

LION FOUNDATION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS — SOME OF THE MANY HIGHLIGHTS FROM BLENHEIM

- ◆ Richard Griffiths from Canterbury retaining the singles title and skipping the winning triples team.
- ◆ Paul Psailia from Auckland winning the third only ever Gold Star.
- ◆ Dale's brother Grant Rayner winning the Pairs Championship with Paul Psailia and also third equal in the triples.
- ◆ Dale Lang from North Wellington the first woman skip of a Championship fours team & also reaching the semi finals of the singles & winning the Truth Cup.
- ◆ Brent Biggar from Wanganui- Player of the Tournament- runner up in the singles and pairs, a top eight finish in the fours and top 32 in the triples.
- ◆ Cook Island team of Wally Kainana, Vai Tapa, Meti Vila and Puni Mataora from Roskill and Districts making the semi finals of the Fours for the second time.
- ◆ Patron's Cup for the most successful district went to Auckland.



TELEVISION COVERAGE

It was great to have Southland TV again at the event - mark in your diary the following times. The semi-finals and final of the singles will be broadcast on Sky Digital Channel 90 on Saturday 8 July 5.30pm, Sunday 9 July Noon and 9pm. The pair's semis and final will play in the same timeslots the following Saturday and Sunday 15 and 16 July. And there is more on Sky!

DATE	TIME	CHANNEL	EPISODE	EVENT
4/07/2006	23:00	SKY Sport 2	1	Singles Final
6/07/2006	11:00	SKY Sport 2	1	Singles Final
6/07/2006	16:30	SKY Sport 1	1	Singles Final
10/07/06	13:00	SKY Sport 2	1	Singles Final
11/07/2006	21:00	SKY Sport 2	2	Pairs Final
12/07/2006	16:30	SKY Sport 1	2	Pairs Final
13/07/2006	11:00	SKY Sport 2	2	Pairs Final
13/07/2006	16:00	SKY Sport 1	2	Pairs Final
15/07/2006	13:00	SKY Sport 2	2	Pairs Final

PLEASE NOTE TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

COLLEGE SPORT EVENT IN WELLINGTON

The Secondary School Championships were recently held in the North Wellington Indoor Bowls Hall with over 70 bowlers competing. This year a novice singles and pairs were added to the main championships and these proved to be very popular. The event was so successful last year NZ Team Captain, Pat Hoult and Executive Member Alison Cowan presented trophies to be played for each year. Pat was able to present his trophy to daughter, Rachel from Sacred Heart College who won the Championship Singles. Star player from the recent National Championships Dale Lang also attended and assisted with the prize giving. The pairs winning team was brother and sister Patricia and Graham Cherry from Naenae College. A team from Wellington will be selected to attend the Central Region championships to be hosted by Manawatu with a tentative date being 11 September. Well done to the North Wellington IBA for their excellent work in making this such a successful event, now permanently established on the College Sports annual calendar. If other districts want to know how they can make a similar event work in conjunction with their local Sports Trust contact Ngaire at National Office.

JULY EVENTS

Friday 14-16 July

Paterson Trophy Competition will be at
 Zone 1 Waihi Beach Trustbank Hall Zone 4 Expressions- Civic Centre, Upper Hutt
 Zone 2 Memorial Hall, Stratford Zone 5 The Stadium-Ashburton
 Zone 3 Jubilee Stadium, Wanganui Zone 6 Southland Centre Hall, Invercargill

Saturday 22 July

NZ Mixed Fours-Waikato Indoor Bowls Hall- Duncan Rd, Hamilton

Go along and support these events and see some top bowls being played.



CELEBRATIONS

Foundation member of the Whangarei Indoor Bowling Club Joan Houston turned 100 years old last month and to help celebrate the occasion fellow members held an Open Fours Tournament in the Kensington Stadium. The tournament began with 100 year old Joan and 8 year old Bradley Dufty bowling the first jack and bowl.

A presentation was made to Peter Begley, Patron and Life Member of the Awakeri Indoor Bowls Club (Bay of Plenty) to celebrate his 50 years playing for the club. What an achievement to play this long for the same club.

The B.H.P. Indoor bowling Club of Cambridge celebrates 50 years of bowling this year. A 50th Anniversary Dinner will be held on the 14th October. Any past members, who would like to take part in the celebrations, are asked to contact, Trevor Faulkner 22 Williams St. Cambridge. Phone 07 827 5787 and leave a message, or E-Mail mykiwi@wave.co.nz



WHERE ARE ALL THE UMPIRES?

All sports need a good umpiring structure and indoor bowls is in desperate need to find more people to assist with this essential part of the game. Recently a new Measurer's test was sent to districts and all bowlers are encouraged to become involved and increase their skill level - the test can be either written or oral. Qualified umpires are also wanted and it is not too late to sit the exam this year.

Contact your district secretary or umpire's secretary for information on it.

THANK YOU SPARC

Based on the Management plan submitted similar funding levels to last year have been received. All districts would have received a copy of the Schedule of the Investment and from it would have seen that the sport must achieve certain targets. These include retaining membership numbers, inter schools competitions in districts, financial stability, greater member access to qualified coaching and having a quality umpiring system in place. Future funding will be based on how the sport performs this year so all districts are urged to work with your National Executive to help achieve these targets.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

MEMBERSHIP LOYALTY PROGRAMME

Yes it is later this year but membership fees are now due and should be forwarded to your District Secretary. Remember if your club increases or retains its membership at last year's level you will be given a reward payment from National Office under the Membership Loyalty Programme.

NEW MATS ARE NOW AVAILABLE.

At last we are pleased to advise that new Henselite wool mats are in stock. If orders are done quickly the old cost of \$550 will still apply.

WEBSITE—www.nzindoorbowls.co.nz

Would you believe 13,000 HITS over the week of the National Champs!