

# **NZ INDOOR BOWLS NEWS**

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#### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

What a fantastic National Championships in Invercargill. Great games with fantastic bowls, superb atmosphere in fact one of the best if not the best Nationals I have attended. Congratulations to the Southland Indoor Bowls community for getting behind your Centre and supporting the event to the extent that you did. I am heading in to a very busy time of the year. In fact I have one weekend between now and the second weekend in September where I am not involved in a National Event of some description. This gives me an opportunity to get out into Districts and I look forward to meeting with you and talking about our sport where I can. At the beginning of the year DVDs and "Hints to Boost Club Membership" booklets were distributed to every affiliated Club in New Zealand. Have you seen yours or is it still sitting in the Secretary's brief case? These tools have been successfully used by many Clubs so take the opportunity and give the DVDs to your new players. They will learn something from it. We are still hearing about many great initiatives being implemented by Districts to introduce the Sport into schools. Don't be shy, share these success stories and we will all benefit from them. Finally I feel I must comment on the use of Facebook. This is an amazing media forum and it is great to see the results being posted by so many Districts. However, it is also an opportunity to market our sport and while we are not perfect I don't think it is useful to post criticisms of our Districts and Administrators in this forum. There are other avenues to do that and I feel Facebook should be used to accentuate the positive and good things that are happening in our great sport. Trevor Rayner NZIB President



#### LUCKY WINNERS DRAWN IN INVERCARGILL FOR FREE ENTRY TO **NEXT YEAR'S CHAMPIONSHIP IN ROTORUA ARE:**

Pat Everest, North Harbour; Eric Bryan, Manawatu; James Stewart, Ashburton; Barry Clement, North Taranaki; Ray Knight, Southland; Merleen Orr, Bay of Plenty; Margaret Grant, Manawatu; Jenny Sackfield, Manawatu; Brian Corkin, Bush Ruahine; Shannon Langley, Southland; Betty Savage, Waikato; Elaine White, Otago; Roger Beeke, South Canterbury; Billy Reinsfield, North Taranaki; Jenny Stockford, Auckland; Graham Membery, Waikato.

#### TRAINING FOR COACHES

It has long been recognised that this sport has not provided training opportunities for its coaches and this is about to change. It has been proven that the better you play the more you enjoy the game so we want active coaches working at both club and district level. NZIB is developing a long term plan but in the meantime will be happy to provide coaching for any interested coaches who would be prepared to pass on what they have learnt. Please provide National Office with your name and contact details by

20 August. Opportunities will then be identified by doing a Level 1 or Level 2 at your local Sports Trust or alternatively a 'taylor made' course will be developed.

## **NEW DEVELOPMENT ROLES**

The Terms of Reference have been signed off and we are delighted that Michelle Watt is up and bowling in the Indoor Bowls position at Sport Taranaki. Already

she has visited clubs to explain her role and she is enthusiastic about the support she has received from the North Taranaki Executive and fellow workers at Sport Taranaki. Targeting schools to promote opportunities for children to play the game and arranging cluster tournaments will be part of

Meanwhile Craig Whiteside continues to do good work in the Tauranga-Bay of Plenty area and it is extremely encouraging that the entries for the Intermediate schools event- AIMS Games in Tauranga has doubled from 80 to over 160. Craig has now held 73 sessions involving 1537 young bowlers.

#### MORE MEASURERS NOW WANTED

It is pleasing to see more people sitting the Umpires Exam and qualifying to become Local or National umpires. Regardless of this however overall numbers continue to decline. Therefore it has been decided to have a National campaign to attract more Measurers. We have Umpire trainers throughout the country who are going to be asked to run a Measuring Course in their area. The challenge is to have at least one new Measurer in every district! Please help us achieve this. The Trainers contact details are below or alternatively it can be organised by some other qualified person in your district. Contact National Office for samples of questions.

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# NZ SECONDARY SCHOOLS EVENT

As you should know the National SS event follows on from the Junior Singles in North Wellington 2-3 September and the expectation would be for your junior representative to stay and play at least in the SS singles. Your district has a copy of the entry form which must be signed off from the school. Information is on the NZ Secondary School website www.nzssc.org.nz Contact National Office if you want more details.

#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

### NZIB AND SPORT NEW ZEALAND VOLUNTEER AWARDS

It is time to recognise some of this sport's volunteers by nominating them for the Sport NZ awards- contact www.sportnz.org.nz/volunteers . Closing date 28 Aug NZIB has also initiated a Volunteer of the Year Award

Are you aware of this? A nomination form can be downloaded from www.nzindoorbowls.co.nz. Let's make 2012 the Year of the Volunteer.

#### **NATIONAL REPLAYS ON CUE TV**

You may have already seen the National coverage on TV Channel 23 on Freeview and Channel 110 on SKY Digital. If not replays have been scheduled so spread the word.

These will be: 12th Aug at 9pm – Singles 19th Aug at 12pm – Pairs

### 2013 NEW ZEALAND TEAM

20 Trialists will be announced after the Welch Trophy in Roskill 7-9 September with the trial taking place in Wellington 17-18 November. Nomination forms for this team are now available with your District Secretary. The team to compete in Queensland next May will be announced at the December AGM.

#### **WANTED YOUNG BOWLERS 18-25 YEARS?**

Waikato intends to hold a singles and pairs tournament 22-23 September. Great to have this new idea suggested by Matt Gorlicki and supported by the Waikato IBA. Hopefully it will attract big numbers and then grow into a sought after event on the annual calendar for the younger bowler.

