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SOUTH ISLAND TEAM TOURS THE NORTH

The South Island team sets off on its tour of the North on the 9th of August. They play North Wellington/Horowhenua, Upper Hutt, Hutt Valley, Wanganui, Manawatu, Bush-Ruahine/Wairarapa, Hawkes Bay, Poverty Bay-East Coast, and Bay of Plenty.

The North-South match for the Kevin Eddy Memorial Trophy is at Rotorua on Saturday 17 August.

There are lots of new caps this year due to NZ team members being ineligible for selection. New for the North are Sharon Peters, North Harbour, Debbie Reed, Tauranga, Rochelle Hastie, Waikato, Steve Fisher, Auckland and Mark Ridley, North Taranaki and for the South Rachael Hoult, Canterbury, Linda Carrick, Nelson, brother and sister Stephen and Alanna Preddy, South Otago, Ann Cottrell, Otago, and Domenic Palumbo, Nelson. Arguably it is the first time Mother and daughter will be in opposing teams- Lisa Gould who won the Nationals Pairs title with husband Trevor playing for the North and daughter Rachel Hoult playing for the south. Get along and see some great bowls being played.

PATERSON TROPHY

Congratulations to the six winning teams in this year's Paterson Trophy tournament.

The zone finals resulted in wins to Auckland, Tauranga, North Taranaki, Hutt Valley, Ashburton and Otago. Each goes on to the Welch Trophy to be played at Lincoln,

Canterbury 6-8 September. When Canterbury was asked to host the event it was expected their team would be competing as they had done so for the past 7 years with 4 winning performances. You never know with bowls however and well done to Ashburton who came through to take the Paterson title for their zone.

Successful skips in the Paterson were: Auckland, Steve Fisher, Gavin Eccles; Tauranga, Paul Smith, Keith Setter; North Taranaki, Grant l'Ami, John Zittersteijn; Hutt Valley, Joseph Zino, Brett Holden; Ashburton, Grant Wilson, Michael Lawson; Otago, Daniel French, David Webb.



NZ MIXED FOURS FINAL

Congratulations also to the Mixed Fours winners, North Taranaki. For two of the team, John Zittersteijn, and Elizabeth Morrow, it was their fourth win in the event, and for the other two, Grant Harvey and Michelle Watt, their second. It's also the second National title this year for Zittersteijn, who won the Fours in Rotorua, and Harvey, who won the Triples. It was an outstanding days bowls with four teams still in contention going into the final round and it was great to see the smaller districts Buller and North Otago doing so well.



WHERE ARE YOU UMPIRES?

Nationals Controller David Edgar has identified the umpires, or a lack of them as a long standing problem and it continues to be disappointing that some umpires at Rotorua were not prepared to help out. He extended thanks to Patron Ivon Pash & Kathryn Edgar who helped throughout. Next year free entry fees to the event will be offered to those umpires who do a minimum of 3 sessions.

NORTH ISLAND SS RESULTS

Congratulations to the following who were successful at the event held recently in Tauranga. The NZSS event will be held in Lower Hutt 1-2 Sept.

Singles

- 1st Shaquaid Hihi - Gisborne Boys
- 2nd Georgia Watt - Hawera High
- 3rd Nash Smith - Tauranga Boys
- 4th Amber McNally - Hillcrest High

Pairs

- 1st Bronwyn McNally / Amber McNally - Hillcrest
- 2nd Georgia Watt / Joshua Fox - Hawera High
- 3rd Joshua Saywell / Nash Smith - Tauranga Boys
- 4th Kasey Garforth / James Thomson - Matamata

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Last year NZIB introduced this new award with the purpose being to recognise the valuable work provided by unpaid volunteers at all levels either district or club. Surely someone in your district has done an outstanding job during the past 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.

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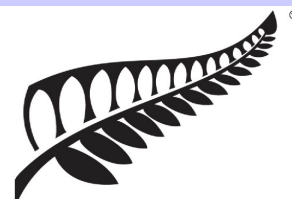
Congratulations to Bevan Matthews from Canterbury who was the sole nomination for this position. As you will be aware however there will be a remit put to December's Annual General Meeting to restructure the Umpires and terminate this specific position.

◆ CHANGE IN BOWLS COLOUR

Black and brown followed by black and yellow and now a complete change to blue and orange! We have been informed by Henselite that the next shipment will be the new colour so if you want black or yellow bowls you had better order them now. If you think it unnecessary introducing a new colour please let National Office know. A new producer of Indoor Bowls mats has finally been found and will be available in a couple of months. There will be a significant increase in the cost of these.

◆ SHAKE, SHAKE, SHAKE

With Wellington rocking & rolling during the Paterson, officials took extra measures to make sure the 48 players stayed safe. They were all asked before play started on the Saturday to make sure they could fit under the nearest chair. Slightly bemused, they did as asked. Reportedly no bowls went off-course on their way down the mat during the tremors.



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