



PONTELAND BOWLING CLUB

June Newsletter 2022

Hello everyone,

Well, June has been busy and it seems to be passing by in the blink of an eye. We started



with our bank holiday Jumble which was followed by the Summer BBQ. The weather stayed nice, though a little cooler in the afternoon. Thanks everyone that organised and/or helped out with these two events. Val and her team did a fantastic job preparing for the BBQ and running it on the

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New Members - We are doing things differently this year, to support our new members, help them develop as bowlers and integrate more effectively into the Club. During June we have run two sessions each week, Friday from 6.00 and Sunday from 3.00 where we have introduced new members to the game of bowls. Showing them how to get out equipment, play a game, score, be a number one, be a skip etc. We have offered advice and coaching during these games and set up one rink where we could target support to help individuals develop a better bowling technique so they can enjoy their bowling more. I even saw Ian showing some new members how to fire, don't know where he learned such bad habits! Again, a big thanks in particular to Ian Cahill, Carolyn Burbeck & John Shield for their regular support during these sessions and other members who have helped out.

For July and August, we are planning to run a singles knockout, pairs knockout and a "Blue Series" a restricted jack competition. The Blue Series will be held on a Friday evening from 6.00 and a Sunday from 2.30. All new members have been invited and encouraged to sign up for these competitions. Sign-up sheets can be found on the New Member's notice board next to the Men's notice board The Blue Series competition will be similar to the

Straughan Salver and Percy & Lorna Telfer Trophy, where the competition is more social in nature and run over a two-month period but with a restriction on how long the jack can be bowled. This will ensure everyone can participate and compete, increasing the satisfaction and fun element of bowling, whilst learning the game. Like the other competitions you turn up on the day and sign in to play, rinks and team mates are then drawn. Some newer but existing members have asked to be involved in this format/competition and this has been agreed. Having more experienced members playing alongside our new members will enhance the learning and developmental opportunities for them. The new members themselves are going to run these competitions supported and advised by Ian Cahill.

We now have 42 new members with the possibility of a few more applications for membership to come. This is a stunning achievement for the Club that really bucks the regional and national trends.

Tea, Coffee, Bottled Water & Juice

Tea, coffee and bottled water and Juice is available in the kitchen for any member that want to stay and have a drink and chat after playing bowls. We will be putting the bottles water & juice in the fridge to keep it cool. The cost for each drink is 50p. There is a container for members to put their money in. Please wash up and put away all cups and utensils when you have finished, leaving the kitchen area clean and tidy for the next members to use. Also put empty plastic bottles in the container provided in the kitchen so they can be recycled.

Ladies County Match against Yorkshire

On Friday 10th June the Club hosted a Ladies County match where Northumberland took on Yorkshire. It was a great and enjoyable occasion for all participating and the weather was very kind on the day but unfortunately Northumberland lost the game.



Lockers

We have a number of members who have not yet paid for their locker (The list of members with a locker does not tally with the payment for a locker). If you are an existing member with a locker but did not pay for the use of your locker during your renewal, can you please either pass the payment to Jean Barras or return your locker key to the relevant person in your section. We have new members waiting for a locker.

Ladies County President's Day Sunday 3rd July

The Club is hosting this year's Ladies County President's Day. Allison Storey is member of Ponteland Bowling Club and currently the County Ladies President for this year. This is a fun bowling event that also raises funds for Alzheimer's Newcastle, Alison's chosen charity.

Here are some of the ways you can support this event and help raise money for a very worthwhile cause: -

- donate cakes and scones, plants or a raffle prize.
- you could volunteer to work on a stall, help with refreshments or sell raffle tickets
- you may wish to play bowls, nothing serious, joining in a team made up of players from our club and from other clubs
- you may wish to get dressed up, the theme is characters from children's books or nursery rhymes.

If you would like to play, please add your name to the list in the Ladies changing room. If you can volunteer in any other way, please add your name to the sheet pinned to noticeboard next to the kitchen hatch.

