



From the President

The NZ team members completed a successful training weekend hosted by North Wellington. Their preparation for the test match against Australia in Sydney is well on track and I am sure that the team will be ready for the challenge from Australia for the Henselite Trophy. The team travel to Sydney on Sunday 14 May with the test match commencing on Thursday 18th, continuing for three days. We wish the team all the best. NZIB has successfully delivered two Coaching

workshops which were both well attended with further workshops planned for the South Island. Districts who have had members attend these workshops are encouraged to support those who attended to put the knowledge gained at these workshops into practise at their club or district. We will be asking those who attended how they have used the knowledge learned at these workshops which is all part of our requirements from Sport NZ to help grow and develop the sport.

I hope you are enjoying your bowls and I look forward to catching up with many of you at Taupo.
Barry Chapman - President

DEFENDING CHAMPIONS ALL ENTERED IN THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mat Black Ashley Diamond from Upper Hutt Valley will defend the singles in the 68th National Indoor Bowls Championships to be held at the Taupo Events Centre, AC Baths Road, Taupo 10th to 17th June.

All of last year's champions have entered. Grant l'Ami and Mike Phipps, Tauranga will defend the Open Pairs, Paul Smith, Geoff Coughy and Keith Setter, Tauranga the Open Triples and Lloyd Bellis, Kath Arvidson, Rhonda Bellis and Debbie Warren, Nelson the Open Fours.

The North Taranaki crew that dominated the Masters Events last year at Mount Maunganui are all back. Andrew Brunton will defend the Singles and Fours with Brian Hardgrave, Bari Oliver and Maureen Dravitzki. Hardgrave, Oliver and Dravitzki will defend the Triples. Tauranga's Roger and Maureen Bartosh will defend the Pairs.

Entries are similar to those at Mount Maunganui last year with Open Events attracting 315 Singles, 195 Pairs, 125 Triples and 105 Fours and in the Masters Events 200 Singles, 115 Pairs, 65 Triples and 45 Fours.

The Masters Events are up on last year as they continue to grow in popularity which compensates for the lower numbers in this year's Open Events.



2016 Champion Four from left Debbie Warren, Rhonda Bellis, Kath Arvidson, Lloyd Bellis



Andrew Brunton defends Masters Singles

REPORT FROM INDOOR BOWLS DEVELOPMENT ADVISOR

The start of 2017 has been busy with a visit to every club in Taranaki and Whanganui regions. There was not one the same and some clubs were doing amazing work for their membership.

It would be great to see very club having an umpire and club coach to assist with developing others and it was pleasing to note some earlier starting times to accommodate for the younger members.

Not so long ago I was told there was a new club starting up in Waitara area, Huirangi Indoor bowls closed in 1990. There is one person driving this idea and with help from the local divisional members, they now have a social bowling club with 20 members and average age of 25. Who would have thought in today's bowling world a club would open up after 27 years?

Term two sees me back into schools delivering some sessions and a few local clubs have adopted their local school. It is good to see them taking over the role that I had built up over the last few years.

I believe that any group of people can deliver sessions into schools and build relationships which will enhance their club membership in the future.

Michelle Watt

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These are readily available so contact National Office if you need some. The only cost involved will be distribution charges.

NZ MIXED FOURS AND MIXED PAIRS EVENTS

The search has begun to find the country's top Mixed Fours and Pairs combinations. Some districts have already found their champions and others will be doing so over the coming weeks. The zone play-offs finals are set down for 1-2 July with the 53rd National Mixed Fours final and the Mixed Pairs in Upper Hutt 16-17 September. The later date is to allow for hopefully cheaper travel options for all the finalists.

NORTH ISLAND AND NZ SECONDARY SCHOOLS EVENTS

Tauranga will again be hosting the North Island Secondary School event 22-23 July. The National event will follow on after the Junior Singles which is on 26 August at the North Wellington IB Hall. These events are extremely popular with students so please encourage them to attend.

Your district has copies of these entry forms which must be signed off from the school. Information is on the NZ Secondary School website www.nzsssc.org.nz

Nelson Indoor Bowls celebrated its 60th birthday by hosting a Progressive tournament at its bowls stadium in Stoke, which also kicked the new season off. Prior to start of play Margaret Fraser was given the honour of cutting the 60th birthday cake after a speech by Linda Carrick, who was Nelson's first and only woman president. Carrick is also one of Nelson's longest serving officers having served as secretary for 10 years. She noted that the Wakapuaka Club, who celebrated their 60th birthday last year, is the only surviving club that was part of the inaugural meeting that created the Nelson Indoor Bowls Association body way back in 1956. Carrick also acknowledged some Nelson indoor bowlers who have made their mark on the sport, including the late Horace Warnes who not only served on the NZ Indoor Bowls Federations' board but who also donated the current home stadium in Stoke to the sport. The late Ian Fraser also served on both the NZ Federation and the NZ Umpires Association boards. Kay Forsyth and Norm Eden are two surviving life members of the Nelson Association with Forsyth still very active with bowls and earned her life membership last year.

MORE NEW TROPHIES

Thanks to the Rayner family who have donated a trophy for the National Masters Player of the Tournament and the Edgar family for their trophy to recognise the Top Point Scorer at the Welch Trophy.

New Zealand Team vs AUSTRALIA

GO THE MAT BLACKS!!!

Get behind the team which leaves for Sydney 14 May. Results will be updated regularly on the website and Facebook.



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