



PONELAND BOWLING CLUB

April 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 subscriptions currently amounted to £11,523 compared to £12,170 last year. A further £160 had been received for the 100 Club bringing a total of £900. A donation of £120 had been received from the Friday Art Group. Main expenditure was £518 for chemicals, £225(2 months) to the cleaner and £125 AV Irrigation. The site insurance of £917.36 is also due this coming month. To date 57 ladies have joined the Club (cf 63 in 2018) and 51 men (cf 58 in 2018). A few members had not responded to the pre season letters and these would be chased up by the Sections.

Development and Recruitment – Dates for taster sessions have been notified to the usual publications. Copies of the booklet entitled ‘Guidance for New Bowlers’ have been obtained from Bowls England and these will be given free to new members and will be made available to existing members for purchase. Members are again reminded that word of mouth is still the most effective means of getting people along to the tasters. If you know of anyone who you think might be interested get them to come along or bring them along yourself.

Social and Club Events –The coffee morning and Bring and Buy sale to raise funds for the Motor Neurone Disease Association takes place on Saturday 18 May and it is hoped that members will attend and bring friends along.

Green and Site – A get together of those members willing to share the Green Ranger role over the summer period has taken place and a rota drawn up. Members have taken on responsibility for two week periods with a nominated back up. The rota is available in the Clubhouse. Members were reminded that the Green Ranger’s responsibility is to decide whether the green is fit for play. The decision as to whether the green is safe to play on rests with the Team Captains. A working party was agreed prior to Opening Day to get seats out of store and paint them and to carry out a site tidy up. Verticutting is taking place on Friday 26 April and help is again required.

Future Direction – Peter Kilmister is continuing to administer the Facebook site. The GPC accept that this approach is restrictive and the degree of use needs to be monitored to see whether access can be made more generally available.

Club Finals – It has been agreed that we will have joint Finals Day for the Ladies and Men’s competition and this will be on Sunday 18 August when it is hoped members will come along to watch.

Car Parking - At the Men’s Pre Season get together concern had been expressed about parking in the Memorial Hall car park. The GPC had a long discussion on what everyone agrees is a problem to which there are no clear answers. The GPC will keep this issue in mind.

Next GPC Meeting – Wednesday 15 May 2019 at 9.15am in the Clubhouse.