We would love to see you on the day, even if just to watch. Any questions please contact Allison on 872010 or email allisonstorey@btinternet.com

Booking and playing on free rinks when league games are taking place

This issue was discussed at the last GPC meeting and the following was agreed: -

- When the ladies are playing only one rink will be made available for members to use leaving one rink between the match and the free rink. Don Burbeck will block out 5 rinks for all Ladies league games, on the rink booking sheets, so only one rink is available for booking.
- The spare rinks when men are playing league games can be booked by members for play.
- This issue will be raised at the AGM in the Autumn so all members can have their say and decide how the Club should operate regarding using spare rinks next year.
- In all cases of booking and playing on spare rinks it is polite to speak to the Team Captain on the day so they are aware and can choose which rinks the team wish to play on that day. It goes without saying that anyone playing on the spare rinks does not behave in a way that is likely to disrupt the match that is taking place.

PBC Presidents' Day

On Saturday 23rd July we will be holding the annual Joint Presidents' Day. This is where the men take on the ladies in a fun but highly competitive game to avoid being presented with the wooden spoon. Dress code Ladies whites and Men, whites or white top and grey trousers. Entry is £1, A sign up sheet is on the Notice board by the kitchen hatch.

We will also be holding a faith tea after the game in the Clubhouse. (A faith tea is where everyone brings along some food such as: - a plate of sandwiches, some sausage rolls, pork pie, quiche, cakes and buns etc, for everyone to share). A list will go up soon so participants can identify what food items they will bring along to the faith tea, to ensure a range of food is on offer and at least one person brings a cheese cake, preferably white chocolate and strawberry.

Friendly against Wooler 9th July

I am still waiting for Wooler to confirm this game. So far this year they have had to cancel 4 friendlies due to the inability to get a team out. In my communication with them I was informed that several other nearby clubs are having the same difficulty and a lot of their games has had to be cancelled.

Sun 10th July Fun Comp

As a consequence of the proposed game above, against Wooler, I cancelled the Percy & Lorna Telfer Trophy Comp and put a fun comp in on the Sunday. If Wooler cancels, I will reinstate the Percy & Lorna Telfer Trophy Comp and cancel the Sunday fun Comp.

Team News

Ladies leagues

North East League

14th June Home to Seaton Delaval Ponteland won 94 to 24 points and gained all 12 points
21st June at Whitley Bay & Monseaton. Ponteland won 2 out of the 3 rinks. We won 54 points to 43 points and gained 10 points

Collins & Shipley

15th June at home to Seaton Delaval. Ponteland won 67 to 26 points and gained all 12 points

Men's leagues

The Knight team has had lean pickings this month with only one win out of three. The Parliamentary team has not had a League game. We are looking forward to July where we can hopefully get back to our winning ways.

Mixed league - Public Utilities

The "Public Utilities" is a mixed League which plays on Thursday evenings. The Club currently has two (broadly equal) teams in the League which, for convenience, are called Pont "A" and Pont "B".

To date, Pont 'A' is currently in (joint) first place in the League, with 8 points, and Pont 'B' is in joint third place with 4 points. Pont "B" has also successfully reached the quarter finals of the P.U. Presidents Cup which will be played on 7th July.

Our P.U. Teams are happy to welcome new players, (either male or female), and offers the experience of playing at other Clubs. If anyone is interested in playing in this League, you just need to add your name to one of the lists on the P.U. Noticeboard.

End of Season Meal and Presentation Evening - Thursday 22nd September. We are going to hold an End of Season Meal and Presentation Evening at Ponteland Golf Club. Reception and sale of raffle tickets from 6.00pm with the meal being served from 6.45pm - 7.00pm. The presentation of prizes will take place after the meal when the coffee has been served. Menu choices, prices and how to reserve your place will be sent out some time in July/August. Payment for the meal will be on the night at the Golf Club - details will follow.

Operational Changes the Club Needs to Consider

Please find attached to this Newsletter a document a document entitled, Operational Changes the Club Needs to Consider. I am asking everyone to read it, consider and discuss the issues and feed back to me any pertinent points.

Newsletters & GPC Minutes can be found in a folder in the Clubhouse.

regards *GPC*