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Susan Greene (Chairperson Ból Chumann na hÉireann)

As chairperson of Ból Chumann na hÉireann—hosts of the 13th European Bowling Championships—I wish to acknowledge the magnificent and unselfish contributions of my fellow officers, committees, coaches, players and everyone who contributed to the unprecedented success of the 2008 Games. That success is also due to support from the Irish Sports Council and especially its CEO Mr John Treacy; our sponsors; our clubs, regions, Cork County Council; Cork City Council and Lord Mayor Mr Donal Counihan; Mr Bernard Allen T.D.; Nemo Rangers; Rathcoole Airfield, An Garda Síochána, hotels, transport companies, the media and the countless people who made their contributions in little and big ways.

After months of meticulous planning, coordination between ourselves and the other national governing bodies of the International Bowlplaying Association and a lot of hard work, our efforts were rewarded in the sensational success of Euro2008. We had colour and pageant in St Patrick's Street and City Hall Cork on the opening evening; we had world class German Lofting at the Nemo Rangers complex; we had rain, drama and heroism at Rathcoole Airfield for the Dutch Moors; and we capped it with brilliant sunshine, a magnificent course and sensational performances for the Irish Road Bowling at Bandon. We had everything that a great sporting event could have and more in terms of the camaraderie and mutual respect of every competitor, support and official over the four days of the festival.

It was important for us to be able to emulate the outstanding games we have experienced under the auspices of our continental colleagues from Östfriesland and Oldenburg the Friesischer Klootschießerverband (FKV); Scheleswig-Holstein the Verband Schleswig Holsteinischer Boßler (VSHB) and the Netherlands the Nederlandse Klootschieters Bond (NKB). We passed the torch, in the format of a new symbol for the European Championships, to our Italian colleagues Nazionale Boccetta Union Italiana Sport (ABIS) who will host the games for the first time in 2012. We wish them well in their organisation of those games and can assure them that we are ready to help in any way we can.

If you were lucky enough to be at the games I hope that as you leaf through these pages it will rekindle warm memories of the European Championships of 2008. If you were unable to make the 2008 games, I hope this will convince you to put the 2012 games into your diary. There is nothing so special as the European Bowling Championships.









A spectacular Cork hosting

by *Brian Toal*

Ból Chumann na hÉireann - consolidates the European Championships with magnificent organisational feat.

A colourful and sporting pageant extending over four days from 1 - 4 May 2008 marked the staging of the 13th European Bowling Championships in Cork city and county which resulted in spectacular success for Irish road bowlers.

It was only the fourth time in the 40 year history of international bowling for the European Championships to be held in Ireland with previous home events in the city and county of Cork being held in 1970, 1977, and 1992. With the event due to rotate around the participating countries it will be 2028 before the European Championships again return to Ireland.



The parade of nations took place on the opening day through Cork city centre with Armagh player and former Irish women's champion road bowler Dervla Toal having the privilege of carrying the national flag at the head of the parade. Acclaimed as one of the largest and most colourful seen in the southern capital for some time, the parade culminated in the official opening of the



2008 games at a specially erected platform in front of the City Hall. The huge gathering of international players, officials, and sporting enthusiasts were welcomed by Susan Greene, Chairperson of Ból Chumann na hÉireann, who subsequently declared the European Championships open after the attendance had been duly addressed by John Treacy, Chief Executive, Irish Sports Council; His Grace, Bishop of Cork and Ross, Dr. John Buckley; Bernard Allen, TD., former Minister for Sport and Road Bowling aficionado; and the leaders of each of the participating associations: Jan Dirk Vogts, (FKV Germany), Chairman of International Bowl-playing Association; Ernst Hinrich Reimers (VSHB Germany); Maurizio Della Costanza (ABIS Italy); Alloys Timmerhuis (NKB Holland); and Susan Greene (BCE Ireland).

The following three days of competitive sport each saw almost twelve hours of continuous bowling involving 345 players who had qualified for inclusion in the international team selections. They were striving for personal and team honours in the three distinct disciplines that comprise the European Bowling Championships.

The five associations competing for international honours were Nederlandse Klootschieters Bond (NKB Holland); Verband Schleswig-Holsteinischer Bobler (VSHB Germany); Associazione Bocchetta Italiana su Strada (ABIS Italy); Friesischer Klootsschiefer Verband (FKV Germany); and Ból Chumann na hÉireann (BCE Ireland).



The three bowling disciplines which comprise the European Championships are:-

- Dutch Moors Bowling, using a nederlandse veldkloot with a diameter of 65mm and weighing 300 grams with each player having ten shots over a 2000 metre long specially prepared and perfectly straight grass track.
- Bowl with a diameter of 58mm and weighing 475grms (women and junior competitors loft a bowl with 55mm diameter and weighing 375grms) with the landing spot of three shots from the same delivery point determining the total distance.
- Road Bowling, using the Irish steel bowl with a diameter 58mm and weighing 794grms. with each contestant taking 10 shots over the selected course of normal roadway.

The 13th European Bowling Championships in Cork, Ireland, in 2008 can justifiably claim to have been the most successful to date. It is truly remarkable that a national sporting organisation of such relatively modest proportions, representing disseminated geographical areas of traditional interest throughout Ireland, and sustained mainly through the unstinting efforts of its voluntary officials, could stage with such proficiency and ultimate success, the magnificent sporting show-piece that was the 13th European Bowling Championships.

To have done so with minimal public funding and in the absence of any major sponsorship deal is a magnificent tribute to the dedication and enthusiasm of the organisation's leaders and the genuine support base that comprises every level of interest and activity within the entire structure of Ból Chumann na hÉireann.

The enhanced media exposure that is generated through such a spectacular bowling event is just one of the bonus elements emanating from this international series and whilst the traditional bowl player is well acquainted with pursuing their sporting interest for the mere love of the game, it remains a perplexing conundrum that fair and adequate public funding is not more often realised for the staging of such a celebrated event as the European Bowling Championships.







IBA President

Jan Dirk Vogts (IBA President)



The 13th European championships of road-bowling and lofting are history now, but we all remember with joy the nice days of Cork and the wonderful competitions.

Ból Chumann na h'Eireann organised great championships in the middle of a beautiful landscape.

We have to thank Susan Greene and all her helpers for all they have done for us.

We're respecting all sportsman very much. Sometimes they are even showing us unbelievable performances.

As president of the IBA I'm very proud having been part of these championships. The Irish were very good hosts and have become good friends to us.

I hope that all next generations will come together in the same way we did and have much fun in doing our sport.







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Keeping the ball rolling

by Eamonn McSweeney

The beautiful game explained by Eamonn Sweeney (*Sunday Independent* 11 May 2008)



Most people who've driven the roads of rural Cork will have encountered a large group of pedestrians who either shove in to the side of the road or caution you to wait for a second while the next shot is played.

These men, and an odd woman too, are part of the road bowling fraternity, following a game whose object is to cover a course of a couple of miles or so in the lowest possible number of throws of a steel ball. The reaction of most motorists is to feel good that something so uniquely Irish is being preserved in Cork and, at the other end of the country, Armagh.

Because bowling is uniquely Irish, right? If I tell you that this day last week a bowler called Tim Pat O'Donovan was competing on the road between Bandon and Dunmanway, you'd expect that. But you wouldn't expect his opponents to have been Loris Fiorelli, Coen Kuipers, Uwe Stademann and Henning Feyen. Welcome to the European bowling championships.

Flor's Article

It all began in 1967 when Flor Crowley, a national school teacher in Dunmanway and founding Chairman of Ból Chumann na hÉireann (1954-1980), sent an article on the sport to an American magazine. A young

Dutchman happened to see the article and was struck by the fact that a similar game was played in his native area, near the German border. When he brought the news home, the Dutch bowlers made contact with their Irish counterparts who visited Holland to take part in a score.

This international encounter caught the attention of the bowlers of two German regions, Ostfriesland on the Dutch border and Schleswig-Holstein, between the North and Baltic seas. The games played by the three countries involved were not identical but they had enough in common for a first European Championships to be held in 1969.

They have been held every four years since and these days the Italian bowlers, from Pessaro on the Adriatic coast, have joined the fray. Once the bowl starts rolling, it has a tendency to gather momentum.

German Lofting

The championships take place over three days, getting under way with the German Loft. This is the specialty of the German teams, particularly the mighty FKV which of course stands for Friesischer Klootschiefer Verband.

These Ostfrieslanders are a tall, powerful bunch whose top bowlers resemble decathletes and they have dominated the championships in recent years, largely because there are 42,000 players in the region, around ten times more than any of the opposition.

At the Nemo Rangers sports complex, they fly off the edge of the small platform which they use and propel the projectile well over 200 feet. As the FKV juggernaut pulverises all opposition, their fans chant, 'Hurrah, hurrah, das FKV ist ja'. The first Irish competitor finishes 19th.



