



## PONTELAND BOWLING CLUB

January 2019 NEWSLETTER



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

**Applications for Membership** – None this month

**Finance** – The Treasurer reported that the most significant outgoings since the last meeting were a water bill of £221.89 and £110.16 for the winter shut down of the green irrigation system. The most significant income was £158 from the Daft Dominoes and it was agreed that in future we reduce the ticket prices as the social events were never intended as fund raisers. £120 donation had also been received from the Art Group which uses the premises on a Friday afternoon out of season. The total income from coffee mornings to date is £398.67 which should be on target to cover the season's bus costs.

**Website** – Keep up to date with forthcoming events. The new Bowls Northumberland site is now up and running using the same address. [www.bowlsnorthumberland.com](http://www.bowlsnorthumberland.com)

**Development and Recruitment** – As usual the Club will be putting on taster sessions at the start of the season with enhanced advertising. Members will be reminded however that 'word of mouth' is still the most effective means of getting in new members and we need everyone to help with this.

**Social and Club Events** – We have our next Coffee Morning, to which both men and women are always welcome, on Thursday 7 February followed by our 'Games Afternoon' on Thursday 14 February.

**Reminder** - there are still numbers available for our monthly draw, see Allison or David Crozier.

**Green and Site** – Winter work is proceeding. We currently have some fusarium in the green but no remedial action can be taken at present. We are still awaiting the cutting down of the laurel bushes at the corners of the green.

**Fixtures for 2019** – A few friendly games are already arranged. Both Ladies and Men's BN fixtures and competitions for 2019 are now available on the BN website. Dates for our internal Club events have now also been agreed. The Club will host a Men's, Northern Counties Alsop Cup match between Northumberland and Yorkshire on Saturday 1 June. It is our turn, on Sunday 1 September, to host the Oubridge Cup finals which involve the Club Champions of the private bowling clubs.

**Bowls Northumberland News** – Proposals to reduce some league formats from the present four triples to three triples were defeated at both the Ladies and Men's AGMs. This is to the benefit of Ponteland as it maximises bowling opportunities for members.

**Next GPC Meeting** – **Wednesday 13 February 2019 at 9.30am in the Clubhouse.**