

SEPTEMBER 2022

# NZIB NEWSLETTER



## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

NZIB PRESIDENT - MICHAEL LAWSON

What a busy few weeks it has been. The Junior Singles and Secondary School events concluded the month of August, and then the Mat Blacks headed to Australia for the Trans-Tasman test match. Following that was the Super Weekend, and then the postponed 2021 Welch trophy. A huge well done to all those who have competed in these events, and especially to those who came away successful. The NZIB executive would like to thank all the members who helped run these different events as we know we can't do it without you.

One group that I would like to thank is the Matside team. What an amazing group that have now become a regular feature at our events. I was lucky enough to spend most of the Super Weekend with them and have now seen, first-hand, the time and effort that they put into running the livestream. It is disappointing to hear that some people are prepared to criticise them due to not having coverage over a certain event, or when the stream is lost due to poor internet ability. This is a group of our members who give up their own holiday time to help promote our sport, and enable others to tune in. Some of these people that wish to complain have been through an era when you had to wait for newspapers to publish the results a week later before you found out who won. Please remember to enjoy what we have while we have it.

Also, a reminder to all the districts to get in their nominations for the club and volunteer of the year. I would like to see at least one form from each of the districts please. Cheers for now and I look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

## KEY DATES

COMING UP

**OCTOBER 5**

NOTICES OF MOTION  
CLOSE WITH NATIONAL  
OFFICE FOR THE 2022  
AGM

**OCTOBER 15**

NZIB EXECUTIVE  
MEETING

**OCTOBER 25**

NOMINATIONS FOR  
NZIB EXECUTIVE CLOSE  
WITH NATIONAL  
OFFICE



HENSELITE SINGLES



1-5 SINGLES



MIXED FOURS



MIXED PAIRS



1-5 PAIRS



MASTERS FOURS

## BURKE MEANS BUSINESS

Tauranga was home to the Zespri AIMS Games Indoor Bowls tournament for five days, and they were well supported by a number of umpires who offered up their time and services.

Young Michael Burke was one of them and boy did he look the part! Popular National Umpire, Roy McCurdy, commented "if you look and feel professional while carrying out your duties, people who call you will have confidence in you and your ability to give good, accurate decisions. Good on you."

Michael joins other young umpires around the country such as Ben Pound, Matthew Foster, and Bradyn Popow. It is a great way to develop a good knowledge of the game, all the while giving back to the sport!



## IT'S JUST THE BEGG-INNING

Mat Begg moved to Central Otago in the mid 1990's and began playing bowls at the Manuherikia Club in Alexandra. He won his first Central Otago title in 1999 and now, 23 years later, he has collected his 50th!

Begg won the centre singles on 20 occasions which afforded him many trips to the NZ Henselite Singles, one of which he won in 2004.

His other titles are spread across all team events, to which Mat says "It has been great fun playing with a range of people across the many disciplines."

Congratulations Mat - ten centre gold stars is a remarkable achievement, and no doubt we will continue to watch your tally grow over the coming years.





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## MAT BLACKS VICTORIOUS IN BALLARAT

A rollercoaster of a Trans-Tasman saw the lead spring back and forth between the Kiwis and the Aussies over the course of the three day test match. Each side had a dominant round on Day One, which ultimately settled the score at 11-11. The Mat Blacks were able to edge in front on the morning of Day Two, only for the Aussies to reclaim the lead in the afternoon by winning all four pairs disciplines. The fate of the Henselite Trophy rested on the results of Day Three, and New Zealand gave an inspired performance to pull off an improbable clean sweep and approach the lunch break eight points ahead. The two further wins required seemed a tough ask at one point; Australia held the lead across all six scoreboards. However, the men's triples and men's 8 bowl pairs dug deep, and NZ, along with their supporters, enjoyed their fifth consecutive win, 35-31.

## WAIKATO WIN THE WELCH TROPHY

Waikato's dominant record in the Welch Trophy across the 1980's and 1990's is often still marvelled at today; however, it has been 16 long years since they last won in 2006. Despite having competed a further seven times since, it was this year at the postponed 2021 event they were able to proudly lift the Welch Trophy once again. The home floor advantage proved to be a contributing factor, and this showed in the singles and pairs tenfold. Heading into the final session on Sunday, Waikato were 15 points in front. Two wins in the fours plus five and a half more in the singles is what sealed the deal for the hometown side, and Waikato topped the scoreboard with 119.5 points, followed by Hutt Valley on 94; Ashburton 88; Auckand 83.5; Southland 80; and North Taranaki 75. Marcus Trlin (HV) won Player of the Tournament with 11 wins from 15 games – an impressive feat at skip.



## KEENE ON BOWLS

It was only last month that Jordan Keene appeared on Bowls New Zealand's podcast 'the Bowls Hour' where he outlined his short term goal of winning the New Zealand Junior Singles. It would be his ninth and final attempt, and although he has come agonisingly close, the win had still eluded him. Fast forward to now and not only can Jordan tick off the pinnacle junior event, he also made history by becoming the first junior to double up with the New Zealand Secondary School Singles in the same year. Jordan further cemented his dominant form just recently when he added the Flowright Masters Junior Singles to his record. The 18 year old is already making his mark on a senior level, although he will now set his sights on winning the 2023 Interprovincial event with Hutt Valley, building on his nationals results, and breaking into the North Island Team. Keep up the great work, Jordan.