



NZ INDOOR BOWLS NEWS

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WHERE IS OUR GAME GOING?



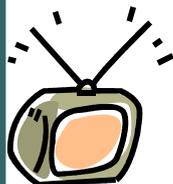
With entries dropping off in championships and open tournaments, we need to look closer at the structure we have in place at our districts and clubs. It's time to ask ourselves what benefit does representative bowls bring to our game. Are you a district that plays 12 or more representative matches in a season? Do you expect your top players to play in all of your events, be they tournament, championship or representative events? Are all your representative events of a high standard? How many times do you play against your neighbouring district? Do you communicate with your neighbouring district over your individual bowls programmes? Do selections cause friction? Where is the rest of your membership playing while representative events are on?

When the membership was high during the 1960's and 1970's, we played a lot more open tournaments and championships and less representative type fixtures. Some districts are still looking to fill gaps in their programmes with more representative events. Are we pushing away the main portion of the membership to tournament events such as Chartered Club play? As administrators and players, in what direction are we taking our game and is it time for us to evaluate what is best for all of our membership?

NEW ZEALAND JUNIOR SINGLES EVENT

Shane Broderson, Wanganui & Shaun Blackburn, Waikato head the field of 30 talented young indoor bowlers who have their won though to the national final to be played in Christchurch later this month. Broderson was runner-up in this event last year while Blackburn won the Cliff Thompson Trophy for the best junior player at the national championships this year. Another player in good form is North Wellington's Hewson Whiting who won the North Island pairs this year with Grant Rayner. There is one former champion in the field - Jonathan Sobey from North Harbour who is making his 4th appearance.

DID YOU SEE INDOOR BOWLS ON SKY?



Unfortunately there was a double up of the singles played but this was resolved with the pairs being shown recently. The next event to be shown will be the NZ Junior singles and the Northern v Southern zone matches which always proves to be excellent viewing. Times will be advised at a later date and Southland TV will be replaying the singles and pairs again after this event.

SUCCESSFUL NIGHT CLASSES STILL OPERATING

Ron Weston from the Glenfield Indoor Bowls Club has been conducting night school coaching classes for indoor bowls at their local high school for the past 10 years. It has proved to be a very worth while venture with most of the attendees to his classes joining clubs and staying for many years and frequently becoming involved with administration on the club committee. Many people from different cultures have participated in these classes and have thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Ron's classes have been a great introduction for people to join a local sporting activities and he is now discussing the production of a coaching DVD with the Massey University at Albany. Well done Ron - keep up the good work.

UP COMING EVENTS

Saturday 19 August
National Junior Singles Final CIBA Hall Christchurch

Saturday 2 September
Paterson Play offs to determine the three teams to advance to the prestigious Lion Foundation Welch Trophy. Roskill & Dist to play Waikato at Hamilton
Upper Hutt Valley to play Wanganui at Orongomai, Upper Hutt
Otago to play Canterbury in Dunedin

Saturday 9 September
Henselite Champion of Champions North Wellington Indoor Bowls Hall

7-8 October
Welch Trophy Final to be played at Auckland's Western Hall

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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 this is the second year for the Membership Loyalty Programme so it is hoped your club is benefiting from it. Basically if your membership has increased you will be rewarded for your efforts. Membership details from all districts should have been received by now. Membership figures for all clubs will be compared with what you had last year and if they have increased a cheque will come your way via the district. Well done to those who will receive one and hopefully next year more and more clubs will be in the money!

50 YEARS ANNIVERSARY FOR THE NELSON INDOOR BOWLS ASSN

A special event was held recently to mark this occasion. It is rather sad to look at the extract taken from the minute book of the inaugural meeting to see that only Wakapuaka IBC is an affiliated club today. Representatives from the following clubs were present in 1956 to form the Association and affiliate to NZ Indoor Bowls-Wesley Club, Richmond, Wakapuaka IBC, Hospital Bowling Club, St Johns Assn, Trinity Fellowship Indoor Club, Hibernian Society, Welcome Rebekah, Loyal Nelson Howard, and Tasman and I.O. R Lodges.

INSURANCE

Everyone would agree that all insurance is too high and insuring your club and district possessions is no different. There has been a suggestion that the National Office should offer a 'mat replacement' fund to replace what is currently provided by Jardine Lloyd Thompson. Your district will have received the initial paper about this if you are interested. The proposal is currently being investigated and hopefully more details will be available by the Annual General Meeting in December.

YELLOW BOWLS HAVE FINALLY ARRIVED.

The new yellow and black bowls are currently being used on the South Island Tour of the North Island and they look great. Get your orders in now. A full set of 16 bowls and kitty will be \$850.00 You can purchase a half set of yellow (8 bowls) for \$450 but it is advisable for them to be sold in full sets. It is hoped they will be used in the television coverage at the NZ Juniors event.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

2007 NZ TEAM

Nomination forms have recently been distributed to districts for the team to play Australia next May in Pukekohe. The team announcement will be made at the AGM.

INDOOR BOWLS BACK AT OTAGO UNIVERSITY

A very successful coaching practical course was recently held at Otago University with 26 students taking part. Hopefully once this enthusiastic group become teachers they will have a much better understanding of our game and help promote it to their students.



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