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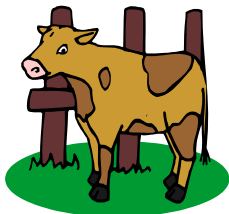
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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

At the time of writing this the season has ended in the south. We have had our AGM and a lot of other clubs are doing the same. Next it will be our regional meeting for our zone 6 Paterson districts followed by districts AGM's. In a lot of districts around the country, this may see new office bearers. It is hoped new blood will emerge as it is not fair to have the same few people having to do all the work. Unfortunately this seems to happen so much in clubs and districts as it is very hard to get people to take positions. Some district secretaries will be giving the job up and we thank them for the time that they have given to the sport. Special mention must go to Raelene Bettridge from the Waikato who retires this year after 20 years as secretary. It has been a very busy time since the last newsletter. The tour of the North Island by the South Island team has been and gone. The South Island team had three promotional events while on tour. I hope that the districts concerned follow up the work done by the touring team. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all districts that hosted the team. The result on test day was not what I would have liked with the North Island again winning convincingly. The junior singles was held at North Wellington and well done to Auckland's Kerrin Fremlin who beat Northland's Chris Watson in the final. This event was followed by the Secondary Schools Bowls tournament and this is covered elsewhere in this newsletter. The premier team's event for Districts competing for the Welch trophy saw Canterbury take the honours. This was a well-deserved win the first for them since 1981. There were some very close games and well done to all teams for being their zone winners. Last weekend we had all 37 districts represented in the Champion of Champions competing for the Henselite trophy. Garry Flewitt from Otago beat Manawatu's Gordon McIvor in the final. Garry has been around bowls for a long time now and this was a well deserved win. As the year draws to a close we have an executive meeting in October and the AGM in December. It would be fair to say that this executive has worked very well together. I hope bowlers appreciate the work that these people do. The main concern that I have for the sport is the decline in members. This is also on the minds of the entire executive and yet we seem unable to stop this decline. The answer lies in clubs and districts seeking new members or encouraging unaffiliated bowlers to affiliate. Look after yourselves over the summer period and remember that the Nationals are in Timaru next year and I am sure that South Canterbury would look forward to your company. Till 2009 take care. David Edgar

A LOT OF BULL

As a fund raising exercise, at the end of 2006 the Southland Centre purchased fifteen weaned calves for \$304 each. These calves were adopted by farmers in our Southern Sub-Centre where they gained weight, lost two stone each, and then continued to be fattened.



At the start of 2008, six of the calves were sold for \$720 each and with the proceeds an additional fifteen calves were purchased. As the original calves are reaching optimum weight they are being sold, to date realising an average of \$1,095 each. It is envisaged that all the cattle beasts from both intakes will be sold by February 2009.

As it is unfair to expect the same farmers to host our animals each year, it is unlikely that further animals will be purchased this season unless new farm stays are found for the additional cattle.

UMPIRES NEWS FROM VIV HUDSON

I was embarrassed at a tournament recently when asked to measure a shot. I measured it, gave the correct decision and then took off with the jack in my pocket! This confirms I am human after all. I apologised for my efforts but it did create a talking point for the day! Lesson from this was -apologise for any blunders and get on with the job at hand.

To encourage more umpires and measurers in each district, current umpires could go around clubs showing the correct measuring skills for players, especially new ones. Invite members to come to umpires meetings to learn the ropes. Umpiring can be a rewarding job especially when the players have tight situations and you can decide for them.

INAUGURAL NZ SECONDARY SCHOOLS EVENT A GREAT SUCCESS

23 Colleges from throughout NZ were represented and congratulations to 14 yr old Teri Anderson the home club favourite from Newlands College who won the singles from Katie Burnley from Sacred Heart College, Lower Hutt. What a great year for Teri who also became the youngest ever holder of a National tile when she won the pairs with Tim Veale at the Lion Foundation Nationals at Tauranga. Avondale College provided the winners of the pairs with brothers Andrew and Simon McMillan defeating Helene Stuart and Stephanie Gailey from Wanganui High School in the final. Stephanie had a good weekend winning the singles plate event with the pair's plate going to James Sullivan and Henry Emery from St Bedes College. The feedback from this event has been excellent with most Colleges keen to return next year. Not all districts got behind the event this year but the success of it will hopefully mean a sizable increase in entries next year. The importance of having the event scheduled on the NZ Secondary Schools calendar and having the entries coming through the school system is so important if the game is to survive in the future.

INTERNATIONAL OFF TO BROKEN HILL

An attempt to agree on a more accessible location has failed so the 2009 New Zealand team and supporters will be in for a "once in a life time" experience. Nomination forms have been sent to Districts and must be returned by the end of October. The team will be announced in Wellington during the Annual General Meeting in December. It is then the fun begins as the most economic and comfortable way is worked out for the travel to the home of the Flying Doctors! It may even include a teambuilding 16 hour rail journey from Sydney!



SPARC CHANGE OF RELATIONSHIP MANAGER

Kirsty Kleyne who has been the liaison person with Sparc for our sport has gone on maternity leave and has been replaced by Sarah Anderson. Kirsty has been excellent to deal with and we wish her well. Sarah though I am sure will be a great replacement and we look forward to working with her.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

2009 EVENTS TO BE PUT IN YOUR DIARIES NOW!

North Island Indoor Bowls Championships to be held in Pukekohe 30 May-1 June. For additional information contact. Secretary Counties IBA, Christine Hamilton Ph 09-235 7276 or 0274 928894

Lion Foundation National Championships in Timaru 6-13 June. Have you booked your accommodation yet? If you require a house the contact is Hugh Smith Ph 03 686 4882 or Ron Marsh Ph 03-686 2799. If it is hotel, motel, backpackers etc you are after Timaru i-Site Visitor Information Centre is the contact on Freephone: 0800 484 6278 or Email: timaruiinfo@southisland.org.nz

YELLOW BOWLS BACK IN FULL STOCK

Get those funding applications in during the off season and have the popular new yellow bowls available at your club for next year. Half sets are available for \$480 and a full set of yellow and black bowls is \$850.

Two 50th Jubilees coming up

The St Andrew's Indoor Bowls Club, Rotorua will celebrate theirs on September 30th, 2008. Contact is June McHale phone 07 3493113 or Gavin Rennie, phone 07 3474457. Email: june.mchale@xtra.co.nz
Greymouth Workingmen's Indoor Bowling Club celebration will be on Saturday 11 October 2008. Contact is Mary Keating Phone 03 768 4802, Email marykelvin@xtra.co.nz.

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