

**NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS INC**

**SEPTEMBER 2011 - UMPIRES NEWSLETTER**

**FROM VIV HUDSON- NZIB UMPIRE'S EXECUTIVE MEMBER**

Thank you to all those who voted and elected me back onto the NZIB Executive. The number of districts who did not vote was however disappointing.

I am encouraged by the great results from the examinations yet again and encourage you all to support one other bowler to sit the exam next year. The more we have the less the work load. Our numbers still need increasing at all levels to make up for those that can no longer contribute to the game.

Graham Gerrand spends a lot of time setting and marking the National Exam and it is great to see the number sitting each year. With umpire training and going over papers, the results have proven to be fruitful.

**Some useful tips!**

When measuring don't rush, take your time as the players are expecting a result from it. If you happen to move the jack or bowls in doing so just apologise and walk away. Ensure your torch and white sticks are handy if you see a close measure coming up.

It was very pleasing to have a good standard of dress at the nationals, as it certainly makes us all look as though we mean "business". Ties and scarves are now available free of charge to all the new National umpires- if you wish to order email NZIB and ask.

Law books are also available for purchase and I suggest you supply all new bowlers with one.

Are yellow bowls bigger than black bowls? -Not at all, an illusion !!!!!!!

Thank you all for your contribution this year and may 2012 be just as rewarding.

**Viv Hudson, umpires representative to executive**

## **From the National Examiner**

28 Candidates sat the National Examination in May 2011. 12 Individuals gained full passes. This represents about two thirds of those that sat the examination. This % figure is consistent with the previous six years.

In addition a further 5 individuals qualified as Local Umpires. They can of course resit the failed subjects next year. These candidates averaged 78% for the theory component of this examination.

At a guess I would say that the National Theory paper may be more demanding than those of Local Examinations, therefore these new Local Umpires should start their careers with a sound knowledge of the rules. They did of course gain the 80% required for measuring and mat faults.

In general the Theory Paper results indicate that candidates had a better understanding of the Laws of the Game this year. The Marks reflected this. Otago deserve a special mention as all 5 Candidates passed.

I consider that the two tier system introduced this year was successful and it did encourage more individuals to sit, because it gave them the opportunity to succeed at one of two levels.

I do not consider that the standard of Umpiring will be compromised in any way.

**Graham Gerrand**

**National Examiner**

Thank you to all districts who have returned their membership lists which has allowed us to keep the Umpires database up to date.

Those districts who have not yet done so are Central Otago, South Canterbury and Upper Valley. It would very much be appreciated if this can be done immediately.

Finally thank you to all umpires and measurers for your contribution this year and we look forward to welcoming you back in 2012. In the meantime enjoy your break over the summer months!

**Ngairé Drake**

**Executive Officer**