Among the FKV stars is the legendary Hans Georg Bohlken, a revered figure in Irish bowling for his feat in lofting a bowl over the Chetwynd Railway Viaduct just outside Cork city. A champion as far back as 1984, Bohlken leads all the way with a total of 241 metres for three throws before he is overhauled at the death by his team-mates Frank Goldenstien and Thore Frollje. The FKV look invincible.

Dutch Moors

Half-way through the Dutch Moors competition, which takes place on a 2,000-metre long straight grass track at Rathcoole airfield between Millstreet and Mallow, it becomes clear that a mighty struggle is going on between BCE (Ból Chumann na hÉireann) and the FKV for team gold. And as news starts coming up the course that the Irish are up in three, down in three and level in another two, it's a bit like the Ryder Cup.

It's a dirty day at the airfield and by the time the competitors are on their final stretch, the going is sticky and the windy conditions increasingly arduous. Unfazed by the team tussle between the Irish and the Ostfrieslanders, the Dutch look set for a one-two in the individual competition, Marc Oude Lutkhuis and Robert Meijer leading with just one pair left out on the course.

The pair in question are reigning champion Dirk Taddings of the FKV and Ireland's Philip O'Donovan and the thickening mud lends a primordial air to a truly epic struggle.

Because, in a competition of 500 bowls, it all hangs on the final two. Taddings has looked slightly the stronger all the way up but O'Donovan takes the lead with his second last shot and holds his nerve to win.

The 36-year-old winner from Churchtown South near Cloyne has been bowling since he was eight years old.

"I won the All-Ireland Junior B in 1993 and the Junior A in 1994. In 2000, I won the Munster title and got beaten in the All-Ireland final and in 2005 I won the Munster and All-Ireland titles."

It is an exemplary tale of progression, all those previous championship winning bowls meaning that when O'Donovan has a shot to



win his first European title, he keeps his nerve and sends the Irish into raptures. They win the team title too and there is a sense of a tide turning.

How It Works

Flor Crowley once described the great Dutch bowler Martin Seifkin as having "the strength of a lion and the style of a Corkman." It's important this style element. There is far more to bowling than simply heaving the bowl up the road.

Witness what happens every time a player faces up to a shot. There are several observations from his followers that he is taking the wrong angle and suggestions that he send the bowl along a different route to what he appears to be considering. One man 'shows' for the bowler by standing on the road at the point where he reckons the bowl should pitch. Sometimes this point is marked by a 'sop', a lump of grass placed on the road. When a score is over, the sops lie along the course, like the spoor of some mysterious green beast. The best bowlers read and utilise the turn and camber of the road like a great golfer reading the breaks of the green.

Yet Irish belief in the superiority of their style has taken a battering for the last couple of decades. Not since 1988 has an Irishman or the Irish team won the road title. At the last championships, in Ostfriesland, the FKV filled the first seven places on the road.

Pride has been shaken. BCE treasurer James O'Driscoll tells me that the Irish team have



bowled the championship course 11 times in recent weeks, getting up at dawn to avoid the early morning traffic. All is set for a showdown on the R586.

Kelly's Heroines

Realistically, the Irish women shouldn't have a chance against the women of the FKV. There are thousands of female bowlers in Germany and the FKV have held months of eliminatory contests to find a team. The relatively small numbers of women playing the game here means there was no necessity for BCE to do anything similar.

Yet the Irish women set Day Three going with a clean sweep of the medal positions. A small blonde 18-year-old, Kelly Mallon, from Madden just outside Armagh City, takes the gold just metres ahead of Catriona O'Farrell Kidney, member of a well known East Cork hurling family, (brother Seán was a talented forward for the county senior team in the late 1990s.)

Mallon's success is a fillip for the Northern members of the Irish bowling family. Fiercely competitive on the road, she is engagingly shy afterwards. It's left to her grandfather Seamus to tell me that the Mallon house is on the bowling road in Madden. "We call the game 'bullets' in Armagh," he says.

This is O'Farrell Kidney's second silver medal in two days but she is unabashed and as the men's competition heats up, can be seen dashing up and down the road, sharing every shot with her team-mates. That they are a minority renders the bowling women no less dedicated.

The Champion

If the Moors competition was like the Ryder Cup, the road bowling reminds me of the Tour De France as several thousand fans line the road, the mounting cheers from back the road telling of home triumph. The bowl itself is in the position of the cyclist in the Pyrenees as





inquisitive spectators gather in its path before pulling expertly aside to let it through.

It's clear from early on that the Irish have regained the upper hand for the first time in two decades. At the end of the day, they will fill the first nine places. Yet the overall winner will be a surprise to most of the supporters.

David Murphy points at a bush a couple of hundred metres back: "All the time we trained on this road, I never bowled beyond that." We are standing beyond the magical 2,000-metre mark which a few of the Irish team were rumoured to have surpassed with their ten shots in the previous few weeks. Yet this 24-year-old carpenter from Brinny, near Alice Taylor's home village of Innishannon, wasn't one of them.

When Murphy bowls, there is a rare intensity about him. It is as though he is putting all his personality into his shots, as if there is some integral quality within himself he wishes to express by his efforts. His seventh, eighth and ninth shots drew gasps from the crowd. "I've never seen three bowls in a row as good," one man says to me.

The Murphy's are a bowling family. David's father and uncle were senior players and his younger brother Aidan is also on the Irish team. When I ask him how often he bowls, he says, "two or three times a week training. But we carry a bowl in the car with us and any time we see a good stretch of road we get out and bowl on it."

No-one else gets over the magic mark. Young Murphy is the champion in the big one.

And the point of it all is

The Italians have struggled all weekend. They are relative newcomers and are further hampered by the fact that the Pesarans seem to generally be small people. Yet they have cheered their team's shots to the echo from the beginning and on Sunday afternoon the shouts of "bravo" still resound along the road.

And when Francesco Boiani concludes his score with a shot that gives him an excellent 17th place out of 50, the crowd break into spontaneous warm applause.

"It is so good to have them here," says a towering German at my elbow. This is the spirit of bowling and it is a remarkable thing.

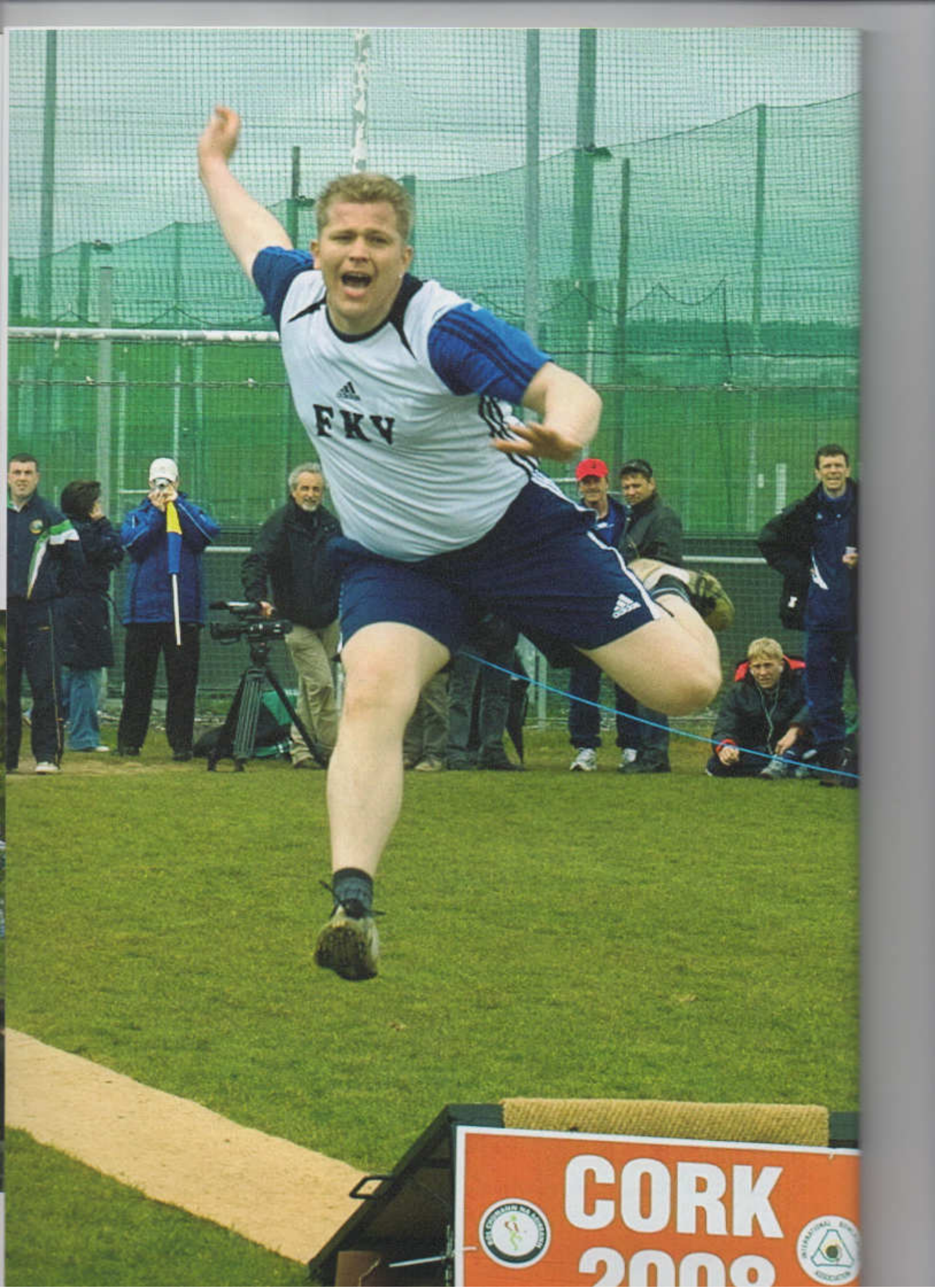
We hear a lot of stuff about European integration and most of the time its proponents seem to be positing some kind of homogenized vanilla entity where national differences have been ironed out. Yet I've never seen the concept so perfectly epitomised as it was over those three days in Cork when the four countries involved showed that integration is all about cherishing both what is distinct as well as what we have in common.

