHY, P.GALLAGHER, C.J.RYAN
2007	P.KENNY, F.SHAUGHNESSY, M.DOYLE, D.TOOMEY

IRISH BOWLING ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

SINGLES

1959 J. A. CONNOLLY
1966 D.MCENANEY
1972 D.J.MARCHANT

PAIRS

1962 J.A.CONNOLLY/P.MCGUIRK
1968 D.MCENANEY/T.H.KENNEDY
1971 L.BYRNE/D.MELLOR
1972/4/5 D.J.MARCHANT/T.H.KENNEDY
1978 P.MOOREHEAD/P.MCGUIRK

TRIPLES

1971 D.J.MARCHANT/T.H.KENNEDY/J.A.THOMPSON
1973 D.DOLAN/D.MCENANEY/P.MCGUIRK
1974 S.MAGUIRE/D.J.MARCHANT/T.H.KENNEDY
1981 P.MOOREHEAD/R.DARCY/P.SMYTH

FOURS

1939 A.WHITE/R.CRAIG/D.H.STEPHENS/F.G.BESTALL
1950 J.HYLAND/D.MCENANEY/P.MCGUIRK/W.CHAPMAN
1952 C.MCCARTHY/R.H.ADJEY/W.CHAPMAN/R.CRAIG
1953 J.FULHAM/D.MCENANEY/W.CHAPMAN/P.MCGUIRK
1954 J.FULHAM/J.A.THOMPSON/D.MCENANEY/P.MCGUIRK
1963 J.FULHAM/D.MCENANEY/J.A.CONNOLLY/P.MCGUIRK
1976 P.MOOREHEAD/P.SMYTH/P.MCGUIRK/T.H.KENNEDY
1981 P.MOOREHEAD/R.DARCY/B.CARPENTER/P.SMYTH

JUNIOR SINGLES

1977 T.P.SMYTH
1992 P.HEADE

IRISH BOWLING ASSOCIATION BOWLER OF THE YEAR

1969 P.MCGUIRK
1973 D.J.MARCHANT
1976 T.P.SMYTH

**IRISH BOWLING ASSOCIATION
YOUNG BOWLER OF THE YEAR
1992 P.HEADE**

**IRISH BOWLING ASSOCIATION SENIOR CUP
1961 LEINSTER BOWLING CLUB**

BRITISH ISLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

**TRIPLES 1982
P.MOOREHEAD, R.D'ARCY, T.P.SMYTH**

**FOURS 1982
P.MOOREHEAD, R.DARCY, B.CARPENTER, T.P.SMYTH**

INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS

1934/5	J.FIELDING
1951/72	P.MCGUIRK
1953/59	J.FULHAM
1955/59	D.MCENANEY
1960	J.CONNOLLY
1967/75	T.H.KENNEDY
1967/73	J.A.THOMPSON
1970	A.MURRAY
1978/83/98	T.P.SMYTH
1986	R.D'ARCY
1988	P.MOOREHEAD

B.L.I.PRESIDENTS.

1930	J.ROWLAND
1937	F.J.GRIFFITHS
1946	A.J.WHITE
1948/52/52	W.CHAPMAN
1964/72	P.MCGUIRK
1981	J.J.BURKE
1993	B.J.HEADE
2013	R.PRINCE

I.B.A. PRESIDENTS

1969	P.MCGUIRK
1985	J.J.BURKE

JUNIOR INTERNATIONALS

1999/2000	A.FITZPATRICK
1992	P.HEADE
2000/05	N.P.SMYTH
2008/9	T.SMYTH

WORLD BOWLS

1966(SYDNEY)	P.MCGUIRK
1972(WORTHING)	T.H.KENNEDY



Club Finals 1994
P. Heade, M. Byrne, E. Finn & L. Finn



Lady Captain's Fancy Dress



Club Outing To Internationals



Runners-Up 2004
Open Challenge Cup



Sunday Rinks 1995



Washing Up
Eamon McDermot, Brendan Heade & Tony McCann



2012
 Kitto McDonagh – Hon. Member
 Pat Burke – Hon Member
 Kitto sadly passed away aged 100 in February 2013



Junior League Winners 1983



First League Match on the New Surface
Saturday 26th June, 2010
Leinster B.C. v Railway Union Teams



