

## SDS CARPTET BOWLS

Despite taking a smaller team than usual, Lothian had another successful day at the National Carpet Bowls Championships held in Dundee on Saturday 4 February. For the second year running two of our bowlers came home with trophies, although it was not the defending champions who came out on top this time round. Our two winners, who have both won their categories on previous occasions, were Jimmy Restorick who lifted the SSAD Trophy for ambulant and B3 bowlers (unrestricted) after beating old adversary Billy Allan from Fife and reversing the result of the final last year, and Amanda Craig who won the Dundee Trophy for female bowlers with a learning disability.

Jimmy's wife, Eileen, had hoped to defend her 2016 title successfully but a reduced entry in the ambulant and B3 bowlers (unrestricted) group saw the men's and ladies sections combined. This did not make her task any easier but she also became unwell as the day progressed and was not able to complete her last game. Hopefully the fact her husband won helped to sugar the pill ! Our other defending champion, Alan Gordon, playing in the category for male bowlers with a learning disability, made it to the semi final but he was knocked out there by a bowler from the Highlands who played very strongly and went on to win the group.

The remaining team members had mixed fortunes but, as always, enjoyed the experience and will all be aiming to try and make it back next year to have another attempt at a title.

### *Full team*

Jimmy Restorick                      ambulant and B3 bowlers (unrestricted)

Neil Shirley                              ambulant and B3 bowlers (unrestricted)

Eileen Restorick                      ambulant and B3 bowlers (unrestricted)

Alan Gordon                              bowlers with a learning disability (male)

Gordon Graham                      bowlers with a learning disability (male)

Angus Maitland                      bowlers with a learning disability (male)

Colin Robertson                      bowlers with a learning disability (male)

James Bennett                      bowlers with a learning disability (male)

Amanda Craig                      bowlers with a learning disability (female)

Lisa Wilkie                              bowlers with a learning disability (female)

Gillian Brown                      bowlers with a learning disability (female)

Carole Whyte                      bowlers with a learning disability (female)

Thanks, as always, to the staff and volunteers who came along to help on the day – Anne Troup, Yvonne Anderson, Peter Mulholland and Andrew Raeburn. Thanks also to Richard Morrison who travelled up with us to help mark ties.

Helen Bruce, Team manager