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WORLD SPECIAL OLYMPIC SUMMER GAMES

ABSTRACT

This report provides information to members with regard to the success achieved by Angus athletes of the Great Britain team who competed in the Special Olympic World Summer Games that took place in Los Angeles, California, USA from 20 July 2015 to 3 August 2015.

1. BACKGROUND

The World Special Olympic Summer Games take place every four years. In 2015 the host country was the USA with the games and competition being centred in and around Los Angeles, California. Over 7,000 athletes competed, from 177 countries. In addition over 3,000 coaches and many more volunteers were essential in supporting athletes to reach their potential.

Great Britain fielded a team of 121 athletes and 12 of these were from the Tayside Special Olympic Team.

The opening and closing ceremonies for the Games were held in the world famous Los Angeles Coliseum which has hosted two previous Olympic Games. The Great Britain team took part in a host town event in the City of Calabasas before transferring to the University of California for the duration of the competition.

2. SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION

The Great Britain Team achieved significant success across a wide range of events, returning home with 68 Gold, 69 Silver and 42 Bronze medals. All of the representatives from Tayside, including the 7 Angus residents, returned home with a medal.

Grace Duncan, Bocce (Angus), Gold in singles, Gold in mixed doubles.

Debbie Killoh, Ten Pin, (Angus), Bronze in team event, 4th in doubles, 5th in singles.

Duncan Reid, Ten Pin, (Angus), Bronze in team event, Bronze in doubles, 7th in singles.

Simon Richardson, Table Tennis. (Angus), Bronze in mixed doubles, 4th in singles, 4th in male doubles.

Robert Simpson, Powerlifting, (Angus), Silver in squat, Silver in deadlift, Bronze in bench press, Silver overall.

Andrew Sinclair, Cycling,(Angus), Gold in 10k road race, 4th in 15k road race, 8th in 10k time trial.

Kevin Trebilcock, Badminton, (Angus), Silver in men's singles, Silver in men's doubles, 5th in mixed doubles.

David Alexander, Golf, (Dundee), Bronze.

Laura Boag, Powerlifting, (Dundee), Silver in bench press, Silver in dead lift, Silver overall.

Paul Booth, Powerlifting, (Perth), Gold in bench press, 4th in squat, 4th in dead lift, Bronze overall.

Alistair Gillies, Football Unified, (Perth) Team Silver.

Daniel McCleary, Football Unified, (Perth) Team Silver.