

1-Minute Newsletter - Jan/Feb 2014

There's a lot going on these days for everyone so we thought a newsletter that you could read in one minute was a good idea. For those of us in the north, the concern is whether there will actually be a spring and summer this year – every time we turn around the weather forecast threatens sub-zero temperatures. But that can actually be a GOOD thing for the business office: it can offer you more opportunities to convert your Club Office system to our new version which uses the new Access database engine!

Have You Converted Yet?

So far, about a third of our customers have converted to our new system. We wish the number were higher but it seems that most folks want to do it on a Monday and, well, there are only so many Mondays in any given month. And if it falls near a month-end billing cycle, it's usually not a viable Monday to use. But that leaves open Tuesday through Friday of EVERY week, and we're glad to do it on those days, too!

We've also had a few cancellations or postponements, and that's quite unfortunate because if we've held a date open for you and you cancel, that turns into a wasted day that perhaps some other customer could have used – and it turns into an expensive cancellation indeed – especially if it was a Monday!

Conversion to the new system is extremely important as Windows XP is going out of Microsoft support this

spring, which means new computers you may install will have either Windows 7 or (gasp!) Windows 8 installed on them. You will need the new software for these new 64-bit operating systems because ALL 64-bit versions of Windows present multiple, serious issues when dealing with the older, 16-bit Access database engine. We created the new software to meet the everchanging world of Microsoft Windows and you will need it.

We require about a 4-hour block of time when your system is quiet and inaccessible to all users to perform the conversion and no, it's not something you can do on your own. We have to do it for you. Call our office to schedule your conversion today! (952) 941-0855.

Software Updates

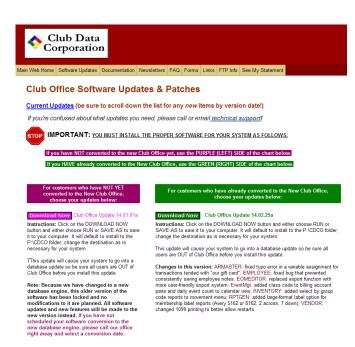
Starting in 2014, the Club Office software updates page on the Tech Support web site is divided into two main areas, and each area is specific for the version of Club Office you're using: Those who have NOT converted should use the purple (left) side for their updates; those who have already converted should use the green (right) side for theirs. If you are unsure of which version you have, simply start up the software and open the Accounts Receivable module. If the blue calendar like the one on the left below appears, you have the OLD version and you should use the purple side of the software updates page. If the white calendar appears like the one below right, then you have the NEW version and should use the green side of the software updates page. There, that wasn't so hard, was it?

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Topics for future issues...

Firewall Effects on Your Workflow, User Account Control, Tip Splitting Ideas and Tools, Cloning Registers, Shared Printer vs. Network Printer, Network Mapping, FTP ideas, the "Cloud," more...