



**NEW ZEALAND
INDOOR BOWLS**

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PRESIDENTS WELCOME.

Welcome to the 2007 Indoor bowling year, and if you are reading this for the first time welcome to the sport of Indoor Bowls. This year we have two changes to our National Executive. Alison Cowan Page and Greg Baxter leave us and we welcome Martin Nordqvist and Trevor Rayner to the National Executive Team. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Alison and Greg for all that they have done for the sport.

April is "Bring a Friend" month and I urge all bowlers to try and increase the number of people who are playing the sport. If every club has an increase of three bowlers then we should retain the status quo or even have a slight increase in membership.

In May we have the International against Australia and I would like to congratulate those players who have been selected in the New Zealand team. This game is being played at Pukekohe and if you live handy please come along and support our players.

In June we have the Lion Foundation National championships, which are being held in New Plymouth. If you haven't been to the Nationals before why not get a team together and have a go. It may be a good time to visit a part of the country that you haven't been to before. North Taranaki are putting a big effort into making sure that the event is a success and they deserve as much support as possible.

Remember that the National Executive is here to work for all Indoor Bowlers. If a problem occurs in this sport 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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Good bowling to you all.

David Edgar.

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BRING A FRIEND MONTH

April 2007 is New Zealand Indoor Bowls' BRING A FRIEND MONTH! Our goal is to help drive our membership forward by providing you all with a simple tool to encourage people known to you to give the game a go.

The A4 poster and A5/A6 flyers can easily be used when inviting someone to come along to your club. They act as a reminder of your offer and add some emphasis with the new brochure pictures and a reference to our website if they wish to learn more about the game.

[What are you and your club doing for Bring a Friend Month?](http://www.nzindoorbowls.co.nz)

Download the full support material and get started now from www.nzindoorbowls.co.nz

If you require any assistance with setting up or printing out the posters, please contact:

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WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The game will not survive unless we have umpires so why not become involved with your districts umpiring programme - there is a new simple Measurer's Examination to get you started and then become a District Umpire. Of course the pinnacle is the National Umpires badge & this year the examination is being held earlier in the year on 6 May. You still have plenty of time to register your interest and start your revision! Your district / umpires secretary will be able to help with any questions you have. Get involved and find out how enjoyable it can be!



WARRINGTON CLUB'S 50TH JUBILEE

Warrington, a small seaside community 25kms north of Dunedin, is celebrating 50 years of indoor bowls this year. In the early years there was apparently such a strong membership, for the ladies waiting to have a game; it was an opportunity to do some of their knitting. The club is the longest standing club within the Eastern Districts Sub Assn. Over its fifty years the club has produced players who have gone on to represent Otago, Paterson Trophy players and a Welch Trophy Winner. Another achievement, in the 80s and 90s, was a very strong junior membership for which they are very proud. Despite their small membership they are still a strong club, which is determined to celebrate this 50th year in a grand way. Plans are to hold a fours tournament on 28th April and to have other events in May. Interested past members should contact Peter Russell P O Box 146 Warrington Otago or email Ruth at strugglersridge@xtra.co.nz or ph 03 482 2849.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

INFORMATION FOR NEWSLETTER REQUIRED

This is your newsletter and we want to hear about all the good things that are happening out there. So often we don't get told about what is going on with juniors, schools, special needs etc. Tell us what you want to read about so we can make it a worthwhile publication; Get your articles in to National Office now!

YELLOW BOWLS ARE A HIT

We are not surprised that sales for the new yellow/black bowls are going well as it is so much easier to see which bowl is holding the shot! Only \$850 for a complete set with jack - get your order into National Office now.



PLEASE PLACE ON YOUR CLUB NOTICEBOARD