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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

At the time of writing this report most of the country is having a bad time weather wise. If you have a lot of water around and very high winds our thoughts are with you. Down here we seem to be getting the tail end of the storm. Quite a lot has happened this month. In the middle of July I had a district visit. I never know how these visits will go but usually we get a good response. One of the items we talked about was the financial performance of New Zealand Indoor Bowls. I said how we were at the moment in good heart and one member present asked how the members could see a balance sheet. I replied that these were given to districts at the A.G.M and there was a copy for every club. He said he had never seen a copy so I gave him my one. It makes me wonder if information that we send out gets to where we want it to go. Communication is so important both up and down so please do your bit to make sure that everyone is well informed.

At our July meeting Kristy Klyne from Government funding agency Sparc came and we had a informal discussion about the sport. One of the points she raised was that we rely on 60% of our funds to come from outside the sport. This is of concern should any of our funders decide not to continue their support. It was a very worthwhile meeting and it is good to have someone who is interested in what we are doing working at Sparc. On the Sunday Michael Lawson was coaching students from the School of Physical Education at Otago University the game of indoor bowls. It is amazing how quickly these students pick up the game and I was most impressed.

Paterson trophy has been and gone and by the look of the results it was a good weekend of indoor bowls. Well done to the teams that won and will go forward to the Welch trophy in September. Last weekend we had the Mixed Fours final in Napier and Hawke's Bay made a good job of running this event. Well done to the team from North Taranaki. To win the event three years in a row is a great achievement. We have the North Island tour by the South Island team coming up and if we come to your District please come up and make yourself known to the executive members with this team. The editor said that she had to cut out some that I wrote last month so I better stop now. Till next month take care. David Edgar.

SOUTH ISLAND INDOOR BOWLS TEAM TOUR OF THE NORTH ISLAND

The South Island commences a tour of the North Island on Friday 8 August with eight tour matches against North Wellington at North Wellington, Horowhenua and Hutt Valley combined at Paraparaumu. Upper Hutt Valley at Upper Hutt, Bush Ruahine and Wairarapa at Masterton, Hawkes Bay and Poverty Bay at Napier, Bay of Plenty at Rotorua, Wanganui at Wanganui and Manawatu at Palmerston North. The tour culminates in the annual inter-island match for the Kevin Eddy Memorial Trophy at Lower Hutt. The North and South Island teams have been reshuffled to allow the return of the New Zealand representatives who were not eligible to be selected last year because of the Trans-Tasman Test against Australia.

The teams are: South Island:

Women: Singles: Ann Graham, Canterbury. Pairs: Suzanne Mackie, Sthland, Jenny White, Canterbury. Triples: Shelley Keene, Marilyn Holmes, Otago, Christine Shand, Sth Canterbury. Fours: Rosemary Bennett, Ashburton, Carolyn Cooper, Sth Canterbury, Honorine Orchard, Elaine Carnie, Sthland.

Men: Singles: Mathew Begg, Central Otago. Pairs: Chris Matthews, Canterbury, Daniel French, Otago. Triples: Owen Diftort, Canterbury, Michael Lawson, Ashburton, Hayden Warnes, Nelson. Fours: Mark Keen, Sthland (Captain), Ashley Diamond, Sthland, Fred Persico, Nelson, Brent Keen, Sthland.

North Island:

Women: Singles: Dale Lang, Nth Wgtn. Pairs: Fiona Wilson, Tauranga and Lisa White, Upper Hutt Vly. Triples: Sue Fleming, Hawkes Bay, Carol Wright, Akland, Gina Owen, Tauranga. Fours: Lyn Brittain, Nthland, Linda McCurdy, Waikato, Sheree Holmes, Upper Hutt Vly, Maureen Pruden, Waikato.

Men: Singles: Dean Gilshnan, Manawatu. Pairs: Grant Rayner, Nth Wgtn (Captain), Paul Psaila, Akland. Triples: Grant Harvey, Nth Taranaki, Paul Wright, Akland, Richard Caddy, Waikato. Fours: Trevor Gould, Upper Hutt Vly, John Zittersteijn, Nth Taranaki, Robbie Lochrie, Manawatu, Brent Biggar, Wanganui.

