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NZIB NEWSLETTER



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

NZIB PRESIDENT - MICHAEL LAWSON

Welcome fellow bowlers to another season. 2023 sees the first Inter-provincial event take place in September. I remind everyone of the rule set out by NZIB around players changing districts from one season to another, and that they may need to seek approval from NZIB Executive as this rule is covering where members played for last year.

Before we get to that point in the season, we have a lot of bowls to get through. Entries close at the end of this month for the Island Championships in Timaru, as well as the 73rd National Championships being held in New Plymouth and hosted by North Taranaki.

One thing I would like to address is the rumours around NZIB and Bowls NZ merging. Let's be straight here, for the past three years we have had a contract with Bowls NZ to cover our admin – not with Helen (who works for Bowls NZ) but with the main body. This contract expired in March and both parties have held meetings to talk about other aspects that may benefit either sport. We have signed with Bowls NZ, to carry on as the current agreement until 30th September this year. As the governing body of our sport, it is our duty to make sure that we explore all possible partnerships that may help to grow our sport again, whether it be sponsors, development, live-streaming or any other possible means.

Both parties have expressed ideas of how we can build together in the future. For now, it is business as usual. The only thing that will be different is that we may see other staff (not just Helen) from Bowls NZ at our events, while covering the existing contract for admin. As Helen has, these staff would be expected to wear NZIB uniform when covering our duties.

As always, our identity / brand will never be compromised under any working partnership while we are your Executive. Good bowling to all and take care on the mats.

KEY DATES

COMING UP

APRIL 23 – APRIL 30
NATIONAL INDOOR
BOWLS PROMO WEEK

APRIL 28
ENTRIES CLOSE WITH
DISTRICT SECRETARIES FOR
ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS
AND NATIONAL OPEN AND
MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

APRIL 29
NZIB EXECUTIVE MEETING

MAY 3
ONLINE ENTRIES CLOSE FOR
ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS
AND NATIONAL OPEN AND
MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

MAY 9
NOMINATIONS CLOSE FOR
NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN
ZONE ACADEMY AND
MASTERS TEAMS

INDOOR BOWLS WEEK

23rd-30th

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INDOOR BOWLS

A GAME FOR ALL!

INDOOR BOWLS PROMO WEEK

Flyers, posters, and pens have been sent out to the districts and it would be great to hear how districts plan to promote our great sport during Promo Week. Some centres are looking to host a 'have a go' day, other centres have created signs to install around the local area. Don't be afraid to talk to other districts and get ideas. Whatever you are doing for indoor bowls week, it is encouraged that you take photos and send them through to Teri at publicity@nzindoorbowls.co.nz.

NAPIER EASTER TOURNAMENT

It is great to see the Easter Tournament in Napier going ahead. Cyclone Gabrielle hit the area harder than most, and we would like to acknowledge all bowlers and their families who have been affected.

Hawkes Bay Association are appreciative of the competitors making the trek to support them, and of the competitors who are closer to home. We will look forward to seeing the results from the weekend come through, and know that it will be a successful event as always.



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