



NZ INDOOR BOWLS NEWS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

As I write this we are a week out from going on tour with the New Zealand team to Broken Hill to play and beat Australia. All the team are looking forward to this event and I am sure that they will give it their best shot. We have had some problems with our travel but everything is now sorted. Broken Hill is not a easy place to get to in one day and I hope if this event is to continue, then more thought should be given to a more suitable venue. A couple of weeks ago I was invited to the Southern Sub-Centre of Southlands 50th anniversary. This took the form of a fours tournament in the afternoon, followed by a dinner at night. This was a very well organised event and both my daughter Sarah-Jane and myself enjoyed ourselves immensely. I forgot to mention that the winner of the tournament was myself with Stewart and Joan and Sarah-Jane making up the team and carrying me through. At the end of the month we have the North Island champs which are followed by the Nationals. The entry for the singles at the Nationals is the lowest since 1954 which is not good. Well done to Dale Lang in making the N.Z outdoor bowls team. The Otago Daily times today (Friday 1st May) says she is a former N.Z. Indoor Bowls representative. They should get it right as she is a current rep and I hope she stays that way for some time. Well that about it for this month. My wife tells me I have to go and do some work if I am going away in a week's time. Look forward to catching up with some of you at the Nationals. Till next month. Take care. David Edgar

COACHING REPORT

Executive member in charge of coaching, Stewart Chilton, and National Coach, Craig Whiteside, have now completed the coaching seminars held throughout the country. The success of the sessions exceeded expectations with over 400 attendees and 27 districts being represented. To date approximately 200 DVDs have been distributed.

Clubs were challenged to coaching "half an hour - push play" as an ongoing club coaching programme. A "skill sheet" and "Crackerjack bowls" format to help this programme can be downloaded from the Indoor Bowls website.

www.nzindoorbowls.co.nz. Clubs are reminded that all Districts who attended have 2 Coaching DVDs for use. It is an excellent tool for informing new bowlers, as is the "New Bowlers" brochure.

The brochure is a great tool as a letterbox drop as the clubs details can be inserted on the back. These, along with the DVDs are available from the national office. The DVD now retail for \$20 including postage or they can be purchased at the coming Island and National Championships at a special cost of \$10. Coaches are also reminded of the \$200 incentive for 5 coaching sessions.

INDOOR BOWLS HAS A DUAL NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTATIVE

NZ Indoor Bowls representative Dale Lang has been picked to play for the NZ Lawn Bowls team in the Asia Pacific Championships in Malaysia in August. Dale is in the new women's national squad which is the possible make-up of the NZ bowls team for the 2010 Commonwealth Games in New Delhi. Also included is former NZ indoor bowls representative Karen Coombe (Wanganui). The men's squad includes two prominent indoor bowlers Ali Forsyth now based in Sydney and Gary Lawson Canterbury who will be competing at the Indoor Nationals in Timaru. We applaud your selection Dale but we do not want you lost from this sport!

INDOOR BOWLS BACK ON TELEVISION

Watch the Semi Finals and Finals on TV. Channel 23 on Freeview and Channel 110 on SKY Digital

There will be an Indoor Bowls extravaganza on these Channels Sunday 14 June starting at 3pm and you will be able to view both the Semi Finals and Finals of the Singles and Pairs. Unfortunately there will not be a Sky Sports highlights package shown but Cue TV is now on more decoders around NZ than most channels as they are one of the few channels on both SKY and Freeview. There will be lots of repeats of all games- viewing times to be advised later.

SPECIAL POINTS

NZ TEAM REPORTS FROM BROKEN HILL

The best method to keep up to date with results will be to visit www.nzindoorbowls.co.nz. Hopefully we will be able to secure some radio time with Radio Sport/ZB network and the newspapers.

NOMINATIONS FOR ISLAND TEAMS

This year the North Island team tours the South Island 7/16 August with the highlight being the North v South Island Test in Christchurch 15 August. Nominations for these teams close 22 May. New Zealand team members will not be considered so it is a good opportunity to introduce more players to this higher level.

60TH LION FOUNDATION NATIONAL INDOOR BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Considered one of indoor bowls highlight events of the year the Lion Foundation national championships gets underway in Timaru 6-13 June.

The championships have attracted 849 competitors which is less than was hoped for due to the lack of support from surrounding South Island districts. However the local district has been preparing well and an excellent event is promised

Last year there was a march past of former champions to celebrate the 100th year of indoor bowls in New Zealand. It was so successful another will be held this year in recognition of the 60th National Championships. Please make all former champions aware of this and let NZIB know if they are going to attend. It will be held on the Thursday after the fours section play.

All of the defending champions have entered again this year. Chris Matthews, Canterbury will defend the singles, Tim Veale and Teri Anderson, Manawatu the pairs, Shaun Burnand, Sue Burnand and Angela Boyd have entered from Ashburton to defend the triples while Nigel Warnes, Fred Persico and Hayden Warnes this time combine with Chris Moffat from Nelson to defend the fours.

Paul Psaila from Auckland and Grant l'Ami from Taranaki are the two gold star holders in the field. However there are a seven players sitting on four titles who have entered. These include Gary Lawson and Richard Griffiths, Canterbury, Kevin Boothby, Thames Valley, Rod Fleming, Hawke's Bay, Mike Phipps, Taranaki, John Zittersteijn from North Taranaki and Nigel Warnes from Nelson.

OFFICIALS REPORT

As was indicated last newsletter there was a grand response with 34 now sitting the National Examination on 3 May. It will mean more work for Examiner Graham Gerrand marking the papers but he welcomes the challenge ahead. Good luck to all of you who have put your names forward. All umpires attending the Nationals are encouraged to make yourselves available to assist. There is a page in the programme for you to complete and advise when you will be available. It is a big job so your help will be appreciated. Make sure all your umpiring and measuring equipment works well.

ACADEMY AND MASTERS FIXTURE AT NATIONALS

Nominations have closed and teams will be announced a couple of weeks before the event. Due to Triples qualifying only requiring one session the Academy/Masters event will now be held on the Wednesday afternoon. Another change to the historical Nationals schedule will be the Fours section play all played in one session Thursday morning followed by the march past and beginning of the Triples post section play.

OF INTEREST

INDOOR BOWLS PRICE INCREASE

The new cost of a set of Black/Yellow bowls without jack will be \$900; half sets of yellow \$500; spare bowls \$60 and jacks \$40.

Please note future quotes will include a clause passing on to the purchaser any increase. The special on Indoor Bowls mats of \$490 will continue until the end of July.

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One month only- 20 books for \$30



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