



**NEW ZEALAND
INDOOR BOWLS**

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

In the previous newsletter I asked for comments from players about why there was a low percentage of affiliated players entering tournaments and what we could do about. I had TWO emails in response and I thank Gail Warren from Upper Hutt and Rod Webb from Ashburton for their contributions. At least we know that the newsletter is read by at least two people. Gail outlined reasons why people may not be entering tournaments while Rod made some very good suggestions about how Club Captains and tournament organisers could encourage entries from newer and "the average" bowler. His main point was tournaments presented bowlers with opportunities to compete against the best and as a result raise their own standards and improve their game. A handful of people have also approached me to comment as well. All the feedback I have received will be incorporated into a presentation I am putting together for a roadshow to be held in conjunction with coaching workshops to be held throughout the country in March and April next year. The focus of the roadshow will be on the future of our sport and how we can grow and develop it so that it can exist for another 60 odd years.

August/September is a busy period for me as I tour with the South Island team and attend the North/South match at Pukekohe, the Junior Singles and New Zealand Secondary School Championships at Porirua, the Welch Trophy at Lower Hutt and the Henselite Singles at Ashburton. I am looking forward to the Tour and meeting the executive and players at the host centres to put faces to names and, hopefully, exchange ideas. Trevor Rayner, President, NZIB

NEW ZEALAND TEAM TO BE ANNOUNCED AT AGM IN DECEMBER

Nomination forms for the New Zealand Team to play Australia at Balclutha in May next year have been sent out and will close on 31 August. A squad of 10 men and 10 women to attend a trial to be held in Wellington in November will be named after the Henselite Champion of Champions event in Ashburton.

Selected squad members will be given the opportunity to practice on the International Mats prior to the trial. One of NZIB's outcomes for funding next year will be winning back the Henselite Trophy which is currently held by Australia and to achieve this our team will need to prepare well.



NZ SECONDARY SCHOOLS EVENT

This is the third time this event has been held at the North Wellington Indoor Bowls Hall following on from the Junior Singles. It is great to see many of the students and schools returning which indicates they find it a worthwhile and fun experience.

27 Secondary Schools from Kaitiaki College in the North to Southland Boys High School in the South will be represented with over 50 in the singles and about 23 pairs. It is hoped that this event will grow but indoor bowls is not regarded as a "cool" sport to play and until changes are made the sport will continue to be left behind. It is a shame as Indoor Bowls has so much going for it. What other sport provides all the equipment and has both sexes playing happily in one competition at such a cheap cost?

NZ MIXED FOURS FINAL

Taranaki's Grant l'Ami, Mike Phipps, Michelle Watt and Lorraine Phipps won the 46th national final of this event held at the Napier Indoor Bowls Association Hall, recently. The winners of the eight zones from throughout the country competed and it was a very even competition played in a fantastic spirit. A feature was the willingness of all teams to get on with the games and it is hoped that this will continue with all other National Finals to be held over the next few weeks. Southland's Gary Low, Graham Low, Jan Low and Jennifer Beattie finished runner-up.



COMING EVENTS

Get along and see some great bowls!

The South Island Indoor Bowls Team is about to tour the North Island with the highlight being the 30th Kevin Eddy Memorial Inter Island Clash to be held at the Pukekohe Cosmopolitan Club on 14 August.

Friday 6 August-14 August

Tour games in Hawera, New Plymouth, Otorohanga, Hamilton, Tauranga, Manurewa, Roskill, North Shore and Whangarei

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 3-5 September

Lion Foundation Welch Trophy-Horticulture Hall Lower Hutt

Saturday 11 September

Henselite Champion of Champions-Ashburton Indoor Bowls Hall

WELCH TROPHY

Canterbury will be attempting for three Welch Trophy wins a row when they defend their title at Lower Hutt 3-5 September. The other five Paterson Trophy winners trying to stop them will be Auckland, Waikato, North Taranaki, Hutt Valley, Canterbury and Otago. The last team to win three consecutive years was Waikato 1993-1995.

MESSAGE TO UMPIRES FROM VIV HUDSON

Umpiring can be very rewarding as I feel that I am giving back to the sport, something I have benefitted from for over 20 years now. It is very encouraging to know that umpires and measurers are being appreciated throughout the country and that each district is trying to get more on board to share the workload. I hope you have all been able to spot the Nationals coverage on TV and I have been encouraged by the many positive comments on what a great event this is. "Even you did a good Job" Viv!

Tip for the month -check your batteries on a regular basis and "be prepared" like the boy scouts. Ensure your calipers are loose enough to move as it can be embarrassing if they are too tight or even too loose!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

FREE COMMUNITY POST ENVELOPES

New Zealand Post gives free postage to hundreds of volunteer organisations all across the country- that could be your club or district. Applications are now open- just pick up an application form at most NZ Post outlets, by calling 088 501 501 or visiting www.nzpost.co.nz. Applications close on 31 August 2010.

UMPIRES REPRESENTATIVE FOR NZIB EXECUTIVE

Northland's Michael Tierney and current Umpires representative Viv Hudson were the two nominations received for this position. Voting forms have been sent to districts and close 31 August.

BUSH RUAHINE INDOOR BOWLS TO CELEBRATE 50 YEARS

Mark down 9 April 2011 now- if you need more details email Mike Fouhy bushbowler@windowslive.com or phone 06-376 6354



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