



**NEW ZEALAND
INDOOR BOWLS**

NZ INDOOR BOWLS NEWS

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FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

At the time of writing this report it is two days out from the South Island Champs. As I said last month, these are in Queenstown. Although entries are down on the last South Island, there is quality, not quantity. This will make for an interesting event. In early May the International with Australia was played. The players assembled in Pukekohe on the 5th of May. (The first day of duck shooting, I was told) and played a composite team on Sunday the 6th. As far as I know this is the first time that this has been done and was very successful. Special thanks to the members of the composite team for giving there time and for coming to this event. One of the good things about being in a District for a week is that you get to meet the locals. That is one of the good things about this job. The event ended in a draw. Another first at this event was the presence of T.V cameras and the viewing details will be included in this newsletter. I would like to say a big thank you to the members of the Counties District for all their help with the running of this event. In the next few days we will be off to the Nationals in New Plymouth. The nationals are the big event of the year where history is made in our sport. This year we also have the academy event where the Southern Zone plays the Northern Zone. This is on the Wednesday night starting at 7pm. It will be a good night of bowls so come along and have a look. Also the Nationals are one of the few times that the National Executive is all together. If you see myself or a member of the executive and you want to have a chat please feel free to do so. We are there to look after the sport for all bowlers. If you are going to the nationals safe traveling and good bowling to you all. Take care. David Edgar

INTERNATIONAL- COVERAGE OF SKY SPORTS

CUE TV (Digital 110) is broadcasting full match coverage each Sunday at 3pm for the next 6 weeks. Repeats of all these games will be scheduled for August with exact times to be advised. SKY has confirmed the following dates for the 55 min highlight's package.

Singles

Pairs

DATE	TIME	CHANNEL	DATE	TIME	CHANNEL
15/06/07	18:30	Sport 1	22/06/07	15:30	Sport 1
16/06/07	13:00	Sport 2	24/06/07	03:30	Sport 2
18/06/07	20:30	Sport 2	25/06/07	20:30	Sport 2
19/06/07	08:00	Sport 2	26/06/07	06:30	Sport 2
Triples					
29/06/07	16:00	Sport 1			

ACADEMY TEAMS

A new initiative at this tournament will be the playing of a Northern Zone Academy Team and a Southern Zone Academy team from those players entered in the championships and nominated by their district selectors. The event will be held on the Wednesday night during the nationals commencing at 7pm at the TSB Stadium.

The Northern Zone team is: Raewyn Dempsey (NT), Pam Cohen (AK), Margaret Grant (MN), Lillian Christini (NL), Margurrite Gerrand (BP), Sue Sheary (TV), Lorraine Miedema (TV), Elizabeth Morrow (NT), Caroline Thompson (WK), Lorraine Phipps (NT), Paul Smith (TG), Brent Biggar (WG), Jonathan Warrington (MN), Paul Wright, Lance Jenner, and Patrick Morrisson (AK), Steve Fisher (RD), Steve Flaszynski (WK), Cary Pinker (WG) and Shaun Blackbourn (WK)

The Southern Zone team is: Lyn Rance (OT), Lisa Hoult (UV), Jenny White (CY), Rhonda Milne (SL), Diane Haswell & Angela Bell (UV), Alison Cowan-Page, Jenny Stockford & Donna Sergent (NW), Paul Berkeley (CY), Barry Gray (SO), Blake Signal (UV), Bevan Matthews & Robbie Osborne (CY), Brent Keen, Peter Carnie (SL), John Hendry, Shaun Osborne (CY), Stephen Preddy (SO)

UMPIRES NEWS:

Thanks to Graham Gerrand for his work with the Examinations papers & congratulations to the following that are now qualified National Umpires: Eric Bryan, Manawatu, Margurrite Gerrand & Sid Gumbley, Rotorua & Neil Anderson, Horowhenua



50 YEARS AND STILL GOING STRONG

In Ashburton as members of the Wakanui IBC drove to the hall for opening night of its 50th season Ken Butterick had more reason than others to smile. He joined the club as a 27 year old in 1957 and was attending the opening night of the club for the 50th time! Now a life member of the club Ken remembers when mats were first laid long ways at the Hall and players had to aim carefully because despite the bias on the bowls, they all sloped towards the sea. He is still enjoying both the social aspect of the sport as well as the competition. The Wakanui Indoor Bowls Club is holding a celebratory dinner for its 50th anniversary at Hotel Ashburton on 6 October 2007- For further information contact Kevin Smith on 03-302 3856.



LION FOUNDATION NATIONAL INDOOR BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Over 1200 indoor bowlers will contest the 58th Indoor Bowls Championships at the TSB Stadium, New Plymouth from Saturday 9th June to Saturday 16th June.

This is the fourth time that the national championships have been held in New Plymouth and 730 players will compete in the singles, 460 teams in the pairs, 285 triples and 230 fours.

All of the defending champions have entered again this year. Richard Griffiths from the Richmond Workingmen's Club, Canterbury will defend the singles for the second year in a row and will be trying for an unprecedented three singles titles in succession, while Grant Rayner and Paul Psaila from the Tawanui Club, North Wellington will defend the pairs title, Richard Griffiths, Michael Lawson, Sandra Keith



from the Methven Club, Ashburton will defend the triples and Dale Lang, Linda McCurdy, Gregor Lang and Roy McCurdy from the Tawanui Club, North Wellington, the fours.

FANTASTIC BOWLS AT INTERNATIONAL

NZ retained the Henselite Trophy in the bi-annual Trans Tasman Test Match over three days at the Pukekohe Cosmopolitan Club after the test ended in an enthralling 33 all draw. Australia made the best start on Day one to lead 12-10 but the Kiwis fought back with a 14-8 score line to go into the lead 24-20. On the final day Australia won the day 13-9 but this was only enough to draw the match 33-33 which allowed the Kiwi's to retain the trophy. New Zealand's Simon Thomas was in great form winning all of his games. The final men's triples match ended in a 15all draw with NZ's Trevor Gould, Garry Flewitt and Richard Griffiths winning the Australasian medal on a count back of points scored. This draw was crucial in the final outcome for NZ to retain the trophy. Some of the best bowls over the three days were the Mixed Fours where NZers Dean Gilshnan and Dale Lang won the final exciting match 16-14 to win the medal.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS ON-LINE

If you are unable to be at the Nationals but want to keep up to date with progress then log in to our website for the latest results from New Plymouth. Updates with pictures will be posted throughout the week, 9-16 June. Check "News & Results" page. www.nzindoorbowls.co.nz

Also Radio commentator Phil Quinney will be providing regular coverage on Newstalk ZB and Radio Sport. The singles and pairs semi finals will also be televised for later showing on Sky Sport.

ISLAND TEAMS

This year the Island Test match will be played at the Basketball Stadium in Ashburton 18 August and the teams will be announced at the National Championships in New Plymouth on 14 June. 26 men were nominated for both Mens team. For the ladies teams 19 nominations came from the South and 20 from the North. This year will provide an opportunity for more new players to be selected with the NZ team members who played recently not being eligible for selection.

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