

Indoor Bowls News

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JUNE-JULY 2005

MARKETING AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT

What a fantastic month we have had. So many highlights and a chance for everyone involved in Indoor Bowls to be very proud of the sport we play. The New Zealand team won against a powerful Australian side brimming with confidence and a home advantage. The season is now in full swing with thousands of members competing around the country in various tournaments including the South Island Championships, Queens Birthday tournaments and of course the Lion Foundation National Championships. The National event was enjoyable and there were many highlights. From a marketing perspective, members who played in the event received many benefits whether through spot prizes, discount vouchers, other free handouts or took advantage of the many other sponsor related contributions that were available. All in all Marketing had a direct hand in supplying items to our members close to \$20,000 of give aways and contributed another \$14,000 in larger sponsorship partnerships. Our Flagship event is a huge occasion which all members are welcome to play in so I say bring on Blenheim. Blenheim will be great and already preliminary work is being done to ensure our members are well looked after.

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THERE WERE OLD THERE WERE YOUNG!

Probably the oldest bowler competing at Wanganui was George Locket 90 years of age who played in the triples and fours. George is a Life Member of the Linton Club (Manawatu). Another more senior bowler was Olga Bailey of North Taranaki (ex Blenheim) who celebrated her 87th birthday and was still playing and enjoying the challenge. Plus of course there were quite a few under 18 with the prize for that category going to Patrick Morrison of Auckland.

EVEN THE UMPIRES CAN PLAY GOOD BOWLS!

Congratulations to Christchurch Umpire Bevan Mathews. Bevan spent many hours helping with the Umpiring at Wanganui then took his team out and won the Triples title with a great display of bowling by him and his team. What a week for Bevan also becoming a Grand Dad for the first time.

AND THE NZ CHAMPIONS WERE

Singles: Richard Griffiths-CY
Runner Up: Dean Gilshnan-MN
Pairs: Pat Hoult and Neil Semple- UV
Runners Up: Robbie & Maria Lochrie-MN
Triples: Bevan Mathews, Allan Jeffs, Kay Mathews-CY
Runners Up: Mark Keen, Ashley Diamond, Darryn Turner-SL
Fours: Grant Harvey, Grant Rayner, Lance Jenner, Paul Psaila AK
Runners Up: Gary Low, Graham Low, Warwick Gray and Jan Low-SL

NZ ACADEMY/ COOK ISLANDS / NZ MAORIS

Nomination forms will be sent to all districts shortly for the above 3 teams with closing date 29 August. NZ Maori Selector Arthur Bettridge and Manager Wife, Gwyn wants to hear from all Maori girls and boys! "Get your CV's or nomination forms in—Ask your selectors for the form and return it. We are selecting the team not your selectors!". Phone Arthur on 07-843 7978 if you want to discuss your chances! As with all representative teams selectors have the right to include bowlers that have not been nominated through their District if they think appropriate. The teams will be announced at the Welch Trophy competition being held in Napier 2-4 September. The Tri series will be held in Tauranga 15 October.

50th JUBILEES

The Awakaponga Indoor Bowls Club will be celebrating its 50th Jubilee on Saturday 1st October, 2005. There will be a morning tea and get together, followed by a Jubilee Luncheon costing \$5. Also a mini bowls tournament after lunch for anyone who so desires. Past and Present members to register for this event please contact either Noline Saul, 6 Tanekaha Street, Edgcombe- Ph 07-304 9329 or Simon Hatcher Hydro Rd, Edgcombe- Phone 07-304 9373. The Wakapuaka Indoor Bowling Club, Nelson will be celebrating their 50th birthday two weeks later on Saturday 15 October. A dinner and entertainment is planned. Contact Denise Powick- Ph 03-545 1773 or Email: denise.powick@xtra.co.nz for more details.

JULY EVENTS

Saturday 2 July

NZ Mixed Fours Zone finals are being held at Northern: Catholic Parish Hall, Park Ave, Whangarei Eastern: Whakatane Indoor Bowls Stadium, Bridge Street, Whakatane Western: Stratford Memorial Hall, Miranda St, Stratford Sth Eastern: St Francis IB Hall, Wellington Rd, Marton Southern: NW IB Hall, Onepoto Rd, Titahi Bay North Western: Carters Beach Hall, Carters Beach Eastern: NO IB Centre, 21 Chelmer St, Oamaru Southern: SIBC Hall, 50 Onslow St, Invercargill

Friday 15-17 July

Paterson Trophy Competition will be at Zone 1 Western Hall, 38 Portage Rd, New Lynn Zone 2 Athletic Sports Centre, Turaki St, Taumarunui Zone 3 Napier Assn Hall, Wakefield St Zone 4 Expressions (Civic Centre) Upper Hutt Zone 5-6 Warnes IB Stadium, Stoke Zone 7 Molyneux Stadium, Molyneux Park Alexandra

Saturday 23 July

NZ Mixed Fours-NW Indoor Bowls Hall- Onepoto Rd, Titahi Bay
Go along and support these events and see some top bowls being played

COLLEGE SPORT EVENT IN WELLINGTON

The inaugural Secondary School Championship will be held in the North Wellington Indoor Bowls Hall next Thursday with 50 bowlers entered. The number would have been much higher if the date had been put in the schools calendar earlier in the year.- however this is a very encouraging entry for a first time event. NZ Team Captain, Pat Hoult will be present to award the medals and two other excellent role models attending will be Blake Signal who has represented the North Island and Lisa White, a member of last year's NZ Maori team.

JUNIOR DOING WELL DOWN SOUTH



At the South Island Indoor Bowls Championships held over QB weekend in Timaru a local Father and Daughter combination made history by winning the Pairs. Alan and Jacinda Tutbury played well to eliminate several known teams and had a close final against South Island representative Michael Lawson and Ken Mackenzie from Ashburton. Jacinda is the first Junior to hold a South Island Title. At 15 years of age she is showing a lot of talent and will be in the fore again playing lead in the South Canterbury team to contest the NZ Mixed Fours Zone final.

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