

## 2016 AGM Report Tournament Manager



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This weekend sees the 12<sup>th</sup> running of the TBNZ Open National Championships being held at the North City Tenpin in Porirua City. This year there are 105 athletes taking part, making up 370 entries in all. We also welcome the return of both the Men's and Ladies Open Champions, Gregorio Nicolas and Stephanie George, both hoping to defend their titles. Unfortunately defending Graded Champion, Julie Burt will only be here in a limited capacity, due to an injury. Good Luck to all competitors competing this weekend.

The 2015 Junior/Youth & NYTC tournaments were also held here at North City Tenpin during the last October school holidays, with over 50 bowlers taking part in the Junior/Youth Nationals. Winners were Leon Fox in the Junior Boys, Jess Swain in the Junior Girls, Alexi Lourie in the Junior Graded division, Blake Brooks in the Youth Boys and Fiona Sopi in the Youth Girls. In the newly introduced division of the Bantams, the 2011 Graded Champion Christian Karetau took out the inaugural title.

The National Youth Teams Championships saw 9 teams take part, with Kapiti, Waitakere with 2 teams, Lower Hutt, Canterbury, Counties/Manukau, Westgate and hosts North City having two teams as well. After 3 days of intense competition, Counties Manukau came out on top from Waitakere Rangers in second, with Kapiti back in third.

The fourth running of the National Senior Teams Championships were hosted by Tenpin Tauranga in 2015. Wellington were victorious overall from the 3 day event of singles, doubles and teams, with Manukau and Tauranga Blue coming in second & third respectively. Wellington won the Mens division from Manukau and then Lower Hutt, with Wellington winning from Tauranga Blue and Lower Hutt in the Ladies section.

Palmerston North hosted the Senior Nationals over ANZAC weekend this year, with nearly 80 bowlers taking part. This tournament was the first National event to be held in Palmerston North since the 1990 North Island Championships, even though it was held at a different venue back then. Terry Mustchin defended his Open Mens title, with local bowler Carole Adshead taking out the Open Ladies crown. The Graded divisions were won by 2013 Mens Champion Tony Warrington and another local bowler Arlene Dunn winning the Ladies. The Grand Senior titles were won by three time champion Phil Wright in the Mens and Sandy Hoare in the Ladies.

The revived National Teams Championships were held at Manukau Super Strike over Easter weekend, with 16 teams taking part. Which was an increase by two teams from the previous year. Both the Championship and Plate titles went down to the wire, with both

decided in the final game. The Championship crown was won by defending champions Counties Comets, from Waitakere Karekare in second and North City Thunder back in third. The Plate title was won by Waitakere Piha, followed by North City Lightning and then Wellington White in third. The goal next year will be to get to 20 teams.

During the past twelve months we have seen eight 300 games being bowled and seven 800 series have been achieved, as these awards are the pinnacle of our sport. Highlights were Chris Haynes throwing an 800 series and three 300's at the same tournament. Also Youth bowler Joshua Stretton bowling a 300 game and 800 series in Australia. These are listed below.

Joshua Stretton - 300 x3

Chris Haynes - 300 x3

Mike Gibbs – 300

Phil Wright – 300

Joshua Stretton – 800 x3

Chris Haynes – 800 x2

Phil Wright – 800 x2

I would like to personally thank the Management Team for all their support over the past year. Finally, thank you to the bowlers and proprietors of NZ for their ongoing support of our tournaments, as well as the promotion of your own events.

One thing I would like to see change in the next 12 months from bowlers/athletes, is their attitude towards tournaments. What I mean is, for bowlers to remember why they got themselves involved with Tenpin in the first place. For bowlers to stop obsessing with the number of ranking points that are on offer at a tournament, and bowl for the sheer pleasure of it.

With that in mind and looking towards the future on what is the best direction 'to move forward' for our sport. Whether it be decisions made by the National Body or the Board, ultimately to support has to come from the membership and proprietors of New Zealand. The main goal for the next twelve months and the future will be continue the growth & development of the Junior's and Youth bowlers, with all parties needing to take responsibility for this development. A positive and broad direction is required to develop all levels of bowlers within New Zealand and steps have been taken already to ensure that this can be implemented and achieved.

Kind Regards

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