

# **NZ INDOOR BOWLS NEWS**

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#### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

As I write this I have just finished controlling the New Zealand Mixed Fours Final held at Masterton. This was the first event Wairarapa have hosted for NZIB and they should be very proud of the contribution they made towards a very successful day. Their effort epitomises the need to endeavour to have smaller Districts host some of these events even if the logistics of getting teams to the location can be challenging.

This is the beginning of a very busy period for the NZIB with the North Island Team's Tour of the South Island starting on Friday 5 August ending with the Inter Island "Test" in Dunedin on the 13 August. The following weekend is the New Zealand Junior Singles and Secondary Schools Championships at Porirua, then the Henselite Singles at Lower Hutt and then the Welch Trophy at Hamilton. Somewhere in there is the AIMS (Association of Intermediate and Middle Schools) Games at Tauranga with 87 entries in Singles and Pairs which the Tauranga Association is heavily involved in.

On the down side, with returns of membership coming in it is apparent that membership numbers have dropped again. NZIB is working on a promotion for February/ March next year which will involve a National Membership drive which all Districts will be expected to be involved in. How involved you get will be reflected in the numbers of new affiliations you achieve. There will be rewards for the successful Districts. More details will be revealed later but don't say it is too early in the season and Clubs aren't open. If you don't do the groundwork before the season starts you wont get the new members? Indoor Bowls has to start thinking of itself as a year round sport to compete with its rivals. Trevor Rayner, President, NZIB

## NORTH ISLAND TEAM READY TO TOUR SOUTH ISLAND

Can the South break the stranglehold that the northerners have had on the Kevin Eddy Memorial Trophy since 2003 when they play against the tourning North Island team 13 August in Dunedin. The teams are:

North Island: Women: Singles: Teri Anderson, AK; Pairs: Linda McCurdy, WK, Sheree Holmes, UV; Triples: Lois Randall, HV, Elizabeth Morrow, NT, Lorraine Phipps, TG; Fours: Jenny Stockford, AK, Denise Clarkson, HV, Margurrite Gerrand, BP, Fiona Anderson, HR; Men: Singles: Keith Setter, TG; Matthews Ellis, CS, Paul Smith, TG, Paul Wright, AK, Jason Parker, CS, Brent Biggar, NW; Fours: Grant Harvey, NT (Captain), Robert Lochrie, MN, Rodney Mills, AK, Lance Jenner, AK; South Island Women: Singles: Ann Graham, CY; Pairs: Lynn Rance, OT, Mary Jordan, NN; Triples: Marie-Therese Hooper, CY, Suzanne Mackie, SL, Marilyn Holmes, OT; Fours: Jean McKenzie, NN, Rhonda Milne, SL, Deanne Kamo, CY, Elaine Carnie, SL.

**Men:** Singles: Gary Low, SL; Pairs: Owen Ditfort, CY, Mark Keen, SL; Triples: Michael Lawson, AS, Daniel French, OT, Chris Moffitt, CY; Fours: Nigel Warnes, NN, Fred Persico, NN, Ken Mackenzie, AS, Mike King, CY (Captain)

#### WHO NOTED THE CUE TV ERROR?

The repeat broadcast of the Nationals Singles from Porirua was meant to be played last Sunday but unfortunately, human error meant that the 2010 Nationals played instead of the 2011 games!

PLEASE NOTE THE REPLAY TIMES BELOW AND LET YOUR MEMBERS KNOW: Sunday 4th September at 3pm – Singles Semi Finals & Final Sunday 11th September at 3.30pm – Pairs Semi Finals & Final

#### **SOUTH ISLAND MASTERS GAMES**

Thousands of competitors will converge on **Nelson** to take part in the South Island Masters Games from 15 - 23 October 2011 and indoor bowls is one of the 50 sports that will attract 3,000 participants. The masters games is a celebration of sport with both fierce and friendly competition and a jam-packed entertainment programme. Participants are accepted from any area of New Zealand or overseas, not just the South Island. Simply put, anyone can enter as long as they're old enough! **Online Games entry is now open** at <a href="https://www.simasters.co.nz">www.simasters.co.nz</a>. or by phoning the help line on 03 688 5531.

#### **UMPIRES REPRESENTATIVE FOR NZIB EXECUTIVE**

Southland's Stephen Langley 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.

#### **NZ MIXED FOURS FINAL**

Canterbury's Ashley Diamond, David Philpott, Julie Dalley and Bev Diamond were the winners of this event hosted so well in Masterton. This was the first time any of these players had won this title. All of the Canterbury players played well but NZ representative Ashley Diamond was in outstanding form and won games with his last bowl on several occasions from seemingly impossible situations. Nelson's Nigel Warnes, Hayden Warnes, Denise Powick and Louise Mason were runners up while last year's winners Grant l'Ami and Michelle Watt from Taranaki who this year combined with Dennis and Pauline Behrent were third.

#### WANTED ALL PAST WELCH TROPHY WINNERS

This year is the 60th Jubilee for this event scheduled to be played in Hamilton 2-4 September. On the Saturday following the afternoon session there will be a special march pass and cutting of the cake. Please register your intention to attend with Jenny Chapman, Secretary Waikato IBA on 07-84904764 or <a href="mailto-waikindoorbowls@actrix.co.nz">waikindoorbowls@actrix.co.nz</a>. If you want to stay for the dinner which will follow there will be a cost of \$20 per person which must be prepaid to Jenny. Her address is 69 Waiwherowhero Drive, Hamilton 3200.

#### **BIG RISE IN THE COST OF NEW INDOOR BOWLS**

You were warned but all would have been surprised by the magnitude of the increase! New sets of black and yellow bowls now cost \$1,250 and half sets \$650.00. What's more stage two of the increase will see sets rising to \$1,500 before the middle of next year. If you are considering new equipment do it now and the recommendations is to buy complete new sets of black and yellow and not half sets.



#### GREAT INIATATIVE HAPPENING IN NORTH WELLINGTON

North Wellington is running a Crackajack Pairs tournament for Newlands Intermediate this term involving the entire school of 340 pupils. Master mind behind the event is Margaret D'cruz of the Newlands Club who has tackled Grant Rayner to help put the event in motion. The 5 week tournament which will be part of the Newlands Intermediate sports programme for term 3 starts on the 8th of August beginning with a quick introduction to our great game and culminating in a grand final to be played on the 9th September in the school hall with the entire school cheering on their peers to victory. Progress updates will be available on the <a href="www.sportsground.co.nz/northwgtnindoorbowls">www.sportsground.co.nz/northwgtnindoorbowls</a> website. North Wellington's aim will be to sell the game to the kids and their parents to hopefully get families to join local clubs.

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

#### **CELEBRATIONS IN THE BAY**

The HB Assn is celebrating its 40th anniversary of the Napier Indoor Bowls Hall by holding a tournament (progressive triples /fours) afternoon on Sunday 28th August, followed by an afternoon tea. Event will commence at 1.30pm and any past members are welcome to join us for a relaxed fun afternoon. Lots of spot prizes. Entry is free. Anyone interested can contact me by phone; (06) 844-9423 or email <a href="mailto:barryhelenj@hotmail.com">barryhelenj@hotmail.com</a>.

#### 50th JUBILEE FOR CENTRAL KING COUNTRY INDOOR BOWLS

On the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of May 2012 we will celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee. Anyone interested in receiving more information on what we intend doing please Email your interest to either of the following: Fay Jones on <a href="mailto:fayjones@xtra.co.nz">fayjones@xtra.co.nz</a> or Darko Byelich on <a href="mailto:byelichhome@xtra.co.nz">byelichhome@xtra.co.nz</a>