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PRESIDENTS REPORT

At the conclusion of a very busy period for Indoor Bowls I must comment on the high standard of bowls it has been my privilege to witness over the past few weeks. It began with the performance of Ashley Diamond and his team in going through the NZ Mixed Fours finals undefeated and ended with Canterbury narrowly winning their fourth successive Welch Trophy albeit by the narrowest of margins from Manawatu. In between were the efforts of Mathew Bassett in winning the NZ Junior Singles after a huge comeback in the first round of post-section against the defending champion Craig Millar, Teri Anderson winning a second NZ Secondary Schools Singles, Sheldon Bagrie-Howley and Cameron Tremaine retaining their NZ Secondary Schools Pairs Titles and Gary Low winning the Henselite Singles. His semi-final win against Robert Wilson would rank as won of the best games of Singles I have seen. Also in that period was a successful North Island Tour of the South Island where their only loss was the first game of the Tour to Canterbury but the fightback by the South Island in the third session of the Test Match was also inspiring.

Indoor Bowls is alive and well at this level but there is lots of work to be done at District level. We need to retain members, we need to boost numbers taking part in Tournaments and we need to maintain our efforts to get the game into schools. These are among items which are proposed for discussion at our AGM in December. There are success stories out there. Tauranga has had success in boosting tournament participation, its involvement in the AIMS Games will also reap rewards in the future. North Wellington became involved in a programme with Newlands Intermediate School which involved the whole school of 360 taking part in Indoor Bowls once a week for five weeks in a Tournament using a modified Crackerjack Bowls format and culminating in the Finals being played before the whole school and medals and prizes being awarded to the top three teams of four. It was different and it worked. We need to change and we need to plan for that change now. So come to the AGM prepared to discuss and plan for the future of our Great Game. Trevor Rayner, President, NZIB

GREAT TO SEE YOUNG BOWLERS ENJOYING THE GAME

The success of the AIMS games in attracting more than 80 intermediate students has already been mentioned and it was good to see New Zealand representative Fiona Wilson taking 3 days off work to assist with the running of the event. She was ably supported by Kevin Garratt and many others.

Likewise in Wellington with Margaret D'Cruz the brainchild behind an initiative at Newlands Intermediate School which involved the entire school of 340 students. It was a pleasure to be at the final day to see the enthusiasm of the students and another NZ Rep Grant Rayner dressed in NZ number ones master of ceremonies. The local BNZ Manager and her assistant were present to present the magnificent trophies which the bank had donated.

10 year old Kaleb Johnston, son of Michael Johnston won his second Champion of Champion title last Saturday. Playing for the Stoke Club Michael with Kaleb won the Pairs title recently then with Domenic Palumbo and Bryan Ramsey they won the Fours title on Saturday. Kaleb also plays football and on Saturday scored a hat trick in their final game giving them the grade win for the season!

I am sure no other district would have any bowler younger than Kaleb winning two or more Ch of Ch in one season?



THIS IS OUR FUTURE

Any one who attended the Junior Singles, Secondary Schools or AIMS event would have been heartened by what they saw. Not only was the bowling absolutely top class but at all time there was excellent sportsmanship and it was quite evident the wonderful friendships that were being developed. All the bowlers also appreciated the opportunity to play in these events even though a lot of them paid their own way to get there. More experienced players could have learnt much from all the wonderful thank you speeches and gratitude that was shown.

VIV HUDSON CONTINUES TO LEAD THE UMPIRES ON THE EXECUTIVE

Thank you to everyone who voted for me for the elected umpire's representative. It was disappointing however that only 15 districts responded. Thanks to Stephen Langley for putting his name forward. If you are interested to know what is involved with my position I would be happy to discuss it with you.

I have been busy umpiring at various events such as junior singles, secondary schools and also running the Henselite C of C event. I encourage you all to look forward to 2012 and would like to see even more Umpires sitting the National examination. New trainers will also be sort in various areas. If you are interested please email me on: vivs.place@clear.net.nz

GREAT EFFORT CANTERBURY

Canterbury Indoor Bowls representatives retained the Welch Trophy for the fourth successive year at the Diamond Jubilee of the Lion Foundation Welch Trophy tournament held in Hamilton recently. The event produced an absolute classic encounter with the result in doubt up until the final round of pairs to decide the champions. This was Canterbury's twelfth win overall and a magnificent effort after what they have been through over the past 12 months. The team consisted of Simon Thomas, Blair Spicer, Rob Osborne, Julie Thomas, Ashley Diamond, Owen Difort, David Philpott and Chris Moffitt. The reserve was Mike King and the successful manager once again was Julie Dalley.

To mark the occasion of the 60th playing of the Welch Trophy a march pass of approximately 30 past winners was held. Murray Bryant and Robert Frelan, Waikato's double Gold Star holders cut the Jubilee Cake to mark the occasion and the Welch Trophy was presented to Canterbury by Anne Cole daughter of George Welch who presented the original trophy.

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

The Annual General Meeting for NZIB will be held on 3 December and nominations to fill positions on the NZIB Executive are currently being called for. It has been some years since any voting has been necessary. The question needs to be asked if this is apathy or confirmation that all districts consider the present Executive is going a great job. 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 25 October 2011.



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

2012 EVENTS TO BE PUT IN YOUR DIARIES NOW!

2-4 June North Island Indoor Bowls Championships to be held in Palmerston North. For additional information contact Secretary Manawatu IBA, Jennifer Sackfield- Phone 06 323 5956 or email jennig@hotmail.co.nz
9-16 June National Championships- Invercargill – Contact Secretary SIBC- Clifford Shirreffs- Phone 03-216 6191 or email sibc@xtra.co.nz



WINNING WAYS ALL IN THE FAMILY

To win a North Otago Champion of Champions triples title is one thing, but to win with three generations of one family is a whole different ball game. That is what the Robb family members did recently in Oamaru. First-generation Gordon allowed his son Andrew to skip the side which also included Gordon's grandson and Andrew's nephew Stefan, a student at Waitaki Boy's High School. With Gordon's experience, Andrew's leadership and Stefan's rising talent, all three represent North Otago in indoor bowls. Any other family stories like this out in other districts?

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