



NZ INDOOR BOWLS NEWS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

As I write this there are exactly four weeks before the 61st National Championships begin in Taupo. Entries are up on last year and are in line with recent numbers for Championships held in the North Island. What I find interesting is that only 7 per cent of our affiliated members take part in "The Nationals". Ours is one of the few sports which allows open entry to its National Championships yet 93 per cent of our members choose not to take part. Why? The situation is similar with Championships run by Districts. These events are supported by very few members in relation to overall membership. Why? In my view these events are staged for three main reasons, (1) to make money for the District; (2) to enable members to match their skills against other players; (3) to enable players to establish their credentials for selection in representative teams at all levels. Seven-day a week shopping has had an immense effect on all weekend sport in New Zealand but that is not the only reason for the fall in numbers participating in Championships. So why aren't the events being run by Districts and NZIB attractive to the majority of our members? I don't have the answers, but I would be interested in having your input to see if, together, we can find a solution. Please email your submissions to trayner@xtra.co.nz. I look forward to hearing from you. In the meantime, those attending the Nationals and the South Island Championships in Christchurch, and the myriad of traditional Queen's Birthday Tournaments, enjoy your events. Trevor Rayner NZIB President.

IS THIS A NEW ZEALAND FIRST-100 CENTRE TITLES?

David Lynn from Poverty Bay won his 100th Centre Title recently - 32 years after taking up indoor bowls as a seven-year old. David was first taken to indoor bowls by his father and by 12 was representing PB-EC. At 14 he won the districts champion of champions singles which qualified him for the National final in Wellington. "I flew there on one of the old NAC planes, was met at the airport and treated like someone from the royal family" David recalls! He considers being selected for the North Island team in 2003 and 2004 as a definite highlight. Congratulations David and indoor bowls acknowledges also the countless hours you have spent involved in administrating the sport both at club and district level.

Roger Andrew became the first person to win 50 Counties centre titles when he skipped his team to the Open Fours Title recently.

BLACK JACKS NAMED

Current and former indoor bowlers feature in the Black Jacks named to play Australia in May and compete at the Commonwealth Games later in the year. They are current NZ representative Dale Lang, Karen Coombe who was a New Zealand Rep in 1997, Ali Forsyth who won the Henselite Singles in 2005 and Shannon McIlroy who competed at the junior singles final in 1997 from Poverty Bay. We wish them all well.



NZ SECONDARY SCHOOLS EVENT

This will again be held following on from the Junior Singles in North Wellington 29-30 August. The event is growing each year and the students love it. We are hopeful that many more will be able to enjoy the experience this year. Your district has a copy of the entry form which must be signed off from the school. Information is on the NZ Secondary School website www.nzsssc.org.nz

OBITUARY

Well known Waikato Indoor Bowler Kelvin Clough passed away after battling with Parkinson's for the past 20 years. During his Bowling career Kelvin was a Hamilton Sub Centre President and had held a number of Waikato and Sub Centre titles. The Indoor Bowls fraternity extends its sympathy to wife Betty and all his family at this sad time.



61st LION FOUNDATION NATIONAL INDOOR BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS
Waikato's Sue Burnand playing out of Ashburton who was the first woman to ever win the singles in sixty years will defend her title at this event to be held in Taupo from Saturday 12th to Saturday 19th June. However she will be up against a strong field of 715 players in the singles that includes two gold star holders. Blair Spicer and Rob Osborne, Canterbury will defend the pairs. Fred Persico Nelson who skipped last year's triple is not available so Hayden Warnes and Chris Moffitt will combine with Richard Verdonk. Joseph Zino, Richard Corry, Denise Clarkson and John Zino, Hutt Valley will defend the fours. Numbers are up on last year when the event was held in Timaru with over 1200 players competing. 715 players will compete in the singles, 450 teams in the pairs, 270 in the triples and 210 in the fours. Two gold star winners will be participating attempting to be the first person to win 6 titles. They are Paul Psaila from Auckland and Grant l'Ami from Taranaki who have been overseas since 2004. The Northern versus Southern Zones Academy and Masters Events will be held on the Tuesday night during the championships commencing at 7pm at the Taupo Events Centre. The teams for both of these events will be named on May 26th.

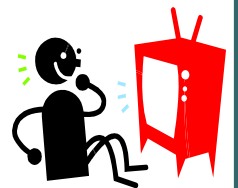
UMPIRES NEWS:

It was disappointing that more umpires did not sit the National exam but we congratulate the following who successfully passed and have now become National Umpires. Kathryn Edgar and David Horrell (South Otago), Rosemary Stephenson (Auckland), Bill Hart (Nelson), Phyllis Cooper and Irene Rockell (Northland). Well done all and we hope districts will work to train more of their umpires to sit next year.

INDOOR BOWLS ON TELEVISION

Watch indoor bowls from the National Championships on TV Channel 23 on Freeview and Channel 110 on SKY Digital.

There will be an Indoor Bowls extravaganza on these Channels Sunday 20 June 3pm -8pm and you will be able to view both the Semi Finals and Finals of the Singles and Pairs. There will be lots of repeats of all games- viewing times to be advised later.



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

NOMINATIONS FOR ISLAND TEAMS

This year the South Island team tours the North Island 6/15 August with the highlight being the North v South Island Test in Pukekohe 14 August. Nominations for these teams close 21 May. With a New Zealand team being selected to compete against Australia in Balclutha May 2011 it is important that those wishing to be considered make themselves available for all National events.

50th JUBILEE

St Pats Indoor Bowls Club Pukekohe will be celebrating its 50th jubilee on Saturday 18th September 2010 at Valley School Hall, East Street, Pukekohe; all ex members are invited to attend. For further details contact Brian MacDonald 09-2387724 or 027-3147742

THIS MONTH'S SPECIALS:

Laws of the Game -20 for \$30
Beginners Guide to Indoor Bowls-5 for \$20 (normally \$5 each)
Send payment to National office, PO Box 11221, Wellington

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We are still accepting entries for pairs, triples and fours at the National Championships-contact National Office now



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