Veterans League Winners 2002



Irish Internationals 1997
Olivia Smyth, Pat MacDonagh & Pauline Day

MENS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

CUP PRESENTED BY D.A.H.MILLING 1916

1916 W.ROGERS	1946 R.CRAIG
1917 R.R.THOMSON	1947 C.HOLOHAN
1918 W.H.POLLETT	1948 J.MURPHY
1919 H.P.BOLINGBROKE	1949 P.MCGUIRK
1920 R.R.THOMSON	1950 W.MCNALLY
1921 D.H.STEPHEN	1951/2 J.FULHAM
1922 R.H.LAMBERT	1953 S.P.BYRNE
1923 NO RECORDS	1954 W.HODGSON
1924 R.H.LAMBERT	1955 S.KYLE
1925/7 D.A.H.MILLING	1956 P.MCGUIRK
1928/9 ISAAC O'TOOLE	1957 NO RECORDS
1930 A.E.BRIDLE	1958 P.MCGUIRK
1931 E.W.MARPER	1959 W.D.ANDREWS
1932 ISAAC O'TOOLE	1960 J.MCCREIGHT
1933 R.CRAIG	1961/3 NO RECORDS
1934 J.FIELDING	1964/5 T.KENNEDY
1935/7 J.DOWLING(SEN)	1966 F.CONNELL
1938 R.CRAIG	1967/8 T.KENNEDY
1939 J.DOWLING	1969 D.J.BROWN
1940 MAJOR F.J.GRIFFITHS	1970 T.KENNEDY
1941 W.WEST	1971 D.MELLOR
1942 F.G.BESTALL	1972 P.SMYTH
1943 R.CRAIG	1973 P.SPAIN
1944 W.CHAPMAN	1974 K.KINSELLA
1945 A.J.WHITE	

MENS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

1975	S.MCGUIRE	1994	T.P.SMYTH
1976	T.H.KENNEDY	1995	T.FITZPATRICK
1977	J.J.BURKE	1996	W.TORMEY
1978	B.CARPENTER	1997	T.P.SMYTH
1979/80	T.P.SMYTH	1998	C.DAY
1981	J.J.BURKE	1999	J.A.FITZPATRICK
1982	T.P.SMYTH	2000	N.MURRAY
1983	M.GEARY	2001	C.DAY
1984	T.QUINN	2002	A.FITZPATRICK
1985	P.MOOREHEAD	2003	J.FRENCH
1986	G.RUTLEDGE	2004	B.MCCANN
1987	P.MOOREHEAD	2005/6	N.SMYTH
1988	T.P.SMYTH	2007	N.ROCHE
1989	C.DAY	2008	N.SMYTH
1990/1	T.P.SMYTH	2009	T.P.SMYTH
1992	D.ELLISON	2010/1	N.ROCHE
1993	T.FITZPATRICK	2012	T.P.SMYTH

LEINSTER BOWLING CLUB MEN'S CAPTAINS

1913	W.H.POLLETT	1942	E.LUTMAN
1914/8	GREAT WAR	1943	T.MCILWAINE
1919	L.O.OWENS	1944	G.MAHON
1920	D.H.MILLING	1945	J.HAWKINS
1921	G.W.CHRISTIE	1946	J.M.LANG
1922	W.CLARKE	1947/51	NO RECORDS
1923	D.H.MILLING	1952/3	P.MCGUIRK
1924	G.S.POLLOCK	1954/5	D.MCENANEY
1925	C.HAYES	1956	V.HENDERSON
1926	C.L.MARCEL	1957	D.C.FARRELL
1927	R.R.THOMPSON	1958	J.A.CONNOLLY
1928	R.W.STEPHENS	1959/60	D.C.PIKEMAN
1929	W.H.N.THOMPSON	1961	J.FULHAM
1930	J.R.WILSON	1962	F.COWLE
1931	W.H.MORTON	1963	D.MCENANEY
1932	A.E.BRIDLE	1964/5	J.MASSON
1933	G.W.CHRISTIE	1966	J.FULHAM
1934	I.O'TOOLE	1967	W.ROBINSON
1935	S.HUGGARD	1968	T.H.KENNEDY
1936	F.E.SMITH	1969	J.THOMPSON
1937	F.J.GRIFFITHS	1970	R.O'FLANAGAN
1938	F.W.JOHNSTON	1971	W.ROBINSON
1939	A.J.WHITE	1972/4	P.MCGUIRK
1940	T.M.SCOTT	1975/6	T.H.KENNEDY
1941	R.CRAIG	1977	J.J.BURKE

