



## PONTELAND BOWLING CLUB

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**MENS** – The men’s president explained that it had been agreed at the Parliamentary AGM to allow women to play in the teams. The Chairman stated that this was an issue for the club to raise at the AGM i.e. if Ponteland Bowling Club would, routinely, play a mixed team in the Parliamentary league. As there would rarely be a shortage of men available for selection for this league, a mixed team would not be the norm. However, it was agreed to ask the ladies who would be interested in playing in the Parliamentary league.

**Green Ranger** – Bob Little reported that the winter work is progressing well. After consultation with Sheriff Amenities it was agreed to apply the “Compost Tea Brewing Kit” until August i.e. not 100% of the season. A quote of £530 for further, regular materials from Sherrif Amenities was approved. A new 3 week rota for playing on the green was outlined. This is to allow time for the green to “recover”. Bob was invited, and accepted, to explain the new system at the Ladies Spring Meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> March.

**Club Shirts** – Design has been agreed and this “team” shirt will be adopted for all mens Bowls Northumberland league matches. Parliamentary and Public Utilities games will continue in white shirts as club shirts are not recognised by these two leagues. The ladies section are not proceeding with any change of colour to outfits at this point in time.

**Membership** – an application for membership has been received from Doreen Godfrey and this has been agreed.

**SOCIAL** – The Domino Drive on 17<sup>th</sup> February was well attended. Tickets for the quiz evening on March 17<sup>th</sup> were selling slowly. The memorial hall is available from 12.30 on Opening Day 22<sup>nd</sup> April. There will be a raffle at the pre-season dinner on 6<sup>th</sup> April.

It was agreed that the ladies 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration would be afternoon tea held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July in the clubhouse.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Allison has been contact with the Memorial Hall regarding booking for closing day. Our first two choices are not available, so we are now looking at Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

In response to the Memorial Hall’s request for a contribution to the cost of the repairs to the car park (carried out during 2016), it was agreed that we will pay the full amount in two instalments. This was after discussions with the Tennis Club who had also been asked to contribute the same amount.

Ponteland has been selected as an entry into the Britain in Bloom competition. The bowls club has been invited, at short notice, to attend a local meeting.

**DEVELOPMENT AND RECRUITMENT** – The materials required to run the taster sessions have arrived. There has been a significant change to the way subsidies, to bowls clubs, are given for recruiting members. £35 is now received for each new member up to a maximum of £250. An advert for our taster session has been placed in the Pont News and Views for April. Harry Howell has agreed, again, to promote the club at the next “Ageing Well in Northumberland” event.

**FINANCES** – The Burns Supper evening raised £457 (including £251 for the raffle), the domino drive raised £188 and the February coffee morning £88.50.

A smart meter has been installed for our electricity supply so no more manual readings are necessary. If a smart meter is to be installed for our gas supply then access to the meter needs to be enlarged.

A further two years website domain hosting has been paid £67.24.

Next Meeting Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 14.30