



PONTELAND BOWLING CLUB

JANUARY 2016 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 again reminded the GPC that we are likely to run into deficit next year. 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 next Coffee Morning on Thursday 11 February. **Reminder that Coffee Mornings are Club events and men are always welcome.** Members should be aware that the published dates for the Quiz Night and Domino Drive have been reversed. The Quiz Night will now be on Friday 19 February at 7 for 7.30pm, tickets on sale in the next few days. From GPC Members.

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

Green and Site – Work was brought to a temporary standstill due to the weather. The fusarium treatment which had been applied is having an effect but we now await a good growing period.

New Mixed League – Following the withdrawal of the proposed County Mixed League we were looking into joining the Tyneside Friday Afternoon Mixed Friendly League in order to provide more playing opportunities for members. The decision has been taken however not to enter this league over concern at the apparent low interest particularly from men. We will sound out interest during this coming season.

Fixtures for 2016 – Dates for Club Events were agreed with Opening and Closing Days on Saturday 16 April and Saturday 17 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 News – Due to date restrictions the Final of the Edwardson Cup will be played on Ponteland's Green on Sunday 10 July. It is also Ponteland's turn to host one of the Challenge Cup Semi-Finals, this will be on Saturday 11 June.

GPC Meeting – Saturday 27 February 2016 at 9.30am in the Clubhouse.