

NZIB August Newsletter



NZIB's Message -

Firstly, we hope that all bowlers, including their friends and families, are safe within their bubbles. As a nation we are once again facing the effects of COVID-19 and lockdowns, although this time we have past experiences to draw on. It is important that we keep in contact with one another, particularly those who are most vulnerable in what can feel like uncertain times.

The NZIB Executive have been following the Government's announcements and holding zoom meetings shortly afterwards to discuss options moving forward. It goes without saying that while New Zealand is in levels 3 and 4, NZIB events are unable to go ahead and have therefore been postponed. Participants will be notified of these changes.

Once it is safe for everyone to play, the Executive will consider the options for playing all events that have been postponed. Until then, please continue to look out for each other and do your bit to protect yourself and your community.

- NZIB Executive

President's Profile – David Fenton (South Otago)

1. *What year did you start playing, and for which club?*
1985 – Trinity Club in Timaru, South Canterbury
2. *What do you consider your greatest achievement in the game?*
Having achieved three centre gold stars while in South Canterbury and having represented South Canterbury and South Otago at Paterson Trophy level.
3. *What advice do you have for aspiring young bowlers?*
Bowls is a game of green and weight – combine them well and results will happen. Most of all, enjoy the sport.
4. *Who would you most like to play bowls with?*
Having played with Ashley Diamond when he was a junior at South Canterbury, and even though he has gone onto bigger and greater achievements, it would still be great to play with him again.
5. *How do you spend your time away from the mat?*
I am very much a sports fanatic and enjoy working in my vegetable garden, as well as reading and walking.

Interisland Tour



The North Island team had an eventful tour of the South this year with plenty of bowls, snow, and promotional stops.

A big highlight was coaching the Ashburton Intermediate and Gore High School students, as well as mixing with the South Otago bowlers and Special Olympians. Thank you to the people behind the scenes who organised and created these opportunities for the team to promote indoor bowls.

The matches between the North and each district from Nelson through to Invercargill were well-run and enjoyable as always.



Kevin Eddy Memorial Trophy

The 41st Interisland Test Match between North and South was hosted in Invercargill, home to the most popular floor in the country and Southland Centre's 5-star hospitality.

The teams sported blue and orange this year to match their bowls. Those who tuned into the Pits Media coverage were hopefully rewarded with some easy viewing as a result!

The North have dominated since 2004, albeit with some tight battles along the way, and now they have added 2021 to their tally with a 30-18 victory.

Congratulations to everyone who earned their medals and thank you to the umpires, markers, commentators, and hall controllers who make these events run as smoothly as possible. You all do a fantastic job.

The match can be found on YouTube [here](#).



Law Books and Draw Books

A review of the law book will be undertaken prior to reprinting later this year. Any submissions from the districts are to be received by October 1st, which will be discussed at the October meeting and circulated.

Put your thinking caps on and please remember that your ideas must go through the districts to be considered by NZIB.

Law books will be printed and available at the AGM in December. Draw books will also be updated and available at the AGM.

