

Indoor Bowls News

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OUTSTANDING WIN FOR NEW ZELAND TEAM

The Lion Foundation New Zealand Indoor Bowls team defended the Henselite Trophy for a seventh consecutive time against Australia in the biannual Trans Tasman Indoor Bowls test match held in Colac, Victoria 40-26. The Kiwis made the best start on Thursday to lead 12-10 and then went into a commanding lead on Friday with an 18-4 score line to lead 30-14. Although Australia won the third day's play on Saturday by winning six games to New Zealand's five New Zealand closed out a comprehensive win 40-26.



New Zealand's win was spearheaded by Dean Gilshnan from Manawatu who was unbeaten with three wins in the men's singles and also in the mixed 8-bowl pairs where he combined with Dale Lang from North Wellington.

Simon and Julie Thomas from Canterbury went through unbeaten in the mixed 6-bowl pairs as did the women's triple of Sandra Keith, Ashburton, Eileen Grant, South Otago and Rhonda Middleton, Canterbury.

New Zealand won six Australasian medals in the women's and men's singles, mixed 8-bowl pairs, mixed 6-bowl pairs, women's triples and men's fours.

Australia won five medals in the men's and women's 8-bowl pairs, men's triples, women's fours and mixed fours.

New Zealand will defend the Trophy in two years time in the Auckland region at a venue yet to be determined.

FROM THE MARKETING & DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

May has been used to share information through the road shows delivered throughout New Zealand. Many members took the approach that what was being offered could be beneficial to them, their club or their district and I believe based on constructive discussions during these presentations the participants certainly received some benefits. The National Championships in June continued to be worked on and many Wanganui businesses have contributed and many others have pledged their support to our event. This will ensure additional value to all members that participate. The cinema advertising campaign is up and running and will be shown at various times in cinemas throughout New Zealand until at least the end of June.

Here is a list of all the areas that will screen the Advertisement:



Academy 2, Lido (Auckland). Toptown (Blenheim). Academy/Cloisters, Reading 8 (Christchurch). Metro (Dunedin), St James (Gore). Victoria (Hamilton). Cinema 2 (Hawera). Downtown 8 (Palmerston North), Reading 4 (Paraparaumu), Embassy 3 (Wanganui), Paramount 3, Penthouse (Wellington). Cinema 8 (Tauranga). Regent (Rangiora). Mercury Twin (Whitianga), Regent Upstairs (Pihiatua), Cinema Gold (Havelock NTH), Capitol Cinemas (Te Puke), Regent 3 (Te Awamutu), and Multiplex 3 (Thames). All feedback is welcomed and you can contact me on nzibkeithsetter@xtra.co.nz or 021 500659.

NORTH & SOUTH ISLAND REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

With the 2005 New Zealand team members not being eligible to represent their Island this year opportunities will be for more bowlers to gain selection at this higher level. Nominations have now closed and it is interesting to note that for the men there were 31 nominations for both Islands. Numbers dropped for the women though with 29 nominations received for the North Island and only a disappointing 19 for the South. In August the North Island team will be touring the South Island playing against District sides as well as promoting the game through the local media and schools. The highlight of the Tour will be the Dunlop Tyre North Islands clash against the South Island in Balclutha on 13 August.

LION FOUNDATION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



Who is going to win the singles? That is the question 675 indoor bowlers will be asking themselves when play commences in the 56th Lion Foundation National Indoor Bowls Championships at the Jubilee Stadium, Springvale Park, Wanganui on Saturday 11th June. The championships continue to Saturday 18th June.

The field has been thrown wide open with the defending singles champion Simon Thomas, Canterbury and Bruce Meyer, Manawatu, who won back to back titles in 2002 and 2003 not attending.

In the pairs Simon Poppleton and Darryn Bell from Waikato will defend their title in the Screen Vistas Pairs against 415 other combinations.

There will definitely be new champions in the triples with Simon and Julie Thomas from Canterbury not entered to defend the title they won with Richard Griffiths last year because of work commitments. Griffiths will this time combine with Michael Lawson and Sandra Keith, Ashburton while the 2003 champions Les Hazelton, Diane Hazelton and Elaine Eccles are back for another go.

In the fours Leon Bates and Gary Taiaroa, Auckland, two members of the champion four last year will this time combine with Richard Caddy and Paul Wright while Barry Kinnaird who is looking for his fifth title is in an Auckland team skipped by Ken Gash along with Carol Wright and Yvonne Worthington. Grant Thompson, Waikato, the fourth member of the team is in a North Taranaki team which includes his wife Caroline as well as Mike and Raewyn Dempsey.

Great to see some of the successful New Zealand representatives entered in the Championships. They are Dean Gilshnan (Manawatu) Suzann Burnand (Waikato), Patrick Hoult and Neil Semple (Upper Hutt Valley), Dale Lang (North Wellington), Rae Inglis (Golden Bay-Motueka), Sandra Keith (Ashburton), Trevor Gould and John Zittersteijn (North Taranaki), and Rhonda Middleton (Canterbury).

DO YOU WANT TO PLAY IN THE NATIONALS?

There are still limited spaces available in all events. Contact Ngairé Drake at National Office if you are interested- Telephone 04- 389 6443 or ngaire@nzindoorbowls.co.nz

COLOURED BOWLS ON THE WAY?

Bright yellow and black bowls were used for the International event and the Executive are keen to introduce coloured bowls in New Zealand. Most people would agree it would greatly improve viewing for spectators and enhance the television coverage. Discussions were held in Australia with Henselite representatives and hopefully coloured bowls will be available for sale next year.

DISTRICT VISITS COMPLETED

Some excellent feedback has been gathered from these visits and it is currently being evaluated. Each Executive member will be reporting to the July meeting on the main issues that were identified as being the most important. These include membership, coaching, district rationalisation, development of a National Umpires Structure and creating a strategy for the introduction of indoor bowls into schools.

GROUP INSURANCE SCHEME

In January 2000 NZIB appointed Jardine Lloyd Thompson (JLT) to manage a voluntary group insurance scheme to insure the assets and liabilities of Indoor Bowls clubs who are affiliated to New Zealand Indoor Bowls.

To date 200 of the affiliated clubs have joined the group scheme.

For the benefit of those clubs which have not joined the group scheme to date, the advantages of participating in the group scheme are as follows:

- very comprehensive policy coverage (which is not generally provided by insurers to clubs on an individual basis).
- Insurance policy wordings designed specifically for the requirements of Indoor Bowls clubs.
- very competitive premium cost structure (the member clubs have reduced their premium cost by between 20% and 50%).
- professional insurance advice provided to all clubs at no cost.
- experienced JLT personnel who have been involved with the New Zealand Indoor Bowls scheme since its inception.

JLT's role as the Scheme Manager consists of the following :

- To provide professional insurance advice and service to the participating member clubs.
- To ensure the policy coverage provided to the clubs is at all times the most comprehensive coverage available at the most reasonable cost.
- To update New Zealand Indoor Bowls and the member clubs on any legislative changes which would impact on the structure of the group insurance scheme coverage.

Should you require further information regarding the Indoor Bowls Group Insurance Scheme, please contact Nicola Frayle or Simon Ross at Jardine Lloyd Thompson (ph 0800 111 644).

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