



Presidents Message

The North Island Team completed a successful tour of the South Island winning all their matches including the match against the South Island for the Kevin Eddy Memorial Trophy. Congratulations to the North Island Team. During the tour several districts took the opportunity to engage with the touring team members to promote the game with the touring players participating in games with local members. Well done to Southland, South Canterbury and Ashburton for organising these activities. Unfortunately the activity at Canterbury was cancelled when we were unable to get into Christchurch on time.

The end of the year is fast approaching and it is time to consider the future administration roles that need to be filled. I would ask all members to consider what role they may be able to take on to assist with the running of their club or district. With the declining numbers involved in the game it is critical that everybody makes an effort to be available to assist, even if it's only to provide support to those who do get elected to official positions.

Go on give it a go, it's not going to harm you and you might even enjoy it.

Barry Chapman
President

DEVELOPMENT ADVISOR FOR NZIB

Michelle Watt has settled into her new role well and even though she is still delivering sessions at schools that certainly will not be the main focus in the future. She has attended a Sport NZ workshop and learnt that more leadership and upskilling for the volunteers is important as the sport enters into a new five-year plan.

She is not alone in recognising that players have to change their mind set overall for the sport, and rethink how things have been working. In most districts the decline in membership continues and it is time to try something different.

There is never a reason not to upskill in positions and opportunities for bowls and yourself- the more you put in the more you get out of it. If the same people keep doing everything one day they may not be around, so who will do it then? Too many clubs and districts rely on the same people too much and it is time you took your turn. Arguably when most of you started playing club bowls, probably many years ago, it was a vibrant and happy place to be. What legacy will you be handing on? So the next time you are at your club ask if there are any jobs you could help with.

Local Sponsorship Deal confirmed

Manawatu IBC has been successful in securing an ongoing annual \$1000 sponsorship deal with Radius Peppertree.

Radius Peppertree is part of the Radius Residential Care group, a wholly New Zealand owned business with an underpinning philosophy of 'keeping older people active'. This sponsorship deal recognises the important role indoor bowls plays in keeping many of the older members in the Manawatu region active. This could well be a good lead for other districts to pursue sponsorship in your area.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW NATIONAL UMPIRES

Deputy President Nigel Warnes has added the role of the National Umpires Examiner to his work load and is doing a sterling job modernising the process.

As you will be aware there are now two opportunities in the year that the exam can be taken-either the first week in May or August. Successful candidates in the latest sitting were South Otago's Alanna Preddy, Chris Moffitt, David Gorton, Barry Gray; Upper Hutt Valley's Sheree Holmes, Lisa Duncan, Helen Bell; Horowhenua Ruth Munro; Marlborough's Jude Tootell, Kevin Wills, Ashburton's Michael Lawson, North Harbours Kathy Farquhar and Ben Pound along with Nelsons Christine East and Heather Dodds from Canterbury.

Well done to you all and it is good to see active players including NZ and Island representatives giving something back to the game.

WELCH TROPHY TEAMS 2016

North Taranaki will be looking to retain the Welch Trophy when they line up against the five other Paterson Trophy winners in Christchurch 2-4 September.

The Welch Trophy, presented by George and Elsie Welch, has been going since 1951, and is regarded as the premier inter-district competition. To win it a district must first beat all the other districts in its Paterson Trophy Zone and then fight off the five other zone winners in the Welch Trophy Final.

The competing teams this year are: Ashburton, Counties, North Taranaki, Otago, Upper Hutt Valley and Waikato.

Whilst it is a team's event those nominated for the NZ Team will be well aware that it will be one of the last opportunities to impress the NZ Selectors who are Barry Chapman, Nigel Warnes and David Edgar. The team's announcement will be at the Annual General Meeting in December.

NZ SECONDARY SCHOOLS EVENT

A record 73 players from 21 Secondary Schools will line up in the New Zealand Secondary Schools indoor bowls singles to be played at North Wellington following the NZ Junior Singles.

Last year Sixty-four players took part and the pairs the following day has drawn a field of 36 teams.

The singles field includes the national junior singles champion and North Island secondary schools singles winner, Aidan Zittersteijn of Spotswood College in North Taranaki, and the runner-up in the secondary schools singles last year, Jason Gray of Southland Boys High.

In the pairs, Cameron and David Ellis from Timaru Boys High are defending their title from last year.

Junior Singles Champion Defending Title

Last year's winner Aidan Zittersteijn, from Club 2000 in North Taranaki will be back to defend his title at the fast approaching New Zealand Indoor Bowls Junior Singles Championship.

Also in the field is last year's plate winner, Jakeb White of Counties, now 16, and the 2015 junior champion, Jonty Horwell from Otago who is 17. Great to see these 3 young bowlers featuring in their Districts winning Paterson team and they will be playing in the Welch Trophy in Christchurch.

NZIB'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM is an important date in the calendar so make sure your district is represented with a delegate who is well qualified to voice your district's views. As usual it will be held at the Brentwood Hotel in Wellington 3 December. Nominations are now open for all the Executive positions so if you believe you have the skills required, or know someone available who does be aware that nominations close 25 October. Also if you wish to make any changes to how NZIB is currently being run remits/ notices of motion must be received by 5 October.