Ever since the Dutchman happened across the magazine article, Europe's bowlers have been creating and cementing friendships. They are remarkable people who play a remarkable sport. The amount of voluntary effort put in last week was truly humbling.

And as one old timer said to me: "You see people walking to get fit and going nowhere. Wouldn't they be better off bringing a bowl with them and having a score while they're at it?"

He might have a point.





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Winners

by Mark McManus
(Irish Team Manager)

Three days of drama, emotion, fun and friendship that won't be forgotten.

As a 'blow in' from Scotland, never did I dream of being involved with the best roadbowlers in Europe.

Although standing on the Bandon Road at 6.00am on a January morning, to prepare for the European Championships in May should have told me something.

As I watched players arrive from all over Munster, some raring to go, others not too sure about this 'training' malarkey.

Finbarr, James & Dan setting out the signs and preparing to listen to the grief of all drivers diverted to allow us to train.

It confirmed the passion, dedication, and will to win that everyone involved had.

With qualifying completed on the Lee fields in



November for the Moors and Lofting, the Road training, and later the trials, would guarantee the players on form would be selected to compete.

We had over 20 training & trial sessions to prepare a team, players turned out in numbers, and hopefully outside of the championships, the players all gained something for themselves that helps them become better players, by preparing or training better.

The results show that the players selected performed to their best and more, but the players who missed the cut must be remembered, as they gave as much if not more in the success, and with the final selections all being so close, any would have stepped in and competed successfully.

Day 1, the Lofting, we met our competitors face to face. Talk of exceptional players amongst other teams spread like wildfire. We



were up against it, but if the measuring had been treated differently there would have been several medals, but maybe it was just as well, as in hindsight it would have been a bit embarrassing to win too many altogether.

Day 2, the Moors, on a windy damp day in Rathcoole, the day didn't do the brilliantly prepared track justice, but the track certainly looked after us. Many great performances, but little in this world could beat the excitement and thrill of watching Phillip O'Donovan bowl the winner after every Irish player had set the target before him.

For me, that last bowl was the image of the weekend for me, the crowd, the tension, the excitement, then the roar of the crowd as a truly great sporting moment is created. As for the medal presentation, flags flying, lorry's rocking and Eamonn Bowen Jnr, nothing can match it.

Day 3, Roadbowling, and the challenge to win back the pride of the Irish in winning their own event, the thought of losing on home ground drove everyone on. But no one, not even the most optimistic could have foretold who well everyone played.

Every player prepared as they should have, gave support and encouragement to each other, and the results showed what can be achieved when this happens, truly outstanding results that may never be repeated, and it is a feat that will grow in achievement as years pass.

Being part of an occasion that was the 13th European Championships is a special thing that will bond all players, committee members, organisers, volunteers and supporters.

This was truly a team effort, from meetings in the Munster Arms every week, to painting bowls and making flagpoles, marking roads and cutting grass, and players getting sneaky training in on inchydoney beach, or walking the Bandon Road and hiding bowls in the ditch, everything adds up to being winners.

I was a winner, having the opportunity to be part of a great sporting occasion and victory, and meeting a great group of athletes.







Keeping it in the family

Seamus O'Tuama (Irish Examiner)

When we reflect on the Euro2008 championships it is hard not to think about previous championships, events and people who are like links in a long chain. A good starting place might be Cork's St. Patrick's Street on the opening night of the games. I remember being on the streets of Cork in 1992 for that same palpable colour and excitement that was in the air on May 1st 2008. It was the same cacophony of sound. Each of the national groups were loud in their own excitement. And they were excited too to be greeting old and new friends from the various other countries.



Out of all that noise came the friendly call of Jos Leussink. He was seized by pride and joy because two of his triplet daughters—Lindsay and Merlin—were wearing the orange shirts of the Netherlands. Any father would have been proud in such a moment. But for the Leussink family it was even more than pride. Jos Leussink had the distinction of winning the road gold medal at the Jubilee Internationals in honour of the Dutch national governing body the NKB in 1994. Two years earlier, in Cork, his brother Nico won the European road gold medal on the Carrigrohane Road and having been youth champion in 1984. Jos later served as secretary of the IBA. A lot of tradition and a lot of achievement packed into one family. The towering figure of Hans Georg Bohlken was prominent in the German FKV ranks. For Cork bowling people Bohlken is a king. He is the man who conquered the Chetwynd Viaduct with a 28 oz bowl in 1985. That more than his world records and European gold medals endear him to Cork fans. But in the wider bowling world he is a demigod too because of his brilliance. With him is his son, Bernd Georg, who is representing his country for the first time.

On the Irish side we had even more family connections. There are five sets of siblings Aidan and David Murphy; Tim-Pat and Philip O'Donovan; Edmund and Seamus Sexton; Michael and Dervla Toal and Aidan and Lorainne Hurley. There are two father-son connections Mick and Tim Young and John and Cian Shorten. Add to that Kieran Murphy who is a cousin of the other Murphys and Thomas Mackle who is a nephew of the Toals. This bowling world is built on family and tradition. Similar connections linking previous generations of bowlers can be found in the VSHB team and in the Italians, who are taking part in the full range of events for the first time.

Here in the streets of Cork it was like a huge wedding party, familiar faces, relatives and friends gathered to celebrate. Italian, German, Dutch and Irish cousins all related through bowling. The air is festive, but it is also charged with adrenalin. For once the first bowl is lofted at Nemo Rangers the following morning the mood will be one of competition, but in an old fashioned way, it is not just about winning, but winning well and taking ones place among the pantheon of greats. Some, like Bohlken, have already achieved



that goal. Three successive gold medals in the lofting arena 1984 Garding, 1988 Norden and 1992 Cork—followed by three bronze medals, two from 2004 when he also finished third in the Dutch Moors. But there is always more for people like Bohlken. There is the memory of the great Martin Siefken who won seven medals—four successive gold and two bronze medals for lofting and one silver in the Dutch Moors. On the first day of competition Bohlken wins his fourth bronze to join Siefken on seven medals and takes ninth in the Dutch Moors. But he gets perhaps even greater joy when Bernd Georg comes fourth in the youth road event on Sunday in Bandon.

There are no medals for the Leussinks, but they have tasted the air in the heady world that Jos and Nico strode. There is much more to come. Gold medals for Philip O'Donovan (Dutch Moors) and David Murphy (Road) make them the big winners among the Irish siblings. But Michael and Dervla Toal both win bronze road medals and Aidan Hurley wins the youth silver medal. Mick Young wins the father's race with a brilliant silver medal on the road. But others have moved closer to the glorious world of what we might call the hall of famers like Martin Siefken, Seamus Sexton, Bill Daly, Christy Mullins, Hans Georg Bohlken, Stefan Albarus, Antje Schöttler and Gretta Cormican. None more that Catriona O'Farrell- Kidney who won two silver medals, bringing her European total to five— one gold and four silvers to add to her World title. But the VSHB, those friendly people from Schleswig-Holstein leave the games with a new superstar in Ute Uhrbrook (Dreeßen) who won her fourth successive gold medal in the German Lofting. That is the greatest sequence of success in the history of the European championships. And is it not fitting that that honour should reside with an association that gave us great leaders like Karl-Erich Sievers and in recent times those eponymous Europeans like Hans Jacobs, Susan Dirks, Ernst-Hinrich Reimers and Udo Schülke. The Italians leave without medals, but with a host of new friends and the promise of being serious contenders before too long. They may be young in terms of European competition it is only 11 years since we first encountered them in Pesaro. But even then there was an authenticity about their bowling that gave the feeling that they too belong to this far-flung family of bowlers. We look forward with enthusiasm to thier hosting of Euro 2012.







