



NZ INDOOR BOWLS NEWS

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FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

A month has gone by since the March edition of the newsletter and not much has happened in the indoor bowls world down here in South Otago. Easter has come and gone and I would like to congratulate the winners of the Napier and Southland Easter tournaments. We spent Easter as a family at Warbirds over Wanaka and all had a good time. April is "Bring a friend month" and I hope that all clubs are working on this. This sport is in need of new members if it is to keep going in the future so we all need to be doing our bit. Unfortunately your Executive can not do it alone. Our next meeting is on the 19th of April so if your District intends to apply to our development fund for money it should do so as soon as possible.

We start our club night on the 10th of April. Takes a bit longer to get going down here as we have to wait till the out door bowlers have finished with the Hall. It will be interesting to see how many new bowlers we get and I will keep you informed. We are all looking forward to the South Island Championships in Invercargill at Queens Birthday weekend. Apparently there may be some North Islanders playing this year which should make for an interesting tournament. Hope that you have your entries in for the Nationals in Tauranga. The host district has re-introduced a social on the Monday night so be prepared for that. It will be a good night. As I have said before, if you have a problem with this sport or ideas that will move the sport forward then either let myself or an Executive Member know.

Till next month, take care. David Edgar



INDOOR BOWLER ELLA MCGUINNESS 100 YEARS OLD!

On April 23rd Ella McGuinness of the Alfriston Indoor Bowling Club, South Auckland, celebrates her 100th birthday.

Ella is a foundation member of the Club, formed in 1953, and has bowled at the club meetings and Tournaments ever since, seldom missing an evening's bowling.

She has, over the years, won many Club and South Auckland titles in Indoor Bowling and is an inspiration to others.

Her advice to young or inexperienced bowlers has been much appreciated and her sense of humour is second to none. Many a cooking or gardening hint is shared during the event.

Ella has also been a successful lawn bowler, having won a NZ Singles title. The Club recognizes Ella's contribution to Indoor Bowls and we wish her well in the future. NZIB Executive Member Ron Blythe will be visiting the club and presenting Ella with a well deserved certificate.



YELLOW BOWLS HEAD THE SALES LIST

Good to see so many districts and clubs taking advantage of grant funding and purchasing the attractive new yellow bowls.

With the season getting under way it must be time to replenish all your other stocks.

SET OF HENSELITE BOWLS-Black/Brown	\$750.00
SET OF HENSELITE BOWLS-Black/Yellow	\$850.00
HALF SETS OF YELLOW BOWLS (8)	\$450.00
HENSELITE MATS	\$550.00
REPLACEMENT BOWLS (Brown/Black)	\$ 50.00
REPLACEMENT JACKS	\$ 35.00
COACHING VIDEO	\$ 35.00
ADVANCED COACHING VIDEO	\$ 35.00
CLUB COACH HANDBOOK	\$ 6.00
2005 LAWS OF THE GAME	\$ 2.00
REVISED BOOK OF DRAWS	\$ 8.00
MEMBERSHIP KITS	\$ 5.00
FLIP-OVER SCORE CARDS (set of 6)	\$ 18.00
CONSTITUTIONS-revised 2004	\$ 2.00

NOTE: All prices include GST, Freight and /or Postage.



LAST CHANCE FOR ENTERING THE NATIONAL AND ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Entries for the Nationals close with your District Secretaries on 14 April and the South Island Championships 4 days later. Tauranga has not hosted a Nationals since 1989 where there was a singles entry of over 2100! Unfortunately those numbers will not be repeated but an excellent field is still expected and it will be a fun time for all. What other sport gives you the opportunity to play against current International and Island representatives? Your club will have posters and entries forms so get your team organised now. The South Island Championships Queen's Birthday weekend will be held at the Southland IBC Hall in Invercargill. Arguably this is the best bowling floor in NZ so get down there and test your skill!

NORTH AND SOUTH ISLAND REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

This year the South Island Indoor Bowls team will be visiting the North Island with the Inter Island clash to be held in Lower Hutt on 16 August. Nomination forms have been sent to districts and they close on 23 May.

ACADEMY AND MASTER TEAMS

Nominations forms for the Academy and Masters inaugural event at the National Championships 10 June have also been in circulation for some time and close at National Office with entries on 21 April. The teams will be announced on 28 May.

BUSINESS AS USUAL

National office will be closed from 26 April until 22 May while Ngaire takes some annual leave. Don't worry President David Edgar or Deputy President Trevor Rayner will be happy to answer any of your urgent calls. David can be contacted at home on 03-204 8227 or 0274-313600 or email edgar-family@xtra.co.nz. Trevor's phone contact is 04-910 3193; mobile 027 461 2746 or email trayner@xtra.co.nz



THANK YOU TO THE LION FOUNDATION

We are delighted to have the continued support of the Lion Foundation. However districts and clubs should be aware that most funding agencies now have a preference for local districts and clubs and not National bodies. This means you should all be putting in applications to assist with your running costs and new equipment like yellow bowls!

COMING UP:

LAST CHANCE FOR UMPIRES EXAM

More umpires are needed to sit the National Examination on 4 May. Contact National Office urgently and it will be arranged. To all other umpires tune up those rules and measures for the Nationals in June. There will be a tear out page in the booklet, which you need to bring to the Umpires meeting on the Friday evening prior to the commencement of the event. There have been some great responses from some districts regarding refresher courses they have held. Has your district held one yet?

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

SCORECARDS

Orders of scorecards have been sent to districts and clubs may request supplies from your local District Secretary.

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It is easy to get one- just go to www.nzindoorbowls.co.nz and download a copy now. If you do not have a computer I am sure you know someone who has- even one of your club mates might like to copy for all your club members!

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