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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

I have just returned from accompanying the North Island Team on its unbeaten tour around the South Island. Congratulations to the Team on their success and for their exemplary conduct on Tour, definitely one of the best tour groups I have been associated with. While the Test Match appears to have been one-sided there were many very tight games with several being decided by the last bowl and a reversal of those which went the North Island's way would have seen a quite different result? I feel it is important to continue the Tours as they give players from each Island something to aspire to and it gives players in the Centres an opportunity to play against and meet elite players. For many this is the highlight of their bowling careers. Over the next three weeks we have the Henselite Singles, the Junior Singles and Secondary Schools Singles & Pairs and finally the Welch Trophy. What a line up we have for this event. I won't predict the outcome but am looking forward to seeing some outstanding bowlers.

Finally, nominations for the NZIB Executive close on 22 October. Members have been elected unopposed for the last three years which in my view is not satisfactory. If you feel that you have something to offer to the sport, can make a difference and contribute to the running of our great game put your name into the ring. If successful, I can assure you will enjoy the experience. Trevor Rayner, President, NZIB



WHO WANTS TO PLAY FOR THEIR COUNTRY?

After watching the Olympic Games all bowlers should be inspired!

Unfortunately Indoor Bowls is not recognised as an International sport so there is only one

opportunity to play for NZ every 2 years with the fixture against Australia. As has been advised 20 Trialists will be announced after the Welch Trophy in Roskill 7-9 September. After watching the North v South fixture positions in the Team will be hard to come by! It is time that NZ won back the Henselite Trophy after losing it in Broken Hill in 2009 and drawing in Balclutha last year. Nominations close 31 August so it is hoped that all our top bowlers will be putting their names forward and committing themselves to make sure NZ can proudly again be holders of this coveted trophy.

DEVELOPMENT ROLES GOING WELL

Craig Whiteside continues to do a great job in the Tauranaga, PB-EC and Bay of Plenty area. He has presented close to 100 sessions and has introduced the game to nearly 1900 students. Obviously they will not all become automatic members but the enjoyable experiences they have now hopefully will be remembered when the opportunity arises in the future. Meanwhile Michelle Watt is developing the game in the Intermediate schools in the Taranaki area through her position with Sport Taranaki. She has already reported success with visits to schools and is planning for an Intermediate Championship to be held at North Taranaki's Belt Road Hall in October. By concentrating on the Intermediate Schools it is hoped the students will continue to play during their years at Secondary School.

TRAINING FOR COACHES

Sport NZ is adamant that all National Sporting Organisations have a good coaching structure in place. With this in mind at the last Executive Meeting there was much discussion on what could be done and an open opportunity was given to provide training for anyone who was interested in passing on the knowledge learnt. Very few names have come forward and it is extremely disappointing that more bowlers are not contributing something back to the game. All sports must provide coaching and especially indoor bowls with so many younger people being exposed to the game. If you would like to take up this offer please contact National Office.

NZ MIXED FOURS FINAL

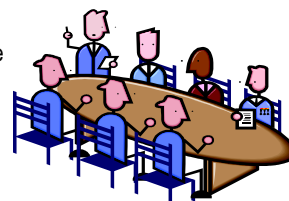
What an exciting event this was with the round robin competition being decided on the last round of the day. Congratulations to the North Taranaki team playing on their home floor and would have been boosted by excellent local support all day. Mark Ridley skipped the winning team which included Mike and Raewyn Dempsey and Beryl Willis. The well-known bowling family from Southland the Lows skipped by son Gary with Mum and Dad Graham and Jan and Jennifer Beattie were runners up.

WELCH TROPHY

What a line up for the Welch Trophy, the Ranfurly Shield of Indoor Bowls and it would be hard to bet against the current holders Canterbury who have won for the past four years. Auckland, North Taranaki and Southland had convincing wins to make the final while Waikato and Horowhenua had to work hard right to the end to come through. It was the first time in 46 years that Horowhenua has won their Paterson. Good luck to all teams.

NZIB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All districts are asked to appoint the most appropriate person to attend the AGM in Wellington 1 December. The meeting will be addressed by Bruce Stokell who wrote a Marketing Plan for NZIB in 1988 called "Heads for the Future". Hopefully this will stimulate much debate and all districts will be asked to contribute to it. There are very cheap air fares available for delegates now so book early. If you want any particular item discussed let National Office know. All Notice of Motion/Remits must be received by 2 October and nomination for positions on the Executive by 22 October. There are positive things happening out there so show some interest and help turn the sport around from the continual downward spiral.



INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS GETTING READY

Two weeks out from AIMS games most schools are now practicing 3 times weekly. 170 pupils from 20 schools will compete in singles & pairs competitions over 4 days. It demonstrates that our game has captured the imagination of youth at Intermediate school level and has to be a positive to be worked on in the future. The new TECT arena will be tested as a venue for future National Championships.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

NZIB'S VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Did you know that there was such an award? The purpose is to recognise the valuable work provided by unpaid volunteers at all levels either district or club. Do you know of someone who has done an outstanding job during the previous 12 months showing leadership, achieved changes or started new projects? Nomination forms can be downloaded from www.nzindoorbowls.co.nz or can be obtained by contacting National office.

NZ UMPIRES REPRESENTATIVE ON THE EXECUTIVE

Congratulations to Viv Hudson who retains her position on the Executive for 2013 with no other nominations being received.

BIG RISE IN THE COST OF NEW INDOOR BOWLS

Last year at this time we were told to expect another increase around the middle of 2012. Well it has arrived with new sets of black and yellow bowls now costing \$1,500 and half sets \$800.00. We have been told that new stock from Australia will be arriving in September.

WEBMASTER ON HOLIDAY

Delwyn Hughes has mastered the act of loading all publicity articles to the website but other items will have to wait until Jock Jamieson returns from his South American holiday. Jock has done a marvellous job building the website over the years and we will investigate upgrading on his return.



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