

Hello everyone,

The weather in August seemed to have continued from July, what a poor summer we have had to endure. It has been another challenging and frustrating month for everyone. It has been difficult organising the knockout competitions and we had to cancel a couple of friendlies and not play the mixed pairs and rinks competitions we had planned to. Joint President's Day had to be postponed for the second time due to water pooling on the green. On the upside we have seen some great



finals in the Club competitions and Ann Pearson joined Maria Shuttleworth as being the only women to win all three women's competitions in the same year, in the last 100 yrs.

BH Jumbles & Picnic



We had a great fun day of bowling on Bank Holiday Monday followed by a picnic and few drinks and a good old natter. A thoroughly enjoyable day

Thanks to Phillip, Phil & Jeanette for their work running this event.

Congratulations go to Jeanette, Peter, Ann and

Ruth who were our winners on the day and to David, Allan, Hilary and Bob who were the runners up.



NELBL Triples & Pairs Competitions



Congratulations to Jean, Amanda, and Ann for their fantastic achievement in winning the NELBL Triples. This is the second year Ann has participated in and won this competition - a talented bowler.

Also, congratulations to Carolyn Burbeck and Diane Sloan who were successful in proceeding to the semifinals - only to be beaten by the eventual winners. Ponteland had five women's teams entered. It bodes well for the Club that

two of these participants, Amanda and Diane only started playing last year and this is their first season of bowling competitively.



Challenge Cup - Hosted by Ponteland.

Ponteland, Portland, Morpeth and Percy contested the first round of the Challenge Cup where each club entered two teams of four players. Unfortunately, Ponteland were on the wrong end of some close scoring games and did not progress to the finals. Congratulations to Portland who won on the day. Thanks to everyone that participated in the day and helped with running it. It was a jolly day despite the

weather.

Club Finals

Congratulations to all the finalists and the eventual winners of all the Club competitions. I am producing a separate document that identifies all competition winners and runners up. However, it would be remiss of me not to mention the fantastic achievement of Ann Pearson who made history this year. She won the 2, 3 and 4 wood, a feat only achieved once before in the last 100yrs.





Two SUPERSTARS together. Maria Shuttleworth and Ann Pearson teamed up for a photoshoot at the club. Up until this year Maria was the only member of the Women's Section to win all three of the Women's trophies, the 2, 3, & 4 wood, which she did in 1993. Then along came Ann and equalled this achievement. Maria was a member of our club for 25 years. During this time, she won 22 Club trophies, 17 County trophies and 2 England trophies. So still a few targets for



Ann to aim for. When Maria started bowling most members still worked, which is very different from today. Also, if you were selected to play, you turned up. Maria was so passionate about bowling that she retired early to focus on playing and consequently enjoyed great success. Maria was a qualified umpire and has supported and coached many members of our club and has watched them grow and progress in their bowling careers. Maria was presented with a nice bunch of flowers by Ann, and we will also provide her with a photograph of her and Ann together as a memento of the occasion which she was overjoyed to receive.



Annual Friendly against HVP

We enjoyed our annual friendly and for once the weather was very kind to us. Many of our newer members participated in this match, so it was pleasing to see how well they played and that Ponteland came out the well-deserved victors.

