



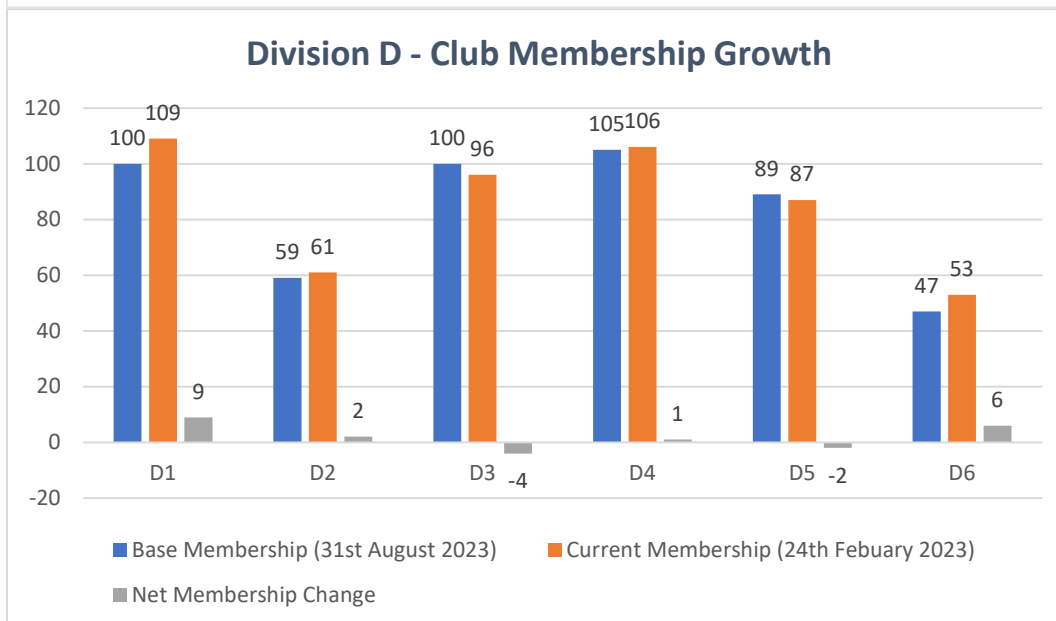
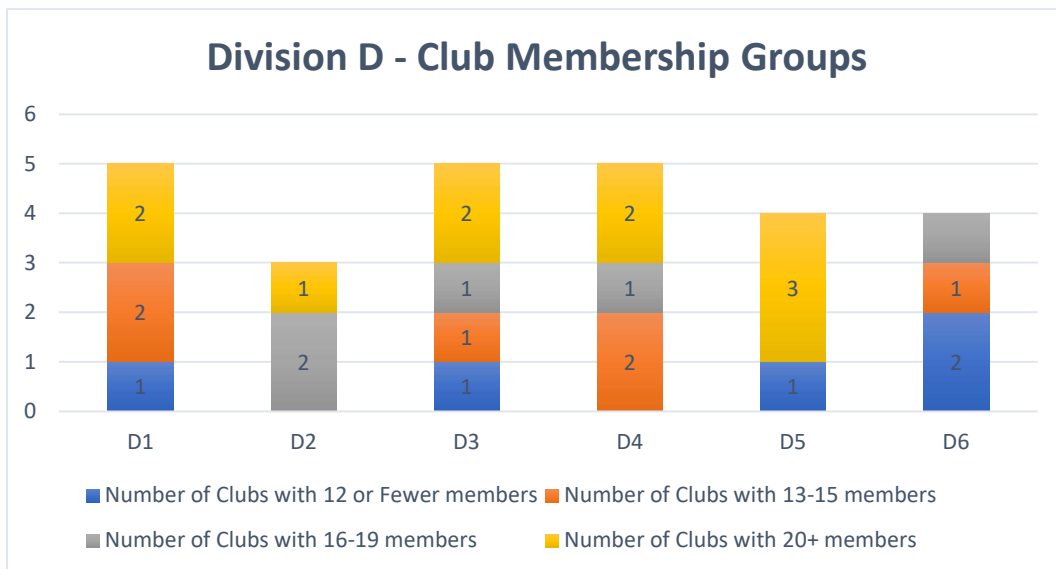
# Division D Director Report

February 24<sup>th</sup> 2024

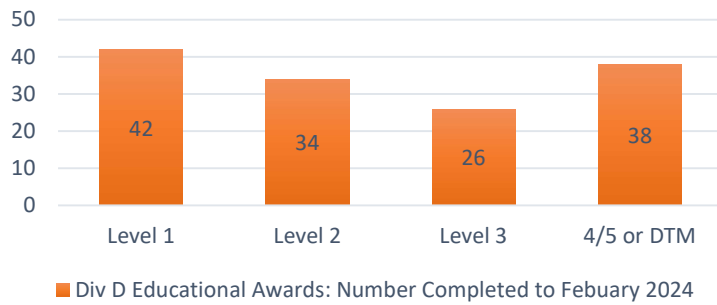
## Club Membership at a Glance:

Division D has continued to grow since August last year, hitting a high of 512 members as of this month (net growth of 12). Most of this growth has occurred in clubs with 12 or fewer members which is really good to see. Our goal is to encourage these clubs in growing to 16+ members, and also provide support to those who have lost members over the past year.

Division D has also hit the ball out of the park achieving their education goals this past year, with 140+ levels being achieved division wide. This is really encouraging to see, especially with almost 40 members completing their Pathways!



## Div D Educational Awards: Number Completed to February 2024



### What's been happening:

Our team ran the Division D COT in January, with over 35 attendees from Div D and also other areas.

To better support our club officers, we took a unique approach to running our Officer Workshops – running live QA panels and interactive Podcasts via Zoom.

This proved to be very effective (and popular), with nearly all attendees taking part until the end as well as contributing to the workshops. The workshop coordinators were: Peter and Reuben from UCanSpeak, Jude and Lachlan from Madhatters Toastmasters.

The combined D2 and D4 area competitions also took place on the 24<sup>th</sup> February, featuring the theme 'A Day at the Races', with a social Quiz the same night at the Pegasus Arms where the contest results were announced.

The D5 and D6 Area Contests have also taken place over the past two months in Christchurch and up in Nelson. Congratulations to our three Area Directors - Harry Fox, Jude Spencer, and Peter Simmonds - for all of your hard work putting these events on.

### What's coming up:

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March is the combined D1 and D3 contests, with the Division Contests taking part the following week on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March. The quality of the speeches I've seen so far has been exemplary, and I'm really looking forward to having everyone come together in under two weeks time!

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming contests, go Division D!

Reuben Painter

**Division D Director 2023-2024**