LONDON IRISH BOWLING ASSOCIATION

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SILVER JUBILEE

1956 - 1981

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LONDON IRISH BOWLING ASSOCIATION

(Affiliated to the Irish Bowling Association)

Founded 1956

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1981 SILVER JUBILEE SEASON

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Our Patron since 1967, Dr F. H. Boland

A Silver Jubilee Message from the President

Early in 1956, Sir Hugh Beaver, who was then Managing Director of Guinness, told me that it was proposed to form a London Irish Bowling Association and he had been approached to be its first President. Sadly he was nearing the end of a long and distinguished career in many fields (the Beaver Report of the middle '50s has been responsible for the cessation of the pea-soup fogs which had plagued our urban areas since the Industrial Revolution) and, as he planned to retire to Sussex, he felt he must decline. He asked, however, if he could put my name forward in his stead. Sir Hugh was not a man lightly to be refused and anyhow for a bowler in his very early thirties, this was a very considerable honour which was being proposed to me. In accepting, therefore, I started that close connection between Guinness and the London Irish which already existed in the Rugby Union field and which has been such a feature of the past 25 years, a warm and close relationship, greatly valued by both my Company and the London Irish themselves. I must confess at the same time that when accepting the role of President in 1956, never in my wildest dreams did I expect to be writing the Presidential Jubilee Message in 1981!

Perhaps one of the reasons why I did not dream of a Silver Jubilee was because the early days proved a considerable battle to survive. We were small, unknown and the Associations and Clubs with whom we wished to establish a relationship had full fixture lists. But we were not friendless and soon I found myself being asked to speak at the annual dinners of the London Scottish and the London Welsh and gradually we came to be accommodated in a number of distinguished fixture lists which has led to the happy state in which we find ourselves today. And as our status increased, so did our membership and playing strength so that we began to hold our own in the best of company and be respected as a force in the world of Bowls. Perhaps though the great breakthrough came with the establishment of the Miniature International in 1961. This arose from a casual conversation on the green between Wyn Jones of the London Welsh and myself about how we might bring together the London Welsh. Scottish, Irish and an appropriate team we could `dub' the London English! It was a small seed but the Edward Guinness Trophy now has its own place in the Bowls Calendar and when, in about the fourth year of its existence, it was won by the London Irish, we felt we had arrived. Irish ey es were certainly smiling that night!

For all the tenacity, diplomacy and sheer hard work of these early years we owe a great debt of gratitude to John Shea and his hard working Committee and supporters and here one thinks especially of such names as: Bob Stevenson, Harry Frenchum, Sydney Lack, Bill McDonald, Bill Harty and Bill Donovan.

Both John and Jack Walker, who succeeded him on his untimely death, really `lived' for the London Irish and we are extremely lucky to have had two such dedicated people to watch over our destiny in those early formative years. Both felt that the traditions of the game called for a high level of efficiency in an atmosphere of enjoyment and comradeship and the success they attained in achieving this can be testified to by others more qualified than I. For the Tours to Northern Ireland and the Republic, the fixtures, the competitions and the Annual Dinners and Prize-givings have always been fulfilled in a manner to which we can look back with pride and happiness at the memories they bring to mind.

Jack Walker's sudden death could have created a very critical gap and I think we were very conscious of this when we met at his funeral to pay our final homage to him. But the hour, as so often in the past, produces the man and in Andy Durkan we have had a successor who commands our considerable respect and gratitude as he has maintained the standards we have come to cherish.

So we find ourselves celebrating our Silver Jubilee, conscious that we are strong, that we have won respect and that we can look with great confidence to the future. We pay our tribute to those who have contributed so much to the first 25 years. Let us go from strength to strength to ensure that the Golden Jubilee finds the London Irish more confident than ever.

C.E.G.

Our President since 1956, C. E. Guinness, Esq.

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7th April 1981

A Message from Jack Stevenson,
President of the Irish Bowling Association

It is a great pleasure to me to have this opportunity to convey congratulations and good wishes to the London Irish Bowling Association on the occasion of their Silver Jubilee.

The happy relationship which exists between your Association and the Parent Body is strengthened on each of your visits to the homeland, your visit in 1978 was a memorable occasion; we are looking forward to your tour in August this year which we know will be another successful week.

To your President Edward Guinness and your Captain Mick Norris we extend our best wishes knowing full well that their efforts on behalf of your Association will be well rewarded by the many friendships renewed and made on your visits.

Jack Stevenson

The Founding of the London Irish Bowling Association

From our records we learn that John Shea, who was to become the first Secretary of the London Irish Bowling Association, was, in 1955, actively engaged in recruiting Irish Bowlers and those with an Irish name or connection to join what he then called the London Irish Bowls Club. He visited such clubs as Guinness, Laing, Alexandra Palace. Welwvn Garden City, Northolt, Hayes Park, Hanwell and Hounslow and those in the districts of Erith, Blackheath, Barnes, Drayton Court, Southall and Twickenham to seek support. His aim was to get at least one contact in each club in the hope that recruitment would develop from there. His endeavours were rewarded especially by the Guinness Club, whose Chairman, Sir Hugh Beaver, K.B.E, and Edward Guinness took the keenest interest right from the start. They encouraged John by offering the use of the Guinness Club's facilities and Bowling Green on match days. Both Sir Hugh Beaver, later to become our first Patron, and Edward Guinness-who was to be our inaugural President were amongst the first to join as founder members. By March 1956 there were 40 founder members: C. E. Guinness (President), H. Frenchum (Acting Captain), J. Shea (Secretary), W. Donovan (Treasurer), A. Corrigan (Committee), C. Harrington (Committee), J. Kiely (Committee), Sir Hugh Beaver, K.B.E., T. Adamson, H. V. Casey, C. Douglas Clarke, H. Clewley, S. Collis, P. F. Corrigan, H. Cottrill, J. W. C. Dwyer, Jack Egan, Joe Egan, G. Fenning Jnr, G. Fenning Snr, F. Morton Flavelle, A. Gillespie, P. Goodive, W. G. Harty, F. Hennessy, P. Kavanagh, J. Kennedy, D. Madill, D. Morrison, M. F. Murphy, M. Norris, T. W. O'Keefe, F. O'Sullivan, J. J. Power, A. S. Quilley, F. Roche, J. Seastram, R. Stevenson, A. Venables, G. Watson.

At the suggestion of John Kennedy, then the Hon. Secretarv of the Hounslow and District Bowling Association, it was unanimouslv agreed that the Club become an Association.

