

FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

At the time of writing this we are five days away from the start of the South Island Championships being held in Invercargill and the entries are up on last year. There will be a lot of good bowls being played on one of the best floors in New Zealand. The following week NZIB's showcase event starts with the National Championships being held in Tauranga. More details about this are included later in the Newsletter. I visited three districts and thought that I would report on the meeting we had in one of these. 46 people turned up and one of the major topics was should bowlers be affiliated to their district and the National body. One person got up and told us of his club which did not charge a sub and was not affiliated and were proud of the fact. I asked him who paid the hall hire and to make a long story short it turned out that they charge a \$2 mat fee every time they have bowls. I asked how many weeks they played for and was told 44. That means bowlers were paying \$88 per year far more than most affiliated clubs. I told him that he was ripping his players off as in our club we pay a membership fee of \$30 of which \$9 goes to NZIB. Just because your club does not pay an affiliation to your district and to the National body does not mean that you are making a great saving. I also asked if they were printing their own scorecards but I do not think that the question was answered.

All your National Executive will be attending the National Championships in Tauranga so take the opportunity to discuss any matters of concern with them. They are keen to discuss the sport with you and hear your thoughts on the future of the game. Till next month, take care and enjoy your bowls. David Edgar

INDOOR BOWLS ON TELEVISION

There is no better way to promote our game than to have it shown on television. The National Championships will be televised and the first showing of the bowls will be on Cue Sky Channel 110 with the singles semis and final Sunday 15 June at 3pm. The pairs semi's and final will be the following Sunday at 3pm. This will be the full match coverage and there will be a minimum of 2 repeats later. There will also be a highlights package shown on Sky Sport as follows:

Singles- Semi Finals 26 June 8pm on Sky Sport 1 and the following day on Sky Sport 2 at 7.30pm. These will be repeated 28 June at 5am on Sky Sport 1 and 3pm on Sky Sport 2. Spread the word and get as many people as possible to view this coverage of our game.



NEW EVENT AT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

A new initiative is the selection of a Northern Zone Masters Team and a Southern Zone Masters team from those players aged 60 years and over who have entered in the championships and nominated by their district selectors. The event will be held on the Tuesday night in conjunction with the Academy event during the nationals commencing at 7pm at the Queen Elizabeth Youth Centre. Only players who had entered in the national championships were eligible for selection.

In both events each zone will be represented by twenty players, ten men and ten women selected as men's singles, pairs, triples and fours and women's singles, pairs, triples and fours who will each play three games each with the overall winner receiving the Sam Henderson Memorial Trophy in the Academy Event and the Delwyn Hughes Trophy in the Masters Event. Interest in the academy event is huge among bowlers and looked on as a stepping stone to represent either the North or South Island in the future. It is also an opportunity to see how players perform at a higher level. The teams are a mixture of youth and experience. The Masters event has been introduced to give the masters bowlers the opportunity to compete in a national representative fixture.

The teams are:

Northern Zone Academy Team

Men's - Singles: Rodney Mills, AK. Pairs: Kevin Childs AK Captain, Lance Jenner, AK. Triples: Paul Guest, BP, Mark Ridley, NT, Kerry Bartosh, TG. Fours: Steven Fisher, RD, Cary Pinker, WG, Patrick Morrison, AK, Shaun Blackbourn, WK

Women's - Singles: Raewyn Dempsey, NT. Pairs: Pam Cohen, Aimee McCartain, AK. Triples: Kathy Petricevich, NH, Margurrite Gerrard, BP, Fiona Anderson, HR. Fours: Lorraine Miedema, TV, Elizabeth Morrow, NT, Jennifer Sackfield, HR, Keri Te Tamaki, WK

Southern Zone Academy Team

Men's - Singles: Paul Berkeley, CY. Pairs: Chris McAdam, UV, Avon Compton, NW. Triples: Chris Matthews, CY, Giovanni Persico, NN, Brent Keen, SL. Fours: Mark Jacombs, OT, Russell Ellis, AS, Stephen Preddy, SO, Daryn Turner, SL

