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FROM THE MARKETING AND DEVELOPMENT **MANAGER**

Recently I have been completely focused on a mini road show covering the middle of the North Island encouraging involvement and communication on a number of ideas. This has been a huge success in many different ways. I have been able to identify a clear way forward for our sport and so work is being done on these key directives. I was extremely impressed with the quality of the turnouts at each of the venues attended and constantly surprised by the positive feedback received. Having said that I picked up on suggestions that both helped me to be more effective and opened the forums up so that more was achieved. Once again I would be very interested in hearing from any members about any ideas they might have to help our sport in the future. My contact details are: E-mail ksetternzib@hotmail.com Mobile- 021-500659

LION FOUNDATION WELCH TROPHY

Congratulations to the Manawatu Indoor Bowls representative team, which for the fifth time won the symbol of supremacy in New Zealand Indoor Bowls in Hamilton recently. Their previous wins were in 1996. 1998, 2000, and 2002. The even years have been lucky ones for Manawatu who made a barnstorming finish in the final session to overtake Canterbury. which had led throughout the tournament.

The team members were Dean Gilshnan, Bruce Meyer, Robbie Lochrie, Tony Griffin, Keith Waghorn, Gordon McIvor, Cliff Byrne and Johnathan Warrington. Gilshnan, Meyer, Waghorn and McIvor won Welch Trophy gold stars for five titles having been in all of Manawatu's successful teams.

Manawatu won with 80 points followed by Canterbury and Auckland 78, Upper Hutt Valley 64, Tauranga 63 and Otago 57.

NZ representatives Dean Gilshnan and Bruce Meyer top scored for Manawatu with 21 points and 20 points

The three top players of the tournament all came from Auckland. Colin Taylor scored 24 points followed by Carol Wright and Paul Wright both with 22 points. Richard Griffiths, Canterbury, was next scoring 21 points.

2004 INDOOR BOWLS ACADEMY TRIANGULAR **EVENT**

The New Zealand Academy, New Zealand Maori and Cook Islands Indoor Bowls teams were named at the Lion Foundation Welch Trophy Inter-District final at Hamilton recently.

They will compete in the third annual indoor bowls triangular match at the Pukekohe Cosmopolitan Club on 16 October commencing at 1pm.

The format for the event has changed as the competition has developed. Each team will be represented by sixteen players, eight men and eight women selected as two men's fours and two women's fours. Men play men and women play women in fours, pairs and singles.

Interest in the tournament is huge among bowlers and years old so at the ripe old age of 18 has been

looked on as a stepping stone to represent either the playing for ten years. North or South Island in the future. It is also an He is a real inspiration to our juniors that if you don't opportunity to see how players perform at a higher succeed the first time then keep trying. level

The teams are:

NZ Academy:

Men's Fours: Grant Fortune (Southland), Cliff Byrne (Manawatu), Simon Edhouse (Upper Hutt Valley), Richard Caddy (Waikato).

Men's Fours: Ross Garner (Otago-captain), Chris McAdam (Upper Hutt Valley), Grant Thompson (Waikato), Mark Jacombs (Otago).

Women's Fours: Marie-Therese Hooper (Canterbury), Gina Owen (Bay of Plenty), Sheryll Gilshnan (Manawatu), Maureen Pruden (Waikato).

Women's Fours: Marion McKenzie (Manawatu), Kay Forsyth (Nelson), Julia Boyd (Auckland), Julie Logan (Waikato).

Reserves: Men: Mark Ridley (North Taranaki), Shaun Burnand (Waikato); Women: Lorraine Miedema (Thames Valley), Lisa White (Upper Hutt Valley).

Selectors: Keith Waghorn (Manawatu - Manager), Delwyn Hughes (Bay of Plenty), Ian Fraser (Nelson) NZ Maori:

Men's Fours: Vern Marshall (Poverty Bay), Richard Thompson (Bay of Plenty), Robert Osborne (Canterbury), Shane Taare (Bay of Plenty).

Men's Fours: Arthur Bettridge (Waikato), Danny Moore (Manawatu-captain), Tony Griffin (Manawatu), Darryl Le Claire (Hawkes Bay).

Women's Fours: Ngareta Orchard (Canterbury), Carroll Smyth (North Shore), Joy Spice (Counties), Angela Bell (Upper Hutt Valley).

Women's Fours: Sue Fleming (Hawkes Bay), Carol Wilkinson (Hawkes Bay), Lisa White (Upper Hutt Valley), Cynthia Chamberlain (Canterbury)

Reserves: Men: Joseph Taare (Bay of Plenty); Women: Raelene Bettridge (Waikato)

Selectors: Arthur Bettridge (Waikato), Shane Cuthbert (North Shore)

Cook Islands:

Men's Fours: Wally Kainana, Tenua Atiau, Roli Daniels, Kiri Kirirau.

Men's Fours: Puni Mataora, Vairaki Vairaki, Tei Kiliuyi, Peru Taunga.

Women's Fours: Tapu Vlasveld (Captain), Yele Reatere, Pirimini Atiau, Tunane Amatangi.

Women's Fours: Sophia Hellerman, Nane Amatangi, Ella Kiliuvi. Toko Elikana.

Reserves: Men: Owi Reateri, Tony Kairua; Women: Pene Daniels, Uta Arama

Selectors: David Blanchard (Waikato), Tapu Vlasveld (Waikato).

NZ JUNIOR TITLE AT LAST!

Congratulations to Bush Ruahine's Anthony Mason on winning the Junior singles and for persevering for eight years to achieve his goal. Anthony is also Bush Ruahine's singles champion to go forward to the national final of the Henselite Champion of Champion singles.

Anthony started playing bowls when he was eight

In the final he beat Callum John (Thames Valley) who had beaten him earlier in section play 12-10. However, Anthony won the one that counted most!

Patrick Morrison (Auckland) who beat Ashley Diamond (Southland)12-6 in the final won the inaugural plate event for the non-qualifiers.

McLACHLAN JUNIOR CHALLENGE TROPHY

The Southern Zone won this event for the second time since the competition started in 1995. Each zone is represented by nine players selected as a pair, triple and four and they play two games each. The results were: Pairs- Kyle Hinton (CO), and Andrew Kelly (NO) beat Jonathan Sobey (NS), Callum John (TV); Triples-Anthony Mason (BR), Jeffrey Stuart and Keri Te Tamaki (BP) beat Matthew Markham (AS), Hewson Whiting (NW) and Christopher Preddy (SO); Fours- Ashley Diamond (SL), Kristen Gould (OT), Willie Dowling (UV) and Louise Steele (GM) beat Patrick Morrison (AK), Keith Collins (MN), John Parata (TA) and Sean Ridley

WHAT CAN YOU REMEMBER?

The Rotorua Indoor Bowls Association is writing their history for future generations to have. This history needs to be recorded before we all pass on and no one can remember what our roots are.

If anyone has anything they want to contribute please contact Cheryl Wiggins on bc.wiggins@wave.co.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE **FUTURE OF INDOOR BOWLS?**

Nominations to fill positions on the NZIB Executive are currently being called for. To effectively govern the sport, the Executive ideally requires in its membership a combination of sound knowledge of the game of indoor bowls, administration experience, professional expertise and business knowledge and experience. If you believe you have the skills required, or know someone available who does have, contact your district secretary for further information. The nomination must be received at National Office not later than 25 October 2004.

AT LAST- NEW INDOOR BOWLING MATS **AVAILABLE**

We are pleased to advise that the problems associated with the production of Henselite wool mats have been resolved. The cost remains at \$550 per mat, which includes Gst and, freight. Order now through your District Secretary.