Eight games were played in the that first season:

1. London Welsh B.A. at Pk Royal	LOST	2. London Secretaries,	LOST
3. Sandersons	LOST	4. Alexander Palace	WON
5. Hounslow and District B.A.	WON	6. Welwyn Gdn City	Won
7. Laing	WON	8. Sandersons	LOST

In those early days Bob Stevenson, Hon. Secretary of Laing B.C., gave John Shea considerable help. The inaugural Dinner and General Meeting was held on Saturday, 27th October 1956, at the Piccadilly Hotel. London, with C. E. Guinness, Esq., in the chair. Cost of the dinner: £1 7s. 6d.

Now that the Association was truly launched it was decided to have a tie, blazer badge and metal badge designed and available for the 1957 season. Sir Hugh Beaver gave permission for the Guinness Harp to be used as the Association's emblem on headed paper. After a time the Harp was replaced by the four Provinces design. Details of the changeover are not recorded but in a conversation which Jack Walker had with John Shea after he had taken over as Secretary from Larry Dalton in 1966, the emblem was discussed and John related that one day he had been to the Irish Embassy to see Dr Boland, then the Irish Ambassador to the Court of St James. As he waited to be called he studied a painting on the wall of the four provinces in the form of a Celtic Cross. He made an exact sketch of the painting and it was eventually translated into the Association's emblem. During the 1976 tour to Dublin Jack Walker related this story to Dr Boland who said that he could remember the painting well.

Probably this brochure could not have been written without the diligent research of our great administrator Jack Walker. Certainly it would never have seen the light of day without the pioneering spirit of John Shea, our founding Secretary. These two gentlemen, encouraged by our only President, Edward Guinness, and supported by the many officers and committees over the years, laid the foundation for successful administration so necessary when membership is as widespread as ours.

It was Jack Walker who first had the idea of producing a written document on the history of the London Irish Bowling Association and before his untimely death in 1977 had prepared detailed notes with this in mind. At the 1978 Annual General Meeting Andy Durkan was trusted with the task of producing a brochure. The financial backing came from the generous contribution of 56 members and from a substantial donation given by Arthur Guinness Son & Co. Ltd.

The purpose of the brochure is the same as Jack set out to do-to relate the history of our Association so that members will have a factual record of our first 25 years. Hopefully it will, for our founder and older members. rekindle memories now fading and remind them of the history they, perhaps unwittingly, created. It is also intended to inform newer members how the Association developed not just physically from 40 founder members to the present membership of 176 but how, after a faltering start, the Association grew in strength to become what it is todav. thriving, happy and respected.

There is no doubt that the early years of the Association were difficult. From members who were there from the beginning we learn that one of the big problems was getting fixtures and then fulfilling them. It seems there was always some doubt as to who was going to turn up for these games and more often than not there was ‘on the spot’ recruitment. But like all crusaders, enthusiasm and resolve to succeed overcame the inevitable pitfalls. Disappointment only served to bolster determination and foster camaraderie and team spirit. Gradually the hand of welcome was extended to us and the London Welsh Bowling Association, who had many experienced campaigners on the London Bowling scene by this time, helped John Shea and his committee to formulate an interesting fixture programme.

The Irish began to be known as good bowlers and good sports even then we had characters, and all the clubs visited went out of their way to make sure we would come back again the following year. A recent letter from our captain and founder member Mick Norris captures the real flavour of the London Irish then and now. Mick writes: ‘The very first game took place on the Guinness Green at Park Royal, where else! We played the London Welsh Bowling Association who were to become such good friends to us. I don't remember who won the game and I doubt if any record was kept. One thing I do remember was the hospitality of the Guinness Club, it was out of this world. The Guinness flowed freely and everybody got well lubricated; the London Irish Bowling Association was well and truly launched.

Looking back over the years, the London Irish has become one of the most popular Associations in the bowling world. When we play competitive bowls our record speaks for itself-but it is in the friendly games that everyone lets their hair down. It is the friendly spirit and good humour and particularly the Moriarty, Moroney, Cummins, Waldock and Budgie, etc., sing-song in the Clubhouse afterwards that really sets the seal on the whole day.

I feel very honoured indeed to be Captain of such a wonderful Association on its Jubilee year. I can only hope I will be worthy of the confidence placed in me by the members, but then I never worry too much, because I know I can always rely on the help and co-operation that is alwavs willingly given by all the members of the London Irish. So mav I wish each and every one of you a very happy and enjoyable Silver Jubilee.'

During 1956 and 1957 Committee meetings were held at John Shea’s home at 2 Ferring Close. Harrow. Middlesex and in 1959, 1959 and 1960 Syd Lack's business premises at 53, South Molton Street, London W 1.

Up to 1961 the Annual General Meetings werw held in a variety of venues such as the Trocadaro, Piccadillv; The Green Man, 39 Riding House Street, London W1; St Anne's Hall, Vauxhall, and Hammersmith Town Hall.

In 1961 an arrangement was arrived at with the Irish Club, 82 Eaton Square, SW 1, whereby we pay the subscription for one of our members to become a member of the Club and in return we are allowed the facilitie[s] of the Club for our A.G.M. and our four regular committee meeting' each year.

Our representative members have been:

W. Donovan	1962 to 1967
S. W. C. Lack	1968 to 1974
S. G. Steel	1975
J. Carney	1976-1977
A. Durkan	1978

The following chart shows our membership growth over 25 years

Year	*Hon. Life*	*Life*	*Annual*	*Total*	*Notes*
1956	-	-	40	40	
1957	-	-	36	36	
1958	-	-	32	32	
1959	-	-	57	57	
1960	-	it	79	80	† A. E. Walker dec.
1961	-	5	72	77	
1962	-	6	79	85	
1963	1*	8	80	89	* H. Frenchum dec.
1964	1*	8	82	91	
1965	1*	8	92	101	
1966	1*	8	90	99	
1967	1*	16	91	108	Circular issued
1968	-	21	95	116	members to take up
1969	-	27	90	117	life membership
1970	-	32	87	119	
1971	-	41	80	121	
1472	-	48	77	125	
1973	-	61	77	138	
1974	1§	66	69	136	§ W. M. McDonald
1975	1§	69	67	137	
1976	1§	72	73	146	
1977	1§	86	63	150	
1978	1§	93	55	149	
1979	1§	123	34	158	
1980	1§	132	43	176	

