



# NZ INDOOR BOWLS NEWS

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## PRESIDENTS REPORT - TREVOR RAYNER

As I am nearing the end of my third year as President this is the last time I will report to you via this forum. Where has the last three years gone? In that time I have travelled from Whangarei in the North to Invercargill in the South and have visited all Districts in some capacity except Golden-Bay Motueka, Central King Country and Poverty Bay-East Coast. I have run Road Shows endeavouring to get Districts to think about the future of the sport and to "buy in" to the statistics needed to measure growth, or lack of it. I have seen the introduction of Development Officers in the Tauranga Bay of Plenty and Taranaki Regions and am pleased with what has been achieved to date. The trick is to build on those achievements over the next few years. I have had the pleasure of presenting two National Gold Stars, and going on three Island Tours and getting to know some great people. I have met the workers for the sport, the people in the background who put in the hard yards to keep the sport alive. I think it is important that these people are recognised, not criticised, and am looking forward to seeing the nominations for the inaugural "Volunteer of the Year" Award. I am also pleased with the structures we have put in place to have trials for the National Team. It is not perfect but it is a vast improvement in that people can prove they can handle the international mat before they are selected. I would like to place on record my appreciation of the support of my Executive, especially David Edgar for his mentoring, Delwyn Hughes for her historical knowledge, and Martin, Barry, Viv and Stewart for getting on with the job. Special thanks to our Executive Officer, Ngaire Drake, the "engine room" of the sport whose superior organising abilities are largely taken for granted. Of course I haven't been able to get through the last three years without the quiet support of my wife, Linda, who keeps life in perspective, after all "Its only Bowls".

## THINGS ON THE MOVE IN NORTH TARANAKI

The Taranaki Intermediate Indoor bowls pairs tournament, is a new initiative and one school has entered 19 teams. This will become an annual event and is sure to grow as Sport Taranaki Indoor Bowls Advisor Michelle Watt visits an increasing number of schools. It is likely that the interested generated here will follow into next year's AIMS games in Tauranga. An open coaching course is being held at Sport Taranaki on 4<sup>th</sup> October for any interested bowler who may want to become a coach or assist in schools. It is a principal basic coaching course and a good start for any coach or a refresher course for others. For more information contact [michelle.watt@sporttaranaki.org.nz](mailto:michelle.watt@sporttaranaki.org.nz) or 0276508023

## NORTH WELLINGTON CONTINUES TO PROMOTE THE GAME

Following on from the two indoor bowls promotions organised by North Wellington Indoor Bowls at the North City Shopping Centre a further opportunity arose to promote the game at a Girl Guides Activity day. 82 girls ranging in age from 8 years to 13 years enjoyed the opportunity to play crackerjack bowls with many of them showing potential. Hopefully in future years they will come to play the game. The extremely popular promotion which saw all of the students at Newlands Intermediate School participate will again be held next month.



## ROTORUA NATIONALS 2013

Events & Venues and Rotorua District Council are excited about hosting the 2013 National Indoor Bowls Championships. The fabulous Rotorua Energy Events Centre will be the tournaments home 8-15 June but Rotorua offers much more than just great venues.

At the 2012 nationals in Invercargill, participants were asked to complete a form which put them into the draw to win vouchers to some of Rotorua's tourist attractions. Congratulations to Jenny Stockford who was the winner of vouchers to the Polynesian Spa and Wai O Tapu Geothermal Wonderland. As well as going into the draw, they will also receive regular updates on what's new in Rotorua so they can be fully informed on what's on offer, apart from playing bowls. With so much to do and see, we recommend you think about extending your stay to allow you to experience all of Rotorua. If you would like to be included when updates are sent out, email your name to [major.events@rdc.govt.nz](mailto:major.events@rdc.govt.nz) See you in June 2013.

## THERE WILL BE TOUGH COMPETITION TO MAKE NZ TEAM



International mats have been distributed around the country to allow the trialists to practice before attending Wellington trial November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. The New Zealand team of seven men and seven women to play Australia next May in Queensland will be announced at December's NZIB Annual

General Meeting in Wellington. The players selected for the trial are:  
Women: Jenny Stockford, Auckland, Gina Owen, Bay of Plenty, Julie Thomas and Julie Dalley Canterbury, Lois Randall, Hutt Valley, Elizabeth Morrow, North Taranaki, Fiona Wilson, Tauranga, Sheree Holmes, Upper Hutt Valley, Linda McCurdy and Maureen Pruden, Waikato.  
Men: Simon Thomas, Blair Spicer, Ashley Diamond, Owen Diftort, Canterbury, Grant Rayner, North Wellington, Grant l'Ami, John Zittersteijn, Grant Harvey, North Taranaki, Gary Low, Southland, Mike Phipps, Tauranga.

## ATHLETES WITH DISABILITY INDOOR BOWLS DAY

Thanks to Max and his team at the Upper Hutt Cossie Club who hosted 24 pairs in an event organised by College Sport Wellington. All the youth did themselves proud with all games played in good spirit. The winning Hutt Valley High School team had been given a couple of coaching sessions by Hutt Valley's President Wayne Thomas ably assisted by well known North Island representatives Lois Randall and Denise Clarkson. Good to see current bowlers giving something back to the game.

## MONEY MAKING OPPORTUNITY WORKS FOR HARD HIT CANTERBURY

Thanks to SBS Bank and their 'helping hand fund' Canterbury Indoor Bowls was presented with a cheque for \$2,000 at their presentation of trophies evening held recently. They raised \$2,000 with raffle sales from July through to September which was matched by the SBS Bank initiative. Canty IBA thanks all visiting bowlers who supported their raffles.

## PLENTY OF POSITIVES AT AIMS GAMES

After one year who would have thought there would be 170 singles and 85 pairs competing over 4 days period at the TECT Arena in Tauranga? The standard of bowls was very high considering the short playing time-span. All schools have indicated they will be back next year & all team managers are looking forward to an even larger entry. Some schools have decided to make indoor bowls a PE subject. Other ideas to grow the game are currently being worked on.



## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

**HOPE INDOOR BOWLING CLUB** in Nelson will be celebrating 50 years of play on April 6<sup>th</sup> 2013. If you need more details email Bill Hart

[billmarjhart@xtra.co.nz](mailto:billmarjhart@xtra.co.nz) or phone Ellen Knapp 03-5447512

### NEW NZIB EXECUTIVE MEMBER WILL BE REQUIRED

Southland's Stewart Chilton has resigned due to ill health and best wishes are extended to him. Nomination forms have been sent to districts for all Executive positions and need to be returned by 25 October.

### 2012 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS DVD'S SPECIAL

Receive both the Singles and Pairs DVDs for \$25. Contact National office.

### NEW BOWLS HAVE ARRIVED

Sets of bowls are now available at the new cost of \$1,500



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