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**Umpires Representative – Elections**

Another year has gone by and the nomination form for election of an Umpires Representative, on the NZIB Executive is attached. Note the return date for the nomination forms is **31 July**. Once again we appeal to all Districts to get involved in this very important annual event. I will be the Returning Officer so please direct any enquiries concerning the election process to National Office.

**FROM EXECUTIVE MEMBER REPRESENTING UMPIRES VIV HUDSON.**

Wow what a great result from the umpire's examination. 18 new National umpires can now be accredited with passing. 10 have received partial passes and there were 5 candidates who received 100% results. Thanks to Graham Gerrand who had the daunting task of marking the papers. It is a great result and I hope you all use your umpiring skills to benefit the sport

You been to the website lately and checked your knowledge and to see how you fare with results. There are some useful tips put together by our examiner Graham Gerrand and myself.

It is also timely to check your umpiring equipment before you go into umpire at tournaments and games, so as not to be embarrassed when the measures don't work or your torch is flat. Please check these before you do you turn.

Remember I am only a phone call or email away if you have any questions. Please make yourself known to me at the Nationals. I will have an email list there if it needs updating as well.

It is great being an umpire as you can help players get to know the Laws of the Game better and to improve your own knowledge of taking part in a game as an official.

**UMPIRING AT INTERNATIONAL AN AWESOME EXPERIENCE**

I recently had the privilege of umpiring at the International in Balclutha. I marked two games and umpired three. I was extremely impressed with the professionalism of the NZ team and how they came back from so far to draw the test. Unfortunately Australia held on to the trophy as they had won it before but the New Zealand team can hold their heads high. The games were nearly three hours long so concentration was top priority. Some very close games with a few tight measures resulted. The rules are somewhat different and I needed to be alert at all times. The bonding of the team at the end and the camaraderie between the two nations is something to be proud of.

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## **LAWS OF THE GAME**

I would encourage you all to purchase the Laws of the Game for your clubs so that players can familiarise themselves with these.

**SPECIAL UNTIL THE END OF JULY ONLY**

**20 COPIES OF LAWS OF THE GAME- \$20**

**Contact Ngaire at NZIB office for these.**

## **Membership Returns**

A list of umpires from your district taken from the current database will be sent out shortly. Please update the records when it arrives and return to National Office by 31 July.

## **Umpires Equipment**

We have a plentiful supply of monograms, scarves, ties and ribbons so contact National office if you want any.

## **National Events**

Those districts hosting National events will be receiving information about them soon. Please complete and return as soon as possible.

## **Email Addresses**

Lastly the desired communication link with both District and Umpire's Secretaries is by email. If possible we would appreciate an email contact address for Buller, Central Otago, Manawatu, Marlborough and Nelson. Please email me on [ngaire@nzindoorbowls.co.nz](mailto:ngaire@nzindoorbowls.co.nz) if you can provide the missing link! The latest list of Umpire Secretaries is enclosed. More and more districts are taking the desired outcome of amalgamating and having one organisation.

Thank you all for your help and best wishes for the rest of the season.

Regards

**Ngaire Drake**  
**Executive Officer**