



**NEW ZEALAND
INDOOR BOWLS**

NZ INDOOR BOWLS NEWS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

I recently attended two coaching workshops in Palmerston North and Wairarapa respectively. Both workshops were attended by enthusiastic people dedicated to improving our sport and willing to use the tools and practical advice provided by the National Coach, Craig Whiteside. I was impressed by the interaction and active involvement of those attending, particularly at Masterton and I look forward to seeing positive results from the work these coaches are planning to do in their Districts and Clubs. Coaching is an important component of the SPARC Investment Schedule and meeting our targets as specified in the schedule goes a long way towards preserving the support we receive from SPARC. Unfortunately we are now reaping the rewards of the recession and funding from a major sponsor has dropped by \$8,000 or 17%, while another long term supporter has declined our application for assistance in full. One of the problems may be the amount of funds held in reserve by NZIB and the feeling among funders that we can support ourselves. It is important that we retain our reserves. The interest earned from these funds (and even this income stream will be substantially less this year) helps meet our operating costs and keeps your affiliation fees at a low level. It is worth bearing in mind that if we wish to maintain our reserves at their existing level with our current membership base every \$12,500 dollars we lose in grant income equals a potential increase in affiliation fees of \$1 per person. To finish on a positive note, arrangements have been made with CUE Television to televise the Singles and Pairs Semifinals and finals at the National Championships at Taupo and also the International at Balclutha in May next year. This is good news as it keeps our sport in front of the public, a good starting point as we look to build both membership and the profile of our sport. Trevor Rayner, NZIB President

YELLOW BOWLS HEAD THE SALES LIST

Good to see so many districts and clubs taking advantage of funding grants and purchasing the attractive new yellow bowls. These have proved to be a real hit and they are walking out the door! Also proving popular is the new published Beginners Guide to Indoor Bowls and we are already doing a re print for this updated publication. With the season getting under way it must be time to replenish all your other stock as well. Send payment with order to your District Secretary or direct to National Office, PO Box 11221, Wellington.

SET OF HENSELITE BOWLS-Black/yellow	\$900.00
HALF SETS OF YELLOW BOWLS (8)	\$500.00
HALF SETS OF BLACK BOWLS (8)	\$450.00
HENSELITE MATS	\$550.00
REPLACEMENT BOWLS (BROWN / BLACK)	\$ 60.00
REPLACEMENT JACKS	\$ 50.00
COACHING DVD	\$ 20.00
2005 LAWS OF THE GAME	\$ 2.00
REVISED BOOK OF DRAWS	\$ 8.00
MEMBERSHIP KITS	\$ 5.00
FLIP-OVER SCORE CARDS (set of 6)	\$ 18.00
Beginners Guide to Indoor Bowls	\$ 5.00

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Order through your District Secretary or direct with National Office.
Payment with order please.



INDOOR BOWLS GOING INTERNATIONAL

From time to time we hear stories of Indoor Bowls being played in different countries around the world. In the last newsletter we reported about our game being introduced in Cambodia. Now we have Horowhenua's John Gray emigrating to South Africa and wanting to start up Indoor Bowls over there. Two sets of mats and bowls are on the way. Meanwhile well known Cook Island bowlers Tapu Vlasveld and partner David Blanchard have moved to the charms of the Island of Aitutaki in the Cook Islands and are looking to introduce the game up there. We are pleased to report they were not affected by the recent cyclone.

INDOOR BOWLS IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Well done to Neville Lowe and his team at Te Aroha who have been promoting the game in local primary schools the past 4 years. Their inter-school tournament attracted five schools and 50 pupils played and the standard of play would have kept any club player happy. They believe that children in the age range 9-10 upwards are the ones NZIB need to encourage as not only does the game give confidence to the players that they can compete at a sport where size doesn't matter but they can succeed if they keep trying. Not only that the added advantage could be to get the involvement of their parents.

NZIB NATIONALS TAUPO 2010

The Nationals are coming back to Taupo. On behalf of Waikato Centre and the Lake Taupo Indoor bowling Club we invite you all to come and spend a wonderful week in the events capital of New Zealand. The venue for play is the Taupo Events Centre. It is a modern facility with a very good floor. There is room for 80 – 90 mats. The AC Baths Thermal Pools are next to the venue and we have arranged half price swim entry for all bowlers. See the raffle table at the venue for the vouchers. The Taupo Cosmopolitan Club is to be our social venue for the week. A very well set up club. With plenty of all you want in a club. There are lots of other things to see and do as well. From walking along the lake front or going for a fish on the great lake. For those who like the idea of adventure there is always a Bungy. You could try the Bungy's latest attraction, the big swing. It's also a good watch! We look forward to seeing you all in June, so book that trip now and get your entry in. Your club will have the poster and entry form and they must have it to the District Secretary by 20 April. **Geoff & Nationals Committee 2010**
SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION RATES OFFERED DURING THE EVENT
Phone Chelmswood Motel, 250 Lake Terrace, Taupo now. 0800 238238

INDOOR BOWLER GETS AWARD

Lillian Langton, 97 of Auckland was one of 3 new Zealanders who recently received an award at the Osteoporosis NZ You Deserve a Medal ceremony in Parliament. A shining example of the benefits of an active lifestyle Lillian has suffered both a fractured pelvis and hip but her exercise programme enables her to maintain her balance and reduce risk of falls. She lives independently in her own home, plays indoor bowls, drives a car and attends fitness classes. Well done Lillian

SOUTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS 5-7 JUNE CHRISTCHURCH

Main venue CIBA Hall, Kearneys Rd. Entries close 26th April with District Secretaries. Get your teams sorted now.

Entry forms can be downloaded from the CIBA website www.sportsground.co.nz/ciba
Crown Plaza Hotel has a special rate from \$135 pn inc gst and breakfast for 2. If booking please ask for the 2010 South Island Indoor Bowls Championship Rate.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

NATIONAL OFFICE UNATTENDED

Please note that Executive Officer Ngaire Drake will be on leave until 20 April. Mail will still be collected but any other urgent queries contact President Trevor Rayner on 04-232-5615 or 027 461 2746. Alternatively trayner@xtra.co.nz

NATIONAL UMPIRES EXAM

Did you miss the cut in date for registration? WE STILL WANT YOU!

Please contact Delwyn Hughes on d Hughes.indoorbowls@xtra.co.nz or 07- 345-6609

COACHING SEMINARS

Regional Coach Craig Whiteside seminar series continues after successful sessions held in Palmerston North and Masterton. Well known Wairarapa bowler Elva Simonsen, who is Secretary and queen of all trades in the District, reported that they were delighted with the coaching session and were very satisfied with both the attendance and overall enthusiasm shown. Blenheim will be hosting the next session 9-10 April. There will be an indoor bowls demonstration in the Centrepoint Mall on Friday morning and that night a coaching session for all bowlers at the Redwood Town Hall. The following day the Coaching workshop which includes Nelson and GB- Motueka coaches will be held at the same venue.



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