

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- WCBA Graded Tournament 12-14 March 2010
- WCBA AGM being held 14 March 2010
- Nationals this year are in Wellington at Queens Birthday weekend

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Key Tournament News

Upcoming Tournament:

Following on from 2008 successful WCBA graded tournament – another one is planned for 12-14 March 2010 at Kapiti Tenpin. We had hoped to run this towards the end of 2009 but illness of a key committee member and the lack of notice this would have provided to the event caused a change in plans.

A similar format will be used to last year, but bigger and better – There is a guaranteed \$2,000 of prizes up for grabs and as they say you must be in to win. Handicaps will be based on your highest league average for 2009. For anyone that doesn't have a league average you will need to play off a zero handicap – but don't let this stop you entering as there are also going to be spot prizes to be won.

Tournaments last year:

During November 2009 WCBA

members co-ordinated a regular annual trip to Christchurch to compete in the Canterbury Open. Some years WCBA has been successful in obtaining funding to offer this trip to a



The group down at the Canterbury Open 2009. Greg was also there but somehow was late for the photo. For those that know Greg we ask the question was this out of character?

selection of Graded and Open men and women. While WCBA has not been able to obtain funding in the last couple of years – a sizable group of 14

Wellington bowlers and supporters travelled down to Christchurch for this competition in 2009.

Pictures can be found at www.wcba.org.nz under WCBA – Photo's.

Notable achievements this year:

There are many notable achievements by WCBA members this year at both domestic and international competitions. At the end of this newsletter is an easy to read summary kindly prepared by Ivena. Special mention goes out to the following bowlers who have travelled overseas this year as part of representative teams:

- Kerrie Churchill
- Stephanie George
- Allan Heald
- Ivena Heald
- Annabelle Swain

WCBA'S AGM

Yep, WCBA has one of these each year. It's your chance to elect a new committee, make any changes to constitution necessary and generally provide input into how WCBA is run. This is an open forum, and this year we are running the AGM on the 14th of March after the prize giving for the WCBA graded champs. There are a few formal items like accepting

the accounts and electing a committee but we will attempt to keep this piece short – where we would like to focus is where we people see WCBA heading with discussion about what it can achieve to make bowling better in the greater Wellington region.

Any resubmits (changes to the rules WCBA has) need to be in

20 days before 22 Feb. Discuss with Ian Klein if you have anything

WCBA Achievements in 2009

Grants:

This year has not been an easy one in which to achieve grant funding. WCBA have however been successful in gaining \$9.5k (net of GST and returns) of grants over the last 12 months which have assisted the Wellington Team and the youth team attend competitions and also keep members well presented in leagues and tournaments.

Professional Seminars:

This year the coaching representatives on the committee arranged

for Sarah Burkhart Nutrition to speak on the topic of sports nutrition. If there is demonstrated interest in further seminars on topics relevant to improving members bowling performance the committee would like to make this happen.

Other Stuff:

The year started with lots of discussion. Recently some of these have produced tangible outputs:

- The Website is being updated with tournament news (Thank you Vanessa)
- Discounted practice rates for WCBA Members (Thank you Strike and Bowlarama)
- Awards programme continues (New members are making use of this are you?)
- Raised \$360 from sale of entertainment books for the Wellington Rep Team

Committee Background

As you may be aware the committee is all volunteers.

They are passionate about Tenpin Bowling and furthering the development of the sport in Wellington.

A few like Ian Klein have stepped up this year and held the president role but now wish to step down. It's therefore time for a new president and some new members on the committee.

This keeps WCBA fresh with new ideas and gives people a chance to move around and try new activities.

Electing a functional committee is essential each year – without it WCBA doesn't exist and all the potential good to the sport it can achieve won't occur.

I urge you to consider helping out on the committee, even if

this is saying I'd like to help if you choose to organise an event such as... Yes your great idea could happen.

WCBA has recently received advice from the department of internal affairs that there is greater scope for bowling centre employees to be on the committee. Ian can provide more information if this situation applies to you.

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Coaching Corner - Did you know

According to the link below 30% of people have a different dominant eye than their hand (eg Right handed but left eye dominant) and may not be aware of this. While the link below refers to shooting the same references apply to accuracy of hitting your target in tenpin bowling. If you are in this 30% a qualified coach may be able to improve your game.

[http://www.basc.org.uk/en/how-to/shooting/eye-](http://www.basc.org.uk/en/how-to/shooting/eye-dominance-test.cfm)

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1. Indicator pins. When you leave certain pins and combinations of pins it can sometimes tell you a lot about what you have done and therefore what you need to change to get or keep getting strikes. The following examples relate to a RH hand hook bowler:

a. A single 4 pin with the ball hitting both the 1 & 3. The shot is often too high on the head pin and here is why - The head pin has gone fairly

straight back, catches the RHS of the 2 pin. This sends the two pin out and it flies in front of the 4 pin. The head pin, 5 pin, ball etc take out the rest of the pins in the set. A single 5 pin with the ball hitting both the 1 & 3. The shot is often too light or with not enough angle into the head pin. A classic strike has the ball hitting each the 1, 3, 5 & 9 pin. They then each fly diagonally taking out the rest of the pins to complete a strike.