LEINSTER BOWLING CLUB MEN'SCAPTAINS

1978	B.CARPENTER	1994	B.SPENDLOVE
1979	R.O'FLANAGAN	1995	L.FINN
1980/1	T.P.SMYTH	1996	E.HUMPHREYS
1982	P.MOOREHEAD	1997	T.FITZPATRICK
1983	J.J.BURKE	1998	L.FINN
1984	M.L.HOLLAND	1999	P.MOOREHEAD
1985	B.CARPENTER	2000	N.MURRAY
1986	R.DARCY	2001/2	D.ELLISON
1987/8	C.J.RYAN	2003/4	C.DAY
1989	E.MURPHY	2005/6	O.O'BRIEN
1990	P.MOOREHEAD	2007	A.JERROLD
1991	P.HEADE	2008/9	T.P.SMYTH
1992	C.J.RYAN	2010/1	R.PRINCE
1993	R.HARFORD	2012/3	L.FINN

LEINSTER BOWLING CLUB PRESIDENTS

1913	D.H.MILLING	1936/7	G.W.CHIRSTIE
1914/1918	GREAT WAR	1938	W.H.MORTON
1919	W.ROGERS	1939/40	J.O.TOOLE
1920	D.OGDEN	1941	W.H.MORTON
1921	W.H.POLLETT	1942	S.HUGGARD
1922	W.D.HEMSWORTH	1943	A.E.BRIDLE
1923	E.A.BYRNE	1944	F.G.BESTALL
1924	R.H.LAMBERT	1945	T.M.SCOTT
1925	B.D.O'KELLY	1946	A.J.WHITE
1926	J.W.HEASLIP	1947	S.KYLE
1927	W.L.BURKE	1948/9	E.P.MCCARRON
1928	J.S.CRAWFORD	1950	R.H.ADJAY
1929	W.D.HEMSWORTH	1951	R.CRAIG
1930	J.S.CRAWFORD	1952	D.T.WATT
1931	W.H.CRAWFORD	1953/4	B.S.GLASS
1932/4	H. JOHNSON	1955	J.A.CONNOLLY
1935	R.J.HOWLEY	1956/7	S.T.LAND

LEINSTER BOWLING CLUB PRESIDENTS

1958 G.K.DUFF	1982/3 R.O'FLANAGAN
1959 E.P.MCCARRON	1984 J.J.BURKE
1960 W.H.GAINFORD	1985 M.ROGERS
1961/3 P.MCGUIRK	1986 B.J.HEADE
1964/6 W.ANDREWS	1987 P.TWOHIG
1967 J.A.CONNOLLY	1988 J.J.BURKE
1968 W.R.ROBINSON	1989 F.MACK
1969 J.A.CONNOLLY	1990/2 B.SPENDLOVE
1970/1 T.WHITE	1993 R.DARCY
1972/4 F.CONNELL	1994 P.TWOHIG
1975/6 D.MCDONAGH	1995 J.K.DAVIES
1977/8 S.L.W. GREER	1996 A.M.FITZPATRICK
1979 M.HOLLAND	1997 H.KEARNS
1980 J.J.BURKE	1998 B.J.HEADE
1981 V.COSTELLO	1999 A.M.FITZPATRICK
	2000 C.J.RYAN

