



## LION FOUNDATION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND UP

Wow what a great event this was and well done to Controller David Edgar and the local team lead by Erik Chilton and HB's President Dianne Hardie. Now that the Nationals are over it is time for those who attended to let us know what you thought of it all. So far all the comments have been positive with the changes introduced - events being played out on consecutive days, six points to qualify and drawn games being played out. There were not a great number of extra ends needed to decide the winner, and they didn't hold the events up very much. How about the music which seemed to be enjoyed by all? Your Executive is keen to make the Nationals a real flagship event to attract more people so tell us what you want. Email your comments to [ngaire@nzindoorbowls.co.nz](mailto:ngaire@nzindoorbowls.co.nz). Dress-up day at the Triples in Napier seemed popular, and our roving camera caught some of the eye-catching ensembles. Some more of you might like to join in at Timaru next year. It all helps add to the colour of the occasion. Great to see the new blue and orange bowls - they certainly seem to work well in the finals!

**LET'S HEAR IT FOR TERI** Teri Anderson is the first player to reach three national championship finals in one week. Runner-up in the singles to Ashley Diamond, then pair's runner-up to Grant l'Ami and Mike Phipps and finally winning the triples with Grant Rayner and Paul Psaila. She was awarded the Robertson Cup for player of the Tournament. Teri Anderson's path in indoor bowls is unparalleled by any other at such a young age. No-one can match what she has achieved by the age of 20 years what might the future?

**She has battled the debilitating disease of Juvenile Arthritis but has never been heard to make that an excuse for an off day.**

Teri started playing bowls nine years ago and has had a meteoric rise through the junior ranks. She won the NZ Junior title in 2009, and was runner-up in 2007, 2010 and 2011 and third equal in 2008.

When the Secondary School Singles was introduced she won the Gold Medal in 2008, 2011 and the Secondary School Pairs in 2009.

**The pairs win was remarkable as she had to talk a fellow student from Newlands College into partnering her who had had no experience in the Sport - but they won.**

At the National Championship singles she won the Cliff Thompson Trophy for the most successful junior five times. In 2008 she combined with Tim Veale to win her first national pairs and then backed that up with a triples win with Grant Rayner and Paul Psaila in 2010. Her consistency is shown by being third equal in the Pairs in 2009 and Triples in 2011 and 2013.

She then represented the North Island and has four Inter-Island medals

**Except for the fact that she was due to become a mother in 2013 she would probably have achieved her ambition to represent her country.**

As singles runner-up and winner of the Truth Cup she has the unique record of winning the Cliff Thompson Trophy and the Truth Cup double.

*Delwyn Hughes*

## BACK TO BACK FOURS TITLES

John Zittersteijn along with father and son Mark and Sean Ridley and Rotorua's Gina Owen from Club 2000, North Taranaki created history when they scored back to back wins in the fours at the National Championships. It was the first time in 62 years that this had been achieved and to add to the occasion it was witnessed by Gordon Ward a member of the last winning team back in 1951 and 1952! Zittersteijn's team defeated Tauranga's Paul Smith, Keith Setter, Geoff Coughy and Fiona Wilson, South City Club, 13-3 in the final over ten ends.

At the end of the tournament a special presentation was made to 93-year-old Gordon Ward, who was the lead in that winning fours team in 1951 and 1952. Mr Ward lost his medals sometime in the intervening 60 years, and New Zealand Indoor Bowls presented him with two replacements.

Gordon was then invited to present the Stoneham Shield to this year's champions.



From left Mark Ridley, Sean Ridley, Gina Owen, John Zittersteijn with Gordon Ward.



## Sibling rivals at top of their game.

North Wellington brother and sister indoor bowlers Grant and Dale Rayner faced off in the triples at the Nationals in Taradale (Napier). The Rayners were in opposing teams at the quarter final stage. Dale, was leading for a Tawanui team skipped by Avon Compton with Paul Voorend at two. Grant, also from Tawanui, and his team, Paul Psaila and Teri Anderson, beat Avon's team 10-4 and went on to become the 2014 New Zealand Triples champions. They won the Triples in 2010. - Peter Layne



from left Paul Psaila, Teri Anderson and Grant Rayner with the triples trophy.

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The following bowlers who attended this year's event were the lucky winners for free entry for next year. Sandra Bain (WR), Carol Buckley (BP), Stephen Preddy (SO), Robin Porter (BP), Lou Baskiville (RD), Chris Wolak (HV), John Gray (CY), Sam Anderson (HO), Paul Guest (BP), Steve Gracie (HV). Some of them will need to decide whether they want to enter the newly introduced Masters grade or a mixture of both- maybe masters singles and play in the open grade for the other events?

## COMING IN JULY

Next event on the national calendar is the Mixed Fours. If your district hasn't run its elimination yet there's not a lot of time left, and remember all the winning teams are needed so send them to NPO Chris Bullen - [cbullen@xtra.co.nz](mailto:cbullen@xtra.co.nz). So far we've only got about half. The zone finals are on the 5th of July in: North Island - Albany (NH), Whakatane (BOP), Central Hall, New Plymouth (NT), Masterton (WR), Titahi Bay (NW). South Island - Blenheim (MR), Timaru (SC), and Balclutha (SO).

The Paterson follows on 18-20 July and again teams need to be advised to the NPO as soon as they are available. Zone competition this year will be played at the Roskill and Districts IB Hall, Napier Indoor Bowls Hall, Otorohanga Club Inc, Expressions, Upper Hutt, Greymouth High School Hall and Timaru Indoor Bowls Association Community Center

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

## UMPIRE NEWS

Congratulations to the following umpires who passed the National exam last month.

Victoria Pask, Manawatu; Don Henry, Marlborough; John Utting and Adrienne Cox, North Harbour; Brigid Marr, Ruth Porteous, Jean Cox and John Barnett, Otago; Mark Davey, Thames Valley and welcome back to George Baker and Sandra Henderson, Hutt Valley.

Well done to Otago for their success which was the result of a well-planned training programme - details of this will be in the next newsletter

## UMPIRING AT THE NATIONALS

Bevan and Kay Matthews with the help of Kathryn Edgar coordinated the Umpires this year and it is pleasing to note it was a much smoother process than last year. Long may this continue? Does the refund of entries fees if a person umpires more than 3 sessions have anything to do with it?

## LAWS OF THE GAME REVIEW

Do you think any changes to the laws need to be made? This is a 10 yearly process so now is the time to have your say before 10 July when submissions close.

## NZ TEAM

10 men and 10 women will be selected to trial for the NZ team which plays Australia at Mount Maunganui, May next year. The Trialists will be announced at the North v South Island Test in Timaru 16 August. Nomination forms are now available from District Secretaries.



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