Rules of the Association

1. Membership is open to bowlers of Irish birth or one of whose parents was born in Ireland. All applications for membership will be submitted to the Committee for approval.
2. The Annual Subscription of £2 shall be due on 1st January. A Life Membership Fee of £15 may be taken up by any member at any time. New and rejoining members also pay £1 Application Fee.
3. Members who have played in three outdoor matches in one or more seasons for the Association shall be entitled to receive the Association blazer badge. Matches played for the Association on tour and the Captain v. Vice-Captain match will count.
4. Selection of teams for friendly and representative matches will be made by a Selection Committee comprising the Captain, Vice-Captain and Secretary, who shall have power to co-opt as they consider necessary.
For friendly matches teams will be chosen from members who have submitted applications on the vouchers provided, and for representative match players and reserves (e.g. Miniature International) from those members who have qualified under the following conditions: They must have received or be qualified to receive the Association blazer badge and have played in at least three outdoor matches in the current season for the Association. The Captain v. Vice-Captain match will count, but not matches played on tour.
5. Regulation dress to be worn at all matches.
6. The Officers of the Association shall be: President, Vice-Presidents, Captain, Vice-Captain, Secretary, Treasurer and Publicity Officer. The Committee shall consist of the Officers and five other members of the Association, all to be elected at the A.G.M. The number of Vice-Presidents shall not exceed eight.
7. An Extraordinary General Meeting maybe convened on a requisition signed by six members of the Association. The requisition must state the purpose for which they wish the meeting convened.
8. An audited Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet will be submitted at the A.G.M.
9. No alterations or additions to rules shall be made except at the A.G.M.
A.G.M. held on 20th February 1981

Patrons

Sir HUGH BEAVER, K. B. E., LL. D.

On 19th October. 1962 Sir Hugh Beaver, x.B.E., LL.D., was elected Patron. Although an extremely busy man, he was at hand when necessary to give the London Irish Administration the muscle to carry them through the inevitable rocky beginnings. A man of immense energy, Sir Hugh not only played a taxing role in the world of commerce but retained enthusiasm for turning his attention to a variety of imaginative ventures. *The Guinness Book of Records* exists as a result of his initiative. He continuously encouraged the Bowlers of Irish extraction he came in contact with to form an Association and was only content when this objective was achieved. He died on 16th January, 1967 at his home in Crowborough, Sussex, aged 76.

***Dr F. H. BOLAND, B.A.**, LL. D. (hc), N.U.L, D.Litt(hc) San Francisco. Knight Commander, Order of St Gregory (Holy See), Grand Cross, Order of the Northern Star (Sweden)*

Dr Boland was elected Patron of our Association on 17th November, 1967.

Dr Boland has had a most illustrious career and can be justly considered one of the most famous Irishmen alive today. Born in Dublin, 1904, he was educated at Clongowes Wood College, Trinity College and King's Inns, Dublin. From 1950-56 he was Irish Ambassador to the Court of St James; 1956fi4 Permanent Representative to the United Nations; 1960-61 President of the United Nations General Assembly; from 1964 he has been Chancellor of Dublin University. He is a Director of many Irish Companies including Arthur Guinness Son & Co. Ltd., and the Irish Distillers Group Ltd.

Despite his varied interests Dr Boland has been proud to be our Patron and keeps in touch with our progress through our President. He has met and given hospitality to our touring parties to Dublin in 1968 and 1976. Those who were on the 1976 tour will remember with gratitude how he personally conducted us on a grand tour of Trinity College and afterwards lavishly entertained us in the Banquet Hall of the College. As a mark of our esteem Dr Boland was presented with a London Irish plaque by tour organiser Jack Walker.

First ever game--Founder members v. London Welsh.
John Shea is on the immediate left of President, C. E. Guinness.

Danny Murphy holding the Guinness Trophy with his victorious 1969 Miniature International team.

Tour to Dublin 1976.
Jack Walker is seated second from right, middle row.

Tour to Northern Ireland 1978.

Holders of the Various Offices *and Appointments since 1956*

PATRON

1963-66 Sir Hugh Beaver, K.B.E. LL.D.
1967- Dr F. H. Boland

PRESIDENT

1956-- C. E. Guinness, Esq.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER

1974-W. McDonald, Esq.

VICE-PRESIDENTS

1958-61	T. Elliott	1964-69	J. Shea	1973-	R. Stevenson
1958--77	J. Kiely	1965-73	W.McDonald	1978-	W. G. Harty
1962-77	A. E. Walker	1968-	A. J. Wright		S. W. C. Lack
1962-67	H. Frenchum	1970-80	R. Carew	1979-	A. G. Durkan
1962-77	W. Donovan	1970-	D. Murphy		

CAPTAINS

1956-63	H. Frenchum	1970-71	R. Stevenson	1977-78	A. G. Durkan
1964-65	R. Carew	1972-73	M. Norris	1979	J. F. Owens
1966-67	A. J. Wright	1974	J. Holmes	1980-	M. Norris
1968-69	D. Murphy	1975-76	T. J. Moriarty		

VICE-CAPTAINS

1960	T. ,I. Adamson	1970	T. J. Adamson	1976	D. W. McCarthy
1961-63	W. G. Harty	1971	M. Norris		
1964	L. A. Brewer	1972-73	J. Holmes	1976	A. G. Durkan
1965-66	H. Frenchum	1974	T. J. Moriarty	1977-78	J. F. Owens
1967	D. Murphy	1975	S. G. Steele	1979	M. Norris
1968-69	M. Norris	1980	L. Cummins		

SECRETARIES

1956-63	J. Shea	1966-77	A. E. Walker	1977-	A. G Durkan
1964-65	L. J. Dalton				

ASSISTANT SECRETARIES (discontinued 1 1973)

1962-64	W. McDonald	1966-67	D. Murphy	1968-72	D R Kennedy
1965-66	A. E. Walker				

MATCH SECRETARIES

1977- J.F Owens

TREASURERS

1957-61	W. Donovan	1965--67	F. Evans	1977-	L. P. Nicholl
1962-64	W. McDonald	1968-77	A. E. Walker		

PUBLICITY OFFICERS

1968-75	D R. Kennedy	1977-79	L. P. Nicholl	1980-	G. B. Orr
1976	J. M. Hegarty				

AUDITORS

1961-	R. Carew/ J. O'Brien	1966	W.G.Harty/ T. J. Adamson	1974	W.G.Harty/ S. G. Steele
1962-63	R. Carew	1967-73	W.G.Harty/	1975-	S. W. C. Lack/
1964--65	W. G. Harty		J.W.C.Dwyer		W. G. Harty

