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SOUTH ISLAND TEAM END DECADES LONG DROUGHT IN BALCLUTHA

In 2003, the South Island Indoor Bowling team soundly defeated the North Island Indoor Bowling Team in the 23rd Inter-Island Test Match and in doing so notched up their 10th Test Match Victory.

The song "Sophie" by Goodshirt was still considered new, Facebook and YouTube didn't exist yet and Shrek the Sheep was a year away from gaining international fame.

The next two decades were painful ones for the South Island, as year after year they found themselves so close yet so far from notching up test match win number eleven.

They lost by one game in 2015, lost by a countback in 2018 and then again by one game in 2019.

Then came 2025.

Buoyed by a large crowd and a motivational Captain, the South Island team jumped out of the blocks quickly, and never looked back.

Eventually running out the winners 27 game points to 22, it was clear with the jubilation displayed by players and supporters alike how much the win meant.

The North vs South Island test match is alive and well- long may it continue.



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77TH AGM COMING UP FAST!

The 2025 Annual General Meeting will be held at the Brentwood Hotel, 16-20 Kemp Street, Kilbirnie, Wellington on Saturday 6th December commencing at 10am.

All Districts have been sent the relevant information, if your District hasn't received anything please email office@nzindoorbowls.co.nz

Young Indoor Bowlers to descend on Hamilton in search of glory

Youth from all over the country are descending on Hamilton at the end of this week in search of indoor bowling glory.

The New Zealand Secondary Schools Singles & Pairs are being held on Thursday and Friday, with the New Zealand Junior Singles capping off an outstanding three days of competition on Saturday.

Well known and previously successful Rangatahi such as Sean Haskins, Shania Lawson, Matthew Spargo, Jonathan Brzozowski, Clayton Sheppard, Sophie Stockdill and Mikayla Edwards will all be participating in at least one event each over the three days of play, and are favoured to feature near the pointy end of these events.

With so many participating, there will be many Coaches, Parents, Club's and Districts who know just what their representatives are capable of doing and such is the talent of the youth coming through our sport, that it would also be unsurprising if a name lesser known to the Country emerges victorious!

EVENTS
COMING UP

NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS
THURSDAY 28TH AUGUST - SINGLES,
FRIDAY 29TH AUGUST - PAIRS

NEW ZEALAND JUNIOR (U18) SINGLES
SATURDAY 30TH AUGUST



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LAWBOOK REVIEW!

We are calling for feedback/suggestions/requests from the Districts.

This is an opportunity to make a change to our sport.

Contributions are to be submitted to Tracy by email office@nzindoorbowls.co.nz before 30 August 2025.



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



HEALTH AND SAFETY TIP

Lesson learned from the Nationals:

When playing in close proximity to others/other mats, be mindful of your body position in relation to others.

**SAFETY
FIRST**

An incident occurred where a player from Mat A had their hand trodden on by a player from Mat B causing injury that required first aid.

ANNUAL AWARD NOMINATIONS

Districts have all been sent nomination forms for this years annual awards.

We have so many cool people in our indoor bowling community, and they often go unrecognised.

This is a chance to give them that recognition- if you've not received the nomination forms please email office@nzindoorbowls.co.nz



We are on the hunt for a team of volunteer photographers to snap images from our events across the country.

If you regularly attend events, or perhaps know a supporter that does, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Alex by email
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