

NZ INDOOR BOWLS NEWS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

It is hard to imagine that another month has gone by. July started with the regional playoffs for the eight teams that would go to the finals of the Mixed Fours in Wanganui. I had the pleasure of travelling to this event with the Otago team and we had quite a lot of fun. We went by rental car from Wellington to Wanganui on the Friday night, stopping for a meal on the way, which made our arrival rather late that night. One of the good things about the mixed fours is that you get to see a lot of players that you would not normally see at a National Final and in a lot of cases, it is anyone's game right up to the last bowl. This year, we knew that the team from Walkato were the winners going into the last game but it was anyone's game for second place. Well done to the winners and all the teams for reaching the finals. On the Sunday we travelled back to Wellington, stopping at Foxton to call into a rep game being played by six centres from the bottom of the North Island. The games were being played in a building that, I am told, used to be a woolshed or a wool store on the banks of the river. I am also told that some time when the river is in flood the water is right up to the building, but they still keep on playing bowls. It was good to catch up with a few players that I haven't seen for some time and but unfortunately we had limited time. The Paterson trophy was played in July with some surprising results which will lead to a very interesting Welch trophy in September. Will Canterbury retain the trophy? We are rushing around here at the moment getting all our work up to date as on Friday the North Island tour starts and I am going with the team and Kathryn will join me on the Sunday. This North Island team has eight new caps in it and I hope all the team members enjoy the tour. I think that the North v South game could be very interesting. The tour is then followed by the NZ Junior Singles and Secondary Schools event in Wellington at the end of the month. If anyone wishes to give me feedback about this column or any matters regarding Indoor Bowls they can reach me at edgar-family@xtra.co.nz. I better go and pack for the tour. Till next time, take care. David Edgar.

NORTH vs SOUTH

The North Island Indoor Bowls Team is about to tour the South Island with the highlight being the 29th Kevin Eddy Inter Island Clash to be held in Christchurch.

The teams are:

North Island:

Women: Singles: Gina Owen, Tauranga

Pairs: Fiona Wilson, Tauranga, Lisa White, Upper Hutt Valley

Triples: Sue Fleming, Hawkes Bay, Elizabeth Morrow, North

Taranaki, Sheree Holmes, Upper Hutt Valley

Fours: Lois Randall, Hutt Valley, Lillian Christini, Northland, Margurrite Gerrand,

Bay of Plenty, Teri Anderson, North Wellington Men: Singles: Matthew Ellis, Roskill and Districts Pairs: Rodney Mills, Auckland, Brent Biggar, Wanganui

Triples: Robert Lochrie, Paul Wright, Auckland, Gregor Lang, North Wellington Fours: Kevin Childs, Lance Jenner Auckland, Mike Phipps, North Taranaki, Captain, Paul Smith, Tauranga Manager: -Delwyn Hughes, Bay of Plenty.

South Island

Women: Singles: Marilyn Holmes, Otago

Pairs: Ann Graham, Canterbury, Jenny White, Canterbury

Triples: Rosemary Bennett, Ashburton, Christine Shand, South Canterbury,

Elaine Carnie, Southland

Fours: Julie Dalley, Katrina Wealleans, Canterbury, Carolyn Cooper, South

Canterbury, Rhonda Milne, Southland Men: Singles: Ashley Diamond, Canterbury

Pairs: Blair Spicer, Canterbury, Mark Keen, Sthland, Captain

Triples: Owen Ditfort, Mike King Canterbury, Michael Lawson, Ashburton

Fours: Nigel Warnes, Fred Persico, Nelson, Daniel French, Otago, Mathew

Begg, Central Otago Manager: -Stewart Chilton, Southland.

Friday 7 August-15 August

Tour games in Cromwell, Invercargill, Oamaru, Ashburton, Christchurch, Hokitika and Blenheim

Saturday 15 August

North Island v South Island for the Kevin Eddy Trophy-CIBA Hall

COMING EVENTS - Get along and see some great bowls! Saturday 29 August

National Junior Singles Final-North Wellington Indoor Bowls Hall Sunday- Monday 30-31 August

NZ Secondary Schools Championships-North Wellington Indoor Bowls Hall

Friday- Sunday 4-6 September Lion Foundation Welch Trophy-Te Rauparaha Arena Porirua Saturday 12 September Henselite Champion of Champions-Otago Indoor Bowls Hall

INCREASE IN ENTRIES FOR THE SECONDARY SCHOOL EVENT

It is great to see that entries have increased by 50% in the pairs with excellent support from those who attended last year and local Wellington Schools. North Island Team Member Teri Anderson will be defending her title in the singles against 44 other entrants. Avondale College's Simon McMillan is returning to defend the pair's title, this time with brother Kevin not Andrew who he played with last year. There are 32 pair combinations entered in the event to be hosted by the North Wellington Indoor Bowls Association.

Your Executive recognises how important this event is for the future of our sport and it has been disappointing that some districts are not promoted it as they should.













WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FUTURE OF INDOOR BOWLS?

The Annual General Meeting for NZIB will be held on 5 December and nominations to fill positions on the NZIB Executive will shortly be called for. The Executive consists of a President, Deputy President and four Executive Members. Current President David Edgar will be ending his term as President but will be accepting nomination as an Executive Member. To effectively govern the sport, the Executive ideally requires in its membership a combination of sound knowledge of the game of indoor bowls, administration experience, professional expertise and business knowledge and experience. If you believe you have the skills required, or know someone available who does have, contact your district secretary or National Office for further information. The nomination must be received at National Office not later than 27 October 2009.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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UMPIRES REPRESENTIVE ON EXCUTIVE

No election was required as current member Viv Hudson was the only nominee. Congratulations Viv on retaining your position.

COACHING IN 2010 -WHAT DOES YOUR DISTRICT OR CLUB WANT?

A coaching survey has gone out to all districts. To allow strategies to be put in place for next year we need your views on what you need and prefer. Let your district secretary know or contact direct Executive Member Stewart Chiltonemail- chilton@southnet.co.nz or National Coach Craig Whiteside craig.w@ihug.co.nz.