



NEWSLETTER

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New Format Newsletter

As you might have noticed the format and content of this Newsletter is different to previous Newsletters.

Since 2012 the Newsletter has been produced using Microsoft Publisher. Regretfully Microsoft have decided to discontinue Microsoft Publisher as of October this year, which was when I planned on changing the format of the Newsletter.

Unfortunately this change has been forced upon me earlier than planned. The layout of this Newsletter may well change over the next few months until a format is settled upon. When I attempted to open Publisher and create this Newsletter, I could not open any existing Publisher files and could not even create a blank file. After spending half a day on troubleshooting the problem without any success, I decided to just move to the new format 6 months early.

Important Tips

Uploading Batches: Whenever you upload any batches to the Centre you should always use the option **List Award Batches** to check that what you *think* you have uploaded is what you have *actually* uploaded. Several clubs each month often accidentally submit their batches multiple times, which the Centre is unable to approve to be processed until they delete any duplicated batches, often causing their batch(es) to miss the EOM update.

Club Masterpoint Secretary (CMPS) postal address: Please ensure you keep your club details, especially the CMPS details, up to date, as it is those details we always use when contacting a club. It is not uncommon each quarter to have mail returned to the Centre saying that the recipient is "Unknown" or "Left Address". We then need to contact the CMPS and have them confirm that the details they have supplied to us are still current. Once confirmed/updated we will then resend the mail, which only delays the mail reaching you and increases the costs to the Centre.

Newsletter Reports: The various reports that previously appeared in the monthly Newsletter can be accessed from our website under the **Reporting** section. Clubs can see which batches they have uploaded via the **List Award Batches**, and your State Masterpoint Secretary (SMPS) and the ABF Masterpoint Unit can use that option to see which events they have uploaded. If you want another report that is not available live, then simply download one of the datasets (National or MPCData) from the **Downloads** option to create your own.

Any of the previously published lists in the Newsletter that are deemed of enough interest to players/clubs will be available under a Reporting section in MyABF when the current Masterpoint system is migrated into the MyABF world.

Club Membership Total=30,047 (corresponding total last year: 29,982)

By State: ACT=972; NSW=10,793; VIC=5,047; QLD=6,222; SA=2,505; WA=3,610; TAS=782; NT=116