COMMITTEE

1956	M. Harrington, J. O'Brien, W. O'Keefe, T. J. Adamson, A. G. Corrigan
1957	M. Harrington, G. B. Orr, H. Frenchum, J. Kiely, A. G. Corrigan
1958	S. W. C. Lack, J. Hanrahan, J. O'Brien, W. O'Keefe, F. Evans
1959	S. W. C. Lack, T. J. Adamson, J. O'Brien, W. O'Keefe, F. Evans
1960	S. W. C. Lack, T. J. Adamson, J. O'Brien, W. G. Harty, R. Stevenson, F. Evans
1961	S. W. C. Lack, W. McDonald, J. O'Brien, J. Orr, R. Stevenson, A. E. Walker
1962-63	S. W. C. Lack, L. J. Dalton, R. Carew, J. Orr, R. Stevenson
1964-65	S. W. C. Lack, D. Murphy, A. J. Wright, J. Orr, P. G. Fitzpatrick
1966-67	S. W. C. Lack, R. Carew, L. J. Dalton, J. Orr, R. Stevenson
1968-69	S. W. C. Lack, R. Carew, L. J. Dalton, M. F. Murphy, R. Stevenson
1970-71	S. W. C. Lack, J. Culbert, L. J. Dalton, M. F. Murphy, J. W. C. Dwyer
1972	S. W. C. Lack, J. Culbert, L. Cummins, M. F. Murphy, J. W. C. Dwyer
1973	S. W. C. Lack, J. Culbert. L. Cummins, R. Shannon, J. W. C. Dwyer
1974	S. W. C. Lack, J. Culbert, L. Cummins, R. Shannon, S. G. Steele
1975	A. G. Durkan, J. M. Hegarty, L. Cummins, R. Shannon, R. A. O'Connell
1976	J. Carney, J. F. Donohue, L. Cummins, R. Shannon, L. P. Nicholl
1977	J. Carney, J. F. Donohue, L. Cummins, L. P. Nicholl, T. J. Moriarty
1978	W. Sharp, J. F. Donohue, L. Cummins, L. P. Nicholl, T. J. Moriarty
1979	J. Doolan, J. F. Donohue, L. Cummins, B. McTighe, T. J. Moriarty
1980	J. Doolan, J. F. Donohue, G. B. Orr, B. McTighe, J. J. Farrell

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEE

1956-63	H. Frenchum	1967	W. McDonald	1972	J. Kiely
1964-65	J. Kiely	1968-69	W. Donovan	1973	R. Carew
1966	W. Donovan	1970-71	R. Carew	1974-81	R. Stevenson

Achievements

MAJOR HONOURS & INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEM E NT[S] by London Irish Members Past and Present

1970	J. R. Sterling, **1v1.s.E.**	President, Irish Bowling Association
1973	J. W. S. Barr, J.P.	President, Irish Bowling Association
1975	T. D. Sutton	President, Irish Bowling Association
1980	T. D. Sutton	President, British Isles Bowling Council
1959	A. E. Walker, **M.B.E.**	President, Kent County Bowling Association
1961	A. E. Walker, M.B.E.	President, Francis Drake Fellowship

NATIONAL SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

1968	T. D. Sutton	Irish Singles Champion
1976	A. J. O'Connell	English Singles Champion
1966	R. H. Perks	English Singles Semi-finalist
1966	R. H. Perks	English Indoor Singles Quarter-finalist
1980	G. A. Smith	English Singles Quarter-finalist

INTERNATIONAL BOWLERS

A. J. O'Connell, G. B. Orr, T. D. Sutton, W. F. Taylor, G. Watson, P. Willis

INTERNATIONAL TRIALISTS

J. Cross, R. H. Perks, G. A. Smith, K. Ward

CO UNTY CHAMPIONS

1953 and 1955	G. B. Orr (Surrey)
1964 and 1966	R. H. Perks (Surrey)
1973	K. Ward (Surrey)
1976	A. J. O'Connell
1980	G. A Smith Kent

Tours to the Homeland

Ever since our foundation the call of the exile homewards has been persistent. However efforts to formulate a touring party failed consistently until 1968 when a Tour Committee comprising W. McDonald, A. J. Wright, R. Stevenson, F. Evans and A. E. Walker at last got the show on the road.

The first tour was to **Dublin** from 12th to 19th May and the tourists met for a get-together on 5th April at the Irish Club. The tour cost per person was £30 and W. McDonald in his report said that the London Irish met true Irish hospitality wherever they went and the party had a grand time. They stayed in the Central Hotel, Dublin, and played the following Clubs: Blackrock, Crumlin, Clontarf, Knockrabo, Kenilworth, Herbert Park, St James Gate.

The Tour Committee, with the exception of Fred Evans, who had moved to Northampton, agreed to carry on and set about organising a tour to **Belfast** in 1970. Arrangements were made to stay at the Park Avenue Hotel, Holywood Road, Belfast, and to play games against: Falls B.C., Belfast B.C., Northern Ireland Private Greens League at Comber, Northern Ireland Bowling Association at Holywood Seapark, Northern Ireland Provincial Bowling Association at Limavady and the Irish Bowling Association at Cliftonville.

The touring party met for a get-together at the Irish Club on 24th July and the tour commenced on Sunday, 16th August, the party (26 players and 15 ladies) returning home on 22nd August.

The Chairman of the Tour Committee W. McDonald reported that the tour was an outstanding success. The cup of hospitality was filled to overflowing and the ladies had a very enjoyable time. Some special visits were arranged for them including one to the Irish Linen Mills.

The Tour Committee were justifiably pleased with the success of the two tours but around the corner was disappointment. Arrangements to tour Dublin 1972, Scotland 1973, **Dublin** 1974 and 1975 were cancelled through lack of support. In 1976 a Tour Committee of R. Stevenson, T. Moriarty, L. Cummins, A. E. Walker and A. Durkan brought 26 players and lO ladies to Dublin from 22nd to 29th August. The party stayed at the Montrose Hotel, Ballsbridge and games were played against Blackrock and Dunlaoghaire, Leinster, Cym and Crumlin, Kenilworth and Clontarf. Bray and Knockrabo, Herbert Park and Railway Union, St James Gate. Claude Byrne, who liaised from the Dublin side, did a wonderful job for

us, not least in arranging for Eamonn to be our coach driver. Eamonn, to put it mildly, has a facility for putting miles on even the shortest journey. Once again friendship and hospitality were the key points of the tour. Visits to Guinness where we were entertained to lunch and to Trinity College where our Patron Dr Boland gave us red carpet treatment were other highlights. As Captain Ted Moriarty in his report said: 'The tour was so enjoyable and successful I feel sorry for those who were unable to travel with us.'

Jack Walker, tour organiser, was presented with a splendid Waterford Claret Decanter from a happy and grateful tour party. This was to be Jack's last tour. He was in the throes of negotiating a tour to **Northern Ireland** 1978 when he died. Bob Stevenson took over the organisation. Initially the tour was to be based at Portrush from 20th to ?7th August. but was later changed to Ballycastle where the party was happily accommodated in the Marine Hotel. The Tour Committee of R. Stevenson, A. Durkan, J. Owens, L. Cummins, T. Moriarty and L. Nicholl were greatly assisted by Jim Barr from Limavady who liaised continuously with Bob Stevenson and formulated a tour programme which included civic receptions, visits to Bushmills Distillery, The Glens of Antrim, Rathlin Island and the Giants Causeway.