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A wonderful experience

Ernst H. Reimers (President VSHB)

The VSHB booked the Ramada Golf Resort Hotel in Blarney for 143 of its members as far back as the IBA Conference in autumn 2006. It proved to be an excellent choice, since it was able to accommodate all participants in one centre and it was conveniently located for all competitions and events. The club members as two separate groups on different days, but all of them were able to spend a whole week on the Emerald Isle. It is a general principle of the VSHB to allow ourselves enough time during our trips to Ireland to get to know the country and its people, so that each of the two groups was able to go on a day trip to Dingle and had a further day for themselves.

Apart from some initial difficulties, the competition was excellently organised and extremely enjoyable. The weather was quite cold, but mostly sunny and it only rained during the Moors Bowling. Once again the hospitality if the Irish was exceptional!

Overall the VSHB was quite satisfied with their results in the European Championships. Also we came last in the Road Bowling, we collected more medals than expected in the Moors. In our own particular discipline of German Lofting, however, the results were highly disappointing due to our poor performance in the Men's and Male Youth competitions. In 1992 the Men's results were also so poor that we now wonder if the hard and firm ground of the hurling pitches may be the cause of such little success in Lofting.

The VSHB was pleased to see that the medals were spread over all the clubs, in contrast to the competition 4 years ago in Westerstede, when the FKV was completely dominant. The Irish Men' team may have met their Waterloo in Road Bowling at that time, but in Bandon the FKV met its Stalingrad, when Ból Chumann caused a sensation by winning the first nine positions.

For us members of the VSHB the week's stay in Ireland was so enjoyable and unforgettable.

We should like to thank our Irish friends in Ból Chumann for their painstaking preparation, their good organisation and their exceptional hospitality and we look forward to further competitions and events together within the great European Bowling family.

With best wishes and "Lüch op".





NKB

Aloys Timmehuis (Chairman NKB)

On behalf off the Dutch I can say many thanks for the warm welcome, the tremendous games and the way you hosted the games.

You have shown that a small group a people can do wonders which has brought us good games without many extra's around it.

This European Championships has been for us, very special. Special due to the fact that all bowl players from Holland were represented. Both "Klootschieters and Kogelwerpers" were there and the best part is that togetherness was (and still is) held high. Not one above the other, together we played and have taken home togetherness, proud, lessons, medals and on top a golden girl.

We are looking forward to meet the Irish again and above all let us work hard to keep our sport on top and in the picture. In each country, in each union, each department, each club and special in each soul. **See you all in Dinkelland at the World Championships in 2010.**







Road bowling

Pat McCarthy (Southern Star)

Ból Chumann's senior men and women performed magnificently at Bandon on that Sunday afternoon of May 4, the final day of the 13th European Championships, as they reclaimed top position in the road bowling discipline. David Murphy and Kelly Mallon are the new European champions bridging gaps of twenty and twenty four years respectively. Their achievements climaxed a wonderful three-day spectacle that brought crowds, colour and superb competition to Cork City, Rathcool and Bandon. The pressure was on the senior men's squad to deliver on this occasion and the response could hardly have been better as, one after the other, they overwhelmed their German, Dutch and Italian counterparts in their respective matches filling the first nine places on the results list. David Murphy had often struggled in the many early morning practice and trial sessions undertaken at the venue and, in the third score out on Sunday, was not going with huge conviction after his opening three. A two hundred and fifty metre fourth off the first curve set up him up for his gold winning charge. Using his power and a higher level of accuracy he rattled up the metres with five brilliant closing shots. His eighth in particular saw him scorch up past the sixteen hundred metre mark and he beat the early leader Tim Pat O'Donovan's total with his next. 2010 was his final tally and it stood the test for the rest of the day. Although it was silver at the end when it might have been gold, Mick Young's barnstorming performance was still one of the great stories of the weekend. The veteran Bantry campaigner gave further vent to the reality that age need not be a barrier to ultimate honours in the bowling game. A member of Ból Chumann teams not only in 1992 but also, almost unbelievably, at the fifth hosting in Cork in 1977, Young literally burned up the course for the first seven at Bandon. His eighth might have been better but he was still within shouting distance of Murphy's formidable mark throwing his tenth. It veered left missing by thirty five metres but there were no complaints from the amiable Bantry man. Michael Toal was tremendous as well. The Armagh man had spent little enough



practise on the road but was smooth strong and fair on the sop in score four as he closed on Murphy's total. His ninth undid his challenge for gold but his 1,969 metre total was good enough for individual bronze. Patrick O'Driscoll, Aidan Murphy, Eddie Carr, Tim Pat O'Donovan, Bill Daly and Philip O'Donovan took the next six places before Bastiann Zwiers of NKB Holland with 1,744 took tenth as the leading player from the continent. There was no doubting Ból Chumann's winning the team gold honour. Mark McManus as team coach played a big part as did Christy Mullins and Bill Daly as managers of the senior selections. Within an hour came the final presentation of medals and the closing of the 13th European Championships. The Irish celebrated a marvellous success and a regaining of prestige lost on the road at Westerstede in 2004 when FKV took the top seven places on the results list. They received the congratulations of the vanquished and a promise of renewed battle in two years time when the NKB Dutch association host a World Road Bowling championship in 2010. Following that will be the next big gathering for the 14th European Championships at Pessaro, Italy, in 2012. The host Association received many plaudits for the organisational efforts that ensured the



smooth running of the previous days. Susan Green declared the championships closed and passed the mantle for the 2012 games to Maurizio Della Costanza, president of ABIS, Italy. Mr Della Costanza promised the visiting associations that the event in four years time would match what he had seen in Ireland on the previous three days.

A top three for the home team in senior women road bowling was not foreseen. Not since Gretta Hegarty in the inaugural women's championships in Garding in '84 had Ból Chumann won individual gold at this event. The extraordinary career of Kelly Mallon reached a new pinnacle when her 1,459 metres gave her European gold by just seven metres from Catriona O'Farrell/Kidney on a day when five of the six Irish competitors in the thirty strong field made it into the top ten. The All-Ireland senior and U18 champion was a model of consistency throughout averaging close to 150 metres with every shot. O'Farrell/Kidney, superb in the Moors on Saturday, showed wonderful character with a courageous display again. A poor seventh derailed her hopes but two mighty efforts, her ninth and tenth, almost made it to gold. Two silver medals from the weekend brings her total medal haul from European championships since 2000 to five. Dervla Toal set the early pace with 1,436 and that was good enough for bronze. Emma Fitzpatrick was a creditable sixth on 1,308, Louise Daly eighth on 1,272 and Louise Collins twentieth on 1,030. They all contributed handsomely to Ból Chumann's top standing in the team stakes.

The most galling miss for gold of the weekend is surely down to Aidan Hurley in the U18 youths road event on Sunday forenoon. It was a hugely exciting competition with less than twenty metres separating the top four. First out was Arthur McDonagh who won his match handsomely from his continental rivals setting a fine target of 1,673. Next on for Ból Chumann was Kieran Murphy who carded 1,477 good for seventh place at the end but leading this group was one Bernd Georg Bohlken, son of the legendary Hans of the FKV German team. He came desperately close to McDonagh with 1,661.7. Then came match 3 where Jann Galts of FKV clocked up the metres. He outgunned Thomas Mackle (Ból Chumann), before delivering a sensational last shot that ran and ran on the high left side as it



rolled past McDonagh's mark by three metres to grab the lead. In score four Aidan Hurley was in magnificent form. With three to go he had Galts in his sights but lost a lot of ground when his eighth caught the right hand grass. To his credit he recovered with a ferocious ninth shot that covered over 230 metres. He now had the gold in his grasp looking at the German's mark less than a hundred metres away. To his consternation he dropped his attempt too close to his body and it cracked right from the off. It came close enough for second place but fell short of Galts by an agonising two metres. Ból Chumann duly won the team event here also.

Any nomination for athlete of the weekend would surely go to the versatile Dutch six-footer, Silke Tulk. In the under age girls category she took two gold medals and a bronze from the 13th European





Championships. Brilliant in the Moors on Saturday, she was simply unbeatable on the road on Sunday. Her final tally of 1,454 was just four short of Kelly Mallon's figure in senior women and 145 ahead of her nearest challenger in U18. FKV's Kathrin Blum, Fenja Frerichs and Anke Klopper were next in front of the fifth placed Jane O'Neill. The Armagh girl had a poor start hitting the barrier and, although playing well thereafter, did not have the power to overcome the deficit. Lorraine Hurley was seventh and Karena Hunter twelfth giving Ireland bronze in the team category.

