

INDOOR BOWLS NEWS

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NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2004 Lion Foundation National Championships which were held in Taupo have been and gone. The week was very successful. Once again my thanks to everyone who contributed to any part of running the event. I would say that the allocation for the 2007 event will be a very interesting one. During the Nationals I conducted a survey about the event. I have had a very good response to the survey from those who attended the event. The next part of this strategy is to gain the feedback from those who could not be at the event for whatever reason. This survey has been sent to all district secretaries. If you have and would like to provide some feedback on the Nationals please contact your district secretary or send to National Office by 20 August. Remember - Nothing comes out of doing nothing Shane Cuthbert- NZIB President

FROM MARKETING & DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

There were many highlights during the National Championships in Taupo both in the qualifying and post section of each event. The marketing team concentrated on making available a number of vouchers and spot prizes to all players. We hope most players and spectators took full advantage of what was offered.

It is reported that 560 free swims were enjoyed and I handed out close to 1000 discount or free offer vouchers during the week. Spot prizes both large and small were handed out and recipients were very pleased. 10 free entry fees for Wanganui and entry fee reimbursements to those in the last 16 heightened awareness and sparked positive reactions. The marketing team will now focus to maximizing profile opportunities during the South Island Indoor Bowls tour, membership growth and sponsorship possibilities.

Once again I am asking for your help and feedback with these objectives. Please share your ideas with me on ksetternzib@hotmail.com or phone direct on 021-500659.

WEBSITE BECOMING EVEN MORE POPULAR

Have you visited the site- www.nzindoorbowls.co.nz - it just keeps on getting better with updating now during all National events. Only two years ago there were 5000 annual hits- so far this year there have been over 6500 visits with a projection figure for this year being around 12000-14000. Well done to Delwyn Hughes our Publicity Officer and Jock Jamieson the webmaster for their great work!

MORE COACHING BEING DONE

Executive Member David Edgar coordinates the coaching programme and there are more and more opportunities to receive free coaching at both club and district level. So far this year our Regional coaches have visited 22 districts and 41 clubs for coaching sessions- close to 1450 bowlers have taken advantage of this free offer including 650 juniors in schools. Do you want to learn anything to make the game just a bit more enjoyable? If so contact David on

03-204 8227 - it is possible some more coaching may be included in the current travelling schedules of our coaches.

OTAGO UNIVERSITY ATTRACTS MORE STUDENTS

The successful course held last year is being repeated, 24 and 31 July, and 40 students have enrolled for it.

Regional Coach Julie Dalley will facilitate the course with the help of David Edgar.

SOUTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Southland Triples Success.

At this year's South Island Champs held in Dunedin a Southland Team achieved a remarkable success. The Southland team of Grant Fortune skip, Brent Keen second and Ian Guildford lead won the Triples Championship. Brent being only 14 years of age and Ian at 17 are now the youngest players to have won an Island Championship.

The previous youngest player to win was the team's skip Grant Fortune who at age 22 won the Pairs at Marlborough in 1989. The team lead on that occasion was Shirley Turner, Brent Keen's mother.

The year has continued to be good for Grant having recently obtained his Gold Bar to his Gold Star with his tenth Southland Championship win.

NEW ZEALAND MIXED FOURS FINALS

There will definitely be a new champion team this year, as last year's winners Pat Hoult, Neil Semple, Lisa Hoult and Sylvia Leck (Upper Hutt Valley) did not win their District play off. Another surprise in the Zone play offs last weekend saw the mixed fours gold star holders Bruce Meyer and Sue Meyer along with Dean and Sheryll Gilshnan from Manawatu eliminated.

The following teams will be competing in the National Final in New Plymouth on 24 July.

Northland- Dave Ross, Peter Sole, Phyliss Cooper, Janet Sole
Waikato-Darryn Bell, John Frelan, Gayleen Bell, Julie Logan

Wanganui-Gavin Scrivener, Lindsay Bourne, Maria Klitscher, Shelley Scrivener
Hawkes Bay-Rod Fleming, Sue Fleming, John Nesbitt, Julia Boyd
Upper Hutt Valley-Roger Jones, Brian Signal, Christine Hewitt, Angela Bell
Nelson-Nigel Warnes, Hayden Warnes, Kay Forsyth, Barbara Lancaster
Canterbury-Murray Fraser, Chris Matthews, Marion Thomas, Stacey Le Breton
Otago-Garry Flewitt, Barry Cadogan, June Pickles, Lynne Flewitt

ISLAND TEAMS

The following Island team will North Island



South tour the during

August with a Test match against the Dunlop Tyre North Island team in Feilding on 14 August. Last year the South Island team convincingly won the Henry Eddy Trophy- the first time since 1997. It will be interesting to see if they can repeat that performance. This year there is no International fixture, which means NZ representative players, were available for selection. The South Island team is:

Women:

Singles: Julie Dalley (CY) Pairs: Anne Mackie (SL), Rhonda Milne (SL) Triples: Rhonda Middleton (CY), Valmai Hantz (CY), Marilyn Holmes (OT) Fours: Sandra Keith (AS), Eileen Grant (SO), Julie Thomas (CY), Elaine Carnie (SL)

Men:

Singles: Gary Low (SL) Pairs: Nigel Warnes (NN), Mathew Begg (CO) Triples: David Philpott (CY), Michael Lawson (AS), Peter Carnie (SL) Fours: Trevor Gould (OT), Graham Low (SL), Simon Thomas (CY) Hayden Warnes (NN)

Dunlop Tyres North Island Team

Women:

Singles: Suzann Burnand (BP) Pairs: Dale Lang (NW), Linda McCurdy (WK) Triples: Lyn Brittain (NL), Carol Wright (AK), Raewyn Dempsey (NT) Fours: Alison Littlejohn (WK), Linda Mills (NS), Annette Barr (UV), Fiona Wilson (TG)

Men:

Singles: Patrick Hoult (UV) Pairs: Leon Bates (AK), Neil Semple (UV) Triples: John Zittersteijn (NT), Mike Dempsey (NT), Gordon McIvor (MN) Fours: Dean Gilshnan (MN), Grant Harvey (AK), Grant Rayner (NW), David Lynn (PB)

BOWLS ON TELEVISION

Hopefully many of you were able to watch coverage of the Lion Foundation National Championships on TV last weekend. It can be viewed on Channel 90 via the Sky Digital Network. Next Saturday 10 July at 8.30pm there will be coverage of the singles final, which will be replayed on the Sunday at 3pm. The following week 17 July, same timings, will be the pairs semi final matches with the pairs final on 24 July repeated the following day timings as above.

50th CELEBRATIONS IN TIMARU

The Timaru Association and South Canterbury Centre 50th Jubilee celebrations are being hosted by the Timaru Association on September 25th.-26th. Pairs will be played on Saturday afternoon starting at 1pm with a buffet dinner in the evening and the Fours on the Sunday morning. Any past and present bowlers as well as supporters are most welcome to attend any or all of the celebrations. The Community Trust Sports Stadium will be the venue.

Anyone wishing to take part in this event contact Ian Hight 03-688 8652 or e-mail hight@maxnet.co.nz

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