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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

It seems a very short time since I wrote for the last newsletter. A lot of clubs will have opened by now. Our club commences next week and I hope that we encourage some more people to play the sport of Indoor Bowls. The road show focusing on the new Coaching DVD has been going around the country and has been well received. If you have a comment about the road show or the DVD I would like to hear from you. Email edgar-family@xtra.co.nz.

We are delighted to see a large increase in the number of umpires who have indicated they will be sitting the National exam the first weekend in May. At the time of writing this message the number is 33 which is a vast improvement on the two of last year. Currently we have 117 National badge holders which are not enough for a sport with in excess of 13,000 members. Well done to the Umpires Associations around the country who have recognised the need for new blood amongst their ranks. Entries should also be coming in for the Nationals in Timaru in June and the North Island Championships to be held during Queen's Birthday weekend. Both host districts South Canterbury and Counties will I am sure, make all Bowlers most welcome. The members of the New Zealand team should all be getting some practice in on the International mats before departing next month for Broken Hill. Time seems to be moving on fast so the Test will be upon us very quickly. On the financial front we received a grant of \$48000 from the Lion Foundation. I would have to say that we are very happy with that amount. About 45% of our funding comes from outside the sport. Well done to Ngaire Drake for her efforts in securing this amount. I have said before and I will say it again, if you have a matter you wish to raise with me or an executive member, please do so. We will all be at the Nationals in June so please make yourself and your concerns known to us. Remember that the biggest concern this sport has is the decline in members. Till next month, take care. David Edgar



ALL PAST NATIONAL TITLE HOLDERS!

Last year the Lion Foundation National Indoor Bowls Championships celebrated 100 years of Indoor Bowls in New Zealand at Tauranga and the parade of past winners was one of the many highlights of the event. This year's event in Timaru will be the 60th National Championships and this too deserves to be recognised. Hopefully more of the National Champions from the South Island will be there to be part of the celebrations and parade. Your club secretary would have already received entry forms and a poster so get a group together go along and join in - have some fun and at the same time see New Zealand's top bowlers in action. Entries close with your district secretary 14 April so get your team together and enter now.

2009 TRANS TASMAN INDOOR BOWLS INTERNATIONAL MATCH

Two New Zealand Indoor Bowls players on debut will have a chance to prove themselves in the upcoming biennial Trans Tasman International Test Match against Australia at Broken Hill 14th - 16th May. Grant Rayner, North Wellington and Grant Harvey from North Taranaki will have to take their good performances at the North versus South Inter-Island Match last year to the next level against a very strong Australian team. Rayner will also captain New Zealand. New Zealand just squeaked home against Australia two years ago to retain the Henselite Trophy at Pukekohe when the match ended in a draw but New Zealand as the holders retained the Trophy. New Zealand has won the Henselite Trophy 14 times including the last eight tests in a row while Australia has been successful on just three occasions in 1976, 1979 and 1991, but as the last encounter testifies the gap has closed rapidly and Australia is poised and motivated to turn the tables this time.

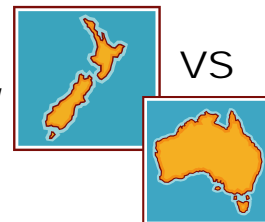
Australia has named a new look team with five new caps and recalled two players. The clash of the singles players is crucial to the final outcome of the test. A good start in the singles quickly filters through the team and spirits are lifted. The women's singles is between the very experienced Dale Lang, North Wellington who is making her fifth appearance for New Zealand but for the first time in the women's singles berth. She will be up against Australia's most successful player Monika Korn playing for Australia for the eighth time. She won both the women's singles and pairs last time.

In the men's singles Manawatu's Dean Gilshnan comes up against the very experienced Chris Dudman from Tasmania who won the singles last time. Gilshnan did not play in the singles in 2007 but was successful in this event in 2005 so a great battle looms ahead. One of New Zealand's most successful teams is the husband & wife combination of Simon & Julie Thomas from Canterbury. 14 players - seven men & seven women - who each play in two events represent each country.

The Lion Foundation New Zealand team is:

- Singles:** Women: Dale Lang, North Wellington Men: Dean Gilshnan, Manawatu
Fours: Women: Sandra Keith, Ashburton, Lyn Brittain, Northland, Carol Wright, Auckland, Maureen Pruden, Waikato.
 Men: Trevor Gould, Upper Hutt Valley, Garry Flewitt, Otago, Grant Harvey, North Taranaki and Richard Griffiths, Canterbury
 Mixed: Simon Thomas, Canterbury, Grant Rayner, North Wellington, Julie Thomas, Canterbury, Linda McCurdy, Waikato.
Triples: Women: Brittain, Wright, Pruden Men: Gould, Harvey, Griffiths
Pairs: Women's 8-bowl: Keith, McCurdy Men's 8-bowl: Flewitt, Rayner
 Mixed 8-bowl: Gilshnan, Lang Mixed 6-bowl: S. Thomas, J. Thomas

The NZ Team will be managed by NZIB's President David Edgar



UMPIRES' REPORT FROM VIV HUDSON

There has been some good coaching of umpires happening around the country and it looks like the National examiner will be busy as people have put their names forward to sit the examination this year. As indicated earlier in the Newsletter 33 people will sit this year. This is a very positive step ahead for us. Our sport needs "umpires" and umpiring also gives players a better understanding of the "Laws of the Game" when they get to know the rules better. I have visited Bush Ruahine, Palmerston North and have now got most districts on my email list. I plan to visit Wanganui and North Wellington in the near future to coach and discuss amalgamation. Discussions of amalgamation of districts has been happening as well but rest assured you will not be pressured into doing this. Talk to a District that has already amalgamated administration and they will tell you how well it works.

NATIONAL EXAMINATION DATE 3RD MAY 2009. Are you on the list? Please contact me at

vivs.place@clear.net.nz if you have any umpiring issues you wish to discuss.

COACHING DVD A SUCCESS: Regional Coach Craig Whiteside and Executive Member Stewart Chilton have finished the North Island seminars with 19 districts making up the 238 people that have attended. There has been an excellent response and South Islanders still have the opportunity to attend one of three seminars. They are being held in Blenheim 17 April, Ashburton on the 18th and Balclutha the following day. Go along and see what it is all about. Two DVD's free of charge are given to each district and an additional 80 have been sold at a special price of \$10. They can also be purchased from National Office at a cost of \$20 which includes postage.

YELLOW BOWLS HEAD THE SALES LIST

Good to see so many districts and clubs taking advantage of grant funding and purchasing the attractive new yellow bowls. With the season getting under way it must be time to replenish all your other stock as well. Send payment with order to your District Secretary or direct to National Office, PO Box 11221, Wellington.

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| SET OF HENSELITE BOWLS-Black/brown | \$750.00 |
| SET OF HENSELITE BOWLS-Black/yellow | \$850.00 |
| HALF SETS OF YELLOW BOWLS (8) | \$480.00 |
| HENSELITE MATS -Special price | \$490.00 |
| REPLACEMENT BOWLS (Brown/ Black) | \$ 50.00 |
| REPLACEMENT JACKS | \$ 40.00 |
| COACHING DVD | \$ 20.00 |
| CLUB COACH HANDBOOK | \$ 6.00 |
| 2005 LAWS OF THE GAME | \$ 2.00 |
| 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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