



NZ INDOOR BOWLS NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Entries have closed for the National Championships and given current trends in the Sport I am quite pleased with the entries received which are on par with the last time the Nationals were held in the South Island. The entry from the Southland Centre is outstanding with a total of 229 but unfortunately the same cannot be said of the support of some of the neighbouring Districts. The other concern is those players who are choosing to bypass the Nationals to play the Chartered Clubs Nationals which are also in Invercargill starting on the following Monday. Some of these players expect to be selected for Island and National Teams so I for one have to question their priorities. On a more positive note I am excited about the work being done by Craig Whiteside and his network of helpers in the schools in the Bay of Plenty Tauranga area. The numbers being introduced to our game and the benefits being obtained from this initiative is beyond our expectations. Keep up the good work. Trevor Rayner, President, NZIB

NOMINATIONS FOR ISLAND TEAMS

This year the North Island team again tours the South Island 10/18 August with the highlight being the North v South Island Test in Ashburton 18 August. The reason for the same team touring is to change the sequence of Tours to avoid the clash with the International fixture. Nominations for these teams close 25 May.

NZ SECONDARY SCHOOLS EVENTS

This will again be held following on from the Junior Singles in North Wellington 2-3 September. We are hopeful that the event will continue to grow as the students love it. Make sure you encourage students in your district to attend. A good warm up event for them will be the North Island Secondary Schools event hosted by Tauranga IBA in the school holidays 2-3 July. Your district has copies of both these entry forms which must be signed off from the school. Information is on the NZ Secondary School website www.nzsssc.org.nz

TRIP TO THE SOUTHERN MOST CLUB IN NEW ZEALAND



Southland's Seaward Downs Club recently travelled to Stewart Island to take part in a bi-annual tournament. 21 club members plus teams from Tisbury, Lumsden, Mataura RSA and Island Clubs made up 12 teams of Triples. They took the ferry over, went to their accommodation and re gathered for dinner and socialising with the locals at the South Seas Hotel. The bowls started the following afternoon ably controlled by Jim Boniface the Southland Patron. The winning team

was skipped by Michael Heads who defeated NZIB Executive Member's team Stewart Chilton 15-8. While the bowls was in progress the spouses went Paua fishing and sight seeing. Sunday was free to recover from the socializing and the afternoon ferry was caught back to Bluff with the 40kgs of Blue Cod which was won at the tournament either playing or raffles! A great weekend was had by all.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Even NZIB President Trevor Rayner can be fooled as he thought he was attending a farewell party for ex-NZIB Executive Member, Avon Compton. Instead both he and Jock Miller were presented with their life membership of the Tawanui Indoor Bowls Club North Wellington for the great service they had provided to the club over the past 36 years. They were presented their badges by Club President and ex NZ representative Dale Lang.

EQUIPMENT UPDATE

We are pleased to report that there are now good stocks of bowls and mats available and the price increase for bowls has not yet occurred. Get in quick! Sets of black and yellow bowls cost \$1,250 and mats \$580.



63rd LION FOUNDATION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

North Taranaki's Paul Midgley will try to defend two titles at the event to be held 9-16 June. He was the star of last year's championships where he won the Robertson Cup which is awarded to the player of the tournament. This year he has entered through the Tauranga District to defend the singles title along with the fours title with the successful combination of Grant l'Ami, Mike and Lorraine Phipps. The defending pairs champions Ashley Diamond and Mark Keen, Canterbury and the triples champions from the host district Southland consisting of the family team of Gary Low and his parents Graham and Jan Low will defend their titles. Tauranga's Mike Phipps won his gold star for five national titles last year. Other gold star holders Grant l'Ami, North Taranaki, Grant Rayner, North Wellington and Paul Psaila, Auckland are in the field. Altogether there are 490 singles, 305 pairs, 190 triples and 145 fours.

The match to be played between the North Island and South Island Academy teams which are selected from players attending the nationals will be held following the pairs post section in the early evening on Tuesday along with the Northern versus Southern Zones Masters Event. The teams for these events will be named on 23rd May.

UMPIRES NEWS

The 2012 Umpire's examination this year has attracted 33 candidates and it is hoped this will boost the National badge holder numbers.

Graham Gerrand has the task of marking these papers and the results will be known shortly. All umpires and measurers who are attending the Nationals are asked to make themselves available to assist so as to share the load.

TIP: If you are umpiring at events please stay near mats but not on them, as players who are trying to measure may get nervous, if you hang around too much. Go to the mat if called or needed. Have your measuring equipment out and ready to use to save time.

Law books can be ordered from national office at a reasonable cost. Special of 20 for \$30 is still valid! Give one to new players; it makes them feel they are part of the game.

NO REST FOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Ngaira Drake was lying on a Black Sea beach, Turkey when she was interrupted by a text from Island Representative, Sheree Holmes wanting a late entry into the Nationals. She was told to phone office in three days time and it would be attended to- and it was!



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

INDOOR BOWLS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER IN TARANAKI

A memorandum of understanding has been signed with Sport Taranaki and interviews will take place shortly for this position. Although taking longer than expected NZIB is hopeful that the position will be filled very soon.

ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS IN PALMERSTON NORTH

This Queen's Birthday weekend has attracted 113 pairs, 64 Triples and 49 Fours- good luck to you all and enjoy the Manawatu hospitality.

INDOOR BOWLS ON TELEVISION

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

The Singles Semi-finals and Final can be viewed on these Channels Sunday 17 June at 4pm and the following Sunday the 24th June for the Pairs.



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