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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

I am writing this prior to the North Island Championships to be held at Palmerston North over Queens Birthday weekend. This event has to compete with traditional Queens Birthday Events particularly those held at Rotorua and New Plymouth both of which have their loyal supporters and struggles for numbers. I am thinking that perhaps consideration could be given to inviting those Districts which host Queens Birthday tournaments to agree to a roster where their event could double as the North Island Championships. The event is held once every three years when the Nationals are in the South Island and if three Districts were on the roster they would host the event once every nine years. What do you think? I am pleased with the success of the initiatives which have been trialed this year in the Tauranga Bay of Plenty area and congratulate Craig Whiteside and his team of helpers on the work they are doing developing the sport in schools. I also congratulate Michelle Watt who has been appointed as Sport Taranaki's Sport Development Advisor Indoor Bowls. This is a great opportunity which has grown out of an idea which our Executive Officer Ngaire Drake followed through. There are some big challenges ahead for Michelle but I am confident that with the support of the Greater Taranaki Indoor Bowls community and her passion for the sport she will succeed. Michelle was welcomed to the role with a Powhiri at Sport Taranaki and the following day was able to attend the Taranaki Secondary Schools event which had attracted 98 keen bowlers from 11 Schools. She will have a great base to work from. Both the Regional Sport Trusts and National Sporting Organisations have the same goals as Sport New Zealand so hopefully it will be a win win situation for all concerned. Once established and working well it would be NZIB's intention to trial in other regions throughout the country. After Queen's Birthday I am heading to Invercargill for the Nationals. I am looking forward to witnessing some fantastic bowls but the Tournament will be tinged with sadness at the recent untimely deaths of Mark Keen and Steven Gould. May our thoughts and support be with their families and friends. Trevor Rayner, President, NZIB



CENTRAL KING COUNTRY'S JUBILEE

Central King Country celebrated its 50th Jubilee last month with Ex-bowlers from all over the North Island attending. An afternoon of bowls playing with a mixture of wooden, Modernite and Henselite bowls was enjoyed before a Jubilee dinner was held. It was quite a challenge for players who had never played with the

Modernite or wooden bowls! In his speech at the dinner President, Darko Byelich reiterated "that in the mid 1960's there had been 20 clubs in this area and 500 members, where today we have two clubs and 40 members. A sign of the times"

BOWLS AND MATS

Unprecedented sales of equipment has again seen the distributor's stock cleaned out in record time so unfortunately there will now be a wait until further supplies of bowls arrive from Henselite Australia. Finding a mat manufacturer in New Zealand is proving to be a problem as most woolen mills have closed down. NZIB is very keen to hear from any club that might have unused mats as they may be needed in the future. Contact National Office if you can assist.



OBITUARY

As was mentioned in the President' comments it is with great sadness that we report the sudden death of well known Southland Indoor Bowler Mark Keen. Mark was a great supporter of the National Championships and was due to defend the Pairs title with Ashley Diamond on his 'home floor' his year. He held two national titles the Fours from 2007 and the Pairs 2011 as well as finishing runner-up in the Triples in 2005. He also won the Mixed Fours in 1998 and the Henselite Champion of Champion Singles in 2010. He will be sadly missed by all indoor bowlers.

GREAT TO SEE MORE NZ NATIONAL UMPIRES

Congratulations to those who passed the recent National Umpires Examination. Sixteen achieved Full Passes for National Qualification and a further three candidates qualified as Local Umpires. Those successful for National Umpiring were: Kyle Peters, Steve Campbell, Geoff Welson, North Harbour; Roy Ayris, Auckland; Trevor Eccles, Lorraine Miedema, Theunis Miedema, Thames Valley; Laurie Roberts, Keith Carter, Sally Holbrook, Don Harris, Tauranga; Joyce Wenmouth, Manawatu; Dave Pollard, Blake Signal, Upper Hutt Valley; Rosemary Ashe, Jill Brightwell, Canterbury. New local Umpires are Merv Malcomson, Bruce Southwood, Tauranga; MaryAnn Conlon, Upper Hutt Valley.



Our sport would not function without our umpires and all bowlers very much appreciate what you do. I hope you all find it both enjoyable and rewarding.

SUBMISSION TO THE GAMBLING AMENDMENT BILL

Most Districts and Clubs would have received some information regarding the proposed legislation changes which arguably would cripple New Zealand sport? Can you imagine indoor bowls without grants from these organisations? New Zealand Indoor Bowls has prepared a submission and each district/ club should be doing the same. If you need a draft copy contact National Office. The more responses against these changes the better. Please send to : The Secretariat, Commerce Select Committee, Select Committee Office, Parliament Buildings, WELLINGTON 6011 by Thursday 21 June.

ISLAND TEAMS

The South Island has scored the first win with more nominations than the North! 28 men to the North's 23 and 25 Ladies to 18! Can they keep this up for the event in Ashburton in August? The Island teams will be announced 14 June during the National Championships. The New Zealand selectors will be looking at this event closely with the Trialists for the NZ Team to play Australia next May being announced after the Welch Trophy Final.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

DON'T FORGET TO WATCH THE NATIONALS ON TELEVISION

Cue TV- Channel 110

Singles Semi's and Final: Sunday 17 June at 4pm

Pairs Semi's and Final: Sunday 24 June at 4pm:

Remember also www.nzindoorbowls.co.nz is updated regularly with all results and photos so you can be kept up to date even if your local newspaper will not publish the information they are given! You should even phone and ask them why not!

NOMINATIONS FOR UMPIRES REPRESENTATIVE ON NZIB EXECUTIVE

Districts are reminded that nominations close 31 July for this position

COMING UP IN JULY

7 July NZ Mixed fours zone finals to be played at Roskill, Whakatane, Stratford, Pahiatua, Lower Hutt, Nelson, Ashburton and Alexandra.

The winning team from each zone will then play in the NZ Mixed Fours National Final to be played in New Plymouth 28 July.

20-22 July will see the Paterson Zone finals being played at Waihi, Rotorua, New Plymouth, Pahiatua, Ashburton and Balclutha with the winning teams to compete in the Welch Trophy Final to be held in Roskill 7-9 September.

Go along and see some top bowling action and support your local team.



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