



## PONTELAND BOWLING CLUB

APRIL 2017 NEWSLETTER



### FINANCES

As of 6th April 2017 membership fees received were;

LADIES	66 full members	13 associate / social	£6,720 and £130
MEN	56 full members	6 associate / social	£5,320 and £60

There have been several resignations and some full members reverting to social / associate membership

Other income since the last meeting:-

- A donation of £120 from the Friday afternoon art class
- The quiz evening on 10th March raised £79 income, (£186 income - £107 expenses).
- Pre-season dinner tickets are £1530 (85 attendees) another £18 to come.
- £500 sponsorship from Landmark Support Services (mens team shirts and jackets) was credited into our bank account on 22nd March 2017

Other expenses since last meeting:

- £500 on account to the Memorial Hall for car park repairs. Our accompanying letter, raising various issues with the Memorial hall, has resulted in a meeting between the bowling club, tennis club and the Memorial hall on Thursday 13th April 2017
- Greens expenses included £508.80 to Sheriff Amenities, £119 to Tony and £212.34 to Symbio for the tea bag treatment.
- Utilities £160.20 to NPower for gas and £41.88 to Northumbria Water

### WEBSITE

Apologies given for not organizing someone to take photographs during the pre-season dinner

### DEVELOPMENT AND RECRUITMENT

Adverts have been placed in Pont News and Views and Tynedale Express. Members will be invited to sign up if willing to help during the taster sessions, (see whiteboard). Sue has organised refreshments and helpers.

### REPORTS FROM SECRETARIES

**MEN's** availability for selection is available. Jim agreed to find someone to play in the Public Utilities competition on 22nd April and let Dave Kirk know.

**WOMEN's** There had been a good response, (66) for the leagues. Collins & Shipley - 36, NEL - 32, PU - 12, and Parliamentary - 5

The draw for the 2, 3 and 4 woods had taken place

49 ladies and 27 men had signed up for Open Day

A request had been raised at the Ladies Spring Meeting regarding sending newsletters out via email. After some discussion it was agreed not to do this as newsletters were on display in the clubhouse and also on the website.

Boston Bowls will be at the clubhouse on 22nd May 10.00 am - 2.00 pm.

## **SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **SOCIAL**

Sue asked for confirmation of dates that required the social committee to cater for;

5th May Ladies County match tea and biscuits on arrival meal after game

14th June Bell Cup lunch and tea

24th June Men's County buffet lunch

5th August BBQ

12th August Pie and Peas

23rd August HVP's meal after game

Sandy was thanked for organising the clubhouse for the Ladies Spring meeting

### **GREENS**

Bob informed everyone that the green will be ready to play for the week prior to Open Day. The green had been seeded, mats were down and the ditches had been cleaned. Tea bag stock and wetting agent to be applied, (not at the same time)

Irrigation watering system to be reconnected, a new controller will cost £150 + VAT

The surrounding boards on the side opposite the Memorial Hall and the clubhouse nearside will need replacing and the green lifted. Bob to seek quotes in readiness for the end of season.

New spreader and sprinklers have been purchased.

There will be a general tidy up of the greens and surrounds on Thursday 13th April @ 9.00 am as announced at the pre-season dinner. (At time of going to press, 8 volunteers worked very hard on this Thursday morning for 2/3 hours – still some work to do on the surrounds)

At 11.30 am, Bob will explain the new arrangements for setting out the rinks.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

It was agreed that both competition and selection committees need to work together more closely.

Dave Kirk was thanked for painting the internal clubhouse doors.

It was agreed that members be requested to pay voluntary contribution of 50p towards the cost of the club fixture book.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 18th May @ 2.00 pm