

NZ INDOOR BOWLS NEWS

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Welcome to the 2016 Indoor Bowling Year.

Since our AGM we have been advised that our funding from Sport New Zealand has been confirmed at the same level as previous years. This is great and will enable us to continue with the majority of our programmes and plan well for the future.

All districts are encouraged to investigate how they can work with local Sports Trusts to become involved with Year 7-12 children at intermediate and secondary schools to introduce them to the game. The funding from Sport NZ requires us to promote these programmes as part of the Community Sport Funding model that we operate within. Failure to show that we have made some effort may affect future funding. All clubs should have received a package from NZIB with a variety of support material to help them promote their club, develop their members and promote the game. I would encourage members to check with their club secretary to see what NZIB has provided to assist clubs. This year we are encouraging clubs to appoint club coaches as part of a wider coaching structure in the game.

The 2016 National Championship are at Mount Maunganui hosted by the Tauranga IBA. This year NZIB is providing an incentive to districts of at least \$1,000 to the district with the greatest percentage of members attending. Get yourself to there for an enjoyable week.

Again I encourage all members to consider setting an objective for themselves to achieve in the game this year. Without the challenge to achieve something new we will just continue to get what we already have. Good bowling for 2016.

Barry Chapman - President

FROM THE PRESIDENT

NATIONAL UMPIRES EXAM

This year you will have the opportunity to sit the National Examination at two different times. On any suitable night in the week leading up to 1 May with registrations closing 15 April or again during the first week in August. A series of questions and answers will be loaded onto the website soon so you can commence study for the theory paper. It is essential that districts offer some training for their umpires and measurers early in the season to review the Laws of the Game. NZIB is putting a lot of effort into making the job of Umpire more appealing. Nigel Warnes is working on plans to standardise and simplify the Umpire's Examination, while still keeping the required standard. It includes preparing a DVD to assist such things as mat faults and measuring. There is a Measuring and Umpires Tips sheet in the Club pack.

TIME TO GO SHOPPING

NZIB has the following goods for sale:

Sets of Henselite Bowls exc Jack

Blue/orange or Black/Yellow	\$1,500
Half sets of bowls (8)	\$800.00
Jacks and replacement bowls	\$ 50.00
Coaching DVD's	\$ 20.00
Flip-Over Score cards (sets of 6)	\$20.00

Each club would have received a free copy of the following:

Beginners Guide to Indoor Bowls	(\$5.00)
Hints to Boost Club Membership	(\$5.00)
Revised book of Draws	(\$8.00)
2015 Laws of the Game	(\$3.00)

If you require more the costs are in brackets

Prices include GST, Freight and /or Postage

All orders with payment through NZIB National Office at PO Box 11221, Wellington

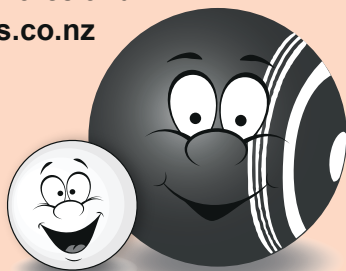
2016 NATIONALS CHAMPIONSHIPS

This is the flagship of our game so all clubs should be encouraging their members to attend. It is not just for the elite bowlers- everyone can go along and have a great time mixing with others or renewing friendships if you have been before. Tauranga/Mount Manganui are great places to spend a few days and there will be free time for enjoying the sights and soaking in the hot pools! Last year the Masters (Over 60 divisions) were introduced and proved to be very popular- almost more competitive than the open and every one had fun! NZIB website has a run down on the Nationals events plus the copy of the poster and entry form which are also included with this mailing.

Entries close with your district secretary on Friday 22 April. There is still plenty of accommodation available so plan your visit now. Take advantage of cheaper Interislander fares and Apex Rental cars- another reason to visit the website www.nzindoorbowls.co.nz

The following are thanked for agreeing to sponsor a Masters Trophy.

Masters Singles	Marg Mackay
Masters Pairs	Marg Milne
Masters Triples	Kevin and Gail Boothby
Masters Fours	Kiwi Trophies



CANTERBURY INDOOR BOWLS HALL

Unfortunately there was a delay in the finishing off of repairs and a page on Givealittle.co.nz had been set up seeking the support of Districts and bowlers to donate:

Canterbury Indoor Bowls Association Inc

WEBSITE NEWS

www.nzindoorbowls.co.nz:

Paul Voorend, our webmaster continues to do a great job for us. Thank you to a few people who have asked for missing & wrong information to be updated. It is good to know that the site is being used. The Archive is gradually being updated every few days, with each section being redone to look nicer and more readable. If anybody has any suggestions, feel free to send them through either to National Office or directly to the Webmaster.

CLUB PACKS

NZIB hopes you consider helpful the club pack, in which this newsletter was enclosed. It contains lots of resources that will assist you with the running of your club. For all of you it will be a challenge, not only to grow your memberships but to keep those you already have. That is important.

We suggest you take the time to think of what each of you can do to attract new members and to keep their attention. And don't forget to continue to make your club nights interesting and enjoyable for existing members. You need to keep all your members happy! It is all too easy to just keep on doing what you've always done, but that won't reverse the declining number of affiliated players in our sport.

NEED TO KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT PUBLICITY?

If so contact NZIB's National Publicity Officer, Chris Bullen who has worked in National Radio, Television and Newspapers for more than 40 years. Feel free to ask for any advice on how to get your material into the local media. A lot of clubs, and especially their publicity officers, get depressed at not getting their activities into the local paper or radio station. There are some useful tricks and tips which he will be happy to pass on. Email CBullen@xtra.co.nz or phone him on 07-3080966. This is Chris's final year in the role so if you are interested contributing something back to the sport maybe this position is for you. He will certainly ensure a smooth and painless handover period.

During the year NZIB will again be sending out previews and after-match reports on all National events, as well as Island champs, secondary school fixtures and AIMS Games wherever possible. These go to DPOs for them to action, as well as to all daily newspapers, radio networks etc. Any suggestions for better coverage are always welcomed. Also your district's good human interest stories need to be shared so let us know.

NZIB VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

At the AGM it was announced that Marg McKay, Manawatu was the winner of this award after an impressive long history in the game both as a former NZ player and an administrator. Marg was the District's Patron, a Life Member and after 20 years Marg is still a junior selector and holds together the junior development in the District.



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As has been advised previously in future the newsletter will be sent to a nominated email address within your club or downloaded through the website www.nzindoorbowls.co.nz



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