



PONTELAND BOWLING CLUB

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NEWSLETTER



Applications for Membership – None this month

Finance - The AGM agreed that Membership Fees stay the same for 2016. The Treasurer reports that with falling membership and reduced income from events we could run into deficit next year. We must continue recruiting and members need to support all events. Tom has indicated that this will be his last year as Treasurer and we need to find a replacement as soon as possible to ensure a smooth take over, **do we have a volunteer?**

Website – Keep up to date with news and event photographs.

Social and Club Events – At the recent Ladies County Dinner Allison, Mary, Gloria and Pam were formally presented with their County trophies, Well Done! After a very enjoyable Beetle Drive then Ladies Dinner our next social event is the Daft Dominoes on Friday 11 December, tickets at £6 still available from Liz and Dave Cowings and Allison. Don't forget to put in your new diary our Burns Night Supper on Friday 22 Jan. 2016. **Reminder** - there are still numbers available for our monthly draw, see Allison or David Crozier.

Public Utilities League – Dave Kirk was installed as League President at the Public Utilities AGM. The league secretary, Celia Queen, intends to step down after next season when she will have completed 20 years in the job. Is there anyone among our utilities players who would be interested in taking on the job?

Green and Site – Work is now completed on raising the green along two edges, the task at the start of next season will be to get the two affected rinks 'played in'.

Dress on the Green – In the Men's AGM it was agreed that dress for all club internal competition games will be white above the waist and grey trousers. The theme was continued in the Parliamentary League AGM where Club representatives were strongly reminded of the need to adhere to the dress code laid down in the Constitution. Failure to improve on the standard of dress may result in penalties being imposed in the League in 2017.

Parliamentary League Proposals - The AGM was faced with three proposals which although aimed at keeping in the league those teams, who were struggling for numbers, the proposals would have had significant impact in other areas. The proposals to allow Ladies to play and the reduction from four to three rinks were defeated although in the case of the ladies, by only two votes. The proposal to scrap the age limit of 55 was modified and it was agreed that the age limit be dropped to 50 years.

New Mixed League - Bowls Northumberland are planning a new mixed Club league, to start in the 2016 season. The game would be 2 rinks of 4 players, each rink must consist of 2 men and 2 women from the same club. Ends would be 18 and to be played on a Sunday morning at 10.30 am. Before we sign up for this, it would be useful to have an indication of how many would be interested in playing. Please contact Section Secretaries Jean Ramsay or Jim Taylor before 28th November

GPC Meeting – Saturday 28 November 2015 at 9.30am in the Clubhouse.