The early morning mist and sporadic rain later made it a damp day at Rathcool, Mallow on Saturday but it didn't detract one whit from a marvellous days sport. A glorious gold medal for Philip O'Donovan in the senior men's competition crowned the occasion following the exploits of Killian Kingston and Catriona O'Farrell/Kidney earlier who won silver in their categories. O'Donovan's duel with 2004 champion Dirk Taddings (FKV) in the final match of the day was a thrilling affair. Indeed all ten senior matches were exciting as the competitors battled the well-prepared but slippery track. Eamon Bowen (Jun), a positive and rousing influence in terms of team spirit throughout the weekend, had the chance of an early lead with his 840 metres, David Murphy won his match with 844 later and Edmund Sexton took the lead with a fine tally of 864. The men who have done more than most to put Ireland on the international

bowling stage, Bill Daly and Christy Mullins were outstanding on Saturday carding 867 and 871 but were both headed by the Dutchmen, Mark Oude Lutkhuis and 2000 champion, Robert Meijer on 876 and 890. And so it came to the final showdown. Through the mud came O'Donovan and Taddings neck and neck, the lead changing with each shot and scoring well with throw after throw. O'Donovan grabbed a vital lead with two to go and held his nerve in the mounting pressure to bring a wonderful first gold of the games for the host country. The scenes of joy were unbridled after that success and continued on the podium despite the pelting rain late on Saturday evening. Ireland won the team event by 500 metres from FKV.

Christina Damken (FKV) is the new force in women's Moors bowling. She followed up her U18 gold at Westerstede by taking first place in senior on Saturday last with a terrific 655 metres in difficult conditions. Bearing down all the while was 2004 winner Catriona O'Farrell but a great display finished eleven metres short of gold. Sandra Schimanski (FKV) was third on 633. Gretta Cormican, in her seventh European Championships, showed the innate competitiveness that has stood her in good stead for so many years was next best of the Irish at twelfth with 569. Marie Noonan eighteenth, Louise Collins twenty first, Aisling White twenty third, and Susan Cullen twenty fifth filled the remaining Irish places resulting in bronze for the team prize. East Cork's



Killian Kingston had showed real potential in the Moors trials and he produced it on the day with a superb 860, a total that had him leading for most of the morning. The lofting expertise of Stefan Runge (FKV) (silver at Nemo on Friday) was to be a big factor in Kingston's losing out for the top spot. Runge was in the last match out and ate up the metres with sixty metres casts to eventually overhaul the East Cork youth by thirty seven metres. Hendrik Rudebusch (FKV) was third with 853. Ból Chumann other participants, Christopher Murray, Arthur McDonagh and Paudie Lucey were thirteenth, fourteenth and sixteenth enough for bronze in the team placings. Silke Tulk (NKB) won the girls U18 Moors with 702 from FKV's Anke Klopper and Kathrin Blum in second and third with 673 and 641. Lorraine Hurley seventh with 556, Eilish Murray eleventh (499) and Karena Hunter twelfth (487) wasn't enough to get Ból Chumann into the team places. All three performed well but were at a disadvantage against the sheer physicality of the German and Dutch competitors.

The Nemo Rangers complex at Trabeg was the perfect setting for the German loft discipline of Friday. The German Associations are the masters and filling the minor places was the role of the Irish. Nonetheless it was an interesting showpiece that developed into a two way fight between FKV and VSHB. The stiff headwind cut distances as the great Hans George Bohlken led the way in senior men for much of the day with a combined total of 241 for his three lofts. Youth prevailed at the end as twenty two year old Frank Goldenstien also FKV won the day with 257 and Thore Frollje came second with 255. Behind Bohlken in fourth was the VSHB top man Sonke DreeBen with 240. Best of the Irish was Martin Coppinger 19th with 202. Next was Eamon Bowen (Jun), twenty first with 200, and David Murphy twenty second with 198. Down the list came Christy Mullins (24), Mike Bohane (25), David Hubbard (26), Edmund Sexton (28), John Shorten (29), Seamus Sexton (31) and Ian Callanan (32). Good enough to take the bronze in the team prize from the Dutch (NKB). The VSHB got their gold in the loft when Ute Uhrbrook won the senior women with 157 just five ahead of the second placed Annika Noorman (FKV) _ 152 and Andrea Bloom (FKV) 145. Geraldine Daly was tops for Ból Chumann with a very good 108 and fourteenth spot among the thirty competing. Aisling White



(19), Marie Noonan (21), Emma Fitzpatrick (22), Susan Cullen (23) and Gretta Cormican (25) were too far back for bronze in the team prize. Killian Kingston was Ból Chumann's best performer by far in the German loft at U18. A superb 197 earned him seventh in the overall placings less than forty behind the winner Timo Petznic (FKV) on 236. Moors winner, Runge was second with 231 and Daniel Runge also (FKV) on 210 was third. Christopher Murray, Paudie Lucey and Cian Shorten at fourteenth, fifteenth and sixteenth were behind a four man Dutch grouping and so out of the team medals.

The parade of nations through the City on Thursday evening was one of the largest and most colourful seen in the southern capital for some time. Culminating in the official opening at City Hall, it was attended by Chief Executive, Irish Sports Council, John Tracey, Bishop John Buckley, Bernard Allen T.D., President of the International Bowling Association Jan Dirk Vogt's (FKV), leader of (VSHB) Ernst Hinrichs Reimers, Maurizio Della Costanza (ABIS, Italy), Alloys Timmerhuis (NKB, Holland) as well as members of Ból Chumann's executive. Amid bands and fanfare, speeches of welcome and encouragement, Susan Green, chairperson of Ból Chumann, declared the 13th European Bowling Championships open. What followed over the next three days was a truly great coming together of the bowling fraternity of Europe. Twelve hour days of competition and presentation ceremonies left little enough time for the social niceties that go hand in hand with events such as this. For Ból Chumann the organisational effort was huge. That it was such an outstanding success is a lasting testimony to the drive and determination of a committed team. Susan Green and James O'Driscoll cajoled, harangued and pestered but, most importantly, united all strands of the Association in a wholehearted





effort. The Bandon road on Sunday presented a big logistical undertaking from transferring and erecting equipment used in Rathcool on the previous day to the smooth and safe running of twenty three scores each with five competitors. The sight of several hundred club members from all corners of the county arriving on the road from seven o'clock onwards, ready and willing to give of their time, was a positive indicator that this was going off without a hitch. Referees, markers, stewards and scorekeepers all played their part in momentous weekend for bowling and Ból Chumann. Satisfaction there was too for that tight knit group who, on some days, did the morning afternoon and night shift in the lead up to the championships. The energy and dedication of Susan Green and James O'Driscoll was reciprocated by many not least by their own family members. Gretta Cormican in her role as secretary of the IBA had to pull the strings among the five competing associations. Finbarr Aldworth, Dan McCarthy and Geraldine Daly were ever present to tie the knots together. For all concerned it was a rewarding experience. None had been involved to any great extent in the 1992 championships and as James O'Driscoll repeatedly stated, with Ireland not due to host again until 2028, it was a once off for the present membership to give it their best shot. That they certainly did.

The feel good factor emanating from the successful hosting of the 13th European Bowling Championships was felt throughout the Association. There were many praiseworthy contributions, most notably from the

competing nations, but also from the general public who turned out in such huge numbers to observe the events. For the current administration an important milestone had been passed and the congratulations and acclaim for the wholehearted effort via word, text and email were acknowledged. The most satisfying aspect was, undoubtedly, the performances of the senior men and women teams and for this the plaudits went to Mark McManus and the team managers who so capably guided and brought the best out of a talented selection who were purposely united in their goal. Their achievements will stand the test of time and it was gratifying that so much early morning effort and attention to detail should be rewarded with such an excellent return.

Ból Chumann's James O'Driscoll expressed his sincere gratitude to everybody who put their shoulder to the wheel in a huge coordinated effort. Support came from everywhere, from the local authorities, Garda Síochana, the residents in the vicinity of the events in North and West Cork and from countless other sources. The good will shown to the sport from every sector was warmly appreciated. A proposal, by Derry Blake, chairman North East, at the following week's Executive meeting, that the meeting record the outstanding leadership role played by those currently at the helm of the Association was greeted by a sustained round of applause. The event leaves memories that will last a lifetime and, with a World event in Holland in 2010 and the fourteenth European Championships in Italy in 2012, the international aspect of the sport of bowling continues to prosper.





