



From the President

Congratulations to all the winners at the South Island Championships in Nelson and those at the National Championships held in Taupo. Thanks also to the organising committees for both events. Your efforts to organise the local support is appreciated.

Congratulations to the South Island Academy team for their success in the Academy event played at the Nationals heading off the North Island for the first time in many years.

A South Island team will be touring the Lower North Island in August. Those districts that are hosting

the team are encouraged to use this opportunity to promote the game in their areas. Nigel Warnes the team manager will be making contact to find out what opportunities may be available.

We are also moving into that time of year when we have the Paterson Zone playoffs to find the Welch Trophy contenders, Mixed Fours & Pairs Zone finals will have been completed to get the finalists to go to Upper Hutt for the National Finals, the Henselite Singles to be held in Nelson and the Junior Singles in North Wellington. Good Luck to all those playing in these events.

Barry Chapman - President

TVNZ AT THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

How many bowlers throughout the country were up early enough to see Brodie Kane and the TVNZ crew do a morning session live from the Taupo Event Centre. Thanks to all those hardy bowlers who went along at 6am. The feedback has been great as it is not often that Indoor Bowls features on TV.



Ashley Diamond (Gold Star), Sheree Holmes, Richard Caddy and Paul Wright WK - Fours Champions

Some other highlights from the Nationals:

- Nigel Warnes and Ashley Diamond winning their 5th title and achieving their Gold Stars. Warnes who is Deputy President of NZIB earned his Gold Star in the Triples with Giovanni Persico and Richard Verdonk after winning his first National title in the Fours back in 1986. Ashley Diamond won the Fours with Paul Wright, Richard Caddy and Sheree Holmes after winning his first title in 2007
- After being runner up 3 times Paul Wright finally winning the pairs title with Richard Caddy.
- The Feature Game sponsored by Kevin Boothby who was attending his 50th Nationals. Throughout the week the momentum grew as bowlers realised that at the start of each qualifying game the bowlers on one drawn mat had the chance to get their entry fee refunded. What's more Kevin has agreed to continue with this initiative.
- Taupo District Councils / NZIB's survey- almost 300 responses well done all. The draw for the free entry to Ashburton will be done next week.
- The increase in Master entries –so competitive with

great camaraderie – great to see.

- More recent National Umpires who featured on the floor- well done to Karl Hughes, Trisha Fahey, Steven Grant and Ben Pound and of course all those well-known faces we see each year. Thank you all.
- Final highlight was the long awaited victory of the South Academy team pictured below.



THIS IS A CAKE!!



The Roxburgh East Indoor Bowls Club celebrated its 50th Jubilee last month with a Triples Tournament with some great prizes. The highlight of the event for many was the fantastic cake. Yes, the whole thing was edible!!

STOP PRESS - YOU WERE WARNED!!

The cost of a set of Henselite bowls has increased to \$1,600.

NZ NATIONAL MIXED FOURS AND PAIRS FINALS

As no bowlers have qualified in both events the Final will be held on the same day at Expressions, Civic Centre Upper Hutt 16 September.

NZIB VOLUNTEER AWARD

It is time to recognise some of your volunteers by nominating them for the NZIB Volunteer of the Year Award. Are you aware of this? A nomination form can be obtained from National office or downloaded from www.nzindoorbowls.co.nz.

All districts should be nominating at least one of their bowlers!!

AIMS GAMES CONTINUES TO GROW

This sporting championships to be held 10-15 September in Tauranga gives 11, 12 and 13 year olds an opportunity to compete as an individual or in a team against the best of their age in twenty different sports. Last year 250 students played indoor bowls and this year it has risen to over 300! Kevin Garratt and his team of volunteers will be kept busy over the necessary 5 days to complete all the competitions.

Development Advisor's Report

This term the Coastal schools in Taranaki held their annual tournament which started twenty two years ago. It has grown each year and this year there were twenty six teams of four. Earlier in the year I visited every club and informed the members how important it was to have umpires and tried to stimulate interest. Good to see Taranaki having two sit the National exam and Wanganui have some members participating in Umpire training to sit the exam later in the year.

In term four the Taranaki Intermediate School champs will be held and there is such interest that it will be necessary to have two qualifying events as the current hall has been outgrown. It is likely 80 teams will participate with a finals day at Belt Road Hall involving the top ten teams from qualifiers getting another day playing bowls for their school.

Michelle Watt

MORE NATIONAL UMPIRES

Well done to Executive Umpires coordinator Nigel Warnes who has reviewed and updated the process sitting the National Exam. There is much more flexibility in the sitting and as a result the following join the ranks as National Umpires.

Robin Wolland, Canterbury; Gavin Stringer, Waikato; Michelle Watt, Taranaki, Hayden Warnes, GB-Mot; David Moreton, John Leyser and Evelyn Bisset from Central Otago. Congratulations to you all.

Counties Junior Coaching

It is pleasing to report that the Counties Junior Coach Michael McPartland has been very busy coaching students in the schools. He has been to his old primary school and high school as well as another local school. He has introduced many students to indoor bowls and some will go on to compete in the Aims Games in Tauranga in September. Since he started the students have come a long way and improved a lot. He has been helped by his Dad, Philip Spring, Athol Golding, Jim Jamieson and John Gordon.

