



**NEW ZEALAND  
INDOOR BOWLS**

# NZ INDOOR BOWLS NEWS

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Welcome to a new Indoor bowls season. Since our last newsletter we have down sized our National Executive from nine to seven. At the AGM in December Shane Cuthbert, Avon Compton, Alex Benington and Ian Frazer retired. Ian was elected a Life Member. We have two new executive members who are Ron Blythe from Counties and Stewart Chilton from Southland. We thank the members who have retired and welcome the new members to the executive. Stewart Chilton will take over the responsibility of coaching from myself.

Last month a Coaching seminar was held in Pukekohe and was attended by about 28 people. Regional Coach Craig Whiteside was the main presenter. Guest speaker was Gary Troupe who gave an extremely interesting talk on his time as a cricketer playing for his country and the preparation required getting players to that level. The seminar will be evaluated at our next Executive Meeting and a decision will be made on whether or not to run similar at other districts.

After the coaching seminar I made district visits to Thames Valley, Waikato, and Tauranga. Forty six people turned up in Thames Valley for a very interesting night. Affiliations and social members were the main topics and as a result of the talks I have given an undertaking that the executive will have a look at social membership. The visits to Waikato and Tauranga were talks with their executive.

Tauranga are holding the Nationals and I am pleased to say that they are well on the way with their preparation for this event. I hope that bowlers will give the Nationals and Tauranga their full support.

April is Bring a friend Month and I hope that all bowlers will get behind this. We need to increase the numbers who are playing this sport either through the schools or through your clubs. Our club does not start till after Easter and let's hope that we can get some new members, as all clubs need some new blood. If you are going to be in the South for Easter do not forget Southland's Easter Tournaments. Till next time, Take care. David Edgar

## WEBSITE NEWS

Jock Jamieson, our webmaster continues to do a great job for us with the following items now available online at [www.nzindoorbowls.co.nz](http://www.nzindoorbowls.co.nz): Everything you want to know and more!

- ◆ April 2008 Membership Drive letter and posters
- ◆ Indoor Bowls Promotional Brochure and new Bowler Guide Brochure (downloadable and printable!)
- ◆ Membership Drive Kit
- ◆ District Development Fund
- ◆ Publicity Manual
- ◆ District Map and Club Contact information
- ◆ The Basics of Indoor Bowls Booklet
- ◆ Reminder to get the Play Indoor Bowls Promotional Signs out on the street and contact email ([ngaire@nzindoorbowls.co.nz](mailto:ngaire@nzindoorbowls.co.nz)) if you require more.
- ◆ Various Easter Tournament Notices and Entry Forms.



The website gets more popular each year and this year we have set goals with Sparc to increase the profile and public awareness of our sport. You can help us - we want 27500 hits this year- an increase of 10%!

Are you on the subscription list for email updates? If not subscribe for free now and automatically be informed of all the latest happenings.

## OBITUARIES

NZIB Life Member Gordon Oliver passed away earlier in the year. He first joined the Executive as Deputy President in 1972 was President 1974-76 and Publicity Officer 1977-80.

Central Otago lost a widely known and respected player recently with the passing of Graeme Kruskopf. He started bowling in South Otago before shifting to Roxburgh and latterly Alexandra. He represented CO at Paterson Trophy level and in recent times was Centre President and currently Chairman of Selectors. Although Graeme's health was a concern for him and his family he never lost his enthusiasm for Indoor bowls and will be sorely missed by his fellow

## UDC – Special Offer for NZ Indoor Bowls Members

A special offer has been negotiated with UDC Finance by New Zealand Indoor Bowls for all affiliated members (Club members, Clubs, Associations & Districts). All New Zealand Indoor Bowls affiliated members will receive bonus interest of 0.10% p.a. on all standard call accounts and term investment rates when you invest with UDC.

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## UMPIRE NEWS

More nationally qualified umpires are urgently required and we encourage you all to consider sitting the Examination in May. Don't be put off by that word Examination! It can be done easily with a little bit of study so register your interest now with your District Umpires Secretary. Many districts are already planning coaching and refresher courses for umpires/measurers so take advantage of these. It is not a "test" but a knowledge and question time to assist each other, to ensure standards are being kept to the level expected. Best wishes to you all for a rewarding and enjoyable season of umpiring.

## GOLDEN JUBILEES

Vauxhall IB Club in Dunedin was founded in 1957 and plays at the Anderson Bays Bowling Clubs rooms and, following a merger with Andersons Bay IB, now has about 30 active members. It is highly competitive in Otago competitions and has several representative players. Wairaka Parish indoor Bowling Centre celebrated their 50th Jubilee in November with many past and life members present at a combined prize giving and supper. The club celebrated a very successful 2007 with club members winning all but one of Roskill and Districts Championships. The club was runner-up in that event. The club created history with three players gaining Centre Gold stars and one player adding a bar to his gold star. The players were Matthew Ellis, Anthony McQuoid, Caroll Smyth and Steven Fisher.

## SPECIAL POINTS

### WANTED ALL PAST NATIONAL TITLE HOLDERS!

This year the Lion Foundation Indoor Bowls Championships will be held in Tauranga 7-14 June. It is going to be a very special event celebrating 100 years of Indoor Bowls in New Zealand. There will be a parade of all the past National title holders so make sure you are part of the celebration. Your club secretary would have already received entry forms and a poster so get a group together go along and join in – have some fun and at the same time see New Zealand's top bowlers in action.

If you need home accommodation call Jeanette Riley ph 07-574 6969 & for all other enquiries Tourism BOP 07-578 8103 or [bookings@bayofplentynz.com](mailto:bookings@bayofplentynz.com) Entries close with your district secretary 14 April so get your team together and enter now.

## OF INTEREST

### COACHING TIPS

#### PLANNING, PROCESS, PATIENCE

The three PPP's are essential for enjoyable training sessions and successful competition as you focus on your bowler's needs and team or individual performance.

The coach needs to plan, prepare and know how and what is going to be actioned at the coaching session.

Ensure the bowlers understand the process and how it will improve their performance.

Be patient with progress, as with your encouragement, support and guidance they will develop and achieve successful outcomes.



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