

# NZ INDOOR BOWLS NEWS

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## THERE HAVE BEEN CHANGES SINCE THE INAUGURAL MEETING 18 SEPTEMBER 1948

## AND THERE WILL BE CHANGES AT THIS AGM

Current President Martin Nordqvist has advised he will be standing down at the AGM to be held 6 December so a new President, Deputy and 5 Executive Members positions need to be decided. 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 discuss with a current Executive Member or National Office. Nominations for these positions must be received by 27 October.



## LION FOUNDATION WELCH TROPHY

The contenders have been found for the Welch Trophy this year, and one thing is certain – there will be a new holder for our sport's top trophy for inter-district competition.

Last year's winner, North Taranaki, failed to qualify in Paterson Trophy zone play in this year's tournament.

Manawatu now hold the Paterson Trophy for that zone. Their teams, skipped by Jason Moore and Tim Veale, won their zone with North Taranaki second.

The closest result was in Zone 6, where Southland headed off Otago by just half a point.

The six winners, and holders of the Paterson Trophy for their zone, are: - Zone 1, Thames Valley; Zone 2, Tauranga; Zone 3, Manawatu; Zone 4, North Wellington; Zone 5, Ashburton; Zone 6, Southland. The play-off for the Welch Trophy will be at the Pukekohe Cosmopolitan Club 5-7 September.

## INDOOR BOWLS TRIALISTS NAMED

The New Zealand Indoor Bowls selectors have named 20 trialists for the national team to defend the Henselite Trophy against Australia in New Zealand next year.

The trials will be played in Wellington in November.

The trialists are:-

**Men:** Ashley Diamond (Canterbury), Grant l'Ami (North Taranaki), Gary Low (Southland), John Zittersteijn (North Taranaki), Grant Rayner (North Wellington), Owen Diftort (Canterbury), Paul Smith (Tauranga), Paul Wright (Auckland), Mike Phipps (Tauranga), Grant Harvey (North Taranaki).

**Women:** Lois Randall (Hutt Valley), Fiona Wilson (Tauranga), Linda McCurdy (Waikato), Maureen Pruden (Waikato), Sheree Holmes (Upper Hutt Valley), Gina Owen (Bay of Plenty), Dale Rayner (North Wellington), Teri Anderson (Waikato), Sharon Peters (North Harbour), Denise Clarkson (Hutt Valley).



## NORTH ISLAND INDOOR BOWLS TOUR OF THE SOUTH ISLAND

The North Island indoor bowls team finished unbeaten in its series of matches against South Island districts.

They played 12 districts in eight contests around the South Island and won all very convincingly. However they were brought down to earth with a real battle in the Inter Island Test against the South Island held in Timaru although ending up retaining the Kevin Eddy Memorial Trophy 29 points to 19.

As expected the North Island women dominated the fixture winning all their medals but the South men won medals for taking out the men's pairs, triples and fours. North Island's singles player Paul Smith went against the trend by winning the singles.

The closest game of the night was the men's triples where the two teams each finished with one and a half wins and the match went to the South 33-30 on a countback of ends won.

All in all it was a great day's bowls and it is hoped that the South can take confidence from their showing and provide good opposition when they tour the North Island next year.

## AIMS GAMES AND NZ SECONDARY SCHOOLS ENTRIES INCREASE

225 Intermediate School's indoor bowlers will participate at the Aims Games to be held at Tauranga next month and there are 60 Secondary Schools bowlers entered in the NZ SS event to be held at North Wellington at the end of August. The challenge for districts and clubs is to convert these students into members and get them playing in your Association fixtures. Maybe they will bring Mum and Dad along as well!

## NZ MIXED FOURS NATIONAL FINAL TURNS 50



The Anniversary cake was cut at afternoon tea by GB-Mot's team members Ron and Rae Inglis, who had won the 1982 tournament. Also in the photograph is NZIB's President Martin Nordqvist who gave a brief speech outlining the history of the event. Tauranga's winning team was Paul Smith, Mike Phipps, Fiona Wilson and Lorraine Phipps with Canterbury runners up.

Last year's winners from North Taranaki, skipped by John Zittersteijn, failed to qualify this year.

## NZIB'S VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The purpose of this award is to recognise the valuable work provided by unpaid volunteers at all levels either district or club. Surely someone in your district has done an outstanding job during the previous 12 months showing leadership, achieved changes or started new projects?

Nomination forms can be downloaded from [www.nzindoorbowls.co.nz](http://www.nzindoorbowls.co.nz) or can be obtained by contacting National office.

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How's this for confusion. When the North Island met Golden Bay-Motueka on the 10th of August, they found Alison Third, playing Two in the Women's Triples.

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From the Help Wanted column. How do you clean your mats? The traditional way was with a stiff straw broom, but that's hard work, especially if you have a lot of mats to sweep. Another way is to take them outdoors and shake them. Ugh, very dusty, and like sweeping, hard work. Does anybody use a vacuum cleaner? Seems like a good solution, but does it affect the pile of the mat? Any other ideas out there?

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As we near the end of another season, how are you doing with attracting new members, particularly juniors, or did it end up in the too-hard basket. Let us know of the action your club took to get new players, and hopefully keep them. NPO Chris Bullen's club has two so far, which may not seem a lot, but with a financial membership of around a dozen represents a 16 per cent increase. Even little steps count!

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Twenty-eight players aged 10-18 will represent their district and line up in the Junior Singles to be played in Wellington 30 August. There will be a new champion this year as last year's winner Trevor Burgess of Southland is not in the field, along with the runner-up, Stefan Robb of North Otago.

One of the favourites in the field is 16-year-old Nash Smith of Tauranga, who, made the play-off to decide the winner of the Cliff Thompson Trophy at this year's National Championships and won the pairs at the North Island Secondary Schools event. Another is 17-year-old Journey Hihi who won the strongly contested PB-EC spot.



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