

INDOOR BOWLS NEWS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Just over six months have passed since the AGM in December 2001. I thought it timely to revisit some of the key activities and initiatives that the National executive team have been working on. Some of this information may have reached your Club already. For those Clubs I am pleased that the lines of communications are open to your level, however some clubs seldom sight National executive meeting minutes or have an understanding of some of the activities taking place to improve our sport.

- Cook Island/ Maori International October 2002. This is an addition to our National Calendar and one that is very exciting for our sport. Both teams will play a New Zealand Academy Selection. The selection criteria for this team will be available by the end of July. Both events will be played in Auckland.
- New Zealand Indoor Bowls and Bowls New Zealand entered into a Memorandum of Understanding as at January 2002. This is by no means an indication that the two sporting codes amalgamate. Rather working together on how both sports can increase their numbers. One of the key areas we are working on is the focus and development of both games within schools. As a result of the Memorandum NZ Indoor Bowls is now represented on the NZ Disability Bowls Advisory Panel. This is an excellent additional network.
- Our website is now up and running www.nzindoorbowls.co.nz - see later article.
- Regional Coaches to be appointed. Along with the new National Sporting Funding Agency, Sparc, your Executive is keen to promote coaching as one of its main initiatives - the better you bowl the more you like it! It is hoped that all clubs will take advantage of the new coaching opportunities that become available. If you are interested in one of the Regional Coaching Positions contact David Edgar - Ph/Fax 03-204 8227.

Good bowling for the rest of the season.

Shane Cuthbert



HISTORY IS MADE AT THE 2002 LION FOUNDATION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Grant l'Ami from the Hillhead Club, Otago made Indoor Bowls history when he won a NZ Indoor Bowls Gold star for five national titles at the event held in Wanganui. The 27-year-old came to the 2002 event owning three titles and with long time friend Mike Phipps secured the pairs championship. They both then combined with Trevor Gould and Darryl Gallagher in the best way

possible to claim the fours title to enable l'Ami to become the only living holder of the New Zealand gold star. The only other winner of a gold star was the late Sen Smith from Auckland who won the first in 1989.

l'Ami began bowling with his father, Colin, when he was nine years old and his titles include Fours- 1994, 1998, 2002, Triples 1999 and Pairs 2002.

Congratulations to the other winners:

Singles: Bruce Meyer, Manawatu.

Triples: Blair Spicer, Dean Gilshnan and Gordon McIvor, Manawatu.

Special prizes awarded in the singles event went to Suzann Burnand, Canterbury for being the most successful lady, Jason McAdam (Upper Hutt Valley) the best junior and Blanche Allport (North Shore) the most successful bowler over the age of 65.

In the pairs Ron and Rae Inglis Golden Bay- Motueka won the Bob Malcolm Memorial Tray and overall Manawatu District won the Patron's Cup.

It was no surprise that the player of the tournament awarded the Robertson Cup was Grant l'Ami. Well done to the hard working team from the Wanganui Indoor Bowls Association who hosted the event.

ISLAND TEAMS

The following South Island team will tour the North Island 9-18 August with a Test match against the Dunlop Tyre North Island team in New Plymouth on 17 August. The team is:

Ladies:

Singles: Julie Dalley (CY)

Pairs: Eileen Grant (SO), Julie Kirk (CY)

Triples: Patricia Cowan (OT), Colleen Logan (SC), Jan Low (SL)

Fours: Sandra Keith (AS), Rae Inglis (GB), Valmai Hantz (CY), Shelley Houlison (OT).

Men:

Singles: Grant l'Ami (OT)

Pairs: Blair Spicer and Richard Griffiths (CY)

Triples: Nigel Warnes (NN), David Wadsworth (GB), Gary Low (SL)

Fours: Trevor Gould (OT), Simon Thomas (CY), Graham Low (SL) Mark Jacombs (OT).

Dunlop Tyres North Island Team

Ladies:

Singles: Suzann Burnand (WK)

Pairs: Dale Lang (NW), Linda Judson (Wk)

Triples: Alison Littlejohn (HB), Carol Barnes (NS), Gaylene Bell (WK)

Fours: Lyn Brittain (NL), Sue Meyer (MN), Carol Wright (AK) Fiona Wilson (TG),

Men:

Singles: Neil Semple (UV)

Pairs: Dean Gilshnan and Gordon McIvor (MN)

Triples: Bruce Meyer (MN), Mike Dempsey (NT), Leon Bates (HB)

Fours: Patrick Hoult (UV), Keith Waghorn (MN), Grant Harvey (AK) and Paul Jamieson (HV)

The only new cap was Gayleen Bell who forced her inclusion with excellent form for Waikato this year. Her selection was even more remarkable as both Island teams had to be reshuffled to accommodate the return of the successful New Zealand team members. Last year they were ineligible for Island team selection as they were playing in the Test against Australia in Sydney.

50th JUBILEE

This time it is the Spreydon Club to celebrate their 50th anniversary on 28th June 2003. Past members who would like to attend are asked to contact the Secretary at 12 Copenhagen Place, Christchurch. Any memorabilia that is available to be loaned for display on the day would be appreciated.

NEWS FROM THE KING COUNTRY

Bars for Gold Stars were awarded to Graham and Pam Hopkins after their win in the King Country Championship pairs. Another recipient was Carol Lovell who with husband Ray and Mary Tetzlaff won the KC Triples for the 5th time.

Two Life Memberships were awarded to Ross Arndt and Hazel Booth for their contribution to KC indoor bowls. Hazel has now retired but Ross is still an active member and has to travel 1 hour to his local bowling club. He does this about 3 times per week so over a season he probably uses up a set of tyres just to play the game.

MATS AND BOWLS REQUIRED

The Otorohanga Club Inc would be interested in second hand mats and bowls if anyone has some available. Contact Gordon or Tricia Land 07-873 8863.

WANGANUI REVISITED



Did you go to the Nationals in Wanganui? How did you progress? Who did you play and what was that score again? You can find out for sure and even see some pictures to bring back memories on the NZ

Indoor Bowls Website. During Nationals week alone there were over one thousand hits recorded on the website as each day, bowlers from around the country checked up on the progress of their club's players. Now that you are back, take the time to see what the others were looking at on our site at: www.nzindoorbowls.co.nz.

Jock Jamieson continues to do an excellent job co-ordinating this site for us and soon to be added will be an archive section.

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