LEINSTER BOWLING CLUB PRESIDENTS

2001 B.SPENDLOVE

2002/4 J.MCCARTHY

2005/6 P.GALLAGHER

2007 MRS.A.FINN

2008 A.M.FITZPATRICK

2009 MRS.P.MCCANN

2010J.MCCARTHY

2011/2 A.MARCHAND

2013 MRS.P. MACDONAGH

PRESIDENTS-EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

LEINSTER CRICKET CLUB

1960/1	G.K.DUFF
1979	D.F.MCDONAGH
1988/9	M.J.HOLLAND
1990/1	IRENE O'BRIEN
1994/5	CHARLIE BYRNE
1996/7	DECLAN ELLISON
2000/1	OLIVER O'BRIEN
2006/8	ROBERT MEANY
2010/12	ANDRE MARCHAND

HONORARY MEMBERS

BRIAN CARPENTER MICHAEL HOLLAND
PAUL SMYTH PATRICK GALLAGHER
PAT KENNY PAT BURKE

UMPIRES

PAT BURKE
PAT MACDONAGH

COACHES

PAT MACDONAGH-STAFF COACH
PAT BURKE-SENIOR COACH
RUBY DERVAN-CLUB COACH
JACK MCCARTHY-CLUB COACH
JOHN LEHANE-CLUB COACH
JERRY ODWYER-CLUB COACH
NICKY SMYTH-CLUB COACH
DENIS TOOMEY-CLUB COACH

The Ladies section of Leinster Bowling Club was formed in 1939, with a promise from the Men's Section that they could use the green every afternoon except Saturday. Membership cost 25 shillings and locker hire was 2/6d. Mrs Griffith was the first Lady President, and Mrs White was the Captain. During the first season only social bowls was played, and two matches against the men. The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Alfie Byrne was an Honorary Member of Leinster at this time and for several years.

At the Unfurling ceremony starting each season, the lady who rolled the first bowl was traditionally presented with a silver jack.

1940 saw the start of friendly matches on a home and away basis against Grange Gorman who provided a band at each venue. Each match ended with high tea and a dance. As the years passed visits were made to Portrane and Kenilworth, and the hospitality was reciprocated. In 1942 a party was held to say farewell to Major and Mrs Griffiths. Minutes record that Major Griffiths *"was going to Belfast to do his bit towards victory"* In 1943 after a friendly match against Kenilworth, Mr Morton (we think grandfather of Brian Morton from Kenilworth) offered to sponsor a cup, called the Morton Cup. This was to be played for annually in a three match series. This Cup is still played for annually but on a one match basis, in alternate clubs.

1945 saw the start of Northern Ireland invitation matches against such clubs as Cavehill and Belmont. It would appear that the Leinster Ladies really enjoyed their trips up on the train, and the results were immaterial. The same year saw Leinster enter a team in the All-Ireland McMaster Cup. In their first year they won the Cup against Knock, played in Kenilworth. At a later date the team travelled North for an overnight stay to receive the Cup. Minutes record that *"we had no trouble bringing the Cup through the Customs Authority"*

In 1946, nine Ladies from Leinster played in the fledgling Internationals, unfortunately we do not have their names. In 1948 however, the following Ladies played Internationals in London-Mesdames Craig, Ferrall, West, Hanbury, Barker, White, Smith, Fraser and Allen.

In the 1950s the end of season Ladies Day was always hosted by the men, who provided and served the food, washed up and gave presents of chocolates and silk stockings to the Lady Officers. To this day on our now joint Captain and Presidents Day the men do the washing up-perhaps we should revive the other events!! To the writer it would seem, reading the minutes (mostly in beautiful copperplate handwriting) that far more emphasis was placed on social activities than on Bowling. A Winter Club was formed running whist drives, dancing, musical chairs, ballet dancing and chicken runs-don't ask!!!! Tea and biscuits were served at a cost of 6d.

In 1961 a plan was suggested to form an Association of the 5 Dublin Clubs, Leinster, Crumlin, Blackrock, Kenilworth and Herbert Park. This came to fruition in 1962 when the LBLI was formed. Mrs Allen was the first President, as Leinster had first suggested the idea .

In 1963 the LBLI was recognised by the IWBA. Leinster won the League that year and also in 1965, 1968, 1975 and 1981.

