



NZ INDOOR BOWLS NEWS

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FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE

Welcome to the 2006 indoor bowls season. Your National Executive has a challenging year ahead as it looks at ways to address the declining membership numbers and leading the way forward. Communication is the key and all Executive members would welcome the opportunity to receive feed back from any bowlers. To assist with the process the country has been divided up and Executive Members allocated a number of districts as listed below. Please contact them if you wish to discuss anything.

Ian Fraser -03 547 9525

Ashburton, Central Otago, North Otago, Otago, South Canterbury, Southland, Clubs NZ

Shane Cuthbert-09 442 5849

Auckland, North Shore, Northland, Roskill & Dist, Waikato, NZ Catholic Fed

Greg Baxter 09-836 4147

Bay of Plenty, Tauranga, Thames Valley, Nelson, North Taranaki, Hawkes Bay

David Edgar-03-204 8227

Buller, Canterbury, GB/Motueka, Greymouth, Hokitika, Marlborough

Delwyn Hughes-07 345 6609

Upper Hutt Valley, PB/EC, Horowhenua, Hutt Valley, North Wellington

Alison Cowan-04 479 1355

Counties, Manawatu, Wanganui, Wairarapa, Bush Ruahine

Avon Compton-09 373 2892

Cen King Country, King Country, Taranaki, South Otago, NZ Blind & Visually Impaired

OBITUARIES

A very sad time with NZ Indoor Bowls losing two Life Members in the past 2 months. Patron and Life Member Kevin Eddy died in Napier 12 February after a short illness. Kevin joined the Executive in 1979 and did much excellent work up until he retired in 1992. Most people would agree that Kevin was "Mr Indoor Bowls" and his contribution was recognised by being made Patron for the past 4 years. John Mackay was voted onto the Executive in 1978 and was involved right through until 1994. The indoor bowls fraternity sends its sympathy to both families.

AND WHO IS AVON COMPTON?

Avon is the newest member of the Executive team along with North Island Umpire's representative Viv Hudson. He replaces Keith Waghorn who was not available for re-election at the AGM.

Avon started playing bowls when he was 8—17 years ago! He now works as an Analyst Business Performance for UDC Finance.

MAKE MONEY BY GETTING NEW MEMBERS!!

The Membership Loyalty programme was introduced last year with excellent results. 296 clubs throughout New Zealand received a reward payment for either holding their membership or increasing it. Was your club one of them? Make sure it is this year!

WHY AFFILIATE??

- * Some rule books are provided free of charge;
- * Opportunities to take advantage of free Coaching;
- * Clubs have the right to play bowls with other affiliated clubs;
- * Club members have the right to play in District competitions;
- * Club members can participate in the National Championships and other Federation competitions;
- * Clubs can participate in the decision making up to National level;
- * Bowling mats and bowls can be purchased through the Federation at greatly reduced cost;
- * Score cards are provided, each year, at no cost;
- * Draw sheets are available for competitions;
- * Opportunity for members to represent their Country or their Island Representative team;
- * Indoor Bowls newsletter distributed to all clubs, 7 times per season, free of cost;
- * Opportunity for Club /Districts to belong to Federation's Insurance scheme at cheaper rates
- * Federation's annual programme of events and annual report distributed to all clubs.

COACHING -PLENTY AVAILABLE- ALL FOR FREE!

The four Regional coaches are keen to deliver more coaching this year. All you have to do is ask!

Should any district require coaching for new, existing or representative players please feel free to contact the following people.

Craig Whiteside-Ph 07-543 2616 -Districts WK,KC, NL, NS, AK, RD, CS, TV, TG & BP

Jack Jones-Ph-06 327 5403-Districts MN, BR, HB, PB, WR, HO, NW, HV & UV

Michael Lawson-Ph-03-302 8940-All South Island districts

The Executive Member who coordinates the coaching programme is David Edgar who can be contacted on 03-204 8227.

We are always keen to appoint more coaches so let us know if you are interested.

We all need coaching- the better you play the more you enjoy it!

SOME TIPS TO HELP BUILD CLUB MEMBERSHIP ARE ENCLOSED

Upcoming Events:

WHANGAPARAOA CLUB- 50TH JUBILEE

29 April
To register please contact Rae Scott- Phone/Fax 09 424 1461 or email donaldscott@xtra.co.nz. Registrations will close 31 March.

NORTH ISLAND CHAMPS—Palmerston North

3-5 June
Poster & entry form were sent with this newsletter

LION FOUNDATION NATIONAL CHAMPS

10-17 June
Blenheim
This event is fast approaching & your club secretary would have already received entry forms & a poster. If you need accommodation contact the Blenheim i- site Visitor Centre- 03-577 8080 or for houses Brian Crawford Ph 03-578 9871. Entries close with your district secretary 18 April so get your team together and enter now.

Special points of interest:

JUNE TO BE THE NATIONAL 'BRING A FRIEND' MONTH
More details on this initiative will be sent out soon

THE GAME TO BE BRIGHTEN UP!

Hopefully we will have a supply of coloured bowls for sale from end of April. Also at this time it is hoped to have new mats available.

CHEAPER RATES ON INTERISLANDER

Take advantage of these- valid on any sailing from 3 June until 1 July 06 inclusive. Contact the groups desk on Phone 0800 878 898 & quote wh 4190.

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