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# NZ INDOOR BOWLS NEWS

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Welcome to this edition of NZ Indoor Bowls News. We are starting the year with a new President, new Executive Members and a new Publicity Officer and hopefully some freshening-up. There was nothing wrong with the old ways It's just thought appropriate to try a few new ideas. Let us know what you think, especially about the new website.

At NZIB's Annual Meeting in Wellington in December, Trevor Rayner completed his third year as President and was succeeded by Martin Nordqvist (more later). The Executive has lost the services of Delwyn Hughes, first elected in 1985, and National Publicity Officer for 26 years. Delwyn is the only woman to have been elected National President. Her services will be missed.

The new Publicity Officer is Chris Bullen, who many may remember assisted Delwyn with publicity at the Nationals for some years. Chris has worked on newspapers, radio and television for more than 40 years. He began his indoor bowling career, along with brother Jim at the Trentham (Upper Hutt Valley) club while both were at primary school in the 1950s!

### **PRESIDENTS REPORT – MARTIN NORDQVIST**

I have enjoyed a lifetime in this sport, but it will be hard to keep up the standard Trevor Rayner set in his 3 year term.

He was re-elected to the Executive along with David Edgar. Barry Chapman is the new Deputy-President. David Lynn and Nigel Warnes are new faces elected to help grow our sport. Delwyn Hughes, who was NZIB President in 1995, 96 and 97 playing seasons, has been farewelled.

It is doubtful if any other person has given as much for the betterment of our sport.



Our team to play in the biennial test in Morayfield, Queensland is named elsewhere in this newsletter.

Many of our 544 clubs have not yet started, but I hope you are seriously considering competing in one or more of our major tournaments. The Island Championships are being hosted by Southland for the 10<sup>th</sup> time, at Queens Birthday Weekend and Rotorua are looking forward to showing off their new Stadium when they host the 64<sup>th</sup> Nationals for the 8<sup>th</sup> time. Rotorua is a beautiful part of the country and an ideal place for a holiday in June. Condolences to the families of Graham Gerrand who passed away in January after many years of service to the umpires as well as South Otago and former South Island representative, Murray Grant.

**NEW WEBSITE- Webmaster Jock Jamieson has spent countless hours redoing and modernising our web pages. If you haven't already tried, go to the website and have a look. Districts should check their details are correct. To check past results, go to Archives.**



**MORE UMPIRES** are needed. All districts should be offering training Programmes. Registration for the National Exam on 5<sup>th</sup> May closes 12th April.

**Rule Book Special- \$1 each- place your order with National Office**

**THE NEW EXECUTIVE has identified several areas which need exploring to help revitalize the game. Have YOU any ideas around membership, a special event for TV based at the Nationals, Timing of National Championships, Chartered Clubs, or the pros and cons of working more closely with Bowls NZ? Executive member Trevor Rayner is working on this so feel free to contact him on 04 232 56125 or email [trainer@xtra.co.nz](mailto:trainer@xtra.co.nz).**

**NORTH TARANAKI**, Welch Trophy holders, beat Taranaki Rugby to win the Taranaki Team of the Year Award at the end of last year. It was a good night for Indoor Bowls with their President Sid Adlam winning the Volunteer Longevity Award.

### **NZ TEAM FOR AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND, MAY**

**Women:** Lois Randall (Hutt Valley), Linda McCurdy (Waikato), Sheree Holmes (Upper Hutt Valley), Gina Owen (Bay of Plenty), Fiona Wilson (Tauranga), Maureen Pruden (Waikato), Julie Thomas (Canterbury).

**Men:** Grant l'Ami (capt., North Taranaki), John Zittersteijn (North Taranaki), Grant Rayner (North Wellington), Gary Low (Southland), Ashley Diamond (Canterbury), Simon Thomas (Canterbury), Blair Spicer (Canterbury).

The team will be managed by former international Pat Hout.

**LATE MAIL-** One North Taranaki club did a mail drop before the start of the new season, and 22 new players turned up. Just shows what can be done. Another club in the district is planning a series of Have a Go nights.

### **NATIONALS ROTORUA, JUNE 8-15**

Entries close in April, and District Secretaries are reminded to ensure club entry forms are posted to the Executive Officer for checking. The Rotorua Energy Events Centre looks like being a great venue.

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