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NZ SECONDARY SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Tauranga Boys College student Josh Saywell has not only made history in the sport of indoor bowls, but is helping blaze a trail at the school that looks promising for the future. Saywell won the New Zealand Secondary Schools singles championship recently and followed it up by winning the pairs with fellow-student Nash Smith. This was the first time a player has won both titles. It was very appropriate that the volunteer who started the promotion of indoor bowls to Juniors in the Tauranga region, Bill West was at the event and able to present Josh with his Singles Trophy. The runner up in the Singles was Colin Williams from Rangitoto College. The championships clearly demonstrate the worth of promoting the sport at school level. Taranaki and Poverty Bay are two other areas from which students did well at this year's national secondary school championships along with Tauranga. This is a clear reflection of the work being done in those areas by the Indoor Bowls Development Officers. Stratford High School students also did well with Kylie Rowland and Sharena Holgate being runners up and Anjela Frost and Shayna Heal placed third. Tauranga's sport promoter, Craig Whiteside says the time invested in these juniors has paid off. "The sooner other districts invest in sport Development Officers, the sooner indoor bowls will grow in those areas" he says.



NZSS CHAMPS 2013 PAIRS MEDAL WINNERS

Front row: Nash Smith & Josh Saywell
Back row: Kylie Rowland, Anjela Frost
Shayna Heal, Sharena Holgate



PUBLICITY HARD TO GET & IT'S CHANGING

How many share the views of a recent letter-writer to NZIB complaining about poor media coverage of the Nationals. "Nowhere in the Otago Daily Times was there a mention. This is the first time since I started indoor bowls that there hasn't been any coverage of the national event. I know results are on the net, but you are only preaching to the converted. In the paper you reach everyone and people thinking of joining the game". The writer went on to raise a more pressing issue. "The other night a player came up to me and said indoor bowls is dying. I just look at my own centrefor many years publicity and all kinds of membership drives but nothing. There seems to be complacency right through the game..." Is he right, and if so what should be done about it?

Technology is also changing so fast. Nowadays most people just seem to use the website for more in-depth information & there is an expectation for instant results on Facebook & Twitter. Soon all that will be necessary will be a watch with the "Apple" new invention!

AIMS GAMES

Indoor Bowls is one of the sports at the Aims Games, now in their 10th year, that are run annually in Tauranga. This year more than 100 Intermediate schools from around New Zealand, Australia and Asia, are entered. More than 7000 students will compete in 14 different sports from the 15th to the 20th of September. There are 182 entries for Indoor Bowls from 28 schools – an increase from 170 last year for 20 schools. These bowlers are the games future and we look forward to the students continuing to play when they go to Secondary School and then onto Clubs.

KEVIN EDDY MEMORIAL TROPHY



Congratulations to the North Island team on retaining the Kevin Eddy Memorial Trophy at Rotorua. They have now held the trophy since its inception seven years ago, and have not lost to the South Island for 10 years. Men's medal winners for the North Island were Joseph Zino (singles), Paul Smith and Jason Parker (pairs), Paul Wright, Grant Harvey and Lance Jenner (triples), and Steven Fisher, Mark Ridley, Mike Phipps and Tim Veale (fours). Women's winners were Teri Anderson (singles), Dale Rayner and Shelley Jacombs (pairs) and Sharon Peters, Elizabeth Morrow and Lorraine Phipps (triples). The South Island's only medal-winners were the women's four of Ann Cottrell, Suzanne Mackie, Belinda Peard and Deanne Osborne. Well done ladies it is 10 years since any South ladies had won a medal in this competition.

NZ JUNIOR SINGLES

28 districts were represented this year and the event was a case of fourth time lucky for the Trevor Burgess of Southland who beat reigning champion Stefan Robb of North Otago in the final. On his way to the final Burgess put out Sam Gilchrist of Waikato in one semi-final and Robb eliminated Shaquaid Hihi of PB- EC in the other. The Plate went to Jacinta Freitas of Canterbury who beat Jacob Rameka of North Wellington. Jacinta also won the plate event playing with her brother Ruben representing Darfield High School in the NZ SS pairs championship a couple of days later. One of the best aspects of this event is how much these young bowlers enjoy playing the game and it is easy to see long time friendships develop as at the Secondary Schools Nationals.

◆ NZIB'S VOLUNTEER OF YEAR - CLOSE 30 SEPTEMBER

Nomination forms can be downloaded from www.nzindoorbowls.co.nz or can be obtained by contacting National office. Every district should have some volunteer worthy of a nomination.

◆ NZIB AGM - 7 DECEMBER WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FUTURE OF INDOOR BOWLS?

This will be held 7 December & nominations to fill positions on the NZIB Executive are currently being called for. If you believe you have the skills required, or know someone available who does make sure the nomination is received at National Office by 28 October. Notices of Motion or Remits for the AGM close 8 October.

ASHBURTON IBA IS 60 YEARS OLD

Join them to mark the occasion at an afternoon tea on Saturday 28th September in the Ashburton Stadium from 2pm.

◆ CELEBRATE !!!!

Indoor bowlers are not noted for expressions of emotion even when a very good bowl has been played. A modest handclap is the usual response. Not for us the ripping off of shorts, rolling on the floor, kissing club-mates, or high-fives. Why not? Why not celebrate a great bowl, especially if it wins the game. On the plus side we don't throw punches or abuse the officials