Games were played against the Irish Bowling Association, The Provincial Towns B.A., The Northern Ireland B.A., The Private Greens League, The Limavady B.C. and the Ballycastle B.C. The party of 27 bowlers and 13 ladies, many on their first visit to Northern Ireland were greatly impressed with the warmth of the welcome and the continuous flow of hospitality.

Bob Stevenson in his report paid tribute to the Moyle District Council who entertained us and made themselves responsible for our cultural needs during our stay. The touring party presented Bob with a Tyrone Crystal Decanter to mark their appreciation of his hard work.

As this goes to print Syd Lack, assisted by Les Nicholl, is organising a tour to **Dublin** in our Jubilee year. Pat McGuirk, the famous Irish International Bowler, has arranged the match programme and the party will stay at the Montrose Hotel from 23rd to 30th August. Syd and Les. together with our Captain Mick Norris, Vice-Captain Larrv_ Cummins. and Secretary Andy Durkan, form the Tour Committee.

Games have been arranged as follows:

Monday August 24	v	Bray	August 27	v	Kenilworth
25	v	Herbert Park	28	v	Leinster
26	v	Crumlin	29		St James Gate

IRISH BOWLING ASSOCIATION- ASSOCIATED MEMBERSHIP

On the 1970 tour to Northern Ireland, Bob Stevenson spoke to Jim Sterling, the LB.A. President, about the possibility of Membership.

A letter dated 10th March, 1971, signed by Bob Thompson. M.B.E. Secretary of the Irish Bowling Association, informed our Association that it had been admitted to Associated Membership of the I. B. A. A copy of our working documents and a letter of appreciation were sent : Mr Thompson.

Since the first contact, the I.B.A. has always been helpful and encouraging and the bond between us has been strengthened through our games together on tour and the attendance at our Annual Dinner/Dance of such Presidents as J. W. S. Barr 1973, T. D. Sutton 1975, R. J. Clinch 1977 and A. R. McKay 1980

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LONDON DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION -AFFILIATION

In 1959 it was decided to affiliate to the L.D.B.A. and to enter the Maude-Strong 2 Rink (1 home-1 away) competition.

There is no record of success in this competition and on 10th October1971 it was decided not to continue affiliation.

COUNTY PRESIDENTS' MATCHES

London Irish have had the pleasure of playing the following county games:

1960	Essex at Chigwell	1972	Middlesex at Paddington
1967	Essex at Park Royal	1973	Surrey at Temple
1968	Middlesex at Parsons Green	1974	Kent at Forest Hill
1969	Surrey at Croydon	1975	Essex at VCD Craviord
1970	Kent at Wellcome	1977	Surrey at Streatham Park
1971	Essex at Liberty of Havering	1981	Surrey at Southey (to be played)

We thank the clubs who released their greens and provided hospitality on these occasions.

Annual Dinner/Dance

On 10th April, 1970, a letter was sent to the 119 Bowlers who then comprised our membership to ascertain the general feeling with regard to holding a Dinner/Dance annually. Of the 33 members who replied 28 were in favour. While the response was not so encouraging, a subcommittee, comprising J. Kiely, J. Culbert, L. Cummins, M. Norris. R. Stevenson and A. E. Walker, started to organise such a venture. Because of our long association with the Guinness Club, it was decided to try to book the facilities of the Guinness Clubhouse for the Dinner.

In 1973 our first Dinner/Dance was held there, as have all such occasions ever since. The Dinner/Dance is the highlight of our social year and. despite a few aches and pains, has proved very successful from all points of view. The summary below makes interesting reading.

Y[e]ar	*Date Feb*	*Tkt Price*	*Hall Cost*	*Bnd Cost*	*Meal Cost*	*Mmbrs Prsnt*	*Total*	*Nos. Band*	*Assoc Toast*	*Response Visitors & Ladis*
1973	Fri 2	£2.25	£25	£22	£1.70	45	178	Exiles Ceili Band	J.W S Barr President I.B.A.	H.J.C.Newton Pres. Balham B.C.
1974	1	£2.50	£30	£33	£2.00	32	137	Just Four Combo	J.W.S. Barr President I.B.A	H.K.Cowan Laing S.C.
1975	7	£2.75	£30	£24	£2.00	40	138	The Tritones	T.D. Sutton President I.B.A	A.T.Foile Kodak B.C.
1976	6	£3.25	£30	£40	£2.36	28	118	The Matchmakers	J.J.Michie,O.B.E Laing	F.K.Elsmore Sec. Guinness B.C.
1977	4	£4.00	£50	£40	£2.75	23	128	Pat Bagge Trio	R.J.Clinch President I.B.A	A.T.Foile Kodak B.C.
1978	3	£4.50	£50	£45	£3.25	33	134	Sean O'Reilly Tio	L.D'Arcy Drayton P.P.E.B.A.,	L.Hill, Treasurer, Guinness B.C
1979	2	£5.00	£50	£50	£3.72	39	170	Sean O'Reilly Trio	H.S.A.Rothon M.B.E., I.P.P., E.I.B.A	W.Edser, President W.Surrey B.A.
1980	Sat 2	£6.50	£50	£55	£5.10	45	170	170 Sean O'Reilly Trio	A.R.McKay President I.B.A	M.Hogan, Chairman
1981	7	£7.50	£60	£85	£6.50	49	174	Sean O'Reilly Sextet	T.D.Sutton Pres. Brit. Isles Bowling Council	K.Davies, President London Welsh

Our Heraldry

BLAZER BADGE

There is no record of who designed our Blazer Badge which shows the crests of the Four Provinces with a Shamrock in the central position.

The first badges were purchased from S. A. Cory, 5 Warbeck Road, London, S.E.20 on 26th March. 1956. We have an account which shows the purchase of 36 badges at 4/- each plus a few at no charge and billed to John Shea, London Irish Bowling Club. From 1960 until 1967 a small consignment of badges was purchased from Messrs Collins of Southend, prices varying from 9/- to 12/- each badge.

In 1969 it was resolved to discontinue the provision of cloth badges and to provide gold wire ones only. Marks of Distinction, 124 Euston Road, London, N. W.1 were to be our suppliers and from the initial charge of 30/- per badge the price has increased yearly to the present charge of £3.90 per badge.

KNOW YOUR BADGE

The arms of Ireland as used in our badge are formed by a quartered shield displaying the arms of each of the four provinces. Hallowed by time, steeped in history and tradition, those of Leinster, Connaught and Munster appear to be continuations or adaptations of arms that have in earlier times, wholly or in part, been used for the whole of Ireland. Ulster would seem to be the odd one out in this respect, but they can also be said to have royal connections by combining the arms of the O'Neills and the De Burgos.

Leinster-green -harp of gold with silver strings. This is simply the arms of Ireland as used now and for the past four centuries, with green field instead of blue. The harp was often shown in the past with part of the frame as a winged female figure, as in the Royal Standard, but in modern times the harp is of a Celtic type associated with Brian Boru.

