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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Another month has gone by and the end of the season down this part of the country is fast approaching. It has been a sad last two weeks with the death of life member Bob Woon and also the loss of promising bowler Callum John. To the families of these two people the Executive and all the players in this sport extend our sincere condolences. Obituaries will be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Last week I went to Palmerston North for the NZ Mixed Fours Final. On the Friday night I had a meeting with six members of the Manawatu Executive. We covered such topics as affiliations, T.V., Nationals and the membership loyalty programme. The wearing of district uniforms at all National Finals was discussed. These topics will be discussed further at our next Executive meeting in October. On the Saturday we saw a lot of superb bowls played which resulted in John Zittersteijn and his team from North Taranaki retaining the title they won last year in Hamilton. The lead changed six times throughout the day and it was a big disappointment that spectators were not present to enjoy a superb day of bowls. At our last Executive meeting we looked at where the sport is going from a financial point of view. Umpire's representative Alec Benington indicated that he would not be seeking re-election to the National Executive. I would like to thank him for all the time and effort that he has put into the job. The tour of the South Island by the North team starts soon and we see this as an excellent promotional opportunity for the game. Team members will be involved in school promotions and other activities to highlight our sport to the general public. To members of the touring team, the sun is starting to come out now and the temperature should warm up and I wish you well for your tour. If you have any ideas for the sport don't be afraid to contact myself or any executive member. David Edgar

A SAD MONTH FOR INDOOR BOWLS

Tribute to Bob Woon.

It is with a deep sense of sadness that we record the passing of Bob Woon our Umpires Patron. Indoor Bowls and especially umpiring has so much to thank Bob for, his passion for the sport he loved can only be described as enormous. After serving umpiring at club and centre level for many years Bob was elected to the National Executive in the mid 1980's and became President in 1991. During his time on the Executive he spent time as the National Examiner, Vetting Officer plus long hours writing and producing the first umpire's manual. Bob will be sadly missed by those who knew him as a Bowler and for the friendship he showed to many of us.

Our thoughts are with Bob's wife Bev as she adjusts to life without her life long partner who gave her wonderful support.

On behalf of all Bowlers. Ian Fraser

YOUNG BOWLER KILLED IN CAR ACCIDENT

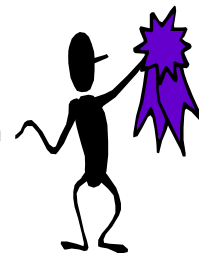
Callum first started playing indoor bowls at about 8 years old. He first played in the Thames Valley Junior team at about 10, and by the time he was 12 he was also playing in the Thames Valley B team. A year later he played for the first time in the Thames Valley A team (age 13). He held 6 Thames Valley titles, 2002, 2003, 2004 & 2005 Junior singles winner, 2004 TV Fours & Triples winner. On top of these wins he was runner up in the Junior singles in 1999 & 2000 and the Champ of Champ singles in 2002. He was in the North Island team for the juniors 4 times and captained the team in 2005 after being runner up in the final the year before. This is one young guy we are all going to miss in the bowling circle. Sue Sheary, Secretary Thames Valley IBC

Well known and respected Owhata Club member Marie Birch died suddenly on 28th July at home in Rotorua. Marie was a dedicated national umpire and had a special interest in coaching junior players around the schools. She was also very active in community affairs including neighbourhood watch, Parkside and the District Council. She will be sadly missed.

YOUNG BOWER DOING WELL

Has N.Z. any other local Assn Gold Star winners 16 years or younger?

At the Waimate Assn Championship 4's played recently, Morven Club player Daniel Heslin won his 5th Championship Title earning him the Assn Gold Star. Daniel won his first Championship in the 4s in 2005 at age 14. In 2006 he won titles again in the fours and also the triples and this year he has won the Pairs and now the fours. Waimate is a small Assn attached to the South Canterbury Centre and the Morven Club are very supportive of both. Daniel attends St Kevins in Oamaru and also excels at soccer. He is South Canterbury's representative for this year's Junior Singles National final in August and both the Waimate Assn and South Cauty Centre are very proud of his achievements. Our next concern is keeping him. He was keen to go in the Navy as an engineering cadet but for an 8 year term that wasn't an option so he is now hoping to do engineering locally then we may be able to keep him and continue to foster his Indoor Bowling achievements



NATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS EVENT NEXT YEAR

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EVENT**

The decision to proceed with a National event follows the successful North Island Secondary Schools event held last month in Tauranga where 88 bowlers participated from 12 different schools. The singles was won Kyle Peters from Whangaparaoa and the pairs Kerry Bartosh and Mitchell Marsom from Tauranga. The 2008 event will be held on the Sunday and Monday following the NZ Junior Singles event at North Wellington 30 August. This means it will fall within the Secondary Schools winter tournament week and allow it to be officially sanctioned permitting students to attend. All districts will be asked to promote this event as much as possible and encourage their young bowlers to attend.

ELECTION FOR UMPIRES REPRESENTATIVE ON EXECUTIVE

There has been good interest shown and three nominations have been received for this position. They include current member Viv Hudson, National Examiner Graham Gerrand from Rotorua and Greg Veale from Manawatu. Districts Umpire Associations will be issued with voting forms and accompanying CV's of candidates soon with the results being known on 20 September.

2008 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS IN TAURANGA

Have you booked your accommodation yet? If you are wanting a house the contact is Jeanette Riley, phone 07 5746969. If it is hotel, motel, backpackers etc you are after tourism BOP is doing this for us. 07 5788103 or email bookings@bayofplentynz.com. Tauranga are working hard to make this a special championship to celebrate 100 years of indoor bowls in New Zealand. Be there!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Coming Events- Get along and see some great bowls!

Friday 10 August-16 August: Tour games in Blenheim, Westport, Christchurch, Timaru, Cromwell, Balclutha and Dunedin

Saturday 18 August: North Island v South Island for the Inaugural Kevin Eddy Memorial Trophy-Basketball Stadium, Ashburton

Saturday 25 August: National Junior Singles Final- North Wellington Indoor Bowls Hall

Saturday 1-Sunday 2 September: Lion Foundation Welch Trophy- Southland Indoor Bowls Hall, Invercargill

Saturday 8 September: Henselite Champion of Champions- Warnes Indoor Bowls Stadium Stoke



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