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NZIB NEWSLETTER



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

NZIB PRESIDENT - MICHAEL LAWSON

It is pleasing to see the considerable number of events being played around the country and the results on social media. Social media is a fantastic way to let your fellow bowlers know all around the country, and even beyond, how everyone is performing and how each district is getting on.

I would like it noted again that, through the appropriate platforms, the executive is always happy to speak and listen to our members. The upcoming Nationals is a great opportunity for those attending to speak to executive members and express any concerns they may have. It is always good to be mindful that we are all human, putting our time into the sport because we care about it - not just for now but also the future.

Congratulations to all those who attended the 'Super Weekend' in April, especially the winners. I enjoyed the weekend and look forward to the next one. I wish everyone all the best as they set out for the different Queens Birthday tournaments and to those that are making the time to attend the Nationals. Good bowling and take care.

KEY DATES

COMING UP

JUNE 4 – 6

SOUTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

JUNE 11 – 18

72ND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

JULY 1-3

ZONE FINALS (MIXED FOURS, MIXED PAIRS, MASTERS FOURS, HENSELITE SINGLES)

JULY 4

ENTRIES CLOSE FOR NZ MIXED FOURS, NZ MIXED PAIRS, NZ MASTERS FOURS, NZ HENSELITE SINGLES



NZ 1-5 SINGLES



NZ 1-5 PAIRS



NZ HENSELITE SINGLES



NZ MIXED FOURS



NZ MIXED PAIRS



NZ JUNIOR SINGLES



NZ MASTERS FOURS

PRESIDENT'S PROFILE

LOIS LAMONT (POVERTY BAY)

1. *What year did you start playing indoor bowls?*
1990
2. *Who were your role models in those early years?*
David Lynn, Derek Bowman, Carol Hawes
3. *What advice do you have for aspiring bowlers?*
Practice lots, have fun, and set yourself goals
4. *What do you consider your biggest achievement in indoor bowls?*
Being selected for the Paterson team
5. *Who do you most enjoy playing bowls with, or who would you like to play bowls with?*
David Lynn.
Would be great to play with Teri Blackburn.

WHERE THERE'S A WILL, THERE'S A WAY

Like many clubs across New Zealand, Willowby has seen a decline in membership and, therefore, shared concerns of potential closure. Club member, Graeme Chapman, is a driving force in keeping the doors open. "We don't want to turn around in a year or so and wonder if we did enough." They have now relocated to the Ashburton Centre Hall to be more accessible to newcomers, created Facebook ads, and invited outdoor bowlers or past indoor bowlers to their club nights. In early May, Willowby IBC welcomed 12 new people to their club night and are pleased to report that most are still attending regularly today. One of those players was prompted by the Facebook ad. *Let this story inspire ALL clubs to explore the possibilities of a membership drive.*

