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DIAMOND JUBILEE OF NATIONALS AT ASHBURTON SET TO SPARKLE

The stage is set for this years nationals as we celebrate a remarkable **75th New Zealand National Indoor Bowling Championships**.

Entries are slightly up on last years nationals in Whangarei, and a quick glance through the draws show that competition will be as intense as ever.

All of last years National Champions are back to defend their titles in Ashburton, barring the Don Simpsons Champion Masters Fours team.

The Diamond Jubilee Nationals have also seen some old names

come out of the woodwork for "another crack" at winning a national title- one of those who're giving it another go is Gary Lawson.

Gary is currently sitting on four national indoor titles, and if he is able to win his fifth would become the only player to hold both outdoor and indoor Gold Stars.

Other players on the hunt for their Gold Stars this nationals include the legendary Kevin Boothby (who won his first title in 1972 and continues to be a strong contender), Joseph Zino, Shelley Jacombs and Simon Thomas.

The draw is available on our website- nzindoorbowls.co.nz and the wonderful Matside crew will again be providing a live broadcast.



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INDOOR BOWLS A GAME FOR ALL



INDOOR BOWLS WEEK
20th-27th
APRIL 2025

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR INDOOR BOWLS WEEK?

INDOOR BOWLS WEEK A SUCCESS

Indoor bowls week was run successfully all around New Zealand as Districts and Clubs made use of the promotional material that NZIB supplied to them.

We've received a number of photos from participating Clubs and Districts- of which we've shared a few below.

Thankyou to everyone who participated- what a great way to start our 2025 season!



HEALTH AND SAFETY TIP

Indoor bowling clubs all around the Country are now well into their 2025 season of indoor bowls.

Remember that on the crossover, it is a good idea to walk up the left of the mat.

Not only is this good etiquette, but it helps avoid collisions- particularly if you're playing fours!

**SAFETY
FIRST**

INDOOR BOWLS VHS TAPES/DVDS

We have been actively collecting old indoor bowls VHS tapes and DVDS, in order to digitise and archive them onto our YouTube channel.

If you have any old indoor bowls VHS tapes or DVDS, please contact Alex at publicity@nzindoorbowls.co.nz





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A NEW CLUB TAKES FLIGHT IN ŌTAUTAHĪ CHRISTCHURCH

The Otautahi Owls are the new indoor bowling Club on the metaphorical block- We spoke to Foundation member (and current Mat Black) Kylie Gould about "The Owls"

NZIB: Why "The Owls"?

KG: We liked the idea of a mascot and we wanted something that felt local and relevant to us.

Owls ticked all the boxes, they are wise, sharp eyed, skilled hunters and come out at night (just like us) and as a bonus, 'Owls' has a nice alliteration with Ōtautahi.

It wasn't until after we'd settled on the name that one bright spark pointed out: "An owl is what you get when you take the BS out of bowls."

NZIB: How long did it take to set up your club?

KG: Getting set up took us around six months, working away at it casually to get everything in place.

We knew we wanted to register as an incorporated society to access better funding opportunities, so the first things on our to-do list were sorting out the constitution, opening a bank account, and getting our IRD numbers and getting that passed our parliament (our committee is called a parliament like a group of owls).

After that came the funding applications, designing uniforms, setting up the website and, of course, the most important bit: recruiting some members!

We're now 22 strong, with members ranging from Owlets (juniors), Fledglings (1-5 years), Owls (full members), and Nesters (60+).

NZIB: You're a brand new Club- started in the 21st Century- what are you doing differently to our older Clubs?

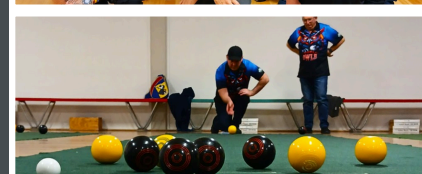
KG: We're trying out a few fresh ideas to create a fun, social atmosphere at our hoot nights (club nights) with music playing in the background and using a projector to display teams and draws.

We've also introduced new warm up challenges like Tic Tac Jack, and other drills disguised as games.

Another way we're mixing things up is by running year-round play. We don't want to lose momentum (or people!) over summer, so we play once a fortnight all through the year, and our championships are held on weekend days to keep things flexible and accessible.

We've also ditched the old-school pen-and-paper noticeboard in favour of going digital. Our website is where members can sign up for events any time they like, keep track of what they've registered for, and access membership forms, calendars, and more all in one place.

Check the them out here: www.owls.co.nz





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CONSTITUTION TEMPLATE

A draft District template is now available on the website- here:

www.nzindoorbowls.co.nz/news/news-2025/incorporated-societies-act-2022-district-constitution/

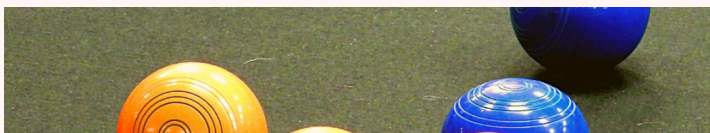
Nominations are now open for selection in the respective North and South Island teams.

The 2025 North Island vs South Island Inter-Island match will be held on Saturday 2nd August at Balclutha.

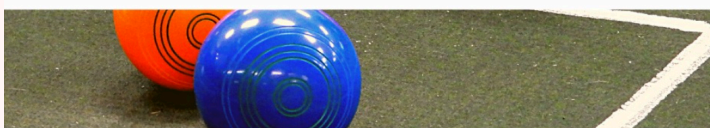
Nominations close on Friday 25th May.

Access them on the website:

<https://www.nzindoorbowls.co.nz/news/news-2025/nominations-open-for-north-and-south-island-teams/>



ISLAND NOMINATION FORMS AVAILABLE



ST JOSEPHS (TAKAPUNA) CHARITY NIGHT A SUCCESS!

St Joseph's, Takapuna recently ran a Charity Night in benefit of the North Harbour Special Olympics team.

75 people attended and over \$2500 was raised.

What an amazing effort! Our sport is at it's best when the community comes together for a common cause, and a number of Charity tournaments are run every season- let us know about yours be emailing office@nzindoorbowls.co.nz and you may be featured in our Newsletter!



Send in your stories!

We want to hear from you.

Our Clubs and Districts do amazing things every season, and it's easy for them to slip under the radar.

Part of keeping our sport alive is making sure that we consistently celebrate our success.

Email us your stories to office@nzindoorbowls.co.nz