



## PONELAND BOWLING CLUB

### Q4 2016 NEWSLETTER



#### CLUB AGM

**Officers** – The officers for the 2017 season, as confirmed at the AGM, are Chairman – Richard Varley, Secretary – Allison Storey and Treasurer – Jean Barras.

**Fees** – The GPC's recommendation that the Club's Full Membership Fee be increased to £95 was approved by the meeting. This was in the light of a deficit of some £600 over the last season.

**Honorary Vice President** – In recognition of his many years service to the Club to the GPC, and particularly in recent years as Treasurer, the Chairman recommended, on behalf of the GPC, that Tom Harrison be made an Honorary Vice President of the club. This was fully supported by the membership.

**Green Ranger** – Bob Liddle has agreed to remain as Green Ranger with the support of a team of members who will carry out many of the day to day duties. This team is now working well carrying out daily swishing/maintenance. Our handyman has undertaken additional work including cutting, slitting and cleaning the ditches.

A new schedule of green rotation is proposed for next season. In any one week all games will be played in a single direction using three different rink positions, positioning of rink markers will be carried out by the Green Rangers team each day.

Bob reported that a leak in the watering system had been located and repaired. The leak had probably been there for at least 2 years.

#### MEN'S SECTION

**Club Shirts** – The men's AGM agreed that for the 2017 season a Club shirt will be adopted for all Bowls Northumberland league matches. Parliamentary and Public Utilities games will continue in white shirts as club shirts are not recognised by these two leagues. The Men's Sub-committee is to progress the design and registration of a suitable shirt. A £500 sponsorship has been secured to go towards the cost of these new shirts.

#### LADIES SECTION

2017 is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of women members into the club. Official celebrations are still being discussed.

#### SOCIAL

The winter social events – coffee mornings, beetle drive and "daft" dominoes so far - have been well supported. The next main event is the BURNS NIGHT SUPPER on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at the Golf Club.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Friendly Matches** – The President appealed to all members to support friendly games as we are in danger of having to remove them from our calendar.

**Bell Cup** –Ponteland is to host one of the Bell Cup rounds in 2017.

**Bowls Northumberland** – The Club has been accepted by BN to host County Championship semi-finals and after 2017 will be in line to host the Championship Finals. The Club may also be asked to host inter county matches.