

## GRAMPIAN LADIES BOWLING ASSOCIATION

This past season was very successful , despite the weather. The League finished on fine a day at Ellon, with Westhill winning against Longside. The Champion of Champions was played at the same time, with Longside winning versus Ellon.



Ann Leiper won the Champion of Champions Trophy and Westhill won the League.

The Tournament finished on a fine day , too. Ellon won the Singles, with Westhill winning the Pairs, Triples and Fours



Mary Legge won the singles, Margaret Brown and Diane Billington won the pairs, Mary Anderson, Davina Pirie and Margaret Brown won the triples and Yvonne Warner, Anne Young , Cathy McBain and Isobel McLean won the fours. They go forward to represent us in the Top Ten next year. Well done , ladies.

Our Top Ten this year did very well, reaching the quarter - finals at Auchtermuchty . That was the end of their successful run.

The Inter-Association games versus Aberdeen , Clackmannan and Northern Counties were won by Grampian Ladies. This took us through to the semi-finals and finals at Inverness on the weekend of the floods caused by the hurricane!

We had an eventful journey getting there. Firstly, the bus seemed to crawl along, and the driver stopped at Fochabers and called for a replacement bus to take us on to Inverness. We had to wait for an hour for the bus to arrive, and this meant we didn't reach our accommodation until 11p.m..

The greens had been declared unplayable on the Thursday when we left, but as four associations had booked buses and accommodation, we decided to go in the hope we could get played on the Friday. Fortunately, the umpires declared the greens playable and the semi-finals took place. Grampian won versus Midlothian and went through to play Ayrshire. Unfortunately, we lost and the Trophy went to Ayr.

On our way home, we couldn't go through Elgin because of the flood water and had to go around it. We felt we had had a very good season , and it would be remembered as the year of the floods. Next year is our Silver Jubilee-let's hope for better weather.