



From the President's Pen

Dear members, I take this opportunity to update you on happenings at the national level.

Early in the year your NZIB Executive participated in two Strategic Planning workshops whereby much progress was made around the development of a Strategic Plan for Indoor Bowls in New Zealand for the period 2019-2024.

The need for the workshops was driven out of the realisation that Indoor Bowls in New Zealand would not continue doing more of the same, as there was;

- ❖ Declining membership
- ❖ Lack of new players coming to the game
- ❖ Some discontent at National/District/Club/Member level
- ❖ The need for greater engagement at all levels of the game
- ❖ Some concern over the image/reputation of Indoor Bowls
- ❖ A rapidly changing environment

On the positive side, Indoor Bowls at all levels appears to have a good reputation for running good events and competitions....well done TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More)

Given this scenario NZIB is determined to make the necessary changes with the guidance and support from Districts and Clubs to provide a better experience for all involved in the game, while at the same time building sustainability and a more positive and certain future for the game. This has already started with the introduction of the Masters Fours and the 1-5 year Pairs.

At this point I share with you some of our Strategic Plan, which is work in progress.

NZIB contracted the services of Kevin Wilson, Consultant in Leadership & Governance in Sport and Recreation, Wellington, to facilitate the two workshops and we are pleased to be able to share with you that Kevin will work alongside Indoor Bowls at all levels and facilitate the change process over the next six months. You can read about Kevin here;

<http://www.nzct.org.nz/about-nzct/who-we-are/regional-advisory-committees/wellington/>

GO THE MAT BLACKS



2019 TRANS TASMAN INDOOR BOWLS INTERNATIONAL MATCH

Thursday 16th May to Saturday 18th May at Invercargill

By sporting standards indoor bowls may not be as high profile as some of the major sports but the 23rd Trans-Tasman international test match between New Zealand and Australia being held at the Southland Indoor Bowls Stadium and will include all the intensity of a Bledisloe Cup encounter.

The International test match is held biennially in alternate countries.

For every player selected to represent their country this is the pinnacle of achievement and the highest honour that can be achieved in the sport and for rivalry and intensity it compares to any sporting encounter between the two countries.

Nothing is left to chance in preparation for the match either.

The "Mat Blacks" practice in their home districts for weeks before the test and had a training camp in Wellington recently and then have intense practice sessions three days prior to the test in a hall separate from the actual test venue in Invercargill.

The reason for this intense preparation is that the special conditions for the international mean that both teams play on terms they are not used to.

In a decision made in the early years of the competition, it was decided that the conditions varied so much between countries and the home team held such an advantage that a level playing field would be created. For New Zealanders that meant a slightly longer, thicker mat and heavier bowls.

New Zealand won the Henselite Trophy at Mount Pritchard, Australia in 2017 for the 16th time compared to Australia's four with two draws.

There are three new caps in the Mat Blacks, Lisa Gould, Upper Hutt Valley who will lead in the women's fours and mixed (6-bowl) pairs, Michael Lawson, Ashburton, will lead in the men's fours and triples while Joy Archer, Waikato, is the lead in the mixed fours and women's pairs.

The New Zealand team captain Grant l'Ami from North Taranaki who is making his ninth appearance will lead the Mat Blacks again for the fifth time.

The Full NZ team is **Women:**

Teri Anderson (Waikato), Dale Rayner (North Wellington), Suzanne Mackie (Southland), Denise Clarkson (Hutt Valley), Lisa Gould (Upper Hutt Valley), Fiona Keegan (Tauranga), Joy Archer (Waikato)

Men:

Grant l'Ami (North Taranaki), Gary Low (Southland), Simon Thomas (Canterbury), Daniel French (Otago) Paul Wright (Auckland) Michael Lawson (Ashburton), Paul Smith (Tauranga)



NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Local Organising Committee for the Summerset National Champs are very busy getting everything ready to welcome players to Rotorua.

Shirts, Badges and pens will be available to buy as well as many Raffles – so come prepared.

The Rotorua Energy Events Centre staff have been very co-operative and are determined to make sure everything runs smoothly.

It will be a busy week on and off the mats with

1. Monday Night Forum
2. Tuesday Night Quiz at the Citizens Club
3. Wednesday – Academy and Masters Events
4. Thursday Night District Challenge in the Events Centre lobby – Bar and Catering

This year the programme will only be available for collection at the event so do not expect it beforehand. The draws however if you are interested will be readily available on the website in a couple of weeks

Post Section qualifying will remain as Section winners and those with six or more points with draws being played out.

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Good to hear that the All Saints Club Members (Tauranga Centre) did a mail drop and were very pleased to report that they have had an increase of 14 players.

CHANGES AT THE TOP

Sharon Hook (Tauranga) and Neil Anderson (Horowhenua) joined the Executive team at the last AGM replacing Trevor Rayner (North Wellington) and David Lynn (PB-EC) who did not seek re-election.

Nigel Warnes (GB-Mot) still leads the Team as President with Deputy President Michael Lawson (Ashburton) and other Executive Members David Edgar (South Otago), Barry Chapman (Waikato) and Graham Low (Southland).

GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Waikato's St Andrews Indoor Bowling Club invited the local neighbourhood to join them for a free sausage sizzle. With low expectations, they were half preparing for a lunch just between members, but having friendly faces both outside and inside worked a treat.

Before they knew it there were people popping in; keen for a feed and to try out indoor bowls.

The highlight had to be when a cyclist pulled over for a bite and within seconds it was realised he was not alone. About a dozen extras put down their bikes to then try their hand at indoor bowls, and they were naturals!

What a great idea it was well supported by many of Waikato's top bowlers.

If their club can do it, yours can too! Invite your neighbours and have some fun, you just never know who is interested in having a go.

CHANGES STARTING TO HAPPEN THIS YEAR

Two new events have been introduced- The Year 1-5 Pairs and the Summerset Master Fours. The aim of the pairs event is to create good competition for newer bowlers so they can meet up and build friendships. Indoor bowls is all about fun, enjoyment and friends. Even bowlers that played as juniors and then left the sport are encouraged back. More on the Masters Fours next newsletter.



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NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS STRATEGIC PLAN 2019 – 2024

 NEW ZEALAND INDOOR BOWLS	Our Vision:	More participants of all ages playing and enjoying indoor bowls and having a life-long love of the game
	Our Purpose:	Building communities through indoor bowls
	Our Values:	Best practice in all we do Openness and transparency Wholistic approach to the game Lead by example Serving the needs of our members and communities

OUR FOUR KEY PRIORITIES OF OUR STRATEGIC PLAN ARE:

PEOPLE More volunteers supporting indoor bowls at all levels both on and off the 'mat'	PARTICIPATION More people of all ages playing indoor bowls	PERFORMANCE Targeted development of players, coaches, umpires and administrators	PARTNERSHIPS A strong, unified, aligned and sustainable Indoor Bowls brand
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