



PONTELAND BOWLING CLUB

July 2020 NEWSLETTER



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

Coronavirus – We hope our members and families are well, sticking to the government guidelines and staying safe.

Bowling – Bowls England have given advice on rink usage such that under some circumstances all six rinks could be put into use. The GPC was keen to utilise this and arrange some form of extended play for members. The decision reached was that we could introduce two mixed pairs sessions. One session on a Wednesday afternoon from 1.30pm to 3.30pm and a second session on a Saturday morning from 10.30am to 12.30pm. All six rinks would be used thereby allowing 24 bowlers on the green. This is a first step forward and at all other times only three designated rinks will be in use. Rita Twizell has agreed to run the Wednesday session and Marilyn and Peter Kilmister the Saturday session. The session format has been agreed and is shown with the entry form in the Club equipment box and also on the Club website. Members are very much reminded that they must still adhere fully to the Club Guidelines for the safety of all members. Social distancing is still of the utmost importance. Any further relaxation of national restrictions will be looked at by the GPC and the Club policy altered where necessary.

Finance – Little movement on the finance front. Full membership remains at 102 as reported last month. The Club is still awaiting the return of some fees from Bowls Northumberland Men's Section.

Communications – The current situation has emphasised the problem which the Club faces in communicating with its members. Repeated individual letters to all members is not practical and experience shows that members do not currently use the website to any reliable extent. This is an issue which needs to be resolved.

Bowling Green – Routine treatment plus some additional disease treatment is ensuring that the green is in top condition. It is essential that members keep to the rinks designated by the Green Ranger. We are already at the stage of looking at the programme for the end of season and placing orders for the necessary treatments for next year.

Website – We would encourage members to frequently access the site in order to keep up with the latest position on play and access to the Club. Website notices are also displayed in the Clubhouse window.

Recruitment -There was some discussion on how we might allow a limited level of recruitment. It was considered that there were too many difficulties associated with 'visitors' on site and that for the present we take no action.

Next GPC Meeting – Wednesday 12 August