



Dear Members,

I would like to introduce myself for those that do not know me. My name is Louise Gillespie and I have become successful in being the senior representative on the STB Board.

I have been involved in Tenpin Bowling since I was 7, which is too many years ago to mention. I am not a great bowler but I have in my time represented Fife several times, back to when we had Inter-counties where the Scottish Champions and runners-up went to play against English Counties.

In the past I have helped run Team Scotland tournaments over 20 years ago. Whilst still a teenager I was on the STBA Fife Area Council, making sure that the younger section of Fife were represented. I have previously been the on the old Council of STBA for several years and spent time as the STBA Treasurer. I have helped run STBA tournament s covering all age groups.

As well as now being on the Board to help improve Senior Bowling in Scotland I also run 5 Senior handicapped tournaments a year for a mixture or STB members and non members. These tournaments are for people 45 years and over, those who maybe feeling out of place in the Adults but have nowhere else to go until they reach 50. At present most of these tournaments are held in Dunfermline (my home centre). We have tried taking them in the past to The Quay in Glasgow, Stirling and Inverurie but it is always the same bowlers that enter. We are taking our 2nd tournament on 6th May to Ayr this year and will hopefully drum up some more interest in those that don't particularly feel they are good enough to participate in STB tournaments. We have a generic email address of scottishseniors@gmail.com and all are welcome to request access to our Facebook page Scottish Senior Tenpin Club.

I would like to get to know more Senior bowlers, the Centres they bowl in and any Senior leagues that those centres have, whether they are STB members at present or not. I want to encourage those interested in the possibility of bowling to represent their county by giving them the courage and ability to do so, as well as those that may just want to be more competitive at a domestic level.

If you are a member but know of non-members that may be interested, please ask them to get in touch.

There are so many senior tournaments Europe wide that as members of the association you would be able to play in as individuals. The senior world of tenpin bowling is getting more interesting with not just the Triple Crown but Senior Worlds and coming in 2020 a Senior European Championships.

I know that out there within Scotland we have strong senior bowlers, some of which may have been previous members of the STBA, it would be great to see competing again or maybe for the first time out-with their home centres.

If anyone would like more information in competing in Senior Trials or anything regarding senior tournaments, please feel free to contact the board (board@bowling.scot) or myself at louise.gillespie@bowling.scot. We also have an email distribution (mailing) list that all are welcome to sign up to. You can sign up via <https://bowling.scot.bitbucket.io/>, or by sending an email to board@bowling.scot.

I would also like to hear from any of the STB senior members that would be interested in being part of a Senior Committee to ensure the thoughts and feelings of those members are clearly heard and appropriate action is taken by the Board for the best benefit of those members.

Sincerely,

Louise Gillespie

STB Director