



PONELAND BOWLING CLUB

March 2019 NEWSLETTER



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

Applications for Membership – Three applications for Full Membership. Verna Watson, Shelagh Oliver and Malcolm Brennan. Pre season correspondence has been passed to each.

Finance – The Treasurer reported that at 13 March £2,992 had been received in membership and locker fees. A surplus of £40 had resulted from the Quiz Night. Expenditure in the month was £165 on the green leaving a balance of £18,288.

Website – Keep up to date with forthcoming events and fixtures. These are all now available.

Development and Recruitment – Dates for taster sessions have been notified to the usual publications. A booklet entitled 'Guidance for New Bowlers' had been obtained from Bowls England and this appears to be an update of the booklet we were looking to have printed. It was agreed that we obtain a stock of the BE booklet and that these be given free to new members and to be made available to existing members for purchase. Discussions took place on the need for more coaches.

Priority Rink Use on Tuesday Evenings – Bowls Northumberland Ladies Section has scheduled their championship games to take place at 6.00pm on Tuesday evenings. The same evening as the Nines and Knight Cup games. Due to the limited number of ladies entries from our Club there is no problem over numbers of rinks however direction was needed in respect of booking rinks. It was agreed that the Ladies and Men's Section Secretaries put together a note on booking. This note states that Ladies have priority in choice of rink and the league games will fit around the selected rink. Communication, particularly with the men players will be important to minimise disruption to the Ladies games.

Social and Club Events – The next social event is the Pre Season Dinner at the Golf Club. All members have been made aware of this in the pre season correspondence.

Green and Site – The summer programme of work has been put in place and purchase of the necessary chemicals was agreed. Moss killer followed by verticutting is to take place next week and a skip will be hired so that grass can be removed off site and the compost heap emptied. A get together of those members willing to share the Green Ranger role over the summer period will take place. Responsibilities and instruction on rink rotation will be explained.

Future Direction – Discussion took place on the need to widen the Club profile through media such as Facebook. There followed a great deal of discussion and concern was expressed at the need to maintain control and ensure we did not exclude some existing members. It was agreed however that this was the way forward and that the Club should take the first steps with a view to gradually building our profile on Facebook and that for now this would run alongside our website.

Fibrillator – Is now available on site and is located on the wall of the Memorial Hall in the car park.

Next GPC Meeting – Wednesday 10 April 2019 at 9.30am in the Clubhouse.