1965 saw the start of Women's Lib in Leinster. The Ladies had regularly asked the men for more usage of the green to no avail. Eventually as the men had minuted that "*we could not manage without the Ladies*" they threatened to withdraw their services in the kitchen. As a result they were told that they could play all day Sunday and Saturday evening, and from 1966 were granted rights to play any evening that rinks were available. Women though, as in most Clubs were still not welcome to go into the bar, especially on Saturday night after the Men's League matches.

Reading the minutes over all the years, one would think that the Ladies ran a catering Club rather than a bowls Club. They provided meals for all the Men's League and Cup matches, social and fundraising events, not to mention their own fixtures. During the Tournament week up to 1000 meals were provided. This week became famous not only for the bowling but also the social aspect.

Many bowlers from the Dublin Clubs took that week as an annual holiday and ate three meals a day in Leinster. Booking was essential for Pat Burke's salmon lunch on Fridays, and the Sunday lunch had to be served over two sittings. Ladies were not allowed to

play in the Tournament until 1974, when a Ladies Singles was introduced. New members quickly learned that they were not just in the Club to bowl.

In 1977 Maura Brown became the first bowler from the Republic to win the IWBA Singles.

In the 1980s Lady Captains Day became a fancy dress affair and minutes record such comments as *"May Patsy McCann's chest never deflate"* and *"will we ever know what was under Phillis Billing's kilt"*

Molly Byrne was renowned for her *"bee outfit"*.



Maura Brown



I.W.B.A. Unfurling in Leinster,
4th April 1997

In 1997 when Sheila Heade was the IWBA President we were very honoured to welcome President Mary Robinson at the Unfurling in Leinster.

The same year Pauline Day, Patsy McCann, Cora McDermott and Marie Tormey won the IWBA Rinks. Pauline, Patsy and Marie won the British Isles Triples in 2000 bringing great honour to Leinster. For several years around this time Sheila Heade and Annette Finn organised holidays for the Club to support Pauline Day and Pat MacDonagh, who were Irish Internationals, and a huge crowd was in Leamington to see the Triples success.



British Isles Triples
Champions 2000

In 1994, we took part in the film "*A Man of no Importance*" starring David Kelly, Brenda Fricker and Albert Finney" Dressed in really old-fashioned bowling gear we had great fun on the green and in the church at the confessional scene. In return for our acting skills we were given a cash donation and a new scoreboard.



Filming in Leinster
"A Man of No Importance" 1994

In 1994 our new All Sports Club house opened. In 2010 our grass green was dug up and we changed to an all-weather green. The men's and women's section amalgamated in 2005-equality at last. During the winter months, members of other Clubs can join us as Winter Members .We play fun competitions all winter which are well supported and keep us in touch with each other during the close season. There has been very rapid development in the game over the last 20 years or so, compared to the preceding years. Coloured bowls and club colours have been introduced improving the image of the game Our success on the green has diminished somewhat, but this is countered by our great friendship, and hospitality. As you can see from the lists in this book, many honours have been achieved by our members, over the last 100 years. Others have contributed in many other ways to make this wonderful Club so special .Let us hope this spirit continues for the next 100 years. .

Pat MacDonagh 2013

LADY CAPTAINS

1939	MRS GRIFFITHS	PRESIDENT/CAPTAIN	
1940	MRS WHITE	1981	MRS ROBINSON
1941	MRS CRAIG	1982/3	MRS BURKE
1942	MRS LUTMAN	1984/5	MRS BYRNE
1943	MRS ALLEN	1986/7	MRS FINN
1944	MRS VAUGHAN	1988/9	MRS KAVANAGH
1945	MRS FRASER	1990	MRS BYRNE
1946	MRS WHITE	1991	MRS FINN
1947/8	MRS CRAIG	1992	MRS SPENDLOVE
1949/52	MRS ALLEN	1993	MRS DERVAN
1953	MRS CRAIG	1994/5	MRS BURKE
1954	MRS GORDON	1996/7	MRS FINN
1955/62	MRS ALLEN	1998/9	MRS ROBERTS
1963/5	MRS ROBINSON	2000	MRS OCONNOR
1966	MRS BARBRIDGE	2001/2	MRS SPENDLOVE
1967/70	MRS ROBINSON	2003	MRS DERVAN
1971	MRS BROWN	2004/5	MRS MACDONAGH
1972	MRS BILLINGS	2006/7	MRS DOWNES
1973	MRS BROWN	2008	MRS GALLAGHER
1974	MRS CUMMINS	2009	MRS TORMEY
1975/6	MRS ROBINSON	2010/11	MRS KELLY
1977/8	MRS GREER	2012/3	MRS MCMULLEN
1979	MRS NEVIN		
1980	MRS DONOHOE		

