



NZ INDOOR BOWLS NEWS

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INDOOR BOWLS**

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

As I write this most Clubs have yet to start their season. Some Clubs have provided bowls over the summer months but in the main Indoor Bowlers have enjoyed summer pursuits such as lawn bowls, camping, fishing etc. It is notable that the skills learnt in reading the game are reflected in the outstanding results achieved by Bowlers at the Outdoor Nationals in Auckland who had learnt the game as indoor players. Every final featured players with an Indoor Bowls background, namely Sandra Keith, Mandy Boyd, Jan Shirley, Angela Boyd, Sue Burnand, Leanne Curry, Peter Hodson, Blake Signal and Ali Forsyth. Congratulations to you all.

As I look to the year ahead it dismays me that despite the hard work put in by many Districts and Clubs our numbers of affiliated players continues to drop. This trend must be reversed and to support and encourage Districts and Clubs to implement initiatives and strategies to increase membership every Club will receive, in the next few weeks a booklet and a coaching DVD. Use them well. It is important that we address the membership issues now. We are also exploring some development and coaching opportunities which have exciting possibilities which we hope to share with you in the coming weeks. 2012 also marks the first year of the new rotation for Island Tours with the North Island team touring the South Island for the second year in succession. It is expected this move will mean that the South Island's New Zealand players are more likely to be available for selection giving the South Island selectors increased depth to choose from.

Finally, our condolences to the family of Waikato Past President Viv McNally who was killed in a motor vehicle accident at the end of January. Viv was a hard worker for the sport and will be missed. Trevor Rayner, President, NZIB

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Remember that the National Executive is here to work for all Indoor Bowlers. If you have a problem then let an Executive Member know and we will do our best to sort it out. The Executive team with contact addresses are:

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NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS IN INVERCARGILL

You won't be able to blame the floor this year as the Southland Indoor Bowls Hall has arguably the best floor in New Zealand! All clubs will be receiving a poster and entry form from your District Secretary shortly. The closing date for entries is 20 April so get a group together and make your arrangements now.

The Interislander has offered special group rates for 02-24 June 2012

Group Booking conditions and instructions for members are:

- ◆ Each reservation must be made direct with Interislander
- ◆ <http://www.interislander.co.nz/Booking/Group-Bookings.aspx>
- ◆ Putting FA5554 into discount box or Phone 0800 878-898
There must be a vehicle in each booking

For all accommodation Enquiries contact SIBC Executive Officer - Clifford Shirreffs

03 216 6191 or email sibc@xtra.co.nz

If you can't make it to Invercargill look out for the Television coverage of the singles and pairs semi finals and finals on Cue TV which will be shown very shortly after the event.

CLUB WARRANT OF FITNESS - Has your club or district got one?

The website: www.sportnz.org.nz contains an excellent resource for a Club/ District Warrant of Fitness. It is an online self-assessment tool aimed at helping clubs or could be districts on how well they are being run. The assessment looks at six areas which are leadership, planning, customer focus, sport delivery, people management and sport management. Please take time to check this out.



WANTED- NEW MEMBERS!

Attracting new members to the sport and retaining their interest are the two most important challenges facing indoor bowls. This year every club will be receiving a new publication "Hints to Grow Club Membership" plus a basic coaching DVD. If you don't, let us know! Good luck with your campaign.



50TH JUBILEE CENTRAL KING COUNTRY

Planning is well under way for a special celebration on 5th May of all old members with a Bowls event on the Saturday at 1pm followed by dinner. Please contact Fay Jones with any enquiries or entries on fajones@xtra.co.nz

2013 INTERNATIONAL

This event against Australia 9-11 May, will be held at Morayfield, Queensland which is about 40kms north of Brisbane. A squad of 20 will be named after the Welch Trophy event in September at the Roskill & Districts Hall and will trial at North Wellington 17-18 November. Top bowlers will have plenty to play for this year as representing one's country is the pinnacle for any top athlete.

WELCOME TO ALL NEW CLUB AND DISTRICT EXECUTIVE

We certainly do hope there is new blood being introduced around the country. As mentioned above phone any of NZIB Executive as they would be happy to help. Alternative Ngaire at National Office on 04 3896443 or ngaire@nzindoorbowls.co.nz

NEW UMPIRES WANTED AS WELL

As you know indoor bowls relies heavily on club and district executive to organise the game in your area. Another important component is our umpires and each year we need to replace those who can no longer officiate. NZIB has appointed official trainers throughout the country and they would be happy to come to your district and help candidates who wish to become qualified. The National Exam will be held on 6 May and it is hoped many new bowlers will take up the challenge and find how rewarding and satisfying it is. Contact Viv Hudson—Ph 06-3687191 or 0274 451 453 email vivspace@clear.net.nz

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

DO YOU WANT YOUR OWN COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER?

It is easy to get one - just go to www.nzindoorbowls.co.nz and download a copy now. If you do not have a computer I am sure you know someone who has - even one of your club mates might like to copy for all your club members!

SPORT NEW ZEALAND

The Crown Entity responsible for sport and physical recreation in New Zealand has changed its trading name from Sparc to Sport NZ. NZIB's investment schedule expires 31 May and will need to present a good case for their continued support. All districts and clubs need to take responsibility and make changes to ensure the sport does have a healthy future.



PLEASE PLACE ON YOUR CLUB NOTICEBOARD