

YOUR DISTRICT COULD BENEFIT FROM THIS:

I recently attended the second joint venture "Have a Go Day" hosted by the Waikato Centre. This event had been organised by Keith Setter, the local Bowls New Zealand Development Officer in conjunction with the Waikato Indoor Bowls Centre and members of the Hamilton City Outdoor Bowls Club.

As the name would suggest it was an opportunity for members of the public to have a go at both Indoor and Outdoor Bowls. I took on the role of a participant to ensure I had a clear understanding of what the rest of the public were going to experience.

On my arrival I was greeted by a friendly member of the large group of helpers who took my name, address and phone number. I was given informal coaching for both outdoor and indoor and given the opportunity to "Have a Go".

After this I completed a survey form and then was directed to the bar and BBQ. There were additional opportunities later to continue playing either of the sports. The day was well organised, informal and very enjoyable. All who attended have expressed an interest in gaining further information about how they can join a club.

Bowls New Zealand have endorsed these types of events. Please feel free to give me a call should you require some further details about how your district could set something like this up. Shane Cuthbert, Past President

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WELL DESERVED AWARD TO NORTHLAND'S PAT AND DECIMA SEVERINSEN



The Brian Maunsell Memorial Trophy for Services to Sport was awarded to Pat and Decima Severinsen for their work with Indoor Bowls at the annual Northland sports awards.

Forty years ago Pat formed the Omanaia Indoor Bowling Club in the Hokianga and that started his dedication to NL Indoor Bowls. He has played representative bowls for over 30 years as well as both he and Decima holding numerous positions including Northland Umpire President and Examiner, Delegate to numerous AGM's, Northland President, Team Manager, Match Convenor and Publicity Officer. For the last 6 years they have organised two junior development days to promote indoor Bowls in the schools and are both Life Members of Northland IBC.

They were also presented with a silver tray and return airfares for two to Australia.

JUNE PROMOTION- 'BRING A FRIEND' MONTH



UMPIRES NEWS:

As umpires we need to encourage others to take up the challenge of umpiring. Have you checked out the Laws of the game recently?

A good idea is to have a brush up at club nights on rules or even to go over the basic rules for the players. The best ones to start with are the responsibilities of players and the rolling up of the jack and bowls.

If white sticks are used flat to see who has the shot, during a game, they do not constitute a measure. However if they are used vertically to determine the distance from the bowls, this is a measure. The measure has deemed to commence, so it should not be used as a method to "measure" the distance between bowls.

OBITUARY

Stan Body aged 102 passed away earlier this year. He was an inaugural member of St Marks IBC Club in Te Aroha which started in 1948. Stan was a Life Member of the club and continued bowling some very good bowls into his nineties.

BETRIDGE SHIELD-BAY OF PLENTY BREAKS 11-YEAR DROUGHT

The Bay of Plenty Women's team broke an 11 year drought when they won the Bettridge Shield at the annual quadrangular match against Waikato, Thames Valley and Counties held at Hamilton recently. This was their third win in the competition having won in 1990 and 1995.

The win was spearheaded by NZ representative Sue Burnand who won eight games while Audrey Gray and Marge Taare won seven games each. The Bay won each of their three matches with Thames Valley who won last year for the first time finishing in second place.

CAN PLAY OUTDOOR AS WELL!

NZ Indoor Bowls representative Dale Lang of North Wellington recently won the Wellington Outdoor Champion of Championships Ladies 1-5 year Singles beating Tanya Imlach 21-16 in the final. Dale is a fourth year Junior but it is her first season back after a 10 year break. She had earlier beaten NZ Under 19 Rep Clare McCaul 21-18 in the semi final. Prominent Wellington Indoor Bowler Stephen Zino won the Men's title for the second year in a row.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

LAST CHANCE FOR ENTERING THE NATIONAL AND ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS - Entries close 18 April

Entries for both these events close with your District Secretaries on 18 April.

Don't forget the Interislander is offering cheaper fares for all indoor bowlers going South in June - Just phone 0800 878 898 and quote wh4190.

There is also a deal with Hertz Rent a Car being negotiated - more details later. Your club will have posters and entries forms so get your team organised now.

60th ANNIVERSARY

Kerikeri Indoor Bowling club celebrates 60 years of bowling on 9th September this year. Any past members who are interested in this celebration, please contact Noelene Starr

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

DO YOU WANT YOUR OWN COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER?

It is easy to get one- just go to www.nzindoorbowls.co.nz and download a copy now. If you do not have a computer I am sure you know someone who has- even one of your club mates might like to copy for all your club members!

ANOTHER REASON TO BE AT THE NATIONALS IN BLENHEIM

Free swimming, saunas and the use of the gym for your early morning work out!

BRIGHT YELLOW BOWLS

Yes they are definitely on the way- the first shipment is ready to leave the Henselite factory in Melbourne and should be ready for distribution by the end of April- get your orders in now!

RULE BOOK SPECIAL!!

Until the end of April --- 30 rule books for only \$20!!!!