



CENTRAL OTAGO BOWLS INC.
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD
Monday 9 February 2026

Present: President: John Lohead; **Secretary:** Pauline Seaton; **ADC:** Dewald De Beer, Steve Archer; Neil Pritchard **Arrowtown:** Allan Brash, Peter Dunne, Geoff Palmer, Linda Brown, Jill Newton **Bannockburn:** Allan Rickard, Terry Scott **Clyde:** Lynn McArthur, Jennie Burt, Tony Lepper, Dave Chisholm, Maria Wallis **Cromwell:** Ross Hamill, Jo Hamill, Pat Risk **Omakau:** Ian Clouston, Angela Wilson; **Queenstown:** Margaret O'Connor, **Roxburgh:** Carl Street **Wanaka:** Simon Nyhoff, Barbara Wilson, Jill Muirhead.

Apologies: No Apologies

Confirmation of Minutes: 14 April 2025

Moved P Dunne

Seconded C Street

GENERAL DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Please discuss the following within your Club and forward any remits, to the Secretary, to be voted on at a General Meeting at a date TBA in April or May 2026.

1. No Saturday Pennants to be scheduled at any time during National

Championships (Arrowtown): The meeting agreed that Premier and Division 1 Pennants should not be scheduled during National Championships. *This will be included when the Pennants Draw is prepared.*

2. Saturday Pennants start time to be brought forward to 1pm (Bannockburn):

OPTIONS DISCUSSED:

- Leave as is and informally start games earlier if all teams are agree.
- Bring forward to 1.15pm

3. Premier & Div 1 Double Headers (Bannockburn/Wanaka):

Proposed to free up weekends for club events.

- Premier: 2 Double Headers in season
- Division 1: 3 Double Headers in season
- Should not be scheduled for first games in season

This will be included when the Pennants Draw is prepared.

4. Women's Interclub (Cromwell/Roxburgh):

NB: Meeting to be scheduled for 24 March following final Interclub game for season. 2 delegates from each club to attend.

DISCUSSION POINTS: (to be read in conjunction with Cromwell & Roxburgh submissions). Clyde and Wanaka indicated that they want to keep the status quo.

- Purpose of Women's Interclub?
- Should Interclub games be reduced to 1.5 hours?
- Should Interclub follow men's pennants format and only play ½ day?
- Should Interclub be split into two sections – competitive and more social e.g. Premier and Division 2 grades.

- Do we continue to play on Tuesday?
- Points system – Do we keep the current system of overall points for each club or do individual teams accumulate their own points?

5. Restoring the Club-Level Pathway to Champion of Champions (Roxburgh/Wanaka)

- Champion of champion pathway gives less experienced bowlers the opportunity to win a Centre Title and at a national level.
- The true intention of National Champion of Champions is that the representative winning team has come from the roots of club competition, all the way through the centre competition to the national final.
- Feeling that the importance of club ties has been diluted.

A few clubs spoke to retaining the status quo for the following reasons:

- **Teams tend not be stacked in club championships which encourages less experienced players to compete. Arrowtown entries have increased markedly.**
- **Less experienced players can still win club and centre titles.**
- **This year Bannockburn selected their triples teams by ballot (8 skips, 8 No 2's and 8 leads)**

6. Catering for Centre Events (Roxburgh):

- *Central Otago Bowls Board to make decisions regarding catering centre events.*
- *More emphasis on catering qualifying days only.*

7. Limit the number of teams in pennants and interclub for clubs who have a history of defaulting (Wanaka):

- Clubs to be realistic regarding the number of teams they enter in Pennants and Interclub at the beginning of the season. Need to allow for unforeseen events and mindful of the consequences of defaulting teams during the season's competition.
- Premier and Division have restrictions on the number of teams entered.

To be included in March Central Otago Bowls Board Inc. Agenda.

8. Two Day Singles Tournaments (Wanaka):

- Men and Women tournaments to be scheduled on separate weekends.
- Should players be required to mark games?

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9. Restriction of higher-grade players from playing in the lower grade pennants games (Wanaka).

- Premier and Division 1 players should be able to move between divisions.
- Clubs to police the weekly selection of players
- Higher grade players should not be able to skip
- Unfair that higher grade players are brought in to play in final games in order to win the championship.

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Next Meeting: TBA in April/May 2026

Meeting closed at 7.45pm