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National Tournament Managers Report:

This weekend sees the 14th running of the TBNZ Open National Championships being held at the Manukau Superstrike, who has hosted previously once before in 2012. This year there will be 123 athletes taking part, making up 425 entries in all. We also welcome the return of the two time Mens Open Champion, Jason Waters hoping to defend his NZ title. The defending Open Womens & the Graded Champion, Angela Boswell & Phillip Mallitte respectively, are also both in attendance to defend their crowns. Good Luck to all competitors competing this weekend.

During the past 12 months there were 5 bowlers who bowled a 300 game, congratulations to you all. They are Peter Saunders, Chris Haynes, James Kelly, Chris Armstrong and the most recent was Chris Haynes again at the Kapiti Classic. Special mention has to go Angela Boswell, who not only became the 6th women to a perfect game, but the first since 2005 which was Megan Fletcher, who is also competing this weekend.

In looking forward, I ask myself what direction is the sport heading in? We all need to ask ourselves, what it is about the sport of Tenpin that drives us? Is chasing points in the rankings? To be either #1 or be in the top 10? To make a National Squad or represent New Zealand? Or is just for the sheer pleasure of the game, while trying to bowl that elusive perfect game of 300?

Whatever it is that drives each individual bowler that plays the game, we all need to be focussed to put the sport first above and beyond all of our personal objectives. A current step in achieving this, is the review been undertaken at the moment of the National Squad and Ranking policies.

To make any positive alterations to these policies, everything needs to be considered. What is best for the bowlers, the host centres and the Tournament calendar. We all need to be a part of it.

For the future of our great sport, it is without doubt the investment and development has to continue to be put into our Junior and Youth bowlers. As we need to bridge the gap and assist with the transition into the Adult divisions, to keep them in the sport. In the Adult ranks the numbers are steady, but without a doubt the largest growth in the past 12 months has been within the Senior divisions. Hopefully this growth will continue, so our sport has a bright future from Bantams right up to Grand Seniors.

I would like to personally thank all of the Management Team for all their support over the past year, especially Tim Swain and Ian Klein for all their assistance at our tournaments. A special thanks to Annabelle Swain for her support, not only in her term as CEO, but this has now continued on as a helper at events. 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. Across the board over the past 12 months all tournaments, both TBNZ and centre based entries were up about 5%. Congratulations to you all.

The planned 2019 TBNZ calendar is as follows:

Open Nationals – Lower Hutt – May 31 - June 3.

Senior Nationals – North City – TBC.

National Teams Championships – Manukau Superstrike – April 19-21.

Junior/Youth Nationals and Youth Teams Championships – Manukau Superstrike – Sept 30 – Oct 5.

Senior Teams Championships – Pins Lincoln – September 6-8.

Champions for the past 12 months are.

Junior Boys – Devan Sahayam Junior Girls – Dayna Haylock Junior Graded – Will Pettit

Youth Boys – Josh Stretton Youth Girls – Alexi Lourie Junior Bantam – Memphis Strachan

Youth Teams Championship – Waitakere Rangers Plate – North City

National Teams Championship – Counties Comets Plate – Wellington

Senior Teams Championship – Manukau

Senior Mens – Terry Mustchin Senior Women – Cushla Burns

Senior Graded Mens – Macpe Bermudez Senior Graded Womens – Jo King

Grand Senior Mens – Phil Wright Grand Senior Womens – Sandy Hoare

Open Mens – Jason Waters Open Womens – Angela Boswell

Graded Adult - Phillip Mallitte

Regards

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