Ulster-gold-red cross with small silver shield at centre, on which is a red hand couped at the wrist, thus combining the red cross of De Burgos with the red hand of the O'Neills. There is a stirring legend concerning the origin of the red hand passed down from Viking days. As the longboats of a party of Norsemen approached the coast of Northern Ireland their Chief cried out, `The first one to touch land shall be given wealth and great estates', whereupon, a certain O'Neill drew his sword, hacked off one hand at the wrist and hurled it on to the shore. The legend does not tell whether he lived to reap the reward for such initiative.

Munster-blue-three antique crowns of gold. This was without any doubt regarded as the arms of the whole of Ireland prior to the adoption, by Henry **V**III and Elizabeth, of the harp motif used today.

Connaught-pale silver and blue-on the left side a black dimidiated eagle conjoined with a bent arm on the right side, grasping a sword held erect. It has often been said that two powerful families were represented (but never identified); this can be discounted. It is known that some time prior to 1575 a dimidiated eagle and a hand holding a dagger were recognised as the arms for the whole of Ireland. It would appear, therefore, that the arms of Connaught are also a variant of previous national arms.

The Shamrock as shown on our badge is internationallv recognised as the emblem of Ireland. Although our skips may sometimes disagree, it is supposed to brine good luck. It has been associated with Ireland since the time of St Patrick (d461) It is said he used the shamrock to explain the concept of the Trinity to a non-believer. Three leaves on the one stem-hence the indivisible three-in-one.

TIE

At our inaugural meeting, the newly appointed management committee was requested to arrange for the provision of a suitable tie. Again there is no *w* ritten evidence of how the design of the tie came about but the first consignment had a printed motif of the four provinces and cost 11/6d each. By 1965 the price had risen to 16/9d and John Orr suggested that future purchases should have the motif woven on to the tie. In 1967, 72 woven ties were ordered at a cost of 16/9d each.

At the 1978 A.G.M. it was decided to have a special tie produced to mark our Silver Jubilee in 1981. The following year some designs were submitted and the one by Andy Durkan approved. This design, purposely showing the London connection, is exactly as it appears on the front of this brochure. It incorporates the crests of the four provinces and the shamrock of Ireland as well as the coat of arms of the City of London-the cross of St George and the sword of St Paul.

METAL BADGE

In the years 1956 and 1957 the London Irish used a circular badge which showed the legend London Irish Bowls Club. Some of these can still be found with the older members. However, in 1958 this badge was replaced by the Celtic Cross shaped one, which shows the crests of the four provinces with the shamrock at centre.

The cost for many years was 2/6d per badge and the supply came from Messrs L. Simpson (London) Ltd. In 1979 1000 badges, at a cost of approximately 54p each, were purchased from the firm of Messrs R. E. V. Gomm Ltd, 14/15 Frederick Street, Birmingham B13 HE. These badges are particularly sought after by collectors and are considered to be amongst the finest bowls badges anywhere in the bowling world.

THE FLAG

In 1961 Mrs John Shea presented the Association with a flag which showed a large shamrock on a yellow background with the written words `London Irish Bowling Association'. This was to be unfurled at our opening game of the season against the Merton and Morden B.A. As they were unable to get a team together so early in the season, a hastily arranged President v. Captain game was substituted and Mrs Shea did the honours on the day.

At our Jubilee Dinner/Dance on 7th Februarv, 1981 Svd Lack, one of our Vice-Presidents, presented the Association with a magnificent new flak. This shows the crests of the four provinces in the shape of a Celtic Cross with a shamrock in the central position. The field of emerald green has the words 'London Irish Bowling Association founded 19•6' written in cambric orange lettering. This flag will be unfurled by SW Lack on Sunday prior to our game v. Balham B.C.

Competitions THE MINIATURE OUTDOOR INTERNATIONAL

As can be seen in our President's Silver Jubilee message it was Edward Guinness and Wyn Jones, then Secretary of the London Welsh Bowling Association, who first had the idea of starting the Miniature International competition. There was immediate favourable reaction from the four Associations. In 1960 Wyn Jones, acting as competition secretary, got the blessing of the English Bowling Association to start the competition.

Edward Guinness presented a trophy to be played for annually. The Kodak Club made their two greens available to stage the semi-finals for the morning games and the Guinness Club agreed to stage the final on their green in the afternoon and to lay on their traditional generous hospitality for the bowlers and guests.

The competition started in 1961 and down the years several sets of Rules unsigned and undated were drawn up. In 1977 the Rules were revised and brought up to date as follows:

CONSTITUTION AND RULES
THE EDWARD GUINNESS BOWL COMPETITION
REVISED SEPTEMBER 1977

1. The Competition shall be played under the laws of the International Bowling Board. 2. A 6 Rink competition to be played between the London Scottish, London Irish, London Welsh and a team representing the English.
3. DRESS. Whites will be worn.
4. The London Scottish, London Irish, London Welsh teams will be composed of players who are members of their respective Associations.
5. The English team will be selected from players who are affiliated to the London Associates or from clubs affiliated to any London Association within the metropolis and must include 2 players from Kodak B.C. and 2 players from Guinness B.C.
6. An exile (Scotsman, Irishman or Welshman) who is or is not a member of his Association or one who has previously represented his Association cannot represent the English team and a player who has represented one Association cannot represent another on a later occasion.
7. The draw to take place on the morning of the games. Each Secretary or his representative will draw a number 1, 2, 3, 4 numerically; they will then draw one of two coloured discs from a hat, identical coloured discs will play each other. The choice of green and jack to be tossed for by the Secretary or his representative.
8. Each Association may have FOUR reserves, and an Association may substitute players for the Final.
9. Any team playing a player or players short, in any one rink, will deduct 25% per player of their shots on that rink.
10. The Semi-final to be played at KODAK B.C. Harrow at 9.30 a.m. SHARP on the second Saturday in September.

11. LUNCH. The TEAMS (24 players and 4 *reserves only)* making *a maximum number of 28 from each Association will* be guests of Guinness Brewery Ltd, at the Toucan Inn. Guinness Brewery Ltd, Park Royal at 1 p.m. SHARP. It is regretted that because of limited accommodation ladies and supporters cannot attend this luncheon. and that they will have to make their own arrangements for lunch elsewhere
12. The Final to be played at the GUINNESS GREEN, Park Royal at 3.15p.m.
13. HIGH TEA. At Guinness Brewery at 6.30 p.m. The Teams. ladies and supporters, will be guests of Guinness Brewery Ltd.
14. PRESENTATION OF TROPHY. The Trophy will be presented by the donor C Edward Guinness Esq., or his representative.
15. FINANCE. An amount to be agreed by the 4 Associations to be paid to Mr R. B. Greenway (London Welsh B.A. Secretary and Secretary of the competition) or to Mr Ken Hopkins (Treasurer London Welsh B.A.) on the day of the competition Amounts will be distributed to Groundsmen's gratuities: KODAK B.C. (2 Greens). GU INN ESS B.C. (1 Green) and Catering Staff of GUINNESS BREWERY for mid-day and evening catering. Any surplus may be donated to a charity to be agreed by the 4 Associations.
16. LAPEL BADGES. Secretaries can obtain these from the London Welsh Treasurer. ***Please note:*** One issue only and there will be no replacements for lost badges.

