Indoor Bowls News

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IS YOUR CLUB GOING TO RECEIVE A PAY OUT FROM NATIONAL OFFICE?



Some of you may wonder what this is about but the letter accompanying this newsletter gives you all the details. Basically if your membership has stayed the same or has increased you will be rewarded for

your efforts. District secretaries are currently confirming club membership numbers for the past two years and once this information has been received the appropriate cheques will be issued. Well done to those who receive one and hopefully next year more and more clubs will be in the money!

EVERYONE LOVES GOING TO A NATIONAL FINAL

"Absolutely wonderful" is how one member of the victorious New Zealand Mixed Four described the National Final. Recently I spoke with three of the four members and they were unanimous in their unreserved praise of the entire event. Included in this were the local and regional playoffs culminating in the National final. Of course they are very proud of their achievement, and rightly so, however it was important to me to hear that they thoroughly enjoyed every aspect of the event. It was mentioned that the organisation, accommodation, meals, travel and other aspects of their "adventure" were all handled expertly. I think that this is a great example of what our National Executive does and what our sport offers to all members of NZIB who choose to participate. Well done to them and all the National finalists.

The marketing and development team are working on a college regional tournament to be held in the Central Districts area in September. As always if there are ideas or suggestions from members I would be excited to hear them. Please contact Keith Setter at Email: nzibkeithsetter@xtra.co.nz or mobile: 021 500659 anytime.

VOLUNTEER COACH OF THE YEAR

Sport and Recreation NZ (Sparc) and Watties have launched the Volunteer Coach of the year awards to recognise the valuable role of NZ's volunteer sports coaches. People coaching at club or school level can be nominated. There will be 17 regional winners plus other awards and entries are open until August 24. Entry forms are available at www.watties.co.nz or contact this office.

NZ ACADEMY/ NZ MAORI AND COOK ISLAND TEAMS

Nomination forms for these teams have been sent to all districts and closing date for nominations is 24 August. The teams will be announced at the conclusion of the Welch Trophy in Napier on 4 September. This year the event will be held 15 October commencing at 1pm at the Memorial Hall in Tauranga-get along to see some exciting indoor bowls.

DO YOU WANT SOME COACHING?

There are Regional coaches available to assist - contact David Edgar on Ph/Fax 03-485 9199 if you wish to discuss.

WELCH TROPHY

This is the major district event of the year to be held in Napier 2-4 September. The six Paterson Trophy Indoor Bowls winners were Roskill and Districts, Tauranga, Manawatu, Upper Hutt Valley, Ashburton and Southland. It will be a very different looking competition with last year's region winners Auckland, Canterbury and Otago all missing out.

MARLBOROUGH - DOESN'T THIS SOUND GOOD!

The 2006 Nationals will be held in 'Anchor Stadium 2000' situated in Kinross Street (between Scott and Redwood streets) The Stadium will hold up to 80 mats and also contains heated pool, squash courts, gymnasium and 'Subway' eatery. It is located one minutes walk from centre of town and Coffee shops and 300 metres from New World Supermarket.

For information on accommodation go to www.destinationmarlborough.com

Also Blenheim –Site Vistor centre Ph. 03-577-8080. E-Mail: Blenheim@i-SITE.org.

The dates are 10-17 June but you should book for two weeks and find out that Marlborough is more than just bowls, wine and vineyard!

MORE TELEVISION COVERAGE

We have been receiving excellent feedback from the Sky coverage of the Lion Foundation National Championships which has been replayed over 20 times on the Sky Channels this month. Other events

to be covered this year will be the NZ Junior Singles at the Western Hall, Auckland 20 August and the Henselite Champion of Champions in Invercargill on 10 September.

OTHER JUNIORS HAVE DONE WELL TOO!

In last month's Indoor Bowls News it was incorrectly stated that Jacinda Tutbury was the first junior to hold a South Island title. At the 2004 South Island Championships in Dunedin two Southland Juniors Brent Keen 14 and Ian Guildford 17 playing with Grant Fortune won the South Island Triples- well done guys! Brent will be competing in the NZ Junior Championships shortly in Auckland.

JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

Timaru Indoor Bowls Association in conjunction with the Woodlands Road Methodist Church ran a very successful tournament recently with 26 juniors competing. The event was enhanced with a generous sponsorship from the Churches Social Indoor Bowls Club which had gone into recess.

Jacinda Tutbury continued her good form winning all her games with MacKenzie Murray who is to represent South Canterbury at the NZ Junior Final coming second. It is great to hear that the Timaru Indoor Bowls Assn now intend to keep Junior Bowls on their calander as most of the participants not already members are now looking to join clubs.

FREE COMMUNITY POST ENVELOPES

New Zealand Post gives free postage to hundreds of volunteer organisations all across the country- that could be your club or district. Applications are now open- just pick up an application form at most NZ Post outlets, by calling 088 501 501 or visiting www.nzpost.co.nz. Applications close on 2 September 2005.

NZ JUNIOR FINAL

This is one of the most popular events on the National calendar. This year two former champions Kyle Hinton, Central Otago, and Jonathan Sobey, North Shore head the field of thirty talented young indoor bowlers who have won their way through to play in the national final of the 27th New Zealand Indoor Bowls junior singles competition

Sobey was the 2003 champion and skipped the Northern Zone pairs last year while Hinton won in 2000 when he was only 12 years old. He also won the Cliff Thompson Trophy for the best junior player in the Lion Foundation National Championship singles in 2003. He was the skip of the Southern Zone pairs last year. Callum John, Thames Valley, was runner-up last year and has been in good form for his district and was the Thames Valley player of the year in 2004. He already holds a Thames Valley gold star at 17 years of age. He was the lead in the Northern Zone pairs last year. Stephen Preddy, South Otago, finished runner-up in 2002 and is back for another try.

The youngest players in the field are thirteen-year-olds Mandy Boyd, Hawkes Bay, and Aimee McCartain, Auckland. McCartain is the first girl to have won the Auckland title since 1985.

A plate event will be held for the non-qualifiers in the main championship for the second year and this year the winner will be rewarded with the Morrison plate kindly donated by the Morrison family of Auckland.



FROM THE LAW BOOK

Can a skip use a laser light to indicate the green on the mat for his players? The answer is yes with the following interpretation. Law 12 (d) applies.

If the laser beam is used to indicate the green the skip wants

and the beam is turned off prior to the delivery of the bowl, then this is no more than a progression of the using of the hand or duster over the mat to indicate the draw required and where the skip would like the bowl to

However, if the laser beam is still being played onto the mat at the time that the bowl is delivered Law 12(d) applies and the skip should be warned and the wording of 12 (d) brought to his/her notice.

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