



PONTELAND BOWLING CLUB

JUNE/JULY 2017 NEWSLETTER



FINANCES

As of 29th July 2017 membership stood at

LADIES	75 full members	17 associate / social
MEN	63 full members	6 associate / social

There are 7 new members this year – 3 women and 4 men

No major income since the last report, expenditure continues on utilities and greens. To date, accounts show a profit of £6,400 and a bank balance of £22,580.

WEBSITE

There have been a few technical issues with the layout of headers on each page of the website. This does not affect access or content of the website.

DEVELOPMENT AND RECRUITMENT

New members have met with Richard, Jean and Allison and been given the opportunity to get involved on the club. All members who attended the taster sessions will be contacted – even if they have not yet applied for membership.

Bob has offered to provide a “Delivery Clinic” next year. This is for all members, not just new members, who are experiencing difficulties which result in damage to the green. It was agreed that this should be an agenda item for both sections at their respective AGMs.

REPORTS FROM SECRETARIES

MEN

Ponteland hosted the county game on 24th June. On 9th July, the club also hosted the Edwardson Cup.

WOMEN

Approval was given for the county 2 and 4 wood semi and final competitions to be held at Ponteland on 10th July. Our ladies’ finals day was held on 31st July which concluded the 2 and 4 wood competitions.

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

GREENS

The program is running to plan despite the weather. Northumberland in Bloom judging took place on 18th July. Thanks were given to the greens committee who have worked so hard making everything so tidy and colourful. It was agreed that Bob will get quotes for raising the 2 edges of the green that now need to be repaired.

SOCIAL

It was agreed that the social committee would meet to discuss the winter programme. This needs to be finalised in good time before the end of the season so that it can be distributed to all members.

Presidents Day was hugely successful. Having the faith tea in the clubhouse worked out very well.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The social committee had been thanked by competitors of both the Bell Cup and the men's County Match which were both held at Ponteland during June. Competitors also complimented the club on the condition of our green.

After some discussion, it was agreed that, in accordance with the constitution, the men's committee would meet more regularly.

Bob has produced a notice clarifying which competitions have priority on the green. Members are also requested to stick to the designated green booking times.

The possibility of registering our club as a charity had been raised by a member. This has been considered but Charitable Status, although it can give some tax reliefs and benefits, has much greater regulatory and stringent controls than at present. An alternative to a charity is a CASC (Community Amateur Sports Club) which also gives tax reliefs without as many regulatory controls. It was decided that to register as either would bring an increased workload with no benefit to the club. This had been discussed some years ago and the same conclusion reached.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 31st August 2017 at 9.30am