

CLARK WINS ON DEBUT; TALOKE & FIFITA DENY DOUBLE

For the second week in a row, a debutante won their local World Indoor Singles qualifier on their first day playing in the NZ Professional Bowls Association. Former national outdoor pairs champion David Clark upset perennial NZ Finalist Colin Rogan in the final 11-5, 10-2.

And as per the week before's Dean Elgar performance in New Plymouth, Clark almost made it a double going down in the final the next day in the World Indoor Pairs qualifying playing with his son Logan Clark. They went down to two more making their PBA debut during the weekend Sam Taloke and Vili Fifita 2-14, 8-7, 2-1. Taloke and Fifita had come through an impressive win in their semifinal accounting for last year's NZ representatives Rogan and Garry Cotter.

This weekend is 'Potter's Weekend' at the Naenae club in Wellington with coordinator Clare Hendra not doing herself any favours in the draws. Hendra will open her World Indoor Singles campaign against Wairarapa's Mark O'Brien on Saturday, and then teams up with Invercargill coordinator Craig Merrilees on the Sunday facing a battle of the executive against Chairman Richard Corry and his top 50 ranked clubmate Ian McLeod.

Information including an application form, entry forms, dates and venues for the NZ PBA can be found on the worldbowlstour.org site under PBA – New Zealand though beware on the Hastings entry forms, the last weekend has been pushed back to 26 and 27 August.

Results:

Royal Oak, Auckland

World Indoor Singles:

1st round: Vili Fifita bt Judy Smith 8-5, 11-4; Trish Croot bt Sandra Taylor 7-7, 10-4; Ryan Hill bt Rima Strickland 8-8, 8-5; Neil Fisher bt Steve Ramsay 4-8, 9-3, 2-0; Nick Thompson bt Logan Clark 12-2, 13-7; Steve Cox bt Janine Young 10-4, 8-4; Colin Rogan bt David Eades 9-1, 8-5; Garry Cotter bt Brian Wilson 8-8, 16-3.

2nd round: Croot bt Fifita 10-8, 2-8, 2-0; Hill bt N.Fisher 10-4, 5-7, 2-0; Cox bt Thompson 8-7, 7-3; Rogan bt Cotter 11-7, 8-8; David Clark bt Sam Taloke 13-2, 8-7; Ian Fisher bt Paul Neazor 6-6, 11-0; Keiko Kurohara bt Doug Thomas 6-5, 1-10, 2-1; Phil Taylor bt Mark Griffiths 8-8, 11-6.

Quarterfinals: Hill bt Croot 8-3, 10-4; Rogan bt Cox 9-7, 10-3; D.Clark bt I.Fisher 11-6, 11-6; Kurohara bt Taylor 10-3, 9-13, 2-1.

Semifinals: Rogan bt Hill 10-5, 7-6; D.Clark bt Kurohara 9-3, 11-2.

Final: David Clark (Counties) bt Colin Rogan (North Harbour) 11-5, 10-2.

David Clark will play at PBA Finals Weekend in Invercargill Sep 15-17.

World Indoor Pairs:

1st round: David & Logan Clark bt Phil & Sandra Taylor 12-4, 9-4; Doug Thomas & Steve Cox bt Nick Thompson & David Eades 9-4, 3-10, 2-1.

Quarterfinals: D. & L. Clark bt Thomas & Cox 9-6, 12-2; Rima Strickland & Janine Young bt Neil Fisher & Brian Wilson 6-5, 11-6; Sam Taloke & Vili Fifita bt

Ian Fisher & Mark Griffiths 5-8, 12-3, 2-1; Colin Rogan & Garry Cotter bt Paul Neazor & Keiko Kurohara 11-5, 9-5.
Semifinals: D. & L. Clark bt Strickland & Young 8-7, 6-4; Taloke & Fifita bt Rogan & Cotter 8-4, 9-8.
Final: Sam Taloke & Vili Fifita (Auckland) bt David & Logan Clark (Counties) 2-14, 8-7, 2-1.
Sam Taloke & Uili Fifita will play at PBA Finals Weekend in Invercargill Sep 15-17.

Draws:

Naenae, Wellington

(2023 rank) Player v Player [PBA Career singles head-to-head]

World Indoor Singles:

Sat 1 Jul – 1st round 8.30am: (284)Blake Signal v (296)Karen Ewart; (72)Steve Critchlow v (284)Bill Brunenberg; (84)Jim Swift v (65)Scott Sinclair-Paton; (158)Stacey Thomas v (11)Ross Ellery [1-1].

2nd round: (70)Dave Jones v (110)Lock Chin [1-0 Jones]; (debut)Francie Jasionowicz v (89)Sonny White; (90)Leighton Wilding v (158)Rohan Teaz; (75)Jayden Ravji v (130)Steve Nicholl; (6)Gavin Hamlyn v (296)Greg Oldridge; (29)Mark O'Brien v (5)Clare Hendra [1-0 O'Brien]; (40)Rozanna Muriwai v (72)Laurie Guy [1-1]; (45)Ian McLeod v (248)Gill Oliver; (22)Ray Martin v (43)Kennie Critchlow; (220)Richard Corry v (120)Garry Muriwai [1-1]; (231)Lily Signal v (76)Ray Boffa; (231)Tau White v (138)Mike Solomon; (244)Lil Renata v (91)Allan Heald; (86)Mark Finlay v (debut)Henry Jasionowicz.

World Indoor Pairs:

Sun 2 Jul – 1st round 8.30am: Lily & Blake Signal v Rohan Teaz & Richard Morpeth; Stacey Thomas & Scott Sinclair-Paton v Ross Ellery & Ray Martin; Henry & Francie Jasionowicz v Lock Chin & Lil Renata; Steve & Kennie Critchlow v Greg Oldridge & Dave Jones.

2nd round: Mark O'Brien & Janelle Frew v Jim Swift & Allan Heald; Karen Ewart & Gill Oliver v Steve Rickman & Leighton Wilding; Mark Finlay & Brian McDermott v Gavin Hamlyn & Bill Brunenberg; Mike Solomon & Jayden Ravji v Wayne Coleman & Laurie Guy; Richard Corry & Ian McLeod v Craig Merrilees & Clare Hendra; Rozanna & Garry Muriwai v Tau & Sonny White.