MARLBOROUGH INDOOR BOWLS - NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENT

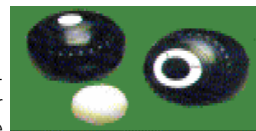
A very notable achievement for the Hitchcock family playing for Springlands Club, was to have Shane (dad) and two sons Simon and Damon all receive a Marlborough Representative Badge for their first season playing at rep level.

Simon was recently runner-up in the Junior Singles (under 18) local final, and Damon is part of the Boys College indoor bowls group.



WELL DONE STEVE MILLS GIVING BACK TO THE SPORT

Special Olympics North Harbour introduced Indoor Bowls in to its portfolio of sports three years ago. The Wednesday evening sessions at the Albany Town Hall have become a highlight in the lives of the intellectually disabled bowlers. They love it. One of the reasons for this is Head Coach Steve Mills. "I volunteered with a little trepidation, as I'd had little experience with intellectual disability and wasn't sure if I'd be capable of getting the message across. But it's just not a problem. They're great characters, and they all get so much satisfaction out of learning and improving. "After so many years of getting so much out of indoor bowls for myself, I'd been thinking about finding a way to give something back, but I wasn't sure how. When I heard that Special Olympics wanted to add indoor bowls to their sports it was the perfect answer," Steve says. He and assistant coaches Dave and Pam Turner acknowledge that they are learning a lot themselves, and personally gain great satisfaction from the enjoyment and improvement of the bowlers. "Steve's humour, patience and coaching skills are making a huge difference to the lives and enjoyment of the athletes," reports Special Olympics North Harbour chairperson Joan Fairhall. "He is tuned in to the needs of the athletes, and encourages their confidence as well as imparting his love of Indoor Bowls as a competitive sport." Indoor Bowls is one of the biggest sports offered by Special Olympics groups throughout New Zealand. If you would like to volunteer, please email northharbour@specialolympics.org.nz with your name and contact details and they will forward it to the relevant local group in your area.



NZ JUNIOR SINGLES COMING UP

Brent Keen, Southland and Teri Anderson, North Wellington head the field of thirty talented young indoor bowlers who have won their way through to play in the national final of the 31st New Zealand Indoor Bowls Junior Singles competition on Saturday, 30 August 2008 at the North Wellington Indoor Bowls Association Hall. Both players have won national titles Keen in the fours in 2006 and Anderson in the pairs this year. Keen is a current South Island representative and both players played for the successful Southern Zone Academy team this year. Keen won this event in 2005 while Anderson was runner-up last year. Anderson aged 14 years is the youngest player to have won a national championship title and she also won the Cliff Thompson Trophy at the national championships awarded to the junior player who progresses the farthest in the singles. Other experienced players include Kyle Peters from North Harbour Jacinda Tutbury from Canterbury and Wanganui's Shane Broderson is back for another crack at the title. Two sisters Danielle and Rachael Hoult have qualified for the final from Otago and Upper Hutt Valley respectively. Danielle is a student at Otago University and last year won the College Sport Wellington School singles.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

ROSS INDOOR BOWLS 50 YEAR CELEBRATION

The Ross Indoor Bowling Club will celebrate their 50yrs of Bowling on Sat 4th Oct 2008 with a dinner at the Empire Hotel, Ross
Past and present players interested in attending to get in touch with Ron & Dot Watson 91 Sale St, Hokitika before the 19th Sept 2008. Ph 03 7557136 Email rgwatson@xtra.co.nz

UMPIRES REPRESENTATIVE ON EXECUTIVE

No election was required as current member Viv Hudson was the only nominee. Congratulations Viv on retaining your position.

INAUGURAL SECONDARY SCHOOL EVENT TAKES OFF

Great to see entries coming in for this event 31 August -1 September and a field of over 40 in the singles and 20 pairs combinations will be competing. 20 Colleges have so far supported the event with Kaitiaki College in the far north sending a team of 4.



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