



President's Message

It is very pleasing to see clubs and districts starting to run bowls events around the country. It must be said that this has been the most unusual time for our sport, and one that I hope we never have to go through again. NZIB have now put out dates for the remaining events with a few changes being made to help reduce costs for the year. Hopefully all centres can now start to plan the remainder of their seasons and start to enjoy our wonderful game. It must be said though, that we all still need to do our part and stay home if feeling unwell. Even though it is not a requirement we should still be looking at keeping some form of trace when together, and there is still a need for cleaning equipment when able and also for personal hygiene methods when sneezing or coughing.

To all those that are involved in running districts or clubs, thank you for remaining calm and for the hard work involved behind the scenes. To Teri and the many others who have also kept us entertained with a number of different activities on social media as well as the extra Newsletters that have gone out, thank you and I'm sure that everyone has appreciated this distraction from all the other media coverage over the last few weeks. On behalf of the Executive we would like to wish you all safe bowling for the remainder of the year.

- NZIB President, Michael Lawson



Bowls is back!

Multiple players took to the mats last week as New Zealand slid into Alert Level One. Clubs are reopening, tournaments are underway, and the excitement is evident in the numbers.

Upper Hutt's drawn pairs league over four weeks has been a popular initiative, and well-supported by neighbouring Centre's. A great opportunity for players to team up with people they may not ordinarily play with.

Key Dates:

July 25th - 26th –

North Island Secondary Schools – Mt Maunganui

August 22nd - 23rd –

NZ Mixed Pairs Zone Finals – Regions

Henselite Singles Zone Finals – Regions

August 29th –

NZ Junior Singles – North Wellington

(Entries close August 12th)

August 30th - 31st –

NZ Secondary Schools – North Wellington

(Entries close August 12th)

September 5th –

NZ 1-5 Year Pairs – Upper Hutt

(Entries close August 7th)

September 19th - 20th –

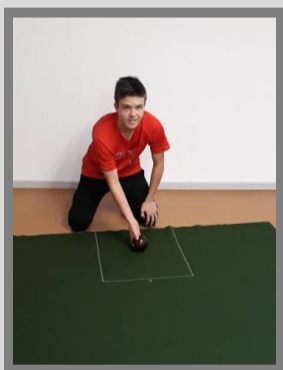
NZ Mixed Pairs Final – Masterton

NZ Henselite Singles Final – Masterton

September 26th –

North vs South Test Match – Christchurch

(Nominations close August 20th)



Online Lockdown Challenge

During Level 2, NZIB found a way to get 10 bowlers on the mats; some with access to their local hall and some from the comfort of their own homes. After a series of knockout skills tests via a group video call, Nathan Trowell – a Poverty Bay junior – was the last bowler standing. Congratulations, and well done to all who took part.

Keeping up with the Anngow's

Canterbury's David Anngow is the eldest of 16 siblings and was first introduced to the bowling world in 1967. Being a family sport, it comes as no surprise that five of his siblings followed suit and later, their children. The Anngow clan are no strangers to success, with Kevin representing NZ in 1999; Marie-Therese Hooper and James Sullivan representing the South Island; and Peter claiming a National Catholic Fours win.

Between them, they have given over 100 years of service to indoor bowls. Both David and Carmel in particular have a remarkable history involving administration or umpiring, so it was only fitting when Carmel was awarded Life Membership to St Pauls Indoor Bowling Club in 2002.

For six years now, Marie-Therese's lounge has been home to family club nights that take place two or three times a year. Up to 16 family members have entered in one night, including non-bowling nieces and nephews, as well as 92 year old mum! As a result of these family nights, two more Anngow siblings will be signing up this year, so keep an eye out and make them feel welcome!

