



From the President

Well the season seems to be moving fast with everything building up to its conclusion over the next month or so. For your executive it is about to all happen starting with the North vs South match over the weekend which turned out to be a closely fought contest with the North winning on a count back. Whoever suggests that this is a one sided competition should have been there to see the games with the result still in the air right up to the last game. I would like to take this chance to thank all those involved and all the spectators that were there (the most I have seen for a long time). We still have the Junior Singles and Secondary Schools competition in North Wellington, Welch Trophy Final in Upper Hutt, Champion of Champion Singles final in Palmerston North and the

Mixed Pairs and Fours in Auckland to go.

Throughout the year I have urged everyone to try and bring along new people to the sport and try to get the unaffiliated clubs and people to join. With most of the affiliation returns in now it seems like nothing has changed as the numbers still continue to decline. About thirteen Districts have held the same or slightly improved which is great to see. Southland (387 to 403) was the only increase of note and all the others were Districts with numbers of 130 or less. To all of these districts I say well done and keep up the "GOOD WORK". To all the others "SERIOUSLY IT IS UP TO YOU ALL TO MAKE THIS WORK" or the harsh reality is our sport will die out in just a few short years.

Moving forward as I have said I believe communication will be the key to growing our sport. In other words if we can quickly spread great ideas and new initiatives

from one club to all clubs instantly then the way forward will be made easier for all. To do this we need all Clubs and district contacts. Most have come forward with this information but there are still allot that have not, for those who haven't can you please chase up and send the info on. Once we have all the details then we can move forward sending out information and helpful suggestions to all.

For all those people out there that have lots to say on how we run our sport the time is soon coming for you to put your hands up and stand for representation on your Local, District or National body committee and have your input. For those who do this every year congratulations and keep it up, thanks.

All the best and good bowling for the rest of the season.

Nigel Warnes,
President NZIB

THERE HAVE BEEN CHANGES SINCE THE INAUGURAL MEETING 18 SEPTEMBER 1948



AND THERE WILL BE CHANGES AT THIS AGM

Two members of the Executive Trevor Rayner and David Lynn have indicated that they will be standing down at the AGM to be held 1 December so these positions will need to be filled. 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 23 October.

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 a great job during the previous 12 months showing leadership, achieved changes or started new projects?

Nomination forms can be downloaded from www.nzindoorbowls.co.nz or can be obtained by contacting National office.



HAVE YOU WATCHED ANY OF THE LIVE STREAMING?



Well many did- there were 134,562 minutes of footage viewed over the tour; 40,188 views and 104,647 people were reached in some way. This means that they would have seen the video on their newsfeed. If you aren't on Facebook the link is

found on the NZIB website.

EVENTS COMING UP



*Matthew Farquhar 2017
Junior Singles Champion and
Silver medal SS Singles*

Twenty-three players aged 12-18 will represent their district and line up in the NZ Junior Singles to be played in Wellington 25 August. Last year's winner Matthew Farquhar (Bay of Plenty) will be returning to defend his title as will be the runner up Jakeb White (Counties). It may well be a repeat of last year's final!

Ten of these bowlers will stay on to compete in the NZ Secondary Schools final the next day which has attracted a field of 64 from 27 Colleges throughout the country. There will be a new winner with Aidan Zittersteijn (North Taranaki) having left school. The pairs entries competition on the Monday has a record entry of 38.

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, Auckland, failed to qualify in Paterson Trophy zone play in this year's tournament.

The six winners, and holders of the Paterson Trophy for their zone, are: - Zone 1, Counties; Zone 2, Waikato; Zone 3, Manawatu; Zone 4, Upper Hutt Valley; Zone 5, Ashburton; Zone 6, Southland.

The play-off for the Welch Trophy will be at the Upper Hutt Civic Centre 31 August-2 September. We are pleased to have the support of the Upper Hutt Cosi Club to host this event.

The following weekend 8 September will have Manawatu hosting the Henselite Champion of Champion event at Feilding and the final competition for the year will be the Mixed Fours and Mixed Pairs National final to be held at Auckland's Western Hall. Again there will be new title holders with Tauranga's Mixed Fours team of Paul Smith, Mike Phipps, Fiona Keegan, Lorraine Phipps failing to qualify in their zone final and Southland's Mixed Pair's Graham and Jan Low missing out in their district competition.

HOW ABOUT BOOKING YOUR NEXT YEAR'S INDOOR BOWLS HOLIDAY NOW

There are plenty of wonderful ideas available

- Visit Invercargill and support the Mat Blacks as they take on Australia 16-18 May
- Attend the 70th Summerset National Championships in Rotorua's wonderful Energy Events Centre 8-15 June
- Make a visit to Potters Resort for the UK's Festival of Carpet Bowls 13-18 May 2019
- Or a closer overseas trip to the fun Norfolk Island Convicts Challenge 28 March-5 April

Details of the above two trips can be found on the Website or from National Office.

DOES YOUR CLUB HAVE A COACH?

NZIB is very keen to roll out a new coaching strategy but wants to ensure it is the correct way to go about it before doing so. It is being hampered by a reluctance of Districts to appoint a Coach/Development person, which is so important to make it work. In addition, there is a strong desire to employ four or five fully funded positions in a Regional role. Please contact National Office if you are aware of any qualified person who may be interested.



The victorious North Island Indoor Bowls team completed an unbeaten tour of the South Island with a count back win over the South Island at Ashburton last weekend.

One had to feel sorry for the South after going into the final round with a 20-12 lead. Interesting with all the South men winning medals plus the women's triples but they still couldn't get the long awaited team victory across the line.



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