

NZIB July Newsletter



President's Message -

Firstly, I would like to offer my congratulations to all those who competed in the zone playoffs, especially those who have been fortunate enough to have made it through to the national finals.

I am sure with the high calibre of players that have progressed we are in for some very exciting events. So, if you are fortunate enough to be near to or in one of the host districts for these events, make sure you get along and enjoy the action. However, if you can't get to these finals, we are excited to be able to continue the wider promotion of our sport through the very successful Sky Sport Next service which will be on hand for many of these major events.

I'd like to finish by wishing the North Island team safe travels on their tour of the South Island which begins on August 7th, and to the districts who will face them over the tour's seven fixtures.

And of course, good luck to both them and the South Island side when they meet to compete against each other in Invercargill on Saturday, August 14th, which will be broadcast by The Pits Media. I am sure it will be another great and close encounter, between two very good sides.

Stay safe and good luck on the mats.

- NZIB President, Michael Lawson

President's Profile – Dale Rayner (North Wellington)

1. *What year did you start playing, and for which club?*
1983 – Village Indoor Bowling Club, Havelock North
2. *Who were your role models in those early years?*
My dad, Trevor Rayner, Mike LeGeyt, and Keri Christensen
3. *What advice do you have for aspiring young bowlers?*
Don't be afraid to take out your own teams and just have a go and get experience. Play in everything you can. Ask people to play with you, don't wait for them to ask you. Let others know you're mad keen to play in upcoming events.
4. *What is your best shot?*
Probably my draw, but I have been known to play some good stand-up drives.
5. *What do you consider your greatest achievement in the game?*
That's a hard choice. Playing for New Zealand would be one of my greatest achievements and winning a NZ Fours title as a female skip with great friends Linda and Roy McCurdy is most definitely up there.

North Island Secondary Schools

Gisborne Boys High have been the school to beat in recent years with Poverty Bay's rising stars on the scene, particularly Nathan Trowell and Matthew Foster who each have a record to be proud of in these events.

This year they added to their collection of medals. Nathan reached the singles final for the fourth year in a row, this time earning gold. He defeated his cousin, Matthew, reversing the result of 2019.

They met again in the pairs the following day. Nathan was paired with Marc Simmons and Matthew with his younger brother Dylan. A tight game ensued and it looked as if Nathan would achieve the double, but a stand-up drive from Matthew forced an extra end where they ultimately held on for the win.



Congratulations to Nathan, Matthew, and Dylan for all achieving the gold medals in 2021.

All the best for the National Secondary Schools event on August 29th and 30th in Wellington!

The Philpott 3Five's

Canterbury's David Philpott drew inspiration from Bowls New Zealand's Bowls3Five concept and introduced it to the Centre earlier this year. He sponsored the five-week tournament where five players from the same club teamed up and enjoyed two games each night.

Fourteen teams entered, with first and second placegetters earning a prize each week. The aggregate prize was won by Chris Matthews, Robbie Osbourne, and Deanne Osbourne.



Power-play ends made for a popular twist and there was laughter and banter aplenty.

Well done David for making this happen. It is hoped even more interest will be shown next season!

Connections in the Community

For over twenty years, members of Levin North Club have been working closely with the clients of IDEA services. Every Thursday afternoon, without hesitation, you will find Bruce Pedley, Liz Gardiner, and Stan and Maureen Sparrow dedicating their time to coaching people with intellectual challenges, as well as their caregivers.

Most weeks there are around 12-14 people and "all have smiles from ear to ear." Many of these clients have achieved medals at the Special Olympics bowling day, an event that is put on for them each year.



What a great team of coaches and a wonderful connection to have established within the community.

To other clubs – don't be afraid to reach out to your local organisations! You never know what opportunities could be just around the corner.

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