



PONELAND BOWLING CLUB

July Newsletter 2022

Hello everyone,

The season continues to go by at some speed with everyone enjoying a great season of bowling and all the activities on offer.

We started the month with **The Ladies County Presidents Day** that took place on Sunday 3rd July. Allison Storey the County President had a wonderful fun day, playing bowls and raising money for charity. The event supported Alzheimer's Newcastle and raised over £900 for this fantastic cause. A brilliant achievement by everyone involved.

Many of the bowlers from all over the county entered into the spirit by dressing as a character from a children's book.

A huge thank you goes to Allison, the players on the day including the organisers, Erica and Margaret Turner. Thanks also go to everyone that couldn't make it but sent a prize or a donation along, to everyone who donated to the cake / plant / craft stalls, or supervised a stall. And finally, thanks to everyone who spent money on the day. So far, we have raised over £900 for Alzheimer's Newcastle.



On 23 July we held our **Joint Presidents Day**. Where the Ladies take on the Men in a friendly but very well contested match.

It was a fantastic and very enjoyable afternoon. A jolly time was had by all. The game was followed by a faith tea in the Clubhouse where

members enjoyed something to eat and drink and a catch up with everyone. A huge thanks to Billy Howard and particularly Ann Pearson for the outstanding organisation, which allowed the event to run perfectly. Also, a huge thankyou to everyone that helped out



Congratulations to both these teams.

The men won the competition overall by a small margin 19 to 17. Billy congratulated the ladies on finishing second.



This year our prize fund was topped up by Dobbies Garden Centre making the gift vouchers even more desirable. A huge thanks to Dobbies for this. Ruth has sent a letter of thanks to the manager of Dobbies.

Re West-Denton Indoor Bowls (WDIBC) - we requested additional rink bookings to accommodate our new members who, wished to bowl indoors, after the outdoor season has finished. (September 18th to about April 13th). But our request was for additional lanes on a **Block-Booking** basis, has not been successful.

WDIBC have agreed to us having priority for an additional lane on a Tuesday afternoon at 2.30pm only, on a rolling week by week basis, but without guarantee. WDIBC did say that this arrangement should not be a problem though.

On this basis, Allan has decided to prepare a schedule for four rinks on a Tuesday, which will include those that had put their names on the board before July 23rd. **Allan still needs an additional 3 men to complete the numbers so we can have a truly mixed session.** If you are male & interested let Alan Russell know or speak to me and I will pass your name on to him.

N.B. Block Bookings are where we have lanes reserved every week throughout the indoor season.

running some aspect of the event, it all made for a great day. Prizes were awarded to the best men's team and the best ladies' team.

The winning ladies team consisted of Pam, Irene, Jean and Lesley.

The winning men's team was Bob, Michael, Frank and Michael.



Individuals and small groups are still able to book rinks at various times during the week on an ad hoc basis. When WDIBC opens, I will arrange a time where I can meet new members at the facility so I or members from WDIBC can explain how everything works there, so you can continue to enjoy your bowling over the winter. I will email all new members when this will take place (probably late August - early September).

Damage to the Green - we continue to get some damage to our green. Some of this has been caused by visiting teams but some is caused during casual play. If you are having a casual game and the green is being damaged, please take the responsibility to use the green mats, they are in the shed. Our green has been more damp recently as we have been trying to deal with some very dry patches. You can see looking at the green the efforts of the Green Maintenance Team have made a difference to the green.

Pie & Pea Mixed Jumbles – on Sat 13th Aug we are holding a Pie and Pea mixed Jumbles 2.00 for a 2.30 start – so we finish a little nearer tea time when we serve the pie and peas (There will be no Percy and Lorna Telfer Trophy comp on in the morning). Val has put up a list on the notice board for members to sign up. If you would like to socialise and have pie and peas after the game, please sign up on the sheet before the 10th of August, as we need to purchase the pies. The cost will be £6 each which includes entry to the comp. Mixed teams will be drawn on the day of the competition. If you want to take part but do not want to have the pie and peas you will need to come along at 2.00 to sign in and pay your entry fee. Teams will be drawn on the day.

