



# PONTELAND BOWLING CLUB

## JULY 2015 NEWSLETTER



*In order to improve communication with members and to try and ensure that we are all aware of ongoing issues and changes within the Club a 'Club Newsletter' is being trialled. The Newsletter would be published after each GPC Meeting throughout the year with copies being posted on the Clubhouse noticeboard, in the Club Handbook and on the Club website. It is hoped that members will make every effort to read the newsletters and keep up to date with Club activities both in and out of season.*

**Northumbria in Bloom** – Inspection took place on Wednesday 15 July.

**Applications for Membership** – 4 approved at last meeting (see Club Handbook).

**Development and Recruitment** – A great deal of effort has gone into trying to attract new members this season and a full review will be carried out at the season's end on the effectiveness of the measures taken and the degree of success. Early indications are that advertising is no longer working and that 'word of mouth' from existing members to friends, acquaintances etc. is more effective. Members are asked to give this subject some thought and any reasonable suggestions should be passed to GPC members. The Committee expressed its thanks to all those who had assisted in the taster and school sessions.

**Social and Club Events** – BBQ had been successful raising £ 537. There have been suggestions that we go back to Saturday evening rather than Friday. Any views welcome. Next event is the Pie & Peas evening. Keep a look out for notices.

**Green** – Work programme still being adhered to. Our green fertilizer/weedkiller sprayer is no longer reliable and the purchase of a new one has been approved at a cost of £780. The new sprayer will have battery controlled spraying to ensure consistent and even application.

Damage has been done to the green due to bowls being bounced into the surface. Members are reminded that we all have a responsibility to ensure that we and those we play with do not cause damage. Delivery mats are available if anyone has a delivery problem.

Mike Anderson and Colin Potts were thanked for cutting the hedge along Darras Road.

**Use of Green** - The use of the green by members while 'county or external' matches are taking place was questioned in regards to good manners and avoidance of disruption. The Committee have agreed that in those circumstances where the green has been handed over to the County for their use, regardless of how many rinks are being used, then the green will be closed to general play by members until such time as the green has been handed back. In all other circumstances unused rinks on the green are available to members. However members are reminded that they should avoid causing disturbance or interruption when county or national games are being played.