LADIES CLUB CHAMPION

1939/40/41/42	MRS. VAUGHAN	1983	JOAN MURPHY
1943	MRS FIELD	1984	TESS QUINN
1944	MRS HANBURY	1985/6	JOAN MURPHY
1945	MRS. FIELD	1987	TESS QUINN
1946	MRS. CRAIG	1988	PAT MACDONAGH
1947/8/9/50	MRS. LUTMAN	1989	TESS QUINN
1951	MRS. HANBURY	1990	JOAN CARPENTER
1952	MRS. CRAIG	1991	TESS QUINN
1953	MRS. JOHNSTON	1992/3	PAULINE DAY
1954/5/6/7	MRS. GORDON	1994	TESS QUINN
1958	MRS. BROWN	1995	PAULINE DAY
1959/60	MRS. GORDON	1996/7	PAT MACDONAGH
1961	MRS. DUNNE	1998	MARIE TORMEY
1962	MRS. RATCLIFFE	1999	PAULINE DAY
1963	MRS. GORDON	2000/1	PAT MACDONAGH
1964/70	NO RECORDS	2002	MARIE TORMEY
1971	MRS. MIDDLETON	2003	PAULINE DAY
1972	MRS. BILLINGS	2004	JOAN DOWNES
1973/4/5	MRS. MIDDLETON	2005/6	MARIETORMEY
1976/7	MRS. MARCHANT	2007/8	ALICE MCMULLEN
1978	MRS. DARCY	2009/10	PAT MACDONAGH
1979	MRS. BILLINGS	2011	BERNIE NOBLE
1980	MAURA BROWN	2012	MARY KENNY
1981/2	TESS QUINN		

LADIES CHAMP OF CHAMPS

1979	PAT DARCY
1981	MAURA BROWN
1991	JOAN CARPENTER
2010	PAT MACDONAGH

L.B.L.I. PRESIDENTS

1962	MRS ALLEN
1979	EILEEN GREER
1986	MOLLY BYRNE
1994	SHEILA HEADE
2003	PAT BURKE
2013	KITTY ROBERTS

I.W.B.A. PRESIDENTS

1959	CONNIE ROBINSON
1980	MOLLY BYRNE
1997	SHEILA HEADE
2010	ANNETTE FINN

KENILWORTH JUNIOR FOURS

2002	MARGARET DAVIES, PHILDA GALLAGHER, MAUREEN DOWNS, OLIVE BYRNE
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CYM WATERFORD GLASS TOURNAMENT

2002	ANNETTE FINN, PAT MACDONAGH KITTY ROBERTS, MARIE TORMEY
2004	PATSY MCCANN, PAT MACDONAGH, JOAN DOWNES, MARIE TORMEY

L.B.L.I.CHAMPIONSHIPS

SENIOR SINGLES

1973 MOLLY BYRNE
1977 MAURA BROWN
1980 TESS QUINN
1983 TESS QUINN
2000 PAT MACDONAGH

SENIOR PAIRS

1974 MOLLY BYRNE ,AGNES MIDDLETON
1975 LILY NEVIN ,MARY KELLY
2002 PAULINE DAY, PATSY MCCANN

SENIOR TRIPS

1984 JOAN MURPHY, PAT DARCY, PHILLIS RODGERS
1999 PAULINE DAY, PATSY MCCANN, MARIE TORMEY
2001 PAULINE DAY, PATSY MCCANN, MARIE TORMEY
2003 MAURA RYAN, GERALDINE OCONNOR
MAURA BARRY
2005 JEAN SPENDLOVE, JOAN DOWNES, PAT MACDONAGH

SENIOR FOURS

1972 NO NAMES
1974 SUE COLIN, PHILLIS BILLINGS, KITTO MCDONAGH,
MAURA BROWN
1997 PAULINE DAY, PATSY MCCANN, CORA MCDERMOTT,
MARIE TORMEY