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When I look back at the 2008 European Championships, I can not but eulogise over an event in which the preparation over the 12 months or so leading up to the event was there for all to see. We were treated to a showpiece of European Bowling (Moors and Roads) and lofting that brought to us a showpiece rivalling the 2004 event hosted by FKV. The sheer enormity of the German Championships was without doubt a hard act to follow, but followed it was, with full congratulations going to Susan Green, Brendan Hayes and James O'Driscoll. Of course this was a team effort and many more people gave freely of their time to bring to us an event that stretched from Millstreet, to Cork City to Bandon. The three days of intense competition ran seamlessly with one another, providing the eager spectator with a feast of entertainment that will live long in the memory.

Not only did the event committee match the Germans in the organisation department, the Irish Team certainly matched them in the results department also, particularly on the roads. The Irish men stormed home with David Murphy leading the way from Mick Young and Michael Toal. A 1 2 3 in the Women's event saw Kelly Mallon winning in a photo from Catriona Kidney and Dervla Toal. Philip O'Donovan won a thrilling Moors competition, fighting off some strong Irish and German competition. This event really set the scene for the Roads and we were not disappointed. The Germans came with a strong team and oozed confidence. To say they went home shellshocked would be an understatement. Watch out for the backlash in 2012.

But for me there was one participant who stood out above all others and that was Silke Tulk from Holland. Silke swept the boards in the U18 category and the potential she put on show last May was awesome. She is going to cause some ripples when she joins the adult ranks. By the look of things she won't have long to wait.

I am certain that the 2012 hosts from ABIS will have studied the event from an organisational point of view. They will certainly hope to emulate the Irish event and we all look forward to renewing European rivalry on the banks of the Adriatic in 3 years time.





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Round 4th May 2008

Time	Bol Chumann	ABIS	NKB	VSHB	FKV
1 9:30	John O'Sull	Beata Skvarcova	Julius He	Anna Brabantova	Frans Frenck
2 9:45	Kevin O'Neil		Julius He	John O'Neil	Karsten Biss
3 9:50	James Healy		Frank Lank	Stefan Healy	Andi Klyppel
4 9:45	Arthur Mulvaney	Alex Mihalovici	Andi Klyppel	James Healy	Tom Wenzel
5 10:00	John Murphy	Andreas Bickel	John O'Neil	Tobias He	Bernadette Bickel
6 10:15	Thomas Maibis	Matthias Bickel	Edi Mijic	Markus Healy	John O'Neil
7 10:30	Alan O'Sullivan	Michael Palkov	Thomas Healy	John O'Neil	Tom Wenzel
8 10:45	Leo O'Sullivan	Laura Zampa	Andi Klyppel	Tom Wenzel	Beate Schwanitz
9 11:00	Franz Frenck	Christa Marnett	Andi Klyppel	John O'Neil	Markus Healy
10 11:15	Leo O'Sullivan	Yvonne Klotz	Yvonne Klotz	Christa Marnett	Christa Marnett
11 12:30	Beate Schwanitz	Franziska Schwanitz	Christa Marnett	Markus Healy	Stefan Healy
13 11:45	Sally Mullen	Erwin Klotz	Beate Schwanitz	Markus Healy	Stefan Healy
15 12:00	Caroline O'Sullivan	Markus Healy	Markus Healy	Stefan Healy	Stefan Healy
14 12:30	John O'Sullivan	Christa Marnett	Stefan Healy	Stefan Healy	Stefan Healy
15 13:00	Tom Wenzel	Stefan Healy	Stefan Healy	Stefan Healy	Stefan Healy
16 13:30	John O'Sullivan	Stefan Healy	Stefan Healy	Stefan Healy	Stefan Healy
17 13:45	Michael O'Sullivan	Stefan Healy	Stefan Healy	Stefan Healy	Stefan Healy
18 13:50	Markus Healy	Stefan Healy	Stefan Healy	Stefan Healy	Stefan Healy
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Lofting Results

LOFTING BOYS UNDER 18						
			Loft 1	Loft 2	Loft 3	Total
1	FKV	Timo Petznik	78.38	79.00	78.78	236.16
2	FKV	Stefan Runge	78.02	75.23	78.65	231.90
3	FKV	Daniel Brungers	70.18	70.04	70.38	210.60
4	VSHB	Marcel Holst	68.44	69.87	71.73	210.04
5	FKV	Manuel Runge	64.47	71.62	72.44	208.53
6	VSHB	Hannes Gussmann	62.77	66.24	71.55	200.56
7	BC	Killian Kingston	66.68	67.16	63.85	197.69
8	VSHB	Janosch Bazan	68.39	58.24	56.41	183.04
9	NKB	Luk Ten Dam	52.77	63.21	53.61	169.59
10	NKB	Rik Meijer	58.25	58.11	52.00	168.36
11	NKB	Arjan Hassink	57.88	52.80	52.49	163.17
12	VSHB	Christian Tedsen	65.65	33.42	63.67	162.74
13	NKB	Ramon Kemna	55.99	52.76	53.57	162.32
14	BC	Chris Murray	53.45	52.17	54.32	159.94
15	BC	Paudie Lucey	50.99	53.31	54.92	159.22
16	BC	Cian Shorten	55.39	46.89	51.90	154.18
17	ABIS	Mattia Bettini	53.47	44.10	51.20	148.77
18	ABIS	Andrea Boiani	49.76	53.82	44.82	148.40
19	ABIS	Manuel Palazzi	41.69	41.07	40.70	123.46
20	ABIS	Alex Elisabettini	39.71	33.52	43.18	116.41

LOFTING GIRLS UNDER 18						
			Loft 1	Loft 2	Loft 3	Total
1	VSHB	Tatjana Schnieder	56.53	54.37	57.99	168.89
2	VSHB	Kristina Diener	49.92	46.75	50.41	147.08
3	NKB	Silke Tulk	47.08	44.87	51.15	143.10
4	FKV	Neele de Boer	47.55	49.31	45.92	142.78
5	FKV	Anke Redlefs	48.86	46.13	47.44	142.43
6	VSHB	Merle Seider	48.25	45.63	43.81	137.69
7	FKV	Ann Christian Peters	49.60	52.01	33.31	134.92
8	NKV	Merlin Leussink	41.46	43.88	39.76	125.10
9	NKV	Carolien Van de Meer	39.19	40.48	38.30	117.97
10	BC	Lorraine Hurley	35.30	37.64	37.47	110.41
11	BC	Karena Hunter	29.30	30.80	31.40	91.50
12	BC	Eilish Murray	28.10	29.52	28.29	85.91
13	ABIS	Ilenia Silvestrini	12.79	12.96	16.41	42.16



LADIES LOFTING RESULTS

			Loft 1	Loft 2	Loft 3	Total
1	VSHB	Ute Uhrbrook	50.45	53.26	53.44	157.15
2	FKV	Annika Noorman	49.18	52.96	50.65	152.79
3	FKV	Andrea Bloom	47.35	50.90	47.42	145.67
4	FKV	Sandra Schimanski	44.82	53.93	46.50	145.25
5	VSHB	Katherina Otto	46.77	45.93	50.84	143.54
6	VSHB	Cornelia Lorenzen	47.72	46.25	49.44	143.41
7	VSHB	Christiane Bock-Carstens	48.58	48.10	43.29	139.97
8	FKV	Michaela Muller	50.93	43.73	42.28	136.94
9	VSHB	Sarah Peters	42.70	44.55	49.18	136.43
10	FKV	Angela Eggers	45.39	45.55	44.16	135.1
11	FKV	Marina Kloster-Eden	42.89	46.81	39.94	129.64
12	VSHB	Nadine Hansen	40.23	44.34	43.96	128.53
13	NKV	Brenda Haselbekke	39.97	40.55	44.67	125.19
14	BC	Geraldine Daly	34.69	39.98	33.80	108.47
15	NKB	Richelle Yland	36.93	31.47	37.87	106.27
16	NKB	Ellen Scholten	39.96	28.99	30.45	99.40
17	NKB	Annemarie Bels-Leusman	32.30	33.23	32.99	98.52
18	ABIS	Maria Casagrande Ugolino	32.07	30.63	32.62	95.32
19	BC	Aishling White	29.68	29.58	29.46	88.72
20	NKB	Monique Eppink	21.09	29.73	37.62	88.44
21	BC	Marie Noonan	35.34	23.18	28.03	86.55
22	BC	Emma Fitzpatrick	27.71	27.64	31.06	86.41
23	BC	Susan Cullen	15.43	35.19	34.59	85.21
24	ABIS	Francesca Sabatinelli	20.74	25.99	21.29	68.02
25	BC	Gretta Cormican	26.98	35.22	2.06	64.26
26	ABIS	Laura Artibani	18.73	23.69	20.27	62.69
27	NKV	Ingrid Blokhuis	28.20	8.06	9.27	45.53
28	ABIS	Luciana Zampa	11.96	15.30	17.55	44.81
29	ABIS	Claudia Massanelli	13.26	15.99	12.99	42.24
30	ABIS	Monica Aguzzi	26.08	7.20	1.45	34.73



