



## PONTELAND BOWLING CLUB

April 2020 NEWSLETTER



*Members are reminded that Minutes of GPC Meetings are held in an appropriately identified file in the Club Office*

**Coronavirus** – We hope our members and families are well, sticking to the government guidelines and staying safe. **We will get back to playing!**

**Ladies President** – Following Olive Driver's resignation from the post of Ladies Section President the Section has asked immediate Past President, Jean Ramsay to step into the role. Jean has agreed and we welcome her back into the GPC.

**Bowling Green** – Daily dew sweeping is continuing and the irrigation system had been re-commissioned. It may well be needed in the present dry period. Green cutting, at a reduced rate, is continuing along with verticutting and compost tea treatment. The intention is to have the green available for play when the restrictions are lifted.

**Finance** – Despite not playing the Club is still incurring significant costs to protect and maintain the building and green. These costs are eating into our bank balance. The GPC recognise that if we are to emerge from the present problems in a strong position we need the support of our members. To this end a decision will soon have to be made in respect of a membership fee for the year. A significant factor has been whether we get back on the green this season.

**Website** – Members are encouraged to keep accessing the site. We will try and report on any events which impact the Club.

**2020 Fixtures** – All league and friendly fixtures for the season are cancelled. Should any play be possible before September we would look at how best this could be managed.

**Car Parking** – The Club has been advised that a Car Park management contract has been signed between the Memorial Hall Trust and Parking Eye and it was anticipated that the new system would start on 1st May. At the present time, the installation of the ANPR system is currently on hold as the work of the installation team has been suspended due to the COVID-19 situation. However it can be expected that Car Parking Charges WILL be implemented in 2020, in line with the charges previously advised (see MHT website), although the actual start date is uncertain at this time. The Memorial Hall Trust still plans to hold drop-in sessions, but these are also currently on hold because of the coronavirus restrictions. However, it is the intention of the Trust to offer further information and assistance with persons registering and members should check the Memorial Hall website from time to time. In the meanwhile, Members are still able to prepare for the introduction of the new system by registering free of charge with <http://www.parkgood2go.com/>

**Next GPC Meeting – Wednesday 13 May to be conducted by e-mail.**