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Memo: To All BNZ Centre's, All BNZ Clubs and BNZ Greenkeepers Association

Subject: BNZGA Affiliation Fees

The purpose of the memo is to inform all Centre's and all Club's that there is an expectation that the Bowls New Zealand Greenkeepers Association affiliation fees are payable by every club regardless of surface type i.e. natural and or artificial.

It has come to our notice that some clubs believe that the BNZGA services do not apply to clubs with artificial surfaces. We wish to make it clear that greenkeeping services are available and are very relevant for clubs with artificial surfaces. There are a quite several clubs who have artificial surfaces now facing significant issues because they failed to ensure their artificial green or greens were properly cared for.

The Greenkeepers Diary contains important information for not only natural surfaces BUT also artificial surfaces on a monthly basis. New Zealand Sports Turf Institute offers expertise and advice with artificial surfaces – everything from laying to maintenance.

Greenkeeping conferences and field days also include dealing with artificial surfaces.

It is evident to Bowls New Zealand that there is a growing number of clubs converting green or greens to artificial. Many are also looking to cover these greens. It is there imperative that clubs ensure their significant financial investment is well maintained and protected. Affiliation to BNZGA is seen as part of that programme.

In closing Bowls New Zealand recognise both natural and artificial surfaces and highly commend BNZGA along with NZSTI as providers of expertise to ensure your green or greens are the best they can be.

Regards

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