



NZ INDOOR BOWLS NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A busy year continues. The Road Shows are over and now the work starts on collating the ideas and good practices which have been discussed into discussion documents for the next AGM. The International hosted exceptionally well by South Otago is over - a so near yet so far experience. I was proud of the fighting qualities and the "never-say-die" attitude of the New Zealand players on the final day, and now we are heading for the Nationals to be held at the Te Rauparaha Arena adjacent to the CBD of Porirua. Quite frankly the entries are disappointing being the lowest numbers attending a North Island based Nationals for 40 years. It is not good enough to say it is a sign of the times, we need to know why people are not attending so if you are not attending please let us know why. The sport cannot afford the costs of hiring large venues if the expected numbers do not eventuate so if the Nationals are to continue in their current format your support and feedback is required. At the 2010 AGM it was voted that the Academy Event held at the Nationals be a North Island v. South Island Event instead of Northern Zone v. Southern Zone. The South Island selectors now have the challenge of selecting a team of 10 women where the nominations received are far below that number. See you all in Porirua. Trevor Rayner, President, NZIB

HENSELITE TROPHY TO AUSTRALIA

Australia retained the Henselite Trophy in the Trans Tasman biennial match in Balclutha. This was the first time that Australia had defended the trophy in the history of the competition. The Trans Tasman International ended in an exciting 33 all draw but Australia as the current holders retained the Henselite Trophy. Australia got away to a blistering start to win both of the first two days which meant that they needed just three wins and a draw on the final day to win the event overall. The Kiwis never gave up and this produced an extremely exciting third day. They won four of the five morning matches and in the final session NZ won four of the six games to tie the match 33-33. New Zealand won six Australasian Medals and Australia won five. Three New Zealand players won two Australasian Medals, Lisa White the women's singles and women's pairs, Ashley Diamond, men's pairs and fours and John Zittersteijn the men's fours and mixed 8-bowl pairs. The others who won one medal each were Maureen Pruden (mixed 8-bowl pairs), Simon and Julie Thomas, Grant Rayner and Gina Owen (mixed fours), Fiona Wilson (women's pairs), Grant l'Ami (men's pairs), Blair Spicer and Mike Phipps (men's fours). The test opened with a very moving opening ceremony. The Mayor Barry Cadogan visited the event every day and the deputy Prime Minister, Bill English called in on the second day and mingled with the spectators. Locals and people from the surrounding districts came to watch including many past NZ Players.

UMPIRES REPORT

Twenty eight candidates of the original 34 sat the National Examination and we are delighted to report 18 achieved Full Passes and a further 5 candidates qualified as Local Umpires. These five individuals can of course resit the Theory component next year to achieve the National Status. It has certainly proven worthwhile to have a two tier qualification. All those candidates who sat will be advised of their outcome and those successful will be acknowledged in the next newsletter.

NELSON HELPING THE CANTERBURY CAUSE

Nelson held a "Red and Black" theme night for their season opening and took a collection for the Canterbury Indoor Bowls Association for Earthquake repairs. With the player donations plus a number of fine sessions \$200 was raised. The evening was played using the "sets" format and was enjoyed by all.

ALSO NEWS FROM WARKWORTH INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

They will be donating \$1,000 to the Christchurch Earthquake appeal fund when a term deposit matures this month. Well done.

MESSAGE FROM CANTERBURY

The earthquake in September was a destructive event leaving three of our clubs Dunsandel, Halswell and Burwood looking for other venues for their clubs. The February 22nd jolt did much more damage in the City area particularly the Eastern Suburbs where many of our clubs were situated. Half the clubs in Christchurch were forced to move to other halls or not play at all. Our largest club Tui has gone into recess. They had 92 members and played on Friday afternoons. Many of our members are of the older age group and not keen to travel too far at night or during the day. I fear that a large number of this group will be lost to the sport forever. Not all venues have been badly damaged. Some are standing with floors too uneven for indoor bowls, but still suitable for most other events. They probably will never be suitable for Indoor Bowls again. Progress in fixing our CIBA Hall is very slow. We repaired ceiling damage after the September quake and paid for it ourselves. The February quake undid the repairs plus a lot more plus floor and wall movement. We await our Insurance Company decision for further progress. Much good work has been done in the City lowering damaged buildings, levelling streets - shingle has replaced lumpy wholly sealed streets, but very few of those whose houses are damaged have seen any progress. We look forward to better times with no aftershocks - not sure when bowlers will be able to play our sport in their own venues again. Thank you to all those bowlers throughout Zealand who have made donations to Canterbury people particularly those donations made to Canterbury Indoor Bowls. They will help us to try and keep as many people as we can playing Indoor Bowls in Canterbury. Thank you once again
David Bullock PRESIDENT CANTERBURY INDOOR BOWLS

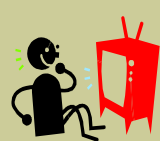
COACHING REPORT

The Coaching Director Craig Whiteside's role is to coach District and club coaches. If NZIB is to continue to receive Sparc funding it needs to develop its Coaching Structure throughout the country as well as increase membership numbers. There is no doubt that bowlers enjoy the game more if they play well so more districts should be providing the coaching that is required to achieve this. Every District should have a District Coach who is prepared to help the club coaches. Every club should have a Club Coach. Has yours? Do you need help to make it happen? If so arrange for a coaching night for all your club coaches and even combine with your neighbouring district. NZIB is keen to see this happen but it can only be effective if it is driven at District level and numbers must be maximised to make it financially worthwhile. Contact National Office or Craig on 027 205 7910 or crabyn@vodafone.co.nz if you want to know more.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

INDOOR BOWLS IN SCHOOLS TAKING OFF

We are delighted to report that 82 Intermediate students have entered the AIMS games to be held in Tauranga in August/September. This is a great result considering that this is the first year that indoor bowls has been included. It is a rich reward for Bill West who heads the Tauranga IBA group who have been working closely with and supporting local schools to introduce students to their sport. There will be more than 4300 students participating in 15 sports. Entry forms for the North Island Secondary Schools event in Tauranga 18-19 July and the NZ Secondary Schools Championships in Wellington 21-22 August are now available from your District Secretary or www.nzsssc.org.nz. Remember entry needs to go through student's school.



INDOOR BOWLS BACK ON TELEVISION

Thank you to the Trust Community Foundation who made a significant contribution towards the television coverage of the International which will be shown on Sunday 12th June at 1.30pm and Sunday 19th June at 2.30pm. The Lion Foundation National Championships singles and pairs semi finals and finals will be shown Sunday 26th June at 1.30pm and Sunday 3rd July at 1.30pm. Mark your recorders now if you can't watch live or get someone to do it for you if you are out playing your game.



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