Tribute to helpers at Ayr . . .

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who worked so hard before, during and even after the event, to make the BIGGA National Tournament and International Conference the success it was.

Maybe the numbers were not as high as we would have liked but I am sure all those that spent the week or even a few days at Ayr will agree what a great time we had. My thanks go to all the Ayrshire section committee led by the indefatigable Harry Diamond, 'a man o' many pairts', to Chris and Joan Kennedy for their usual excellent administrative work, to Cecil George for all his efforts before and during the conference and to all the other Scottish Region Executive members who were involved in any way.

Thanks also to Neil Thomas and David Goiding for their support during the week.

If the spirit and camaraderie shown during the week continues in the future then BIGGA must go from strength to strength.

Elliott R. Small
President Scottish Region

. . . wives enjoyed it too

I am writing to put on record how much I enjoyed the BIGGA International Conference, held at Ayr Belleisle - it was GREAT.

The events, excursions and visits laid on each day were very well organised and surpassed only be each evening's entertainment and this was second to none. We had excellent singers, country dancers, bands, 'big' band, Culzean Castle, and Turnberry Hotel. We had entertainment from Ronnie Dale, well known in these parts, we had a visit to Johnnie Walker, well known in these parts - and Burns.

Even the weather, after a wet and windy start, settled down into those nice sunny Autumn days and the Ayrshire coast and countryside looked really lovely.

I cannot speak for the men but I can say for certain that the wives had a wonderful time. The catering and all the meals, even a Banquet, given by the hotel were truly marvellous. I don't think I have ever had such a pleasant week and with such good company. I sincerely hope I will be able to attend another BIGGA Conference at some future date.

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