

# ABOUT THE SPORT!

- Started in NZ in 1908 by Mr John Jenkins after he witnessed a game of indoor bowls at the Franco-British Exhibition in London
- Currently played by 50,000 Kiwis in over 1,000 clubs nationwide
- Played in various formats worldwide

# JOINING A CLUB IS EASY!

- Affordable club fee
- Wear soft-soled shoes and comfortable clothing
- Membership advantages include the supply of equipment, established venues and coaching support
- Members can become involved in umpiring and coaching



NZ Juniors: Kerry Bartosh & Shaun Blackburn

# WHY INDOOR BOWLS?

- Compete at local, national and international level
- Easy to learn—played by men and women of all ages and abilities
- Can be played competitively or socially
- Excellent for meeting new friends
- Affordable sport for the entire family—value for money
- Non-contact, low-impact sport—great for ex-athletes or those who have sustained injuries from high-impact sport
- Life-long sport—players aged between 5 and 80+
- Spend quality time with family and friends
- Equal opportunity at winning—no gender or age barrier
- Helps to develop life skills
- All clubs have coaching available at all levels and abilities

# LIFE SKILLS!

The game of indoor bowls provides opportunity for the learning and reinforcement of Life Skills essential to becoming a responsible member of society. The opportunity of becoming part of a team and respecting each other's skills and differences applies not only to indoor bowls but to a variety of situations where co-operation and tolerance are required. Honesty and integrity in the game are important aspects to carry into everyday life outside of indoor bowls. To be able to win and lose gracefully and display sportsmanship are attributes to gain and use in a myriad of situations. Enjoyment of the game and the collegial support from fellow players, along with the skills for life learnt, makes indoor bowls a valued game for all.

Bring a friend and play for free

# HOW THE GAME IS PLAYED!



Gary Taiaroa

- Played indoors on a mat using a set of bowls similar to lawn bowls
- Games are played in singles, pairs, triples or fours
- Bowls are rolled using several positions
- The game may be for a specified time limit, points or number of ends
- The objective is to get your bowl nearest to the jack (small white ball)

A GAME FOR ALL



Father & Son: Mark and Brent Keen

# GO INDOOR BOWLING!



Pat Hoult

### Player Profile

Started playing bowls in Nelson as a 12 year old and have played for 30 years although the game was always in the blood with both parents playing. Used to play in the hallway at home after school everyday and held "tournaments" in the weekend for the local kids.

Played rugby but injured my knee and so put more emphasis on indoor bowls.

Became a National Umpire at 16 and pursued every local tournament that was available.

Selected to play for North Island in 1993 and for NZ in 1995. Captain of North Island since 1996 (team undefeated) and Captain of NZ since 1997 (team undefeated).

Bowls has provided many opportunities for me. To represent your country and stand proudly for the National Anthem is very special and something that many of us don't get the chance to experience.

Bowls has also provided a wide network of life-long friends across all age groups. An opportunity to compete at any desired level no matter what age, race or sex. A truly open sport. Now my own children play and, while Indoor Bowls compliments other sports, they get the chance to learn from older mentors. This brings about sportsmanship and a maturity that can be applied to all walks of life.

# HAVE A GO!

### This is your chance to try indoor bowling!

Visit a club nearest you - you can bring a friend along - and get a **FREE** introductory session

View [www.nzindoorbowls.co.nz](http://www.nzindoorbowls.co.nz) or phone to find your nearest club

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