The London Irish Bowlers made a very slow start in the competition and it was not until 1965 that we registered our first outright win, beating the Scots 123-112 in the semi-final and English 125--93 in the final. The team, captained by Roly Carew, was:

H. Sheppard	J. Dwyer	J. Walker	D. Carson	M.
S. Lack	D. Madill	L. Dalton	N.	F. Evans
H. Frenchum	E. Tracy	R. Carew	M. Murphy	D.
A. W right	R.	J. Orr	W.	L.
		W. Donovan		
		J. Tobin		
		J. Kielv		
		M. Norris		

Since then as the results show, we have had our fair share of successes and at the moment tie w ith the London Scottish B.A. as the Association with the most wins.

MINIATURE INTERNATIONAL-OUTDOOR WINNERS

1961	London Scottish	1971	London
1962	London Scottish	1972	London Irish
1963	London Welsh	1973	London
1964	London Scottish	1974	London Irish
1965	London Irish	1975	London
1966	London District	1976	London Irish
1967	London Scottish	1977	London
1968	London Irish	1978	London Irish
1969	London Irish	1979	London
1970	London Scottish	1980	London

MINIATURE INTERNATIONAL BADGE

In 1970 our Association was asked whether it would support the purchase of special metal badges which would be available to players and reserves selected to represent their Associations in the Edward Guinness Trophy competition from 1971 onwards. The L.I.B.A. agreed and the first badges appeared in 1973. Distribution to those who played in the 1972 and 1971 games followed. The names of the recipients are recorded in the minutes book. The badge, which shows the emblems of the four Associations, is a 'once only' issue and losses can in no circumstances be replaced. The badges in bulk are held by the Miniature International Treasurer (Treasurer L.W.B.A.). The London Irish have to date (December 1980) a credit of 112 badges held in stock. L.I.B.A. holders of the badge are as follows:

Ambrose T.
Armstrong R.
Behan M.
Bradford M.
Brady J.
Breen D.
Budge E.
Carew R.
Carney J.
Carroll N.
Cashman P.
Cooper V.
Coughlan P.
Craske R.
Culbert J.
Cummins L.
Dabbs W.
Delaney P.
Doody M.
Doolan J.
Durkan A.
Dwyer J. W. C.
Edgar L. P.
Elford L.
England S.
Farrell J.
Finn G. F.
Fitzpatrick B.
Fitzpatrick P.
Flavelle F. M.
Flynn W. J.
Gunning W.
Harbourne J.
Heggarty J.
Holmes J.
Jeffers J.
Jobling L.
Kelly D.
Kelly E. J.
Kennedy D. R.
Kiely J.
Kingaby W.
Kingland A.
Lack S. W. C.
Lennon G.
Livingstone N.
Loftus S.
McCarthy C.
McCarthy D.
McCarthy M.
McDonald W.
McKinley T.
Mc'righe B.
Madill D.
Moriarty T.
Moroney S.
Murray W.
Murphy D.
Murphy J.
Murphy M. J.
Nicholl L.
Nolan B.
Norris M.
O'Connell A. J.
O'Connell R.
O'Donnell J.
O'Grady S.
O'Neill D.
O'Neill J.
Orr G. B.
Orr J.
O'Sullivan W.
Gttley R.
Owens J.
Ryan M. F. J.
Shannon R.
Sheppard H.
Smith G. A.
Smith G. F.
Smith W.
Spooner C.
Stafford R.
Steele S.
Stevenson R.
Thompson N.
Thompson W.
Waldock H.
Walker J.
Walsh D.
Ward K.
Watson D. R.
Whelan W.
Wiley L.
Wilkie G.
Wright A.

THE BARR TROPHY

Jim Barr, who lives in Limavady, Northern Ireland, has been a fervent supporter of our Association for many years. As President of the Irish Bowling Association in 1973 he was Principal Guest at our Annual Dinner and has been a frequent visitor to such occasions ever since. On 16th February, 1973 W. J. Taylor brought a trophy to the A.G.M. saying he wished to put it up for a London Irish pairs

competition in the name of J.W.S Barr. After considerable discussion it was decided that it was impracticable to offer it for a pairs competition and so it was resolved that the trophy should be presented annually to the Irish four with the highest aggregate score on the day of the Miniature Outdoor International. In the event of a tie, the four winning the most ends would receive the trophy and each would be presented with a prize at the Annual Dinner/Dance. This competition within a competition generates considerable enthusiasm amongst the London Irish Bowlers and adds another dimension of excitement to these games. Since 1973 the winning rinks have been:

	1	2	3	Skip
1973	T. Moriarty	R. Shannon	M. Bradford	R.
1974	R. A. O'Connell	L. Cummins	J. Murphy	M. Norris
1975	P. Coughlan	T. J. Moriarty	T. Ambrose	S. Steele
1976	S. O'Grady	T. Ambrose	J. Jeffers	J. Brady
1977	A. Durkan	J. Holmes	N. Carroll	W. Dabbs
1978	S. O'Grady	M. McCarthy	C. McCarthy	R.
1979	D. Walsh	B. Fitzpatrick	J. Farrell	M.
1980	S. O'Grady	L. Nicholl	G. B. Orr	G. A.

THE MINIATURE INTERNATIONAL INDOOR COMPETITION

In 1977 Peter Dunkley, Match Secretary of the Croydon Indoor Bowling Club, wrote to the exiles Bowling Associations suggesting that there should be an Indoor Miniature Competition run on the lines of the well established outdoor one. His idea had the support of his own club and Croydon was prepared to offer its green and facilities to stage the competition on the last Sunday in April each year. The response showed the Association to be keenly in favour of such a competition and an appropriate set of rules was drawn up. Each Association would be represented by three rinks and the two Associations winning the semi-final games in the morning would contest the final in the afternoon. The beaten semi-finalists would play off for third place. Bill and Pat Gibbs of the Croydon Club donated an inscribed Silver Trophy and the competition started in 1978.

London Irish were the first winners of the trophy, beating the English selection in the thrilling final. For the record the L.I.B.A. team was as follows:

N. Carroll	S. O'Grady	A. Durkan
G. B. Orr	C. McCarthy	J. Culbert
M. Connor	M. Bradford	A. J. O'Connell
W. Dabbs	J. Brady	K. Ward

London Irish repeated their success in the following year and in 1980 the E nglish were victorious, beating the L.I.B.A. by one shot in the semi-final and then went on to win the final.

