



**NEW ZEALAND
INDOOR BOWLS**

NZ INDOOR BOWLS NEWS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

The Nationals are over for another year. Congratulations to North Wellington for their contribution to a very well run event in the best venue I have encountered in 40 Nationals. Te Rauparaha Arena is a venue the citizens of Porirua can be proud of. Apart from the Saturdays at either end Wellington turned on its best weather and bowlers were able to get out and about and enjoy the attractions the area had to offer. My congratulations to the winners, especially to Paul Midgley of Taranaki who had a dream Tournament and to Mike Phipps on attaining his Gold Star, the fifth player to do so. A word to those people out there who are working hard to promote our sport. On my tour with the road shows I have discovered so many initiatives, especially in schools, being provided by dedicated people often without a lot of support from their colleagues. If you have an opportunity to assist these initiatives in any way please take it. Your reward will be in the preservation of our sport and ultimately growth of it. We are in times of great change and Indoor Bowls can no longer bury its head in the sand and ignore it. We have to change, the challenge is how best to do it in the interest of the sport and those who play it. Trevor Rayner, President, NZIB

SECONDARY SCHOOLS EVENTS

Good to hear these are happening around the country and recently successful events have been held in Northland, New Plymouth and Tauranga. It is important for the future of the game that these Secondary Schools events are well supported by all districts. As you should know the National SS event follows on from the Junior Singles in North Wellington 21-22 August 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.nzsssc.org.nz.

Also available on this website is the entry form for the North Island SS Indoor Bowls Championships to be held 18-19 July. Contact National Office if you want more details.



FACEBOOK

The NZ Indoor Bowls Group Facebook page was busy during the National Championships with up to the minute reports and photos. One aspect that was very popular was the end by end commentary of the finals supplied by bowlers in the stands via their mobile phones. This kept everyone at home right up to date. There was also a huge amount of feedback and comments from bowlers who were at the nationals who with modern technology can access the Facebook page via their phones. If you belong to facebook please join us as we would value your input and comments on anything associated with Indoor Bowls. Have your say!!!!!!!

CALLING ALL PREVIOUS WELCH TROPHY WINNERS

2011 is the 60th Jubilee for this event scheduled to be played 2-4 Sept in Hamilton. On the Saturday following the afternoon session there will be a special March Pass and cutting of the cake. Please register your intention to attend with Jenny Chapman, Secretary Waikato IBA on 07-84904764 or waikindoorbowls@actrix.co.nz. If you want to stay for the dinner which will follow there will be a cost of \$15 per person which must be prepaid to Jenny. Her address is 69 Waiherowhero Drive, Hamilton 3200.

OTAGO UNIVERSITY COACHING SESSION STILL POPULAR

NZIB has been involved with a coaching course at the School of Physical Education at Otago University since 2003. Michael Lawson proves to be a popular coach with this group and this year it was 'sold out' with 30 students. It is hoped that once these teachers get into the class room they will be able to pass on the enjoyable experience they had with our sport.

NOMINATIONS FOR UMPIRES REPRESENTATIVE ON NZIB EXECUTIVE

Districts are reminded that nominations close 31 July for this position. If you require a nomination form contact National Office.

NEWLY QUALIFIED NATIONAL UMPIRES

Well done to you all and it was great to see three of them Maureen Bartosh, TG; Kyle Waldron, NW; and Roy McCurdy, WK performing so well at the recent National Championships. Other successful umpires were Len Jenner and Kevin Torrey, NH; Dave Crockett, TG; Tony Reynolds and Paul Guest, Whakatane; Steve Grant, Kath Gilchrist, Gill and Owen Couper, MR; Bruce Collins, Pauline Gladding, Veronica Sharples, Kevin Keogh and Darryl Daniel, Otago and Nigel Warnes, Nelson. Our sport would not function without our umpires and all bowlers very much appreciate what you do. I hope you all find umpiring both enjoyable and rewarding.

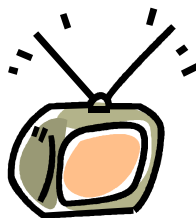


LUCKY WINNERS DRAWN IN PORIRUA FOR FREE ENTRY TO NEXT YEAR'S CHAMPIONSHIP IN INVERCARGILL ARE:

Jim Ruiterman, Counties; Brian Hardgrave, Taranaki; Terry McKay, Bush Ruahine; Gareth Evans, North Wellington; John Warrington, Manawatu; Nikki Eastwood, Manawatu; Graham Stronach, North Wellington; Trudy Watson, Northland; Hewson Whiting, North Wellington; Stephen Sharpe, Upper Hutt.

2012 NATIONALS ACCOMMODATION

There are plenty of motels in Invercargill but the sooner you book the better. Go and play on what arguably is considered "The best indoor bowls floor in New Zealand!" Contact Clifford Shirreffs, Secretary Southland IBC on Ph 03 216 6191 or email sibc@xtra.co.nz if you want to know any more details.



MORE INDOOR BOWLS ON TELEVISION

You may have already seen the great International coverage on TV Channel 23 on Freeview and Channel 110 on SKY Digital and now the National Championships will be shown as follows. Singles Semi's and Final: Saturday 26 June at 1.30pm; Pairs Semi's and Final: Saturday 3 July at 1.30pm:

SOUTH ISLAND MASTERS GAMES

Indoor Bowls is one of the 50 sports to be offered in Nelson 15-23 October. Join the fun with about 3,000 other participants. The masters games is a celebration of sport with both fierce and friendly competition and a jam-packed entertainment programme.

Online Games entry is now open at www.simasters.co.nz.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

COMING UP IN JULY

2 July NZ Mixed fours zone finals to be played at Pukekohe, Whakatane, Wanganui, Feilding, Upper Hutt, Westport, Oamaru and Invercargill.

The winning team from each zone will then play in the NZ Mixed Fours National Final to be played in Wairarapa 30 July.

15-17 July will see the Paterson Zone finals being played at North Harbour, Tauranga, Stratford, Foxton, Nelson and Central Otago with the winning teams to compete in the Welch Trophy Final to be held in Hamilton 2-4 September.

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

COLOURED BOWLS

Last orders are being taken for sets of black and yellow bowls at the old cost of \$920.00. We have not yet been advised of the increase but there will be one so get in quickly before it happens. There is a possibility that sets of blue and orange bowls will soon be introduced so you may want to hold off and be one of the first clubs to have them!

INDOOR BOWLS MATS

Supplies are running low and 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.

2011 NATIONAL POLO SHIRTS AND BADGES

Deal of the year!! NW IBA are selling the remaining leftover Polos at \$25 including P&P- or \$30 including a badge. Email Keith Waldron on crafterwood@woosh.co.nz or phone 04-938 3587 to sort payment details.



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