

NZ INDOOR BOWLS NEWS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

The 61st Lion Foundation National Championships held at Taupo were notable for the number of personal milestones achieved. Paul Psaila from Auckland won the Pairs and the Triples achieving his 6th and 7th National Titles; Grant Rayner from North Wellington also won the Pairs and Triples and became the fourth player to receive a National Gold Star; Teri Anderson of Auckland won the Cliff Thompson Trophy for the third year in succession and won her second National Title at the age of 16 when she won the Triples with Paul and Grant. Keith Setter also won his second title when he won the Singles. Remarkably, only the winners of the fours Jason Moore, Rob Lochrie, Tony Griffin and Danny Moore were new title holders but even they had previously been losing finalists. From a personal perspective I couldn't have had a better first Nationals as President. Thank you to my son Grant for making me so proud to be able to present a Gold Star to you . Congratulations to the local organising committee headed by Barry Chapman and Geoff Tindall and to the Tournament Controller David Edgar for producing such a well run and successful tournament. Thank you to the players for their support of the event and the sporting manner in which they conducted themselves. We look forward to seeing you at the 62nd Championships to be held in Porirua in 2011. Trevor Rayner NZIB President

Six new caps have been named in South Island Indoor Bowls team and one in the North Island team to compete in the annual Inter-Island match for the Kevin Eddy Memorial Trophy at Pukekohe on August 14. The South Island tours the North Island this year in August. The South's new caps are Rob Osborne, Chris Moffitt, Bev Diamond Canterbury, Darryn Turner, Sthland, Adrienne Caswell, Sth Canterbury and Jean McKenzie, Nelson while Manawatu's Tim Veale makes the North

Island team for the first time. The teams have been reshuffled to allow the return of the New Zealand representatives who were not eligible to be selected last year because of the Trans-Tasman Test against Australia. Those returning from the New Zealand team to the North Island team are Grant Rayner, Nth Wgtn who will captain the North, Grant Harvey, Taranaki, Lyn Brittain, Nthland, Carol Wright, Auckland, Linda McCurdy and Maureen Pruden, Waikato while Sandra Keith, Ashburton comes back into the South Island team.

Those to retain their places in the North Island team are Brent Biggar, Nth Wgton, Paul Wright, Auckland, Robbie Lochrie, Manawatu, Mike Phipps, Taranaki, Paul Smith, Gina Owen, Fiona Wilson, Tauranga, Sue Fleming, Hawkes Bay, Elizabeth Morrow, Nth Taranaki, Lisa White, Sheree Holmes, Upper Hutt Valley while Mike King who will captain the South Island, Ann Graham, Jenny White, Ashley Diamond, Blair Spicer, Canterbury, Carolyn Cooper, Sth Canterbury, Christine Shand, Sth Canterbury, Michael Lawson, Rosemary Bennett, Ashburton, Daniel French, Otago, Nigel Warnes, Nelson retain their places in the South Island Team.



COMING UP IN JULY

3 July NZ Mixed fours zone finals to be played at Whangarei, Whakatane, New Plymouth, Masterton, Porirua, Motueka, Timaru and Balclutha. The winning team from each zone will then play in the NZ Mixed Fours National Final to

be played in Napier 24 July.

16-18 July will see the Paterson Zone finals being played at Auckland, Hamilton, Wanganui, Upper Hutt, Christchurch and Dunedin with the winning teams to compete in the Welch Trophy Final to be held in Lower Hutt 3-5 September.

Go along & see some top bowling action & support your local team.



LUCKY WINNERS DRAWN IN TAUPO FOR FREE ENTRY TO NEXT YEAR'S CHAMPIONSHIP IN PORIRUA ARE:

Kelvin Simonsen, WR; Bill Wynyard, NL; Lloyd Bellis, CY; Stewart Stratford, SL; Dave Hagen, TG; Murray Fraser, CY; Brian MacDonald, CS; Gill Couper, MR; Val Reed, NL; Glenda Walker, TG; Mary-Ann Tanfield, WK; Barbara Button, NH; Teresa Hopson, TG; Ray Harding, MN; Evelyn Smith, NL, Les Briggs, BP; Wilfred Peard, WK; Ian Crichton, UV: Pat Everest, NH: Laurie Roberts, TG.

2011 NATIONALS ACCOMMODATION

There are plenty of motels around the Porirua area but you will need to get in quickly as there are other events happening at that time. The Mana Motel is offering a good discount for indoor bowlers but you can not book through the Internet as it has been locked out. To take advantage of their special rates call them on 0800-866862. If you want to take advantage of Wellington's night life & cultural attractions stay in the city traffic will not be a problem as you will be going against it getting to and from Porirua!

South Canterbury Indoor Bowls recently lost a valuable member with the sudden untimely death of Colin Hunter. Colin was largely responsible for the development of the Redruth Stadium and it was appropriate that the lounge was named "The Colin Hunter Lounge" On the administration side he was always willing and was immediate Past President at the successful National Tournament held in Timaru last year. He represented South Canterbury at national level in the Henselite Singles nine times from 1984 until 2008. His top achievement was playing for the South Island team for which he was selected in 1996 when he skipped the men's triples. The Indoor Bowling fraternity extends sympathy to his family.

ANOTHER SECONDARY SCHOOLS EVENT

Three years ago Tauranga held a very successful North Island SS event which was then replaced with the NZ SS Championships. Now they have introduced another event as a lead in to the Nationals. It is the Bay of Plenty Secondary School Invitational and will be held in Tauranga 5-6 July. Please encourage your juniors to attend. Entry forms can be obtained from your district secretary, National office or contact Julie Adamson at Sport Bay of Plenty- phone 07-578 0016 or email juliea@sportbop.co.nz

It is important for the future of the game that these Secondary School events are well supported. As you should know the National SS event follows on from the Junior Singles in North Wellington 29-30 August. Your district has a copy of the entry form which must be signed off from the school. Info is on the NZ Secondary School website www.nzsssc.org.nz

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

WEBSITE GETS MORE POPULAR EVERY YEAR

The nationals are over for another year and Delwyn Hughes and Jock Jamieson did a wonderful job keeping the site up to date. If you have not yet caught up with what's been happening then have a good look. With over 200 photographs, results and game comment it's the next best thing to actually being there. You might just see yourself or your bowling friends immortalised on the website for the next 12 months! www.nzindoorbowls.co.nz is a very popular website with over 10,000 visits during the month of June. Go and check it out for everything you want to know about the sport.

NOMINATIONS FOR UMPIRES REPRESENTATIVE ON NZIB EXECUTIVE Districts are reminded that nominations close 24 July for this position.

MORE INDOOR BOWLS ON TELEVISION

You may have already seen the great Nationals coverage on TV but if you didn't make sure you catch it this time. Repeats will be shown on TV Channel 23 on Freeview and Channel 110 on SKY Digital as follows.

Singles Semi's and Final: Saturday 31 July 5.30pm; Sunday 1 August Noon and 9pm Pairs Semi's and Final: Saturday 7 August 5.30pm; Sunday 8 August Noon and 9pm

OTAGO UNIVERSITY COACHING SESSION STILL POPULAR

NZIB has been involved with a coaching course at the School of Physical Education at Otago University since 2003. Michael Lawson proves to be a popular coach with this group and this year it was 'sold out' with 30 students. It is hoped that once these teachers get into the class room they will be able to pass on the enjoyable experience they had with our sport.