



**CENTRAL OTAGO BOWLS INC.**  
**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD**  
**Monday 14 April at Clyde Bowling Club 6.00PM**

**Present:** **President:** Trevor Cowan; **Secretary:** Pauline Seaton; **ADC:** Dewald De Beer, Steve Archer; **Alexandra:** Mike Harris, John Lochhead, Barry Helm; **Arrowtown:** Allan Brash, Peter Dunne; **Bannockburn:** Allan Rickard, Greg Merwood; **Clyde:** Lynn McArthur, Alister Watson, Ray Paulin; **Hawea:** Don Urquart, Kyle McGowan; **Naseby:** John Claridge; **Omakau:** Ian Clouston, John Knapp, Angela Wilson; **Queenstown:** Margaret O'Connor, Jane Anderson; **Roxburgh:** Ric Hunt; **Wanaka:** Stu Hurley, Simon Nyhoff.

**Apologies:** Richard Bryne, Kelvin Jackson, Richard Morgan

S Clouston/M O'Connor

**Confirmation of Minutes:** 12 May 2024

J Knapp/J Claridge

**GENERAL DISCUSSION TOPICS:**

Please discuss the following within your Club. Remits to be voted on at the AGM which will be held 15 June 2025. I have tried to put these to a logical order for ease of understanding. Please contact me if you have any queries.

The general points of discussion where there was a consensus of agreement were:

1. **Division 1** - Full Round Robin with Finals Day.
2. **Division 1** – Start and finish their rounds with double headers. (2 double headers in a season with 1 game in morning and 1 in the afternoon)
3. **Division 2** – That teams are split. This split could be achieved either by the Clyde or the Omakau models.
4. **Division 2** – Finals day as per Premier and Division 1 model.
5. **Division 2** – Only players who have played a minimum of five Division 2 pennants games can play for their club on Finals Day.
6. **Defaults** – If a club is unable to field all its teams on a Saturday it MUST default its lowest ranking team or teams.
7. **General** - Greens are filled with as many teams as possible in each round.
8. **Interclub 7's** – Men and Women's Interclub 7s to be played on separate weekends.

**Saturday Pennants: Division 1**

**Remit 1 Introduced by Clyde Bowling Club:**

- a) That Division 1 comprises 14 teams from 11 clubs in Central Otago. Each club can only enter one team, and the remaining places are given to the clubs with the highest finishing positions the year prior. For example, if all 11 clubs enter a team, the remaining 3 teams are offered to the clubs which finish 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the season prior. If any of those clubs decline a second team in Division 1, the offer goes to the next highest club (in this example 4<sup>th</sup>). No club can have more than two teams.
- b) There is a finals day between the top 4 clubs each year.

OR

### **Remit Introduced by Bannockburn Bowling Club:**

- Division 1 is restricted to 12 teams allowing only one team per club to be entered.
- The best performing in the 2024/2025 season will be eligible for a 2<sup>nd</sup> team to be accepted.
- Any other available positions (if clubs do not enter a team in Division 1) may be filled by the next best performing club or clubs.
- 11 Round Robin games (full round robin)
- Semi-finals and final (top 4 qualify) 1<sup>st</sup> vs 4<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> vs 3<sup>rd</sup>. Losers may play off for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> ranking.
- The first and last day of Division 1 Pennants to be a double header (morning and afternoon games)
- Changes to be reviewed on an annual basis

#### **REASONING:**

- To provide more meaningful competition i.e. less 7-0 results.
- Double rounds free up weekends for club ties and tournaments to be played.
- Playing ALL teams ensures the best club team triumphs.
- Avoiding clashes with Centre requirements also helps ensure the best club team triumphs.

### **IF BANNOCKBURN REMIT ADOPTED**

### **Remit Introduced by Omakau Bowling Club:**

- Division 1 is renamed Division 1A.
- Division 1B is to be made up of 12 teams on the same basis as Division 1A. 1 team per club entered plus the best performing club/s in 2024/25. The creation of this division avoids 4 Division 1 teams dropping down to Division 2 and creating mismatches.
- Division 1B would play 4's & 2x4x2 Pairs as up and coming players are more likely to be involved.
- Division 1B draw to be scheduled as per Division 1A to include 2 x double rounds.
- Promotion/relegation could apply – either a play-off or automatic.
- Division 2 to be made up of the remaining teams (about 15) with no East/West split.
- Top 4 to qualify in Division 1B and Division 2. 1 vs 4, 2 vs 3 Losers able to play off to give a 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> ranking

#### **REASONING:**

- To provide more meaningful competition i.e. less 7-0 results
- To create a clear pathway for players in Central Otago
- Playing ALL teams ensures the best club triumphs.
- Avoiding clashes with Centre requirements also helps ensure the best club team triumphs.

### **Saturday Pennants: Division 2**

#### **Remit 2 Introduced by Clyde Bowling Club:**

- That Division 2 comprises as many teams entered from all 11 Central Otago clubs
- Split into two sections which are mixed with equal teams from east and west Central Otago.
- Multiple teams from one club are split evenly across both sections.
- Finals day between the top 4 teams – the top 2 from each section. Only players who have played a minimum of five Division 2 pennants games can play for their club in the Division 2 finals day.

### **Interclub Sevens Competition:**

#### **Remit 3 Introduced by Clyde Bowling Club:**

“That the Women and Men’s Interclub 7s competitions be held on separate weekends as happened previously”

*REASONING: Having both events on the same weekend creates problems for the host clubs having members available to assist with the various duties required to host the competition.*

## **Restoring the Club-Level Pathway to Champion of Champions:**

### **Remit Introduced by Wanaka Bowling Club:**

*“Reinstating the pathway to the Champion of Champion events through success at club level.”*

*REASONING: This structure provides bowlers from all clubs, regardless of their performance in Centre Events, the opportunity to gain valuable experience and compete at higher levels.*

*The Wanaka Bowling Club was not in favour of the recent change prioritizing qualification through Centre Events. We believe this adjustment has excluded many bowlers from smaller clubs who would greatly benefit from the competitive exposure provided by Champion of Champion events. These proposed changes aim to balance the calendar, prioritize club-level engagement, and create a more inclusive pathway for bowlers across the region.*

Meeting closed at 7.30pm