Armstrong Trophy – Our annual Men v Ladies competition, The Armstrong Trophy will be held on Saturday 3rd September. This is where the men's and ladies champion play each other and at the same time there are pairs, triples and 4s matches taking place.

Use of Facebook to promote the Club - I have mentioned before that we need to use Facebook to promote the Club in the local community. It is easy to do, we just need all members to like and share the posts that are made by the Club - this raises the awareness of our existence and activities within the local community. On Saturday we held Joint President's' Day where we had 48 people participating, after three days we only had six members who had liked/shared the post. Please could everyone take the time to like our posts and share them. If we all do this it is a very powerful and inexpensive way to promote the Club.

Painting the Club House our clubhouse is looking a little tired and shabby so we are looking to get it painted both inside and out. We have agreed the job and prices we just need to agree what our colour schemes will be.

Last one out **PLEASE MAKE SURE** the lights etc are off. It is only Wednesday but we have had two instances of lights being left on, once in the Men's changing room after Tuesday's roll up and today in the Ladies toilets. If you come out of the toilets or changing room, please turn off the light to avoid wasting energy. If you are the last person or group leaving the Club check both the men's and ladies changing room and toilets (knocking and calling out first to ensure no one is there), the kitchen and the office, before leaving.

Is anyone a qualified electrician? - is there anyone in the club who is qualified to carry out some basic electrical work at the Club? If so would you speak to David Redhead please.



Team News

Ladies Leagues



Collins & Shipley

Collins and Shipley league We are currently 2nd in the league and the results from last month are: -

Lesbury at home a win for Ponteland 62 to 44

Seaton Sluice away a win for Ponteland 61 to 24

Alnwick at home a win for Ponteland 48 to 37

No game on 20 /7 it was a Bye

North east league

Seaton sluice at home win for Ponteland 72 to 34

Newbiggin away win for Ponteland 66 to 52

There was no game this week as it was postponed due to the extreme hot weather.

Ladies' pairs competition took place on 25th June. The winners were Marilyn Kilmister and Linda Bolam - congratulations to both. Strawberries and ice cream were enjoyed by everyone after the game. Many thanks to Jean Barras for the strawberries and Gloria for the ice cream

Men's leagues

Parliamentary

The Parliamentary team however goes from strength to strength winning all three of their July fixtures. They are top of their league with an eight won and one lost record. With only three games remaining we are looking forward to an exciting and successful conclusion of the season.

The Knight

Our Knight team has had a great month of bowling during July, with two wins out of three. This leaves them us in third place with a real chance of gaining promotion this season.

Public Utilities - mixed league

Our current participation in this (mixed) League, is showing mixed fortunes. Our "A" Team is doing rather well at the moment, being near the top of the 3rd Division, (and therefore could potentially achieve promotion in 2023), whilst our "B" Team are currently sitting in the middle of Division Three, and are therefore unlikely to achieve promotion this particular season.

However, both teams had a very successful game on 28th July, with each winning at home, and gaining much-needed points.

Both teams have two further League matches to play this season, including a game between Pont "A" and Pont 'B" on Thursday 18th August. This particular game will take place at Ponteland at 6.30pm, and spectators are more than welcome.

Thxs Peter

Start times for Knight and Public Utilities

Would all members who play in the evening league games be aware that these games will start half an hour earlier from the start of August at 6.30.

End of Season Meal and Presentation Evening - Thursday 22nd September. We are holding our End of Season Meal and Presentation Evening at Ponteland Golf Club. Reception from 6.00pm with the meal being served from 6.45pm - 7.00pm. The annual presentation of trophies will take place after the meal when the coffee has been served. Menu choices and prices are attached to this newsletter. A sheet has been placed on the Clubhouse notice board for members to sign up for the meal and enter menu choices. You sign up on a table so you can be with friends and team mates. There are eight tables available but if more want to come along I have been assured that I can get a few more tables, so there is space at the bottom for additional names if the table spaces are full. Please sign up early so I can liaise with the golf club if I need to get extra tables. Payment for the meal will be on the night at the golf club.

Newsletters & GPC Minutes can be found in a folder in the Clubhouse.

regards *GPC*