January 2009 - Local Youth in Australia

Kerrie Churchill and Stephanie George two of Wellingtons more prominent Youth Bowlers attended the 2009 National Youth Team Challenge and the 2009 National Youth Cup in Werribee, Victoria Australia.

The exposure was welcome as they teamed up with Laura Sinclair and Bianca Tofilau from Auckland to make up the Youth Ladies NZ Team. Churchill averaged 165 in the Youth Challenge and George

averaged 166 – however in the Youth Cup they both did well with a 181 Average for Churchill and a credible 177 average for George. Their Coach: Ricco Panapassa

July/August 2009 - Womens World Championships

The 2009 Women’s World Championships is held every 2 years and this year saw the convergence of bowlers from around the world to Las Vegas, Nevada, USA. Two of those ladies were from Wellington, Annabelle Swain and Ivena Heald. This was the 1st International Tournament for Annabelle and Ivena’s 9th. The NZ Ladies

Team took part in the USBC Open with Ivena bowling a 610 Series in the Doubles to win some US\$\$\$\$ The WWC seemed much harder to grasp as the NZ Team ladies struggled to maintain a solid foundation; a combination of temp up to 46C found many of them unable to fit shoes and fingers in the ball. Swain

bowled well for her first time and she was happy with the results. Not so for Heald as she saw that the basics in her game were not solid; something she aimed to correct once she returned to Kiwi soil.

October 2009 - 3 Events: Senior Nationals, Cup and Challenge

Coach Allan Heald and Ivena Heald attended the above tournaments at Mt Gravatt, Brisbane.

Tournament 1: 2009 Senior National Championships: Classic Grade – Ivena won the Ladies Singles with a 200 Average and her team was placed 2nd. The NZ Men won the Teams in which they had Allan make up the 5th bowler.

Tournament 2: 2009 TBA Senior Cup: Ivena Placed 3rd in the Quali-

fying Round, 5th in the 8 Game Elimination Round and won Silver in the 7 game Head to Head Finals.

Tournament 3: 2009 National Seniors Team Challenge: Ivena and Glennis Rolton – Silver in the Doubles. Ivena, Glennis with Sue Lock & Rhonda Colyer 3rd in the Teams. Ivena 2nd in the All Events. Ivena 2nd in the 2009 National Seniors Teams Challenge Female All Stars.

In this Championship the NZ Ladies Team got 3rd Overall and the NZ Men 2nd Overall.

The Highlight was winning the Combined Team Challenge therefore making the NZ Senior Team the 2009 Team Champions of the Tournament. This is the 1st time in history that a Combined NZ Team has ever won an International Championship.



TBNZ Website pictures of Adult and Youth teams

October 2009 - 3 Events: Adult Nationals, Walter Rachuig Trophy and Masters

Following on from the Senior team the NZ Adult team attended their tournament at the same venue, meeting with the Seniors at the bowling Centre. Our Wellington bowler Annabelle Swain

was a first timer again to this tournament and found it was quite an eye opener. She bowled extremely well and was the highest contributor to the NZ Ladies Points table being placed 7th=

and winning 11 points from the 16 games she played. The NZ Ladies placed 5th and the Men 8th putting the NZ Team at 7th Overall.

November 2009 - Asian Senior Bowling Championships

Our two Senior Ladies Annabelle Swain and Ivena Heald with the NZ Senior Team attended the above tournament in Pasig, Manila, Philippines. Coach/Bowler Allan Heald and Supporter Tim Swain accompanied them.

Ivena placed 6th in the All Events with a 205 Average; she won Gold in the Ladies Singles with a 222 average plus Bronze with Annabelle Swain, Glennis Rolton and Sue

Lock in the Teams with a team average of 192. She also won Bronze in the Ladies Final Masters with a 215 average.

The Other NZ Members to make the masters were Glennis Rolton, Allan Heald & Fred Housham.

This was the 2nd time the NZ Senior Men have attended and the 1st time for the NZ Ladies. We were the smallest team there and we were the 4th highest qualifiers.

There were 2 divisions:

Seniors from 50yrs – 59yrs and Grand Seniors 60yrs+. Each country could take 4 Mens and 4 Ladies teams in BOTH divisions. NZ only took 1 ladies and 1 mens team in the Senior Division. The next Championship will be held 2011 in Australia.

Country	Bowlers	Officials & Supporters	Points Scale
Japan	30	6	233
Australia	48	20	101
Korea	24	2	96
New Zealand	8	3	13
Guam	49	17	1
Chinese Taipei	16	4	0
Philippines	48	Unlimited – Hosts	0

The WCBA is proud to have supported and sponsored our home grown International Bowlers and will continue to do so, to the best of our ability in the future.