



# PONELAND BOWLING CLUB

## December 2018 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 on the incomings and outgoings, the most significant amount out being the £834.60 to the Memorial Hall. The Beetle Drive had raised £120 which had been passed to the 'Crisis at Christmas' charity.

**Website** – Keep up to date with forthcoming events.

**Development and Recruitment** – Last season's recruitment had brought in some very promising bowlers to the Club. It was agreed that we will carry out taster sessions in 2019 with as wide an advertising campaign as possible. It was recognised that word of mouth is still the most successful means of bringing in new members. There is concerned at our lack of qualified coaches and volunteers are needed to take up a coaching role within the Club. Although we no longer have a formal Clubmark qualification the principles are of benefit to the overall Club and our procedures etc. are to be brought up to date. This will involve looking at how the Club should develop over coming years.

**Social and Club Events** – We have our next Coffee Morning, to which both men and women are always welcome, on Wednesday 12 December followed by our 'Daft Dominoes' on Friday 14 December. In January we have our first Coffee Morning of the year on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>, then our 'Burns Supper' on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>. Order your tickets now.

**Reminder** - there are still numbers available for our monthly draw, see Allison or David Crozier.

**Green and Site** – The winter programme is proceeding and repairs to the ditch backing have been carried out. The lack of a Green Ranger will be covered during next season by a group of volunteers who will each assume the role for a two week period.

**Fixtures for 2019** – A few friendly games are already being arranged and once we have some Bowls Northumberland dates the Ladies and Men's Competition Committees are to meet to look at dates for our internal Club events. The Club will host a Northumberland Ladies, Northern Counties, match against Durham on Friday 24 May.

**Bowls Northumberland News** – Both the Ladies and Men's AGMs are faced with proposals to reduce some league formats from the present four triples to three triples. While this may help clubs with small memberships it is not in Ponteland's interest as it significantly reduces bowling opportunities for our members.

**New Flagpole** - This is now in place and the GPC have thanked Sandy Christie for his generosity.

**Recycling** - The GPC recognise that during the bowling season a significant amount of recyclable waste, particularly plastic bottles, is generated on site. As the Memorial Hall bins do not have segregated disposal facilities the Club will put in place its own recycling procedures for next season. We will look to all members to assist in this.

**Next GPC Meeting** – Wednesday 9 January 2019 at 9.30am in the Clubhouse.