



## PONTELAND BOWLING CLUB

August 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** – It was reported that the main outgoings were £520 on the green, £391 to Ponteland Print and £147 on Memorial Hall bookings. The latter included Opening Day and Presidents Day. A donation of £25 each was made to each of the four the Ladies who went to the National Championships. Utilities bills amounted to £142.29 and we are now on a new 2 year contract at reduced rates. Present bank balance is £22,790. Following discussion it was agreed that the Fees for 2020 remain at the present level.

**Website** – All of the season's fixtures are now shown and there are links to the majority of league tables.

**Social and Club Events** – The Social Committee have compiled the winter social programme and this will be circulated to members in the end of season letters.

**Green and Site** – It was reported that the green was suffering from a fungal disease known as Anthracnose. There is no direct chemical treatment available but a number of remedial measures have been put in place. The purchase of appropriate chemicals was approved. The GPC also approved the purchase of a 'slitter' for the mower at a cost of around £1000. It was also agreed that the 'assistant' green ranger rota had generally worked well and could be carried through to next season.

**Recruitment and Development** – Terms of reference have been agreed and a sub-committee formed. The objective is to improve recruitment, retention of members and to develop the skills and understanding of the game among all members. The sub-committee is to report by February 2020.

**Succession** - It was agreed that nomination sheets for the various club committees should now be displayed.

**Outstanding League Games** – Both Ladies and Men's Secretaries reported that there were a number of games outstanding due to weather cancellation. Dates had been agreed for the majority of games and the Club looked set to complete all of its league commitments.

**End of Season Correspondence** - It was agreed that this should be available to members on Closing Day.

**Memorial Trust Representation** – The GPC have agreed that the Club's representative to the Trust should be the GPC Chairman. Peter is to attend the Trust AGM in September.

**Next GPC Meeting** – Wednesday 11 September 2019 at 9.30am in the Clubhouse.