



## President's Message – Thank You

It has been great to see Indoor Bowls being streamed over the last few weeks. This has been under a slightly different system with us being part of the Sky Sport Next family. A big thank you to all of those who have given up their time to commentate these events. It is not an easy job but without your help, we could not have done it.

Thank you to the Wairarapa and North Wellington districts for hosting some highly successful events in some very trying times due to the extra restrictions in place. A big thank you again to the umpires and markers who also play a key role at these events.

Congratulations to all players that made it through to the national finals by winning their zones. To the winners, well done and very well-deserved. We now move to our last two events on the calendar: the annual interisland test to be held in Christchurch this Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September, and the Island Championships to be run by Upper Hutt Valley over Labour Weekend.

Good luck to everyone who still has bowls left to play, and to everyone else, I hope to see you all on the mats in the near future.

– Michael Lawson, NZIB President

## Congratulations to the National Champions of 2020!



Henselite Singles –  
Kyle Waldron, NW



Mixed Pairs –  
Ali Wilson and  
Bronnie Read, NT



NZ 1-5 Pairs –  
Jordan Newton and  
Brayden Riggs, CS



NZ Junior Singles –  
Matthew Foster, PB



NZ Secondary School  
Singles – Shawn Perry, SL



NZ Secondary School Pairs –  
Nathan Trowell and  
Akuhata Keelan, PB

Find the full write ups here:

<https://www.nzindoorbowls.co.nz/events/>

## Test your knowledge!

Q1: Where was the inaugural interisland test match played?

Q2: Who is the most capped player for each team?

Q3: What are the names of the North and South mascots?

Q4: How many people are making their island debut this year?

Q5: Which current island player has represented both islands?

## Clash of the titans: North vs South

The North and South Island teams will be facing off for the 40<sup>th</sup> time on September 26<sup>th</sup> at the Kearneys Road hall in Christchurch. While the overall score favours the North at 29 wins to 10, having had a large winning streak from 2004 onwards, the South have been closing in.

Both sides have a classy line up of bowlers to represent them, and the head to head matches are expected to be extraordinary. 2020 sees the return of Mat Blacks scattered across the teams, particularly in the South Island men and North Island women.

Special congratulations to Kyle Waldron (NW), Marcus Trlin (HV), Candace Andrew (WK) and Christine Langley (SL) who make their debut.

## The future is bright for Poverty Bay

Poverty Bay has been leading the way in regard to introducing, retaining, and developing junior bowlers. Their influx of young players originally stemmed from a school caretaker who encouraged students to give it a go. He brought the game to them and they practiced around twice a week, with up to 20 attending AIMS Games. When students branch out to secondary schools, they are invited to join club nights.

From there, Poverty Bay Centre really get behind their U18 bowlers. Examples of this include teaming up with them for championships or accessing grants to cover all expenses related to junior representative matches. Their efforts are well and truly paying off too. The youth of Poverty Bay have put their centre back on the map, taking home trophies for multiple events at juniors, secondary schools and 1-5 year level. Keep up the inspiring work Poverty Bay!



Senior players often team up with the juniors in Poverty Bay. The Ladies and Gents Pairs pictured above is just one example – ten teams in this event included an U18 player.

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