Women's - Singles: Teri Anderson, NW. Pairs: Lisa Gould, UV, Jenny White, CY. Triples: Helen Burnley, HV, Jessie Moffat, NW, Katie Burnley, HV. Fours: Lois Randall, HV, Jenny Stockford, NW, Anne Gawn, OT, Jennifer Cowan, OT

Northern Zone Masters Team

Men's - Singles: Ian Malcolm, CS. Pairs: Kevin Whitehead, NH, Captain, Kevin Torrey, NH. Triples: Ken Gash, AK, Malcolm Kidd, TG, Barry Kinnaird, AK. Fours: Colin Taylor, AK, Arthur Bettridge, WK, Les Hazelton, TG, Ian Wheeler, AK. Women's - Singles: Kia Ward, NL. Pairs: Sue Meyer, MN, Diane Hazelton, TG. Triples: Judy Johnston, NL, Raye McCurdy, TV, Marj Mackay, MN. Fours: Audrey Thomas, AK, Carol Smyth, RD, Pamela Bryan, MN, Gwyneth Bettridge, WK

Southern Zone Masters Team

Men's - Singles: Brian Stewart, CY. Pairs: Lloyd Prattley, SC, Bob Cowan, OT. Triples: Dave Milne, BU, Alan Jeffs, CY, Neville Brough, AS. Fours: Murray Grant, SO, Jim Stewart, AS, John Gray, CY, Tony Compton, NW

Women's - Singles: Marion Thomas, CY. Pairs: Kathleen Curtis, CY, Audrey Martin, CY. Triples: Lyn Rance, OT, Marg Milne, BU, Noeline Brough, AS. Fours: Rosemary Bennett, AS, Claire Stronach, SL, Anne Cottrell, CY, Norma Jeffs, CY

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59TH LION FOUNDATION NATIONAL INDOOR BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

It's the big one for the year for indoor bowls in New Zealand when the 59th Lion Foundation national championships get underway - and it's all happening in Tauranga 7 - 14 June. The championships have attracted 1366 competitors.

New Zealand Indoor Bowls will be celebrating 100 years of Indoor Bowls in New Zealand. Indoor Bowls started in New Zealand around 1908. Its start is attributed to a Mr John Jenkins of the Hope of Auckland Rechabite Tent - one of the then very active friendly societies. Mr Jenkins saw indoor bowls played at the Franco-British Exhibition in London in 1908 and brought a set of bowls back to his society. A feature of the championships will be a march past of former champions and the cutting of a cake followed by the announcement of the North and South Island teams.

All of the defending champions have entered again this year. Gordon McIvor Manawatu, will defend the singles, John Zittersteijn and Mark Ridley, North Taranaki the pairs, Dean Gilshnan, Blair Spicer and Sheryll Gilshnan from Manawatu the triples and Southland's Mark Keen, Grant Fortune, Ashley Diamond and Brent Keen the fours.

OBITUARY

Indoor Bowls of South Canterbury recently lost a very valuable member with the passing of Ian Hight following a short illness. Ian had played indoor bowls in excess of fifty years. He held many positions on the executive of both the Timaru Assn and the South Canterbury Centre. His regular attendance at Nationals and Island Tournaments goes back many years along with his representative status on the local front. Ian was largely responsible for forming the very popular Thursday afternoon social bowls, an area he saw a need for and its continued success can be put down to his dedication to the sport. Ian was awarded Life membership of the South Canterbury Centre in 2006. He epitomized all that was good in indoor bowls. We all extend our condolences to Rita, Mary and David and the wider family.

SUCCESSFUL 'BRING A FRIEND' CAMPAIGN IN WAIKATO

It is always good to hear success stories and the Kereone IBC needs to be congratulated for their efforts gaining 9 new financial members plus 2 players rejoining. This has increased the club's membership to 39 making Kereone the largest club in the Morrinsville Sub-Centre. Can any club beat that?