

<p style="text-align: center;">NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS INC MAY-JUNE 2013 - UMPIRES NEWSLETTER</p>
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Viv Hudson the Umpires Representative on the Executive since 2006 has resigned from this position due to health reasons and we all wish her well in her recovery.

With the increasing number of districts now run by one administration the current Executive considers it time to do away with this specific position and will be presenting a Notice of Motion to the 2013 Annual General Meeting. It is considered it would be more appropriate to have another Executive Member with one of the elected given the responsibility for the Umpires.

In the meantime however it will be status quo 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**. I will be the Returning Officer so please direct any enquiries concerning the election process to National Office.

New National Umpires

Congratulations to all those who passed the national examination. I hope you will all put your skills to good use at local and national levels.

Thanks must go to Ivon and Merle Pash for the examination and marking of the papers. They have done a marvellous job caused by the untimely passing of the past National Examiner, Graham Gerrand.

The five new National Umpires are: Linda Boyd, Manawatu: Robert Lewis, North Otago: Beverley Paterson, Marilyn Irvine and Stephne Joyce from Otago.

International against Australia

Well done to our two NZ Umpires who officiated at the event- Jan Low from Southland and Roy McCurdy from Waikato.

We know you can't take any credit for the win but thank you for offering to assist whilst over there.

2013 NZIB National Championships in Rotorua

This is a plea for all umpires and measurers attending the event to help out with the umpiring. There has been a shortage the last couple of Nationals and it makes it very difficult for the organisers and also the players on the floor. Please contribute to the smooth running of the event by attending the Friday night Umpire's meeting 7.30pm- at the Rotorua Outdoor Bowling Club Pavilion at the Government Gardens or putting your name down at the Umpires Desk at the Event Centre. Help is especially required during the Triples and Fours qualifying on the Wednesday and Thursday which are being run in one session. Those playing are asked to consider umpiring during their bye rounds.

Remember to always carry your Law book with you. You may not use it but players may need it sometime.

IS A NEW LAWS OF THE GAME REQUIRED?

Historically this has been re printed every 10 years but there is no point if changes are minimal. If anyone has any ideas about this now is a good time to put them forward for consideration.

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 is attached. Please update the records when it arrives and return to National Office by 31 July.

On-going Training

Has this happened in your District this year? It should do for both umpires and Measurers. Providing a good service to your bowlers is important and it is also important for NZIB as we need to pass on such information to Sport NZ to demonstrate that our sport has good structures in place.

Umpires Equipment

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

National Events

I have enclosed information for those districts hosting National events. 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 Auckland, Buller, Manawatu, and Nelson. Please email me on 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

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Executive Officer