

# INDOOR BOWLS NEWS

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is very hard to believe that we are half way through 2004 & only days away from our premier event the Lion Foundation National Championships.

Half way through the year is a good time for me to ask myself what have I done so far this year to make a difference to NZ Indoor Bowls. A question that everyone who is involved in the sport should take some time to think about.

One of the first things that I have done to make a difference this year is the establishment of the Marketing & Development Manager. Whilst this was a decision of the full executive it was definitely something I have supported from day one. Currently I am meeting with Keith Setter on a weekly basis to monitor the progress as this role evolves. We have set targets for the first twelve months & are well on the way to ticking these off. Keith has already made excellent inroads & contacts for the 2005 Nationals in Wanganui. A one pager about the benefits of this role is on the way to all districts. I have had an active involvement in several difficult issues at a district level. Some have been resolved, others are ongoing. I will continue to be available & also offer the skill & ability of my executive team where appropriate. I have managed to balance bowls, work & a life. At times I wonder how & sometimes why. You may think how does this make a difference. The difference is thinking how will I find time this week to fit it all in - what are my priorities & what will make the biggest difference.

So what have you done this year to make a difference? Have you brought a friend to Bowls? Have you taken on a position on a committee? Have you worked with a junior member? Have you asked your customers if they are happy with the product and service they are receiving? The list could go on. The message is many things large & small make a difference, the challenge is making the effort to do something that makes a difference. As they say at Nike "Just do it". If you have done something that has made a difference this year then good on you.

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## READY TO ROLL IN TAUPO

Almost 1400 bowlers will be heading to Taupo for the Lion Foundation National Championships. Bruce Meyer from Manawatu who won back to back singles titles in 2002 and 2003 is in the field of 875 players who will contest the singles, which is up on last year's entry at Nelson where 700 players took part.

Don & Lillian Christini from Northland will defend the pairs title against 525 other combinations.

The defending titleholders in the triples Les & Diane Hazeleton & Elaine Eccles from Tauranga have entered as have the 2003 fours champions from Nelson, Nigel Warnes, Richard Verdonk, Hayden Warnes and Kerry Moffat.

## CELEBRATIONS IN NORTHLAND

On the 28<sup>th</sup> August 2004 Rodney Indoor Bowls are celebrating 50 years of being an Association. Those former members now living outside the area who wish to attend should contact Graham Turner 09-425 6276 or by e-mail [gj.turner@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gj.turner@xtra.co.nz) Also up North the Northland Indoor Bowling Centre is celebrating 50 years as a Centre on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>

October 2004. Former members of the Centre who wish to have more information and wish to attend please contact either Sylvia Johnston at 09-434 0723 or Pat Severinsen by e-mail [pladserv@abel.net.nz](mailto:pladserv@abel.net.nz)

## NORTHLAND LIFE MEMERS

Patron Ken Rogers presented Pat and Decima Severinsen with their Northland Life Members badges. Pat has had over 30 years involvement with the Centre & has been President since 1998. Decima has always been very supportive of Pat's activities and has been Match Convenor since 1995 & Publicity Officer since 2001. Thank you Decima for keeping the Northland web page up to date.

This can be viewed at [www.northland.sports.org.nz](http://www.northland.sports.org.nz)

## OBITUARY

We were saddened to hear of the death of well-known bowler Cliff McLachlan last month.

His brother Don introduced Cliff to the game, & it wasn't long before he was hooked. Soon his late wife, Rene, and sons, Wynston and Russell were bitten by the bug and were part of a very formidable family team who played together all over the country.

Cliff began his bowls at Popotunoa as foundation member in 1958 and helped form the Clinton Zone in 1959. He became a member of the South Otago Executive in 1960 where he remained, all but for one year, until 1973. He was awarded a Life member of SO Association in 1985 & two years later became the Patron, a position he held until 2002/3 when he relinquished the post because of declining health. As well as his administrative skills he showed just as many skills on the mat winning many Centre titles and a NZ title in 1968 by taking out the NZ Mixed Fours. Cliff was elected to the National Executive in 1972 and became President in 1977-8. In 1976 he was a Selector & Manager of the first NZ team to tour Australia. While on the National Executive he was instrumental in promoting the sport & introducing improvements. He obtained the new bowling mats in use at the time and promoted and helped start the NZ Junior Singles, making it an annual event. He also donated the McLachlan Cup competed for by the Northern and Southern Junior Zone teams.

## ISLAND TEAMS TO BE ANNOUNCED

This year the South Island Indoor Bowls team will be touring the North Island in August with the main event being the Test match against the North Island at Feilding 14 August. Both teams will be announced at the Lion Foundation National Championships in Taupo on 17 June. 58 nominations were received for the North Island team- 32 men and 26 ladies and a total of 50 for the South Island- 29 men and 21 ladies.

## TRANS TASMAN RIVALRY AGAIN NEXT YEAR

The NZ Indoor Bowls team will travel to Victoria to play at Colac, which is 150 kms west of Melbourne. The dates for this prestigious event will be 12-14 May.

## 41<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL POLICE INDOOR BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

These will be played at the Whakatane Indoor Bowls Stadium over the weekend of July 31 and August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004. Fours are played on the Saturday with Pairs played on the Sunday. All non-qualifiers are

automatically entered into respective plate events.

These Championships are open to all current and past employees of the NZ Police including their immediate family members. Single entries are accepted and composite teams arranged accordingly. Further details and an entry form can be obtained from the following website: [www.policisportz.com](http://www.policisportz.com) or by contacting Alan Buckley- ph 07- 332-2211

## NZ NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

This years national championships were played in the Pettigrew Green Arena in Taradale Napier and attracted 250 players in the singles, 80 fours combinations and 165 pairs entries.

Lance Jenner (Auckland) who defeated Derek Button (North Shore) won the singles by 11 points - 2. The fours was a triumph for the local team with skip Rod Fleming, Sue Fleming, John Nesbit and Carol Wilkinson proving too good for Tony Pickering, Owen Cooper, Edith Barnett and Betty Cooper (Auckland). NZ Lady rep Dale Lang and husband Gregor (Wellington) who defeated Brian Fahey and Margaret Millward (Auckland) won the pairs.

## ROTORUA'S QUEENS BIRTHDAY TOURNAMENT

NZ representative Linda McCurdy showed she is coming into top form at the right time with the Nationals commencing next week. She won the singles event for the second time defeating Warren Madoc. Both players come from Waikato.

Ted Cole and Pat Schischka (Tauranga) beat North Island representatives Darryn Bell and Alison Littlejohn in the pairs' final. North Island representative Grant Harvey skipped his Hamilton City team of Kevin Boothby, David Lynn and Graham Pederson to victory in the fours defeating Edgecumbe's Paul Guest, Brian Enevoldsen, Gill Reynolds and Maureen Enevoldsen.

## SOUTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

From the 65 teams entered in the fours event played in Dunedin Nigel Godman, Darryl Gallagher, John Gawn and Marion Mowat were the winning team defeating Hugh Bosman, Ross Thomson, Noel Hunt and Nola Hunt 7-4. Both teams came from Otago.

135 teams entered the Championship pairs with Michael Lawson and Ken McKenzie (Ashburton) winning 7-6 over husband and wife combination from South Canterbury Derek and Carolyn Cooper.

The winning triples team was Southland's Grant Fortune, Brent Keen, Ian Guildford who beat Simon Thomas, Richard Griffiths and Julie Thomas from Canterbury.

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