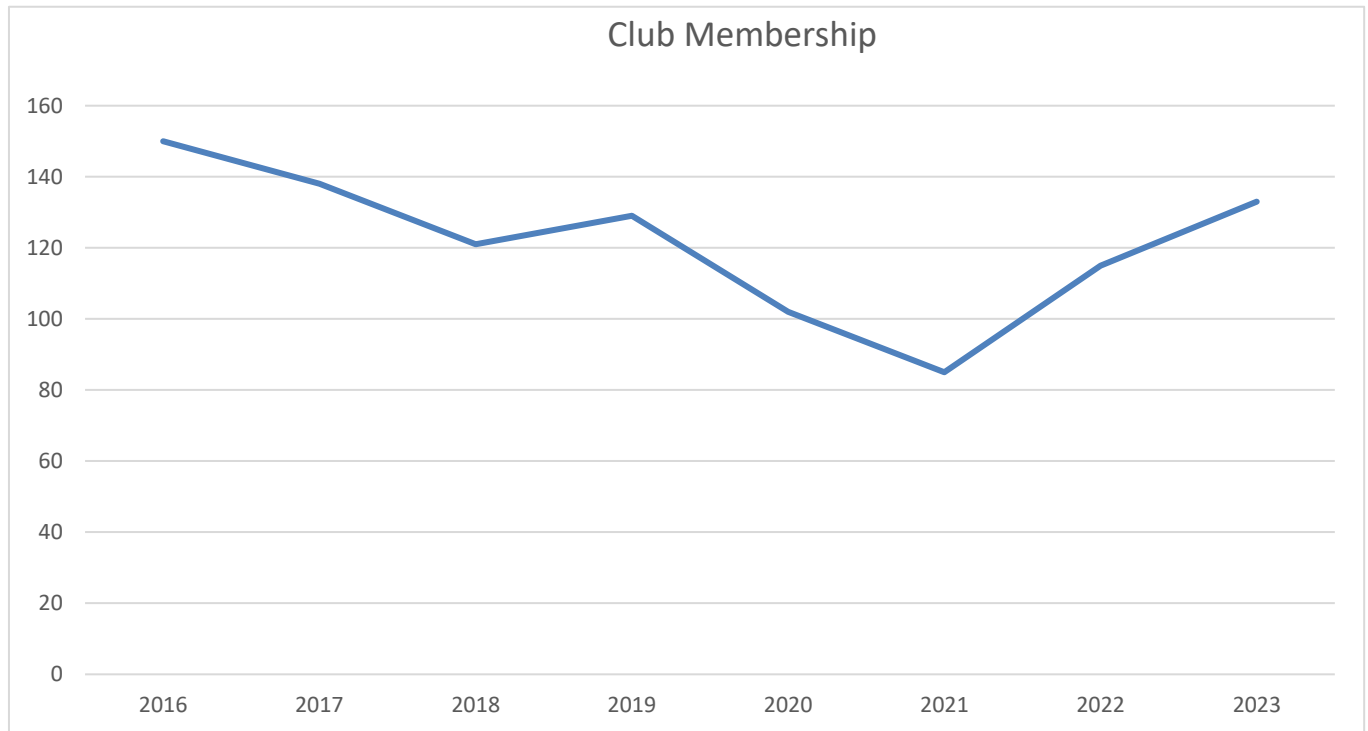
End of Season

Preparing the Green and Clubhouse for the winter Monday 25th September from 8.30 to 12.00

We are going to prepare the green and the clubhouse for the winter. We need members to come along and help with the numerous tasks. I will send an email out with more detail nearer the time. Many hands make light work.

Membership

We have had another good year recruiting new members - see chart below. Ensuring we offer a variety of bowling and social activities that meets the needs of our community, is vital to the health and future of our club. Thank you to everyone that has helped with any taster and induction sessions, you can clearly see the impact of your input.



Use of Junior Woods

We have a couple of members who have been using the junior Woods to bowl with as they are easier to hold and send up the green. I was asked by one of them if it was okay to bowl with Junior woods in Club competitions. It is fine to bowl with these woods if they are dated 1985 or later. Thanks to Margaret Turner for checking this out.

League Tables

Our games over the last two months have been impacted by the weather. A few games have had to be postponed due to the rain and the greens being dangerous to play on. Thanks to everyone that has turned out to represent our Club and to all members of the selection committees for organising teams. Also, thanks to the Green Maintenance team for all their hard work to keep our green in top condition.

Below are all the final league tables.

Collins & Shipley

COLLINS & SHIPLEY DIVISION 1

NO	TEAM NAME	PLAYED	WON	DRAWN	LOST	SHOTS +	SHOTS -	SHOTS DIFF	POINTS
2	MORPETH	14	10	0	4	672	580	92	113
1	PONTELAND A	14	9	0	5	637	570	67	102
7	BEDLINGTON DR PIT	14	7	0	7	637	600	37	83
6	WHITLEY & MONKSEATON	14	6	0	8	619	642	-23	82
3	FOREST HALL	14	7	0	7	607	606	1	79
4	HEXHAM ELVASTON	14	6	0	8	575	634	-59	77
5	BURRADON	14	6	0	8	511	565	-54	70
8	ALNWICK	14	5	0	9	539	600	-61	66

COLLINS & SHIPLEY DIVISION 2

NO	TEAM NAME	PLAYED	WON	DRAWN	LOST	SHOTS +	SHOTS -	SHOTS DIFF	POINTS
3	LESBURY	12	10	0	2	576	431	145	110
2	BENFIELD	12	9	0	3	613	494	119	105
4	GOSFORTH	12	8	0	4	580	459	121	93
8	COWPEN & CROFTON	12	7	0	5	531	459	72	79
5	AMBLE	12	4	0	8	498	562	-64	60
7	PONTELAND B	12	4	0	8	444	574	-130	44
6	SEATON DELAVAL	12	0	0	12	393	656	-263	13

KNIGHT CUP DIVISION 3.

