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TO: ALL DISTRICT SECRETARIES

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NATIONAL DATABASE

The Executive of Bowls SA is concerned about the large number of bowlers reflected in the "clearance file" of the National Database. From an analysis of this file it would appear that not only have some names remained on the file for an unreasonable amount of time but, also large numbers have been placed onto the file, by Club Secretaries, for the wrong reasons.

District Delegates to the AGM and Council meeting will recall that this matter has already been brought to their attention.

We shall shortly dispatch an Excel Spreadsheet File, relevant to each District for investigation. Districts are hereby requested to delegate the task of investigation to their District Standing Committee: Development (D.S.C.D). It is our opinion that as Club Secretaries have placed the names into clearance it would be pointless if they are tasked with this undertaking. The spreadsheet will provide the (D.S.C.D) with all the appropriate information required to contact the individuals concerned.

We are confident that Districts will agree that both Bowls SA and Districts are being deprived of affiliation fees and this will continue if the situation is allowed to progress indefinitely. Furthermore, the numbers affect the District voting strength.

The results of the investigation should be reported back to Mike Cann at our office under the following headings:

- Deaths
- Too old to play
- Permanent ill health
- Moving between clubs
- Affiliation fees not paid

Once these reports have been vetted those bowlers who are not able to return to the sport will be deleted from the file by Bowls SA.

It would be appreciated if this task could be completed on or before 31 August 2010.

John Ravenscroft
Operations Manager

Executive Committee:

President: Debra Ferguson, *Vice President:* Allan Freeman

Member: Kallie Haupt, Sergio Martinengo, Isabel Smith, Ronald Weddell