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## NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND UP



North Taranaki's Grant l'Ami (pictured left) is well on the way to becoming the first player to win a second National Gold Star after the completion of the 2013 Nationals in Rotorua. The 38-year-old, playing out of the South City Club in Tauranga won the singles from a field of 635. l'Ami, who led New Zealand to a whopping win over Australia recently, won his eighth national title at Rotorua. It goes with four wins in the fours, two in the triples and one in the pairs. He beat Barry Clement from Papamoa Sports Club in Tauranga 10-5 in the final. Also in the singles Sue Bourne from Taranaki won the Truth Cup for the most successful woman, Amber McNally, from Waikato, won the Cliff Thompson Trophy for best under 18, and the Kath and Sen Smith Trophy for the best over 65 went to Murray Fraser of Canterbury.

The Pairs went to Trevor and Lisa Gould, Upper Hutt Valley, giving each a second national title. The Triples went to Paul Midgley, Grant Harvey and Sheree Holmes from North Taranaki, and the fours was taken out by North Taranaki's John Zittersteijn, Mark Ridley, Sean Ridley and Gina Owen.

Well done to John Zitterstein for becoming the 6<sup>th</sup> holder of a National Championship Gold Star. John is shown here (right) with son Aiden who was one of many younger bowlers to compete at Rotorua. They played together in the Pairs and qualified and Aiden also qualified in the Triples. His goal in life is to beat Dad in Singles!



Player of the Tournament was Trevor Gould (pictured left), Upper Valley and congratulations to all winners.



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Wow!!!!, what a great 8 days the 64th National Championships provided for indoor bowlers. Rotorua came to the party and turned on perfect weather. Dianne Mackey and her Bay of Plenty team were very welcoming, hospitable and able to provide for everyone's needs. It was a fantastic venue- modern, warm, great seating, spacious, 100 mats easily only made possible by the financial assistance of the Energy Events Centre Trust and the Rotorua District Council which was greatly appreciated. Once again the North and South, Island and Zone, Academy and Masters events were well competed for and enjoyed by the players. The two trophies will remain in the North for the next 12 months and will continue to do so unless more nominations and support of the event is given by the South Island Districts. The South teams have become extremely hard to put together and in the future our centre selectors will need to nominate all entries for the Nationals, if these events are to prosper and be more competitive. Keep warm, Martin Nordqvist.

## UMPIRES NEWS

Viv Hudson the Umpires Rep on the Executive since 2006 has resigned from this position due to health reasons and we all wish her well in her recovery. With the increasing number of districts now run by one administration the current Executive considers it time to do away with this specific position and will be presenting a Notice of Motion to the 2013 Annual General Meeting. It is considered it would be more appropriate to have another Executive Member with one of the elected given the responsibility for the Umpires. In the meantime however it will be status quo and the nomination form for election of an Umpires Representative on the NZIB Executive has been sent to all districts. Closing date for nominations is 31 July.

## COMING UP IN JULY

6 July NZ Mixed fours zone finals to be played at Manurewa, Whakatane, Napier, Te Kuiti, Levin, Greymouth, Christchurch and Dunedin. The winning team from each zone will then play in the NZ Mixed Fours National Final to be played in Ashhurst, Manawatu 27 July. 19-21 July will see the Paterson Zone Finals being played at Pukekohe, Gisborne, Feilding, North Wellington, Collingwood, Invercargill with the winning teams to compete in the Welch Trophy Final to be held in the Lincoln Event Centre, Canterbury 6-8 September. Go along and see some top bowling action and support your local team.

## ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE FOLLOWING INDOOR BOWLS LEAD!

No longer on SKY TV you will need to watch your Premier League games via your computer just like indoor bowls! Have you seen all the great National coverage of games on [www.nzindoorbowls.co.nz](http://www.nzindoorbowls.co.nz) prepared by Alex Reed. NZIB gave Alex approval to purchase some new video equipment and shortly all the semi-finals and finals of the Nationals will be available for viewing. There is other interesting footage also available on the website including the 1989 Welch Trophy held in Napier which was won by the very strong Waikato team for the third year running.

◆ **MILESTONE CELEBRATED**  
Congrats to Gordon & Maureen Dick who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary recently. Gordon has been the Bush Ruahine Indoor Bowls Centre Secretary for the past 18 years & they are great supporters of the Nationals.

◆ **2014 NATIONAL CHAMPS**  
**Pettigrew Green Arena, Taradale, HAWKES BAY**  
The following bowlers who attended this year's event were the lucky winners for free entry for next year:  
Murray Larkin, Wairarapa; Alister Wilson, North Taranaki; Jacinta Freitas, Cauty; Matt Thomas and Graeme Ward, Northland; Dale Pollock, Tauranga; Rochelle Hastie, Waikato; Trevor Gould, Hutt Valley; Paul Berkley, Ashburton; June Marino, Bay of Plenty.

◆ **WHO SAID INDOOR BOWLS WAS AN OLD PERSONS SPORT?**  
Interesting information from the South Island Championships reveals that the 8 winners of the events had an average age of 27.3

