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## Meet the new Belfast

*"Meet the new Belfast - hip, historical, happening... Belfast was transformed by the Industrial Revolution, and its grand public buildings give it a vigorous, 19th-century feel. Today Northern Ireland seems rejuvenated. Belfast is a happening place with a stellar nightlife and an excellent culinary scene..."*

This is how the prestigious LONELY PLANET guidebook introduces Northern Ireland to its readers!

Little wonder that teams from all around the Commonwealth are registering to participate in the IV Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Championship, to be hosted in Belfast by the Northern Ireland Tenpin Bowling Federation later this year.

From 24-30 November bowlers from as far away as New Zealand, the Bahamas, Canada and South Africa – and what promises to be a record number of teams from up to 20 Commonwealth countries – will assemble in the magnificent city of Belfast for the fourth in the series of these popular biennial Championships.

Castlereagh Borough Council's Dundonald International Ice Bowl, which staged the famous AMF Bowling World Cup in 1996, has been chosen as the venue for this year's tournament and will be buzzing with the excitement of bowling action.

With the generous patronage of Belfast City Council and other local support, the IV Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Championship will showcase this increasingly popular sport, and the NITBF Organising Committee is determined to deliver a truly memorable event.

Full details of the Championship schedule and links to the sights and attractions of Ireland are included on the dedicated Championship website – [www.ctbc2008.com](http://www.ctbc2008.com).

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**Background:** Following the inaugural Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Championship held in Stirling, Scotland in 2002 an association of national Federations representing numerous Commonwealth countries was formed with the specific goal of staging biennial Commonwealth Championships that will ultimately meld into the official Commonwealth Games program. Since then, two further Championships have been staged in Paphos, Cyprus and Melbourne, Australia.

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