



PONTELAND BOWLING CLUB

DECEMBER 2015 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 reminded the GPC that we are likely to run into deficit next year. There is a great need for all members to support social and money raising events and to help with recruiting new members. There is also a further reminder that we are looking for a new Treasurer and the sooner someone is available to work alongside Tom the easier will be the hand over, **do we have a volunteer?**

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

Development and Recruitment – It was confirmed that we revert to having taster sessions on consecutive Saturdays in May. We will continue to advertise as in previous years but we acknowledge that word of mouth from existing members is the most successful means of bringing in new members. **We need everyone to help with this.** Retaining new members is a priority and we want Proposers and Seconders to take responsibility for ensuring the integration of those new members which they introduce to the Club.

Social and Club Events – We have our Dotty Dominoes this month and a Coffee Morning on Wednesday 16th December. **Reminder that Coffee Mornings are Club events and men are always welcome.** Tickets are now on sale for our Burns Night Supper on Friday 22 Jan. 2016 and this year in addition to traditional fare we are offering alternatives. Members are asked to support this event and remember that it is open to friends, relations, neighbours etc.

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

Green and Site – Work continues to be carried out in accordance with the agreed winter programme. The areas of the green disturbed for edge lifting appear to be knitting well thanks to the mild weather.

New Mixed League – The proposed County Mixed League will not now go ahead due to lack of interest. In the meantime the Ladies Section is looking into joining the Tyneside Friday Afternoon Friendly League. This is also a mixed league and could be slotted in alongside the Men's friendly games. The aim is to give new and existing players the opportunity to gain experience both in playing in matches and playing in unfamiliar positions.

Fixtures for 2016 – Dates for Club Events were agreed with Opening and Closing Days on Saturday 16 April and Saturday 17th September. The Joint Presidents Day has been moved back to a Saturday and will be on 23 July with the Mixed Triples moving to Saturday 20 August. By popular request the Barbeque will be on Saturday 25 June rather than a Friday evening.

Bowls Northumberland Men's AGM – Main changes are removal of the skipping restriction in Knight and Clegg on consecutive nights and extension of the season end by 10 rather than the present 7 days.

GPC Meeting – Saturday 9 January 2016 at 9.30am in the Clubhouse.