

## UMPIRE'S NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2010

Following on from my December Newsletter you are all encouraged to look at increasing your numbers within the umpires circles. To do this we are looking at appointing an umpire's coach in regions which will help you achieve this goal.

Applications for this position needed to be with Ngaire by the 3<sup>rd</sup> February and at present we only have one applicant from the far North. This is a really important part of our vision for the future of Indoor bowls and I would encourage you all to look at appointing a proficient umpire to enable refresher courses to be completed every three years. Guidelines for these courses will be written up by me in conjunction with the National examiner. Each area will keep an up to date record of courses including content and what was achieved from each session.

It is important that areas return statistical forms on time for our meetings, as we cannot act on information from one or two areas.

For those umpires who retired last year, I want to thank you for the many hours of work you have put into the organisation and would encourage you all, to pass on your knowledge to those who are coming through.

The umpire's examination this year is the first weekend in May and those who passed last year please encourage others to attempt the examination. You are needed to make the organisation successful in all areas. Any questions regarding the examination can be directed to Ngaire or myself.

There have been no umpires' matters to deal with so far this year, so maybe that is a good sign

Good umpiring to you all

Viv Hudson

Executive member