



From the President

Well I would just like to say on behalf of all of us how proud we are of our legendary "Mat Blacks". Their utmost professional performance in the First World Cup of Indoor Bowls in the U.K was nothing short of brilliant. Not only did they win, but they did it with style, skill, professionalism and courtesy, a result we could only have hoped for. This could well lead to a new tier for the game of Indoor Bowls and perhaps be the start of a long future for this sport. "You Little Beauties".

Of course I should mention all those supporters who went with them and what a great impact they had with all-you did our sport proud and were great ambassadors for our sport, thank you. Last but not least Trevor and Linda Rayner have now been to the U.K twice in the last three years to make this happen. Organising and liaising everything to make this event successful has been a huge effort on their behalf and another special thanks should go to you. Trev I am sure all the people who watched your live feeds and listened to your comments were very

appreciative of this, "Well Done Great Job".

As you will be aware the North Island Championship are in Rotorua at Queen's Birthday weekend and Ashburton is holding the Nationals starting the following weekend and running for the next eight days. I would encourage everyone to come and support the North versus South Academy and Masters Events held on the Wednesday afternoon and the District challenge that will be held on the Thursday night at the Nationals. This is a great chance for everyone to support their fellow bowlers and friends in what should be a great display of bowls. Both BP and Ashburton have put lots of effort into these events and I wish all those organising and attending these events a very successful Tournament.

Just one more thing before I sign off. Please let's all give it a special effort in trying to get some new players into our sport, I think our game is on the brink number wise to it becoming a very different game in the future if we can't get the numbers to stop declining. Good bowling everybody and I look forward to catching up with you all.

Nigel Warnes, NZIB's President

Historic Win for Mat Blacks

The New Zealand Indoor Bowls Mat Blacks have won the inaugural English Carpet Bowls Association's World Cup that was played between England, Norway and New Zealand at Potters Resort at Hopton-on-Sea in Norfolk.

This was an historic win for the Mat Blacks as they were playing under different conditions than what they do in New Zealand and that was not the end of the celebrations as the New Zealand Captain Grant l'Ami won the Festival of Bowls Singles Cup in an all New Zealand final against Paul Wright in a close match. This added to his already impressive record both domestically and internationally.



NZ Team with their supporters

National Championships at Ashburton for the first Time

There will be a new open singles champion this year at the 69th Summerset National Indoor Bowls Championships to be held at Ashburton's E.A Networks Centre. The 2017 Open Singles Champion Wayne Baker from Hamilton will not defend his title however all of the other champions have entered. Paul Wright and Richard Caddy, Waikato will defend the Open Pairs and then combine with Ashley Diamond and Sheree Holmes to defend the Open Fours titles. The Open Triples champions are skipped by the New Zealand President Nigel Warnes who combines with Giovanni Persico and Richard Verdonk from Golden Bay-Motueka.

All of the Masters Champions are entered. They are Singles Brian Hotton, Southland; Pairs Barry Clement and Moyra Hood from Tauranga; Triples Ron and Rae Inglis along with Etty Wells from Golden Bay-Motueka and Fours Allan Gibson, Evelyn Duffield, Carol Dawson and Rana Bleeker from South Canterbury.

Leading Lawn Bowler Ali Forsyth returns to the mats along with the record lawn bowls titleholder Gary Lawson. Both have featured previously. They will combine with New Zealand representative Simon Thomas and North Island and former NZ representative Dale Rayner in the fours.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRIES STILL AVAILABLE!!

Plenty of vacancies available in both Open and Masters Triples & Fours and also Master Pairs. **Contact Ngaire at National office ngaire@nzindoorbowls.co.nz or mobile 0274 896 113**



Master Fours Winners Rana Bleeker, Carol Dawson, Evelyn Duffield, Allan Gibson, South Canterbury



Open Fours Champions from left Ashley Diamond, Sheree Holmes, Richard Caddy, Paul Wright, Waikato

CHEAP TRAVEL ON THE INTERISLANDER

Look for the link on NZIB's website.

These cheaper fares are valid for travel from 01 June through to 31 October 18

COMMONWEALTH GAMES BRONZE MEDALISTS



Prominent North Taranaki Indoor Bowler Aidan Zittersteijn, (pictured left) with his skip Taiki Paniani completed a history making run in the 2018 Commonwealth Games Men's Lawn Bowls Pairs claiming bronze and securing the Cook Island's their first ever medal in Games history. Aidan qualified for Cook Island selection through his Grandfather's origins hailing back to the humble island of Rarotonga.

Aidan won the NZ Secondary Schools Indoor Bowls Singles title in 2016 and 2017 and he also has three Welch Trophy medals from 2015 - 2017.

Rotorua hosts North Island Indoor Bowls Championships Queen's Birthday Weekend

A high quality field has been attracted to the North Island Indoor Bowls Championships to be held in Rotorua at Queen's Birthday weekend.

There are 120 Pairs, 65 Triples and 55 Fours entered. The Island Championships are always held in the Island opposite to the one that the National Championships are in. With the Nationals played two in the North Island and one in the South Island the last North Island Championships were held at New Plymouth in 2015.

Steve Fisher, Linda McCurdy, Warren Freeman and Lee Singer from the Portage Road Club, Auckland will defend the fours that they won in 2015.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW NATIONAL UMPIRES

Good to see Northland has been conducting some umpire training and they had a 100% success rate at the recent National Exam. Congratulations to Eleanor Holt, Michael, Riceman, Eilean Rawson and Jeremy Bartlett all passing with excellent results. Well done as well to Horowhenua's Janet Vivian who has also now qualified as a National Umpire.

For those interested umpires who missed the May Exam you do have another opportunity to sit the exam during the first week of August or at another time to suit by contacting Nigel Warnes southernalpine@gmail.com

HAVE YOUR SAY??

An open forum will be held with NZIB Executive on Monday, 11 June at the conclusion of the Pairs qualifying, at approximately 4.30pm

If you can't make that forum let your views be known to National Office. Your Executive is very keen to have more input from Clubs and bowlers and is making every effort to communicate more directly with all stakeholders.

DISTRICT AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT/COACH ROLES STILL VACANT?

As was stated last newsletter NZIB wants every district to have someone in this role as well as to oversee them four or five fully funded Regional roles. Please contact National Office if you are interested or know of anyone who is.



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