



PONTELAND BOWLING CLUB

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2016

NEWSLETTER



Members are reminded that Minutes of GPC Meetings are held in an appropriately identified file in the Club Office.

Queen Elizabeth's 90th Birthday – The Queen will be 90 years old in April and as part of Ponteland Town's recognition of this event the Bowling Club will include a birthday celebration on Opening Day. Members are asked to wear whites as usual but to enhance their outfits with red, white and blue. An internal trophy previously used for the Oddfellows competition is to be re-named the 'Queen Elizabeth Cup – 2016' and will be presented to the winners on Opening Day for ongoing years.

Applications for Membership – None this month

Finance - We are still 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 – We have scheduled 5 taster sessions on Saturday mornings in May and the first week of June, this qualifies us to apply for a BDA grant again this year. Remember the most effective way to bring in new members is through personal contact and we need all members to help.

Social and Club Events – Our next Social event is the Domino Drive on Friday 11 March 2.00pm, tickets are available from GPC members. Come along and give your support. The next Coffee Morning is Monday 14 March and please bear in mind that **Coffee Mornings are Club events and men are always welcome.**

Boston Bowls Roadshow – Boston Bowls will be visiting the Club on Monday 20 April between 10am and 2.30pm – if you need any new gear here is the opportunity.

Green and Site – Work is progressing in accordance with the winter programme and we are now looking to obtain the summer chemicals.

Fixtures for 2016 – We now have dates for all of our commitments and the fixture booklet will be with the printer in early March.

Dress on the Green – All members and particularly the men are reminded that for all representative matches there is a strict dress code of white above the waist, GREY trousers and regulation bowling shoes. There is growing concern that the standard of dress in Northumberland is deteriorating. Please let us ensure that Ponteland bowlers set an example.

Availability for Matches – Forms for both Ladies and Men's availability are being distributed to each member. Please make yourself available for as many leagues as possible and remember as we move through the season to identify in the appropriate **non-availability** book any times when you will be unable to play. This will greatly assist the Selectors and avoid the frequent and annoying occurrences of members writing 'not available' after selection has taken place.

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