No one could have anticipated how competitive and popular these tame- were to become. The vision and fortitude of the Croydon Club has been well rewarded. With so much bowling talent available, the London Irish selectors are always faced with the difficult job of picking the best combinations to represent the Association Since the original 1978 side J. Cross, J. J. Gilmore, M. Norriss, G A Smith and D Walsh have come into the team.

SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

In 1962 four Vice-Presidents. Harry - Frenchum, John Kiely, Bill Donovan and Jack Walker, presented a cup to the Association for a singles championship competition. The entry fee was ? - and the competition started, attracting 33 entries. Each year the competition is a popular item on our Bowling Calendar, the early rounds are zoned to cut dow n on Travelling The semi-finals and final are always played on the Guinness green at Park Royal on a Sunday in September. As the results indicate our Commiserations must surely go to Arthur Wright who has been runner-up on five occasions.

	Winner	*Runner-up*
196	W . McDonald	J. Orr
196	W McDonald	J.O'Neill
196	D. Murphy	M. Murphy
196	R. Stevenson	A. J. Wright
196	J. Kiely	A. J. Wright
196	W. H. Smith	M. Norris
196	R. Craske	M. F.
196	J. Kiely	A. J. Wright
197	J. Culbert	W.
197	W. McDonald	M. Norris
197	M. Norris	A. J. Wright
197	E. J. Kelly	J. Holmes
197	J. Holmes	J. Culbert
197	J. Culbert	A. J. Wright
197	A. G. Durkan	J. O'Neill
197	N. C:arroll	M. O'Hare
197	Ci. B. Orr	T. J.
197	R. Stevenson	J. Doolan
198	N. Carroll	T. J.

NORTH v. SOUTH
CAPTAIN v. VICE-CAPTAIN MATCH

On 13th November, 1964 W. J. Taylor suggested that there should be an annual match between the North and South Bowlers for a Challenge Cup which he was prepared to donate. The Balham Constitutional Club, he felt sure, would agree to release their green. The first game took place in 1966, 48 Bowlers participated, the result going in favour of the South. After that the results became one way traffic with the North selection winning repeatedly.

In 1975, because of declining interest, it was decided to change the game into a Captain v. Vice-Captain match-in effect that is what it had become over the years. By this time the venue had changed to Park Royal. To stimulate more interest in the trophy the game, it was decided, would be allowed to count for the award of the Blazer Badge and for qualification to be selected in the Miniature Outdoor International. This game is perhaps the most carefree of the season with varying results never affecting the enjoyment in the Clubhouse afterwards.

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Our thanks to the following who have sent messages of friendship and goodwill to the London Irish in our Jubilee year:
Tom Sutton, President, British Isles Bowling Council, who was Principal Guest at our Jubilee Dinner.
Tom Blake, President, English Bowling Association.
Jim Barr, Past President, Irish Bowling Association.
Jim Ogilvie, President, Surrey County B.A.
Jeoff Martyr, President, Surrey County I.B.A.
Presidents of the London Welsh and London Scottish Bowling Associations.
Arthur Guinness, Son and Co. Ltd.
Numerous Bowling Clubs in and around London.
Our supporters, the London Irish Ladies.

Our grateful thanks must go to the Irish Bowling Association not only for the letter from President Jack Stevenson but also for the presentation of a magnificent inscribed silver tray to mark our anniversary year.

Our thanks also to our own members who have contributed so generously towards the cost of this brochure.

Our special thanks to Arthur Guinness, Son and Co. Ltd for their much appreciated donation.

My own personal thanks to our seven remaining Founder Members, Messrs Adamson, Dwyer, Guinness, Harty, Madill, Norris and Stevenson, who passed on much useful documentation which helped in the preparation of this brochure.

Andy Durkan, Wimbledon, 1981

And so we end with an appropriate paradigm:

I wish that I could bowl a wood
To any length required
And keep it up till the sun goes down
Without me getting tired
But for a length, you need the strength
To put behind your wood,
Could Guinness do the trick for me?
My woodness ... yes it good!

Fixtures 1981 Season

No.	*Date*	*Opponents and Venue*		
	Four			
1. May	3	Balham B.C., Ramsden Road, S.W.12 4.00		6
		Unfurling of new L.I.B.A. Flag		
2.	10	Croydon B.C., 10 Nottingham Road, S. Croydon	3.30	6
3.	24	Wellcome B.C., Acacia Hall, High Street, Dartford, Kent	3.30	6
4.	31	Surrey County Bowling Assoc., Southey Club,		
		559 Kingston Road, S.W.20	3.30	6
5.June	7	St George's B.C. (Plaque), Guinness Club, Park Royal	3.30	6
6.	14	Royal Household B.C., Frogmore, Windsor Castle	3.30	6
7.	21	West Wimbledon B.C. (Plaque), Durham Road, S.W.20	4.00	6
8.	28	Merrow B.C., 177 Epsom Road, Guildford	3.30	6
9. Jul	12	Parsons Green B.C., Broomhouse Lane, S.W.6	3.30	6
10.	19	Southey B.C., 559 Kingston Road, S.W.20	4.00	6
11.	26	Century B.C., Logan Road, Wembley	3.30	6
12.Aug.	9	Captain v. Vice-Captain, Guinness Club, Park Royal	3.30	6
13.	16	L.T. Met. Railway B.C., Wembley Park	3.30	6
Aug.	23-30	Tour to Dublin		
Sept.	12	Miniature International, Kodak & Guinness		
		9.30 a. m. and 3.30		6
14. Sept.	13	Brondesbury B.C., Chatsworth Road, Nr Kilburn Tube Stn	3.30	6
15.	20	Guinness B.C., Guinness Green, Park Royal	3.00	4
		Also semi-finals and final of L.I.B.A Championship		

1981-1982 INDOOR

1.	Saturday, 17th October, King George, Tolworth	2.30	7
2.	Saturday, 31st October, Herts, Watford, 48 Mildred	2.30	4
3.	Sunday, 15th November, Elmbridge, Walton on Thames	3.30	5
4.	Saturday, 16th January, 1982, Century, Logan Rd,	4.30	6
5.	Sunday, 7th February, Croydon, 10 Nottingham Road	2.30	7
6.	Sunday, 14th February, Wey Valley, Guildford	2.15	7
7.	Sunday, 7th March, Mansfield, Croftdown Road, N.W.5	3.30	7
8.	Saturday, 3rd April, Barking & District	2.00	6
9.	Sunday, 4th April, Cyphers, Beckenham	6.00	4
	Sunday, 25th April, Croydon Miniature International	10.00	3

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