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INDOOR BOWLS**

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FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

As I write this some clubs will have started the season. My South Otago Club starts after Easter and we will finish at the end of August. Not a long season compared to some others. April, as I said in the last newsletter is Bring a Friend Month This sport needs new members. In the last four years we have been losing Bowlers at the rate of about 1000 per year. This is not good for any sport as the cost of keeping the sport viable doesn't decline. However Indoor Bowls is still arguably the cheapest sport to play in New Zealand!. All clubs are urged to get behind Bring a Friend Month. On Thursday the 10th of May till Saturday the 12th of May New Zealand plays Australia for the Henselite Trophy. These games are being played at Pukekohe. If you live in that area go out and have a look and support our players. Better still, take a friend. The more people watching the better. Some members of the Executive will be at this game. If you have an idea that you think will help the sport move forward make yourself known to an Executive Member or myself and give us your thoughts. We don't bite! Till next month, enjoy your Bowls.

David Edgar, President

TIME TO GO SHOPPING!

With the season getting under way it must be time to replenish your stocks.

SET OF HENSELITE BOWLS-Black/brown	- \$750.00
SET OF HENSELITE BOWLS-Black/yellow	- \$850.00
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HENSELITE MATS	- \$550.00
REPLACEMENT BOWLS(BROWN / BLACK)	\$ 50.00
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COACHING VIDEO	- \$ 35.00
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COACHING MANUALS (Leads & Twos, Skips and Threes)	- \$ 2.00
CLUB COACH HANDBOOK	- \$ 6.00
2005 LAWS OF THE GAME	- \$ 1.00
REVISED BOOK OF DRAWS	- \$ 8.00
MEMBERSHIP KITS	- \$ 5.00
FLIP-OVER SCORE CARDS (set of 6)	- \$ 18.00
CONSTITUTIONS-revised 2004	- \$ 2.00

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INDOOR BOWLERS FEATURING IN WELLINGTON OUTDOOR SCENE.

A feature of Wellington Lawn Bowls this season has been the performance of a number of current and former prominent indoor bowlers. Included are:

- Blake Signal - Former North Island Representative has been a regular member of the Wellington Representative team and was selected for the New Zealand Under-25 Team to play against Australia.
 - Dale Lang - current New Zealand Representative and New Zealand Fours Champion has been a regular member of the Wellington Women's Development Team after outstanding performances at the New Zealand Championships where she qualified in the Singles and Pairs in strong sections containing International players. The highlight was combining with Angela Bell to beat New Zealand Reps Serena Matthews and Jan Malcolm in the pairs.
 - Angela Bell - Former NZ Maori Rep who has won the Wellington Open Fours and Pairs.
 - Stephen Zino who won his third successive Champion of Champions 1 -5 years singles.
- Throughout the country indoor bowlers are featuring well playing outdoor and at the Inter Club and Inter Centre Finals recently in Palmerston North the following names were noted.
- Jan Philpott (Canterbury), Grant Catterick (Manawatu), Cliff Byrne (Manawatu), Lyn Metcalfe (Manawatu), Warren Fisher (Wairarapa), Sean Johnson (Wanganui), Andrew Curtain (Canterbury), Stephen Dittfort (Canterbury), Nigel Godman (Canterbury), Alistair Keith (Otago), Kay Carr (Wellington), Graham Champion (Canterbury) and Mary Walker (Canterbury).
- Winner of the Henselite Champion of Champions in 2005 Ali Forsyth won the Asia Pacific Singles Title and represented NZ against Australia and Gary Lawson is playing for NZ against Ireland and Scotland.
- It certainly goes to show that the grounding learnt in the indoor version of the game can be successfully transferred to the outdoor game.

A WIN AGAINST AUSTRALIA COMING UP?

Not very often does a NZ National Sporting Team beat Australia but that is what we will be hoping when the NZ Indoor Bowls team plays at Pukekohe in the bi-annual Test match 10-12 May. The Lion Foundation New Zealand team will be trying to win the Henselite Trophy for an unprecedented eighth time in a row. New Zealand has won this trophy thirteen times while Australia has been successful on just three occasions in 1976, 1979 and 1991. The country scoring the most wins over the three days wins the Henselite Trophy. Upper Hutt Valley's Pat Hoult will captain the side for the sixth time. He made his debut in 1995 and has captained the team since 1997. New Zealand is represented by 14 players – seven men and seven women who play in two events each. There are four bowlers making their first appearance in the National team- Maureen Pruden (WK), Carol Wright (AK), Rosemary Bennett (AS) and Richard Griffiths (CY). The others making up the team are: Suzann Burnand (BP); Sandra Keith (AS); Dale Lang (NW); Julie Thomas (CY); Dean Gilshnan (MN); Trevor Gould (UV); Simon Thomas (CY); & two recalled International bowlers Garry Flewitt (OT) & Blair Spicer (CY).



LAST CHANCE FOR ENTERING THE NATIONAL AND ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Entries for both these events close with your District Secretaries on 20 April. New Plymouth is a good central location for a National Championships and they know how to do it well. We are expecting a big entry and a fun time for all. What other sport gives you the opportunity to play against current International and Island representatives? Your club will have posters and entries forms so get your team organised now.

COMING UP:

SOUTH ISLAND INDOOR BOWLS TOUR

Why don't you tour the South Island with the North Island Indoor Bowls Team 10-19 August at a land cost of \$950 including most meals. Nomination forms for the Island Teams have been distributed and must be returned by 25 May.

INDOOR BOWLS ON TELEVISION

We are keen to get the game viewed by as many people as possible so this year coverage will be provided on the International, National Championships and Welch Trophy event in Invercargill in September. More details later.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

DID YOU KNOW?

That the Hertz Car Rental Offer made to indoor bowlers during the 2006 Nationals is now ongoing. Just visit our website (www.nzindoorbowls.co.nz) and click on the Hertz link on the front page in the bottom of the right hand column and follow the prompts for great discounts.

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!

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