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INDOOR BOWLS**

# NZ INDOOR BOWLS NEWS

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

As I sit here writing this report spring has finally arrived and I look forward to having some time at home. I think that my family would also like me to do some work around the place for a change. In the last month a lot has happened. First we had the tour of the South by the North Island team. This team were very good ambassadors for the sport of Indoor Bowls. As well as playing games against Districts the team did promotion work at four venues. The largest group was in Ashburton where about 60 school children had an introduction to the sport of Indoor Bowls. The North Island v South Island Test, playing for the Kevin Eddy Memorial Trophy for the first time, was a disaster for the South losing 7-41. The following weekend it was off to North Wellington for the junior singles. It is good to see all those players giving this sport a go. Well done to Bay of Plenty's Keri Te Tamaki who beat the North Wellington rep Teri Anderson in the final. In the Northern Zone against the Southern Zone the Northern team had a close win. This game is played for the McLachlan trophy. Cliff McLachlan who donated this trophy was a former NZ Indoor Bowls president who came from South Otago, the same area that I come from. When I was South Otago president he was our patron. Next National event was the Welch trophy held in Invercargill. Southland as usual did a fine job in running this event. Last weekend I attended the Henselite Champion of Champions singles in Nelson. I would like to thank all Districts who host events. You all do a great job and go out of your way to make everyone welcome. The season for most of us down here is now finished and we now have the AGM's, both at club and district level. If you feel that your club or district needs new direction why don't you put your name forward and give administration a go. You can't run down others if you are not prepared to help yourself. At a National level we are losing three Executive members. Ian Fraser, Shane Cuthbert and Alex Benington are all retiring. On behalf of all bowlers I would like to thank them for their service to this sport and wish them well for the future. Well that's about all for this month. I would like to wish you all well for the summer and hope that you all come back to Indoor Bowls in the New Year. Bring a friend with you and see if we can make the sport grow. David Edgar

## UMPIRE NEWS

The Umpires membership database has been updated with information still required from 2 districts. Currently the election process is taking place for the NZ Umpires Representative on the NZIB Executive and district votes must be received by 20 September. All umpires are encouraged to check out NZIB website for hints on umpiring and laws of the game. Visit [www.nzindoorbowls.co.nz](http://www.nzindoorbowls.co.nz) Thank you to all umpires and measurers who have assisted during the season not only at National events but also at district and club level. The sport needs you and your time is appreciated. The break over the summer months will provide a good opportunity to brush up on the laws and polish your measures! We want and need more umpires and measurers. Don't forget the National exam is early in May so there is plenty of time to get ready for it. Give something back to the Sport - you will find it very rewarding.

## WHAT A YEAR FOR AUCKLAND

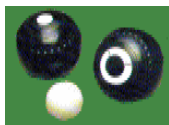
The symbol of supremacy for Indoor Bowls, the Lion Foundation Welch Trophy was won by Auckland for the 6<sup>th</sup> time at the event held in Invercargill. Auckland's last win was in 1992 & it was an incredibly intense finish when they made a barnstorming run in the final session to overtake Canterbury which had led throughout the three other sessions. Auckland won with 60 points followed by Canterbury 53 and Manawatu 51. Paul Psaila was the top scorer for Auckland with eight wins and two draws with all the other players also contributing in a good all round team effort. Owen Difort was in great form for Canterbury with nine wins and Gordon McIvor scored best for Manawatu with seven wins and 2 draws.

## A GOLD SPORT FOR ALL AGES

After this year's Southland Championship Triples two more gold stars were awarded. Nothing unusual you may say; however the recipients were only twenty and seventeen years of age. Mark Keen, a previous winner of two bars to this gold star skipped the team of Ashley Diamond and son Brent Keen to victory. With this win, Ashley now has two Southland titles back to back South Island titles, one South Island Triples title and the 2007 NZ Fours title to his credit. Perhaps Brent is the youngest winner of a NZ National Championship?

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FUTURE OF INDOOR BOWLS?

The Annual General Meeting for NZIB will be held on 1 December and nominations to fill positions on the NZIB Executive are currently being called for. The Executive consists of a President, Deputy President & four Executive Members. There is a separate election for the Umpires representative on the Executive. To effectively govern the sport, the Exec ideally requires in its membership a combination of sound knowledge of the game of indoor bowls, administration experience, professional expertise & business knowledge & experience. If you believe you have the skills required, or know someone available who does have, contact your district secretary or National Office for further information. The nomination must be received at National Office not later than 22 October 2007.



## GRANDMA HAPPY

Auckland's Paul Wright carried on with his excellent form by winning the Henselite Champion of Champions singles held in Nelson. He defeated Matthew Ellis from Roskill and Districts in the final. This was the second year in a row that Ellis had finished runner-up and he was also third equal in 2005. Paul's grandmother who lives in Nelson was present to watch his great win and what a year she has had as well. Her daughter Carol Wright, Paul's mother was a member of the New Zealand representative team which played against Australia in May.

## ANOTHER INTERNATIONAL EVENT

The Cook Island team will feature in the annual match with a Maori Invitation and Seaside Invitation teams on November 10 at the Waikato Indoor Bowling Centre, Hamilton. Last year this event was staged for the first time and was won by the Maori team who will be looking to defend their title. The Seaside team was formed as a friendship group of bowlers approximately 10 years ago, and has played the Cook Island for 5 years. Last year the Maori invitation was an added bonus to the annual event.



## SOUTHLAND SCHOOLS PAIRS TOURNAMENT

This year's Southland Secondary and Intermediate Schools tournament was held recently for the eighth year with 52 pairs teams competing from ten Southland Schools. The schools trophy was won by Tokanui School while the first four individual teams also received prizes.

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

### 2008 EVENTS TO BE PUT IN YOUR DIARIES NOW!

South Island Indoor Bowls Championships to be held in Invercargill 31 May- 2 June.

For additional information contact. Secretary Southland IBC, Clifford Shirreffs, 03 214 4563 or Mobile 027-2144563

Lion Foundation National Championships in Tauranga-7-14 June. Have you booked your accommodation yet if you are require a house the contact is Jeanette Riley, phone 07 5746969. If it is hotel, motel, backpackers etc you are after Tourism BOP is the contact on 07 5788103 or email [bookings@bayofplentynz.com](mailto:bookings@bayofplentynz.com)

### LOTS OF INDOOR BOWLS ON TELEVISION AND NOW RADIO

We have been fortunate to obtain the services of sports commentator Paul Quinney this year and all National events have been covered on Radio Sport and Newstalk ZB network. It is a constant battle to get profile for our sport and it is pleasing that progress is being made in this important area.

### 50<sup>TH</sup> JUBILEE

Owairaka Parish IBC celebrates 50 years of existence this year and a Jubilee Dinner and Prizegiving is planned for Saturday 24 November 2007. All past members and others who may be interested should contact Secretary, Dianne Darwin at 4/87 Blockhouse Bay Road, Auckland Tel: 09-820-6323 or e-mail at [dianne-benjamin@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dianne-benjamin@xtra.co.nz)

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