MENS LOFTING RESULTS

			Loft 1	Loft 2	Loft 3	Total
1	FKV	Frank Goldenstien	86.46	87.66	83.3	257.42
2	FKV	Thore Frollje	83.33	85.68	86.68	255.69
3	FKV	Hans Georg Bohlken	77.51	82.9	81.17	241.58
4	VSHB	Sonke DreeBen	81.97	82.96	75.93	240.86
5	FKV	Jens Stindt	81.15	76.76	81.91	239.82
6	VSHB	Siegfried Noack	78.67	76.7	77.86	233.23
7	FKV	Dirk Schomaker	78.69	77.25	77.05	232.99
8	VSHB	Christian Kohne	73.56	75.56	78.04	227.16
9	FKV	Henning Feyen	74.28	77.57	72.98	224.83
10	FKV	Dirk Taddigs	69.8	71.56	76.5	217.86
11	VSHB	Walter Brandt	73.43	78.47	65.71	217.61
12	FKB	Roman Wubbenhorst	72.29	72.42	70.36	215.07
13	VSHB	Thorsten Gebert	73.97	80.07	60.61	214.65
14	FKV	Klaus Hinrichs	73.38	68.57	72.22	214.17
15	VSHB	Mirco Helliesen	65.25	71.94	74.46	211.65
16	VSHB	Andreas Schau	72.03	70.38	62.74	205.15
17	VSHB	Jan Johannsen	63.12	71.86	69.43	204.41
18	VSHB	Axel Lembke	68.64	64.27	70	202.91
19	BC	Martin Coppinger	63.42	70.4	68.74	202.56
20	NKB	Ivo Egbers	63.89	67.63	70.41	201.93
21	BC	Eamon Bowen	65.6	66.99	67.96	200.55
22	BC	David Murphy	70.38	58.42	70.01	198.81
23	FKB	Robert Djuren	61.91	63.79	72.72	198.42
24	BC	Christy Mullins	63.83	66.31	64.65	194.79
25	BC	Mike Bohane	62.32	65.81	64.27	192.4
26	BC	David Hubbard	61.73	63.04	65.24	190.01
27	VSHB	Thies Groth	56.28	67.73	63.81	187.82
28	BC	Edmund Sexton	63.56	59.03	62.37	184.96
29	BC	John Shorten	58.95	62.47	61.41	182.83
30	NKB	Mark Oude Luttkhuis	57.04	56.6	64.57	178.21
31	BC	Seamus Sexton Jr	57.36	60.23	60.61	178.2
32	BC	IAN CALLANAN	61.8	58.61	57.37	177.78
33	NKB	ROLF OLDE WEGHUIS	60.15	56.69	60.71	177.55
34	ABIS	ROBERTO FERRO	55.26	65	53.95	174.21
35	NKB	ROB SCHOLTEN	53.35	59.64	56.75	169.74
36	NKB	HANS WELHUIS	51.93	56.86	54.39	163.18
37	ABIS	MIRKO SIMONCELLI	52.62	53.59	56.66	162.87
38	NKB	JOS-BERT AALBERS	54.61	52.14	51.32	158.07
39	NKB	PATRIC KIRSTEN	53.39	54.18	45.59	153.16
40	NKB	NIEK EGBERS	53.5	41.32	51.69	146.51
41	ABIS	MORENO SILVESTRINI	43.16	47.77	44.76	135.69
42	ABIS	NICOLA BONAZZOLI	44.7	44.92	41.02	130.64
43	ABIS	ANDREA STUPICI	51.61	39	33.37	123.98
44	ABIS	STEFANO PAMBIANCHI	44.08	38.52	38.36	120.96
45	ABIS	THOMAS FORMICA	34.03	41.85	43.62	119.5
46	ABIS	MARIO RULLI	34.63	35.32	34.74	104.69
47	NKB	MICHEL RUEL	41.11	47.46	13.91	102.48
48	NKB	COEN KUIPERS	29.62	39.29	23.59	92.5
49	ABIS	MICHELE MORELLI	32.71	30.59	24.33	87.63
50	ABIS	DAVIDE ZAMPINI	43.63	25.9	8.43	77.96



Moors Results

MOORS GIRLS UNDER 18			Total Metres
1	NKB	Silke Tulk	702.30
2	FKV	Anke Klopper	673.30
3	FKV	Kathrin Blum	641.90
4	VSHB	Susann Peters	641.55
5	FKV	Neele de Boer	595.50
6	NKV	Carolien Van de Meer	564.10
7	BC	Lorraine Hurley	556.00
8	VSHB	Merle Seider	555.55
9	NKB	Merle Wesselink	540.20
10	VSHB	Lena Thomsen	514.25
11	BC	Eilish Murray	499.00
12	BC	Karena Hunter	487.70
13	ABIS	Ilenia Silvestrini	334.30

MOORS BOYS UNDER 18			Total Metres
1	FKV	Stefen Runge	897.50
2	BC	Killian Kingston	860.20
3	FKV	Hendrik Rudebusch	853.30
4	FKV	Timo Petznic	839.90
5	FKV	Daniel Brungers	810.10
6	VSHB	Christian Tedsen	808.10
7	NKV	Luke Ten Dam	799.50
8	VSHB	Nils Rohde	770.90
9	VSHB	Mirko Ronnau	763.50
10	NKV	Ramon Kemna	758.10
11	NKV	Jerry Dekker	756.20
12	NKV	Arjan Hassink	751.50
13	BC	Christopher Murray	749.50
14	BC	Arthur McDonagh	741.60
15	VSHB	Hannes Gussman	737.85
16	BC	Paudi Lucey	717.20
17	ABIS	Mattia Bettini	704.15
18	ABIS	Andrea Boiani	591.10
19	ABIS	Alex Elisabettini	573.20
20	ABIS	Manuel Pallazzi	562.40



MOORS LADIES

			Total Metres
1	FKV	Christina Damken	655.30
2	BC	Catriona O'Farrell-Kidney	644.50
3	FKV	Sandra Schimanski	633.35
4	FKV	Marina Klose-Eden	632.90
5	VSHB	Heinke Seider	623.80
6	FKV	Annika Noorman	623.60
7	FKV	Andrea Bloon	620.40
8	VSHB	Katherina Otto	606.50
9	NKB	Richelle Yland	576.00
10	NKB	Ingrid Blokhuis	574.25
11	VSHB	Birthe Behnke	569.50
12	BC	Gretta Cormican	569.00
13	FKV	Michaela Muller	564.50
14	VSHB	Yvonne Kliene	562.62
15	NKB	Chantal Oude Nijhuis	560.70
16	NKB	Ellen Scholten	556.60
17	VSHB	Regina Schmidt	554.60
18	BC	Marie Noonan	539.90
19	VSHB	Cornelia Lorenzen	538.20
20	NKB	Monique Eppink	531.50
21	BC	Louise Collins	524.60
22	NKB	Anne Marie Bels Leusman	517.00
23	BC	Aishling White	505.80
24	ABIS	Laura Artibani	473.40
25	BC	Susan Cullen	466.25
26	ABIS	Francesca Sabatinelli	433.40
27	ABIS	Monica Aguzzi	413.60
28	ABIS	Claudia Massanelli	330.60
29	ABIS	Maria Casagrade Ugolino	245.00
30	ABIS	Frederica Barattini	0.00



MOORS MENS

			Total Metres
1	BC	Philip O'Donovan	933.20
2	FKV	Dirk Taddigs	924.25
3	NKB	Robert Meijer	890.25
4	NKB	Mark Oude Lutkhuis	876.60
5	BC	Christy Mullins	871.60
6	BC	Bill Daly	867.20
7	FKV	Horst Dieling	866.90
8	BC	Edmund Sexton	864.20
9	FKV	Hans Georg Bohlken	857.50
10	FKV	Renko Altona	847.90
11	BC	Martin Coppinger	847.65
12	BC	David Murphy	844.30
13	BC	Eamon Bowen Jr	840.20
14	FKV	Jens Stindt	839.50
15	FKV	Frank Goldenstien	832.60
16	NKB	Rolf Olde Weghuis	830.50
17	FKV	Udo Kamps	826.20
18	NKB	Rob scholten	816.40
19	NKB	Richard Vlierman	811.70
20	NKB	Ivo Egbers	811.50
21	VSHB	Christian Lembke	807.90
22	BC	Seamus Sexton Jr	805.55
23	VSHB	Christen Holler	804.00
24	BC	Tim Young	802.75
25	VSHB	Henning Beeck	794.20

