

12<sup>th</sup> WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, TASMANIA - AUSTRALIA  
26 – 30 October 1998

On this occasion the world championship returned to Australia for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time, having played previously in Sydney (1979) and Surfers Paradise (1988).

The tournament was played in Launceston, Tasmania at the Mowbray, Launceston, Casino and Riverside Golf Clubs on Monday 26, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> and Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 1998.

Tournament Headquarters was the Albert Hall, a magnificent building in the Centre of Launceston.

A welcome Cocktail Party was held at the Albert Hall, Launceston on Monday evening 26 October where Peter Gunton the World President welcomed all visitors to the tournament and to Launceston the third oldest City in Australia. There were 442 competitors from 12 different Countries, Australia (249), Canada (18), England (14), Finland (1), Germany (3), Ireland (2), Japan (47), New Zealand (55), Sweden (5), Switzerland (1), Taiwan (24) and U.S.A (33).

26 competitors entered in the Ladies Championship from 5 countries Australia (13), New Zealand (2), U.S.A. (4), Japan (6) and Sweden (1).

There were 63 entrants with a single figure handicap and 18 on 5 or less.

The presentation dinner was held in the Albert Hall where almost 600 people were seated for the dinner. The hall was dressed with an Australian theme of gum trees and native animals. A local group provided entertainment.

The World Champion was Brad McIntosh, Australia.

The Senior Champion was Kelvin Peart, Australia

The Lady Champion was Lisa Aldridge, New Zealand.

The Doug Crosby World Cup was won by Australia.