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To all clubs

As many are aware, we have been progressing to changing the way we capture Masterpoints among other things. We have been working with the three main scoring providers in NZ to achieve an automatic solution to upload Masterpoints directly onto the NZB website. This is an exciting innovation and we hope clubs will enjoy the improvements. Not only that, clubs will be able to manage their own membership online and invoices to clubs and Regions will be automatically generated from the website and emailed to you. Clubs will be able to view and review members and invoices online at any time.

This project has been a work in progress and is now nearly ready to release to you all. No date has been set yet, but we felt it time to update you on our progress. There are many benefits from making the changes and they are listed on the next page of this letter.

Most aspects of the changes have been well received by clubs and Regions. However, there may be a small number of clubs where this automation is problematic because they do not currently use one of the three main scoring packages available in NZ. The packages are Scorer, Compass and Compscore2. We apologise to those clubs using anything else and would like to assist in any way we can to resolve this for you.

We can offer you three options:

1. If you wish to continue using the scoring programme you are using now, we can provide you with the full specification for the Masterpoints and Player management interfaces. You can give this to your supplier to determine if they wish to provide the appropriate interfaces in their software to align to NZB requirements.
2. You may want to consider using one of the three main scoring packages (listed above).
3. We provide you with a manual solution to load results in the interim.

If none of the above suggestions work for your club, please contact me so we can determine the best solution for you.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank Scorer, Compass and Compscore2 for working with us on this project to achieve our goals. We could not have done this without their co-operation.

Regards



Karen Martelletti – Board member and project leader



## Benefits to the up and coming changes

1. Clubs can amend their own club page on the NZB website
2. Clubs can add details to their tournaments on the NZB website eg start times, cost etc  
NB: clubs cannot change the date of the event without going through the current process
3. Clubs can use the NZB Tournament booking system to take entries if they so wish to (just like the Congress events)
4. Clubs can manage members online: allocate computer numbers to new players, change the status of a player from “active” to “inactive” or vice versa and remove members or transfer them to another club
5. Clubs can automatically upload their club’s Masterpoints immediately after an event
6. Masterpoint automation may generate more interest for players
7. Clubs will receive automatic invoices and can view them online.
8. The Masterpoint allocation will be formula driven to be fairer and more flexibility **if** in the future Masterpoints were to be changed. This will result in some small changes to the current tables.
9. Processing costs will be reduced in the long term
10. Reduced use of paper and postage
11. Increased efficiency and time saving
12. Results captured at a national level will give us the opportunity to investigate the possibility of a National handicap in future.
13. **Clubs do not have to pay anything towards these changes**