JUNIOR SINGLES

1986 MONICA HEADE
2012 MARY KENNY

JUNIOR PAIRS

1991 MOLLY WRIGHT, MAUREEN MCARTHUR,
2000 MAURA BARRY, GERALDINE OCONNOR
2012 ALICE MCMULLEN, CLARE JOHNS.

JUNIOR TRIPS

2003 ADRIENNE DOYLE, BERNIE NOBLE, IRENE HODGINS

2004 NOREEN FRENCH, OLIVE BYRNE, MARGARET DAVIS

JUNIOR FOURS 2008

CLARE JOHNS, ALICE MCMULLEN, GAY RODGERS,
MARGARET KELLY

I.W.B.A.CHAMPIONSHIPS

SINGLES

1977 MAURA BROWN

2000 PAT MACDONAGH

TRIPLES

1999 PAULINE DAY, PATSY MCCANN, MARIE TORMEY

FOURS

1997 PAULINE DAY, PATSY MCCANN,
CORA MCDERMOTT, MARIE TORMEY

BRITISH ISLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

TRIPS 2000

PAULINE DAY, PATSY MCCANN, MARIE TORMEY

INDOOR BOWLS

Indoor bowls started in Leinster in the 1970's, when the Eastern Indoor Bowling Association was founded. Prominent members over the years include Michael Holland, Brian Carpenter, Paul Smyth,

Stan Greer, Dennis and Kitto McDonagh, Sheila Kavanagh, Evelyn Hayes, Molly Wright, and many others.

The mats were moved to the old Bowling Hall when the Tennis Pavilion bar burnt down, and have remained there ever since. The Club has a long tradition with the E.I.B.A. and many of our members have served on its Committee, including Lorcan Finn (President), Eamonn and Cora McDermott and Krystl Kloos as secretaries.



League Winners 2001
Division 1

The members have brought distinction to the Club over the years, winning a fair share of first Division trophies. We have also had wins in the Singles, Pairs, Triples, and fours. The most recent being a Triples win for three of our newer members, Mary Kenny, Anne Keogh, and Vera McGuirn.

In this current season we were runners up in the 1st Division. Although our membership has fluctuated over the years, the introduction of our new all-weather outdoor green, has helped improve the interest in the indoor bowls. We hope that this will continue to be the case for many more years

Lorcan Finn

WINTER LEAGUE

The winter League was started in the late 1990's by Liam McKay ,Eddie Jackson and a few other bowlers, and was initially just a social morning out .By 2011 it became more competitive ,and a Cup was presented to the League winners. When the League started there were few artificial greens, but the numbers are increasing rapidly .For the first few years it was mainly bowlers from Clubs which had artificial greens who played, but other bowlers soon joined in when they realised that it was an opportunity to get used to playing on all-weather surfaces.

As interest continued to grow, and competition became stronger, the League was divided into three sections ,one from the northside of the City and two from the southside.

Leinster first took part in 2005, with one team, but we have now sufficient interest to field two teams. In 2011,under the Captaincy of Arthur McMullen, our A team won the League .The final was played against CYM ,in Aer Lingus .Unfortunately no photographs were taken but the team was Arthur and Alice McMullen, Claire Johns ,Pat Whelan, Paul, Thomas and Nicky Smyth ,Sheila Gordon ,Pat Kenny ,Joan Downes ,Tony FitzPatrick, and Anto Gray .Several other players played in earlier games helping us on our way to the final.

In 2012 our B team reached the Semi Final stage

Alice McMullen

And in conclusion, the writers hope you enjoyed this historical collection. We also hope someone feels inspired to keep records from 2013 onwards for collation in the future.

The Centenary Committee would like to thank all our wonderful members who have made generous cash donations, those who have sponsored various items for use at our functions. Also all of you who have entered our weekly Lotto, which has been the mainstay of our fundraising. Many members have helped in other ways with the garden, painting ,keeping the area round the green tidy, etc .You have all been a part of what Leinster is all about.



Leinster Lady Bowlers in the early 40's