

GENERAL (DELEGATES) MEETING – 18 Dec 24

WEBSITE/BOWLSLINK REPORT

WEBSITE. The website can only be as good as information posted to it and this can only occur if clubs provide input. It is great to see the number of clubs using the website to advertise their tournaments. One request though, if you are providing a flyer please do so in PDF format otherwise I need to convert it from any other format provided.

Any club or news item is greatly enhanced if a picture is provided. As the old saying goes, “a picture is worth a thousand words”.

Club Contact Details. Please advise the Regions Secretary, info me, immediately your Club Contacts change in order that the Contact details can be changed on the Regions’ website.

BOWLSLINK. Club Administrators need to review all member records to ensure member details are correct and up to date. There are a lot of members who have changed their email address but not updated their BowlsLink record. The majority of our members are now able to access their own records and clubs should request their members to maintain their individual accounts. For members not yet accessing their accounts (NIN access) need to be provided support to do so.

I still hear bowlers making comment that they are not interested in using BowlsLink. Well get used to the idea! We will not have any choice going forward, all membership records, administration and events/tournaments will eventually be through members being required to access BowlsLink.

Pennant Management. The changes made to Pennant Management have been discussed under the Pennant Report.

BowlsLink Update. BowlsLink continues to be upgraded to meet greater needs and to provide ease of use. The latest upgrade - **BowlsLink v1.33 Dec 2024**. Some of the changes are as follows:

Competitions

- Linking players/attendees to members for both competition entries and event bookings.
- Add support for hyperlinks in competition and event descriptions.

Email

- Add both a member’s NIN (merge field) and a club admin flag (Membership segment) to data being sent to Campaign Monitor.
- Add position to Campaign Monitor member syncing.

Finance

- Develop club fees and pro-rata members report for MYOB.

Live Scoring App

- Adding support for finals series in scoring app.

Membership

- Improvements and fixes to memberships (based on user feedback).
- Improve syncing between financial-to dates and memberships

- Adding new membership will no longer revoke existing membership
- Archived members active memberships become revoked or cancelled if pending payment

Other minor improvements

Reports

- Configurable Club Membership Numbers includes Participation (Club Groups only)
- Configurable Club Membership Participation Report (Club Groups only)
- Gender-related functions around entries and bookings re-introduced (field has been returned to screens and reports based on STA feedback).

Results Portal

- Identify substitute players in teams.
- Live scored matches in finals series now displaying in LIVE tab.

Security & Privacy

- Remove display of PII (Personal Identification Information) fields for linked competition entrants and event attendees.

System

- Miscellaneous performance improvements.

Bugs & Fixes. Numerous

Anyone experiencing issues with BowlsLink or need training please feel free to contact me for assistance.

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