MOORS MENS

			Total Metres
26	FKV	Hans-Jurgen Flesser	786.09
27	NKB	Hans Welhuis	782.40
28	FKV	Robert Djuren	782.40
29	BC	Billy MacAuliffe	762.01
30	VSHB	Dierk Kerbs	745.70
31	VSHB	Swenn Martens	743.00
32	FKV	Indo Fahinders	740.80
33	NKB	Michiel Ruel	738.00
34	NKB	Dinant Roerdink	737.20
35	VSHB	Malte Schack	730.00
36	NKB	Patric Kirsten	723.60
37	VSHB	Chris Dittlebach	696.70
38	VSHB	Thies Groth	692.40
39	VSHB	Andre Petersen	688.40
40	VSHB	Knut Lembke	676.55
41	ABIS	Michele Morelli	633.80
42	ABIS	Thomas Formica	633.60
43	ABIS	Mirko Simoncelli	628.60
44	ABIS	Moreno Silvestrini	614.00
45	ABIS	Andrea Stupici	599.80
46	ABIS	Mario Rulli	568.40
47	ABIS	Stefano Pambianchi	554.80
48	ABIS	Davide Zampini	543.80
49	ABIS	Roberto Ferro	543.20
50	ABIS	Nicola Bonazzoli	490.60



Road Results

ROAD GIRLS UNDER 18 RESULTS			Total Metres
1	NKB	Silke Tulk	1454.00
2	FKV	Kathrin Blum	1309.35
3	FKV	Fenja Frerichs	1283.25
4	FKV	Anke Klopper	1263.35
5	BC	Jane O'Neill	1171.35
6	NKB	Lindsay Leussink	1136.80
7	BC	Lorraine Hurley	1100.50
8	VSHB	Stefanie Bruhn	982.20
9	VSHB	Julia Clausen	919.55
10	VSHB	Anne Brahmstaedt	913.55
11	NKB	Esther Bos	907.05
12	BC	Karena Hunter	904.75
13	ABIS	Ilenia Silvestrini	0.00

BOYS UNDER 18 ROAD RESULTS			Total Metres
1	FKV	Jan Galts	1678.80
2	BC	Aidan Hurley	1676.60
3	BC	Arthur McDonagh	1673.10
4	FKV	Bernd Georg Bohlken	1661.70
5	NKB	Rik Meijer	1618.10
6	BC	Thomas Mackle	1477.50
7	BC	Kieran Murphy	1422.90
8	NKB	Jerry Dekker	1410.30
9	NKB	Ramon Kemna	1404.10
10	VSHB	Mirko Ronnau	1359.10
11	ABIS	Matia Bettini	1327.60
12	NKB	Arjan Hassink	1323.65
13	ABIS	Alex Elisabettini	1313.10
14	FKV	Lars Wagner	1278.80
15	FKV	Timo Petzник	1199.80
16	VSHB	Tobias Hinz	1154.20
17	ABIS	Anrea Boiani	1107.00
18	VSHB	Karsten Stack	1061.00
19	VSHB	Jesse Engel	1030.70
20	ABIS	Manuel Palazzi	1021.56



LADIES ROAD RESULTS

			Total Metres
1	BC	Kelly Mallon	1459.55
2	BC	Catriona O'Farrell- Kidney	1452.65
3	BC	Dervla Toal	1436.30
4	FKV	Rena BroBonn	1405.74
5	FKV	Magret Schottler	1321.65
6	BC	Emma Fitzpatrick	1308.60
7	FKV	Simone Davids	1305.00
8	BC	Louise Daly	1272.95
9	FKV	Christian Damken	1239.50
10	NKB	Saskia Wiegers	1235.45
11	NKB	Chantal Oude Nijhuis	1214.85
12	VSHB	Marion Mohring	1178.45
13	NKB	Daniella Vermeer- Dolleman	1175.35
14	NKB	Brenda Haselbekke	1140.00
15	FKV	Sonja Kotte	1137.70
16	NKB	Andrea Velderman	1083.25
17	VSHB	Dorthe Brandt	1081.00
18	FKV	Sandra Schimanski	1067.00
19	VSHB	Maren Witt	1065.33
20	BC	Louise Collins	1030.43
21	VSHB	Steffe Botcher	993.00
22	NKB	Richelle Yland	981.00
23	ABIS	Francesca Sabatinelli	976.40
24	VSHB	Yvonne Kliene	949.70
25	ABIS	Laura Artibani	935.90
26	ABIS	Monica Aguzzi	934.50
27	VSHB	Nicole Peters	892.00
28	ABIS	Frederica Barrattini	825.20
29	ABIS	Luciana Zampa	641.43
30	ABIS	Claudia Massanelli	541.00



ROAD RESULTS MEN

			Total Metres
1	BC	David Murphy	2010.00
2	BC	Mick Young	1975.65
3	BC	Michael Toal	1969.30
4	BC	Patrick O'Driscoll	1925.00
5	BC	Aidan Murphy	1887.50
6	BC	Eddie Carr	1866.85
7	BC	Tim Pat O'Donovan	1804.50
8	BC	Bill Daly	1785.35
9	BC	Philip O'Donovan	1757.40
10	NKB	Bastiaan Zwiers	1744.80
11	FKV	Ralf Klingender	1739.20
12	FKV	Frido Walter	1723.60
13	NKB	Harold Dolleman	1705.40
14	FKV	Ralf Rocker	1703.70
15	ABIS	Francesco Boiani	1677.90
16	NKB	Rene Fox	1675.00
17	FKV	Karsten Biermann	1658.10
18	FKV	Jorg Gronewold	1640.90
19	FKV	Uwe Koster	1630.00
20	BC	John Shorten	1628.90
21	NKB	Patric Kirsten	1615.85
22	VSHB	Sonke DreeBen	1611.90
23	FKV	Harm Weinstock	1592.55
24	NKB	Niek Egbers	1583.00
25	FKV	Henning Feyen	1568.90

ROAD RESULTS MEN

			Total Metres
26	ABIS	Vinicio Barrattini	1537.25
27	ABIS	Davide Diotallevi	1534.75
28	ABIS	Allesandro Matteucci	1515.45
29	ABIS	Fabio Barrattini	1514.45
30	VSHB	Matthias Kettenbeil	1512.40
31	VSHB	Sonke Sotje	1480.50
32	NKB	Jos Bert Aalbers	1467.00
33	NKB	Rik Meijer	1461.85
34	VSHB	Daniel Koch	1460.60
35	ABIS	Davide Formica	1451.20
36	FKV	Ralf Look	1451.20
37	FKV	Robert Djuren	1417.85
38	NKB	Henk Heerink	1411.00
39	ABIS	Claudio Manoni	1409.20
40	ABIS	Luca Barrattini	1407.00
41	VSHB	Uwe Stademann	1394.60
42	VSHB	Ralf Giesler	1390.90
43	ABIS	Gaultiero Vagnini	1390.00
44	NKB	Mark Oude Luttkhuis	1378.50
45	ABIS	Loris Fiorelli	1309.00
46	NKB	Coen Kuipers	1275.55
47	VSHB	Marko Gloe	1271.60
48	VSHB	Christian Holler	1254.00
49	VSHB	Ralf Waage	1214.67
50	VSHB	Dirk Konig	1082.00







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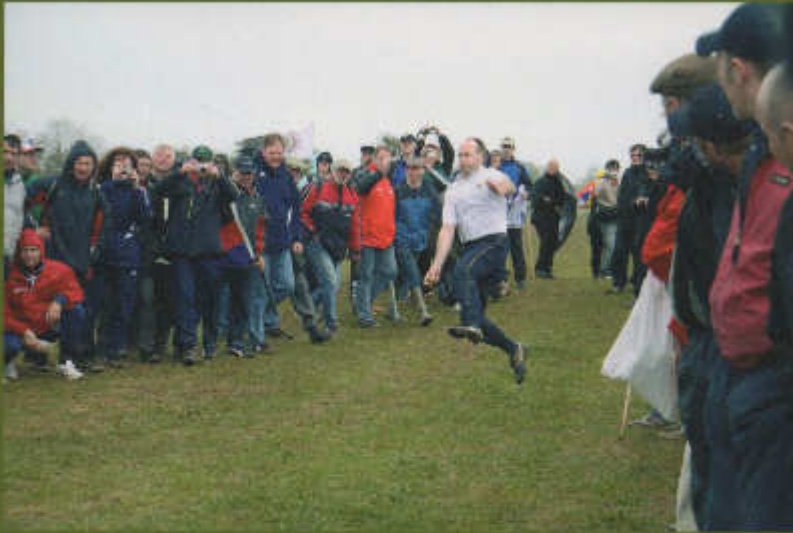


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