

12-Day Bowling Challenge for Mental Health Charities.

To: All Bowling members

I am writing to tell you about a fund-raising bowling marathon to support Pieta House and MindWise Northern Ireland both of which are under particular pressure as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic.

Over a 12 day period in early August **Neil Booth, the High Performance Coach for Irish Bowls**, plans to visit 50 bowling clubs - 15 clubs from the BLI and 35 from among the three Northern Ireland Associations – where he will play a 3-end game against a member of the club, get a quick picture with the scoreboard and opponent and then move on to the next venue.

The marathon is being organised so that Neil will play a cross-section of players across as many categories as possible (male, female, champions, league players, veterans and youth players etc.).

Neil will be visiting Leinster on Sunday 9 August at 11am when he will play our current Ladies Champion Pat MacDonagh.

The Bowling Committee seeks your support for this venture by:

- **Coming down to watch the (short) 3-end match on Sunday 9 August at 11am. Social distancing measures will be in place.**
- **Contributing to Leinster Bowling Club's donation to Pieta House by giving an anonymous contribution to any member of the Bowling Committee by the deadline of Thursday 6 August 2020. (No deductions will be made for the expenses of the project, which will be borne by Neil and his assistants.)**

Many thanks and kind regards

Anne FitzGerald

Note:

For those of you may not know Neil Booth, he is an extremely eminent Irish bowler having won three World Championship medals, four Commonwealth Games medals and a host of gold, silver and bronze medals in other international events.

Neil retired from international competition in 2014 and is currently the High Performance Coach for Irish Bowls. He also developed the Academy concept and managed it through to operation all over the IBA Associations within the last 18 months.

If you follow this link, Neil himself describes the nature of this project and the motivation that drives him.

<http://irishbowlsfederation.co.uk/message-from-high-performance-coach-neil-booth/>