



PONTELAND BOWLING CLUB

June 2020 NEWSLETTER



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

Coronavirus – We hope our members and families are well, sticking to the government guidelines and staying safe.

Sad News – Sadly we must report on the death of Freda Owen who at the age of 102 was still an Associate Member of the Club. Although not many present members will have known Freda she was apparently 'quite a character' in her day.

Bowling – A further relaxation in the Bowls England Guidelines has given the Club the opportunity to offer pairs play on the green in addition to the earlier singles play. Spectators are also now allowed on site. The Club Guidelines have been amended accordingly. Members are reminded that the Guidelines are there for their safety and the safety of other members. All members using the green must adhere fully to the guidelines. Social distancing is still of the utmost importance. Any further relaxation of national restrictions will be looked at by the GPC and the Club policy altered where necessary.

Finance – The decision had been taken to apply half membership fees in order to ensure that the Club emerged from the current situation in a sound position. At the time of the GPC meeting 102 Full Members had paid, a significant drop from our previous 129 Full Members. There are however a number of members who have not responded to the request for payment of fees. Monies had been returned to the Club by Bowls Northumberland Ladies and Men's Sections with a further amount being due from the Men's Section. The committee confirmed that following the introduction of Memorial Hall car parking charges it was no longer necessary for the Club to set aside the annual £800 for car park repairs.

Bowling Green – Work continues to keep the green in top condition. We have some disease in the green including 'dollar spot'. This is probably weather related. The green is receiving regular treatment but some additional treatment may be needed. Weather permitting feed would be applied next week.

Website – It is important that members continue to access the site to keep up with the latest news and any changes to the Coronavirus Guidelines.

Car Parking – Charges for parking in the Memorial Hall car park commenced on Wednesday 17 June. Members had been reminded that it was their responsibility to make the necessary arrangements if using the car park.

Next GPC Meeting – Wednesday 15 July.