NO	TEAM NAME	PLAYED	WON	DRAWN	LOST	SHOTS +	SHOTS -	SHOTS DIFF	POINTS
8	CRAWFORD PARK	16	14	0	2	1284	880	404	181
7	N. S .W. E.	16	13	1	2	1264	870	394	177
5	PONTELAND	16	13	1	2	1239	995	244	169
6	HEALTH & SECURITY	16	11	0	5	1314	1052	262	153
1	ASTLEY PARK	15	4	1	10	993	1125	-132	71
3	INNISFREE	16	4	1	11	993	1246	-253	67
9	HEATON VICTORIA	16	5	0	11	978	1284	-306	63
2	CENTURION PARK	15	3	0	12	925	1209	-284	58
4	SOUTER	16	2	0	14	893	1222	-329	55

Knight Having lost only two matches during the season the Ponteland Knight Team finds itself in third place. This demonstrates the importance of maximising the points on every rink for every game. A point here and there over the season can make a big difference in the end. We have had many new players turning out for the Club and they have settled in, acquitted themselves very well and are a credit to the Club. It would be great to see more new members getting involved next year.

Public Utilities

There is an issue getting the final league table for this league, so I am sending the newsletter out without it. I can however confirm that we did receive notification that Pont A gained promotion to PU Div 1, and that Pont B will remain in Div 2. Congratulations to everyone that turned out to play for either team but in particular, those that played for Pont A.

Parliamentary

After gaining promotion last year, we have worked hard this year to consolidate our position in Division 1, but it has been a hard struggle particularly during weeks when many team members were unavailable. It has been necessary to strengthen the team by persuading Knight players to play in most games. I am delighted we have managed to introduce some of our new members into our squad, they have been a great asset and I look forward to them playing again next year. Another asset this year has been the number of women that put their name down to play for the team, those selected made quite an impression with their enthusiasm, and ability to play on some of the challenging away greens. We now know the standard we must achieve to compete and remain in Div 1 and I look forward to next season with optimism.

Thanks Harry.

DIVISION 1 - Final Placings 2023



TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Points
Gosforth	14	9	1	4	1016	878	138	126
Forest Hall	14	10	1	3	978	838	140	119*
Cramlington	13	9	0	4	1023	837	186	109
Westerhope	14	7	0	7	995	1002	-7	100
Benfield	13	5	3	5	902	913	-11	95
Ponteland	14	6	0	8	952	1027	-75	84
Health & Security	14	5	1	8	966	1045	-79	78
Gosforth Garden Vill.	14	1	0	13	827	1119	-292	45

Outstanding matches:- Week 10- Benfield v Cramlington(void)

* 14 points and 20 shots deducted under Rule 6.2.10

End of Season Dinner

Our. The golf club have a new chef taking over and as soon as we have agreed a menu and the arrangements for the evening, we will let everyone know so they can sign up and choose what they would like to eat.

Future Events - dates for your diary

Fri 15th Sept – Quiz Night

Sat 16th September – re arranged President's Day

Sun 17th September – Armstrong Trophy 1.30pm for a 2.00pm start

Thurs 21st September - End of Season Dinner at the golf club - reception from 6.15.

Sat 23rd September – Closing Day Game with a Faith tea in the Clubhouse and presentation of trophies.

Club AGMs

Men's section AGM Thursday 14th September at 6.00pm- in the clubhouse

Full Club AGM Friday 22nd September at 2.00pm - in the clubhouse

*If anyone has any feedback or comments on what we are doing, please get in touch. I regularly chat to members when I am out and about and discuss various aspects of what we are doing with them, to make the club more fun, friendly, supportive, and most importantly **sustainable - fit for the future**, and ready for another 100 yrs.*

regards GPC