



# PONTERLAND BOWLING CLUB

## August Newsletter 2022

**Hello everyone,**

I cannot believe our season is over. It has been a busy year with the GPC making several key improvements to the way the Club operates. The most important developments we made were to the look of our website and Facebook page. These are the face of our Club to the local and wider community and help us promote the activities on offer. In the digital world we live in, they are vitally important. We also developed a Club identity which was used on all promotional materials. A huge thankyou to everyone involved in the development of our website and Facebook page, helping with the advertising of the Club and everyone that supported the taster days and induction programmes, you have all made a massive difference to our Club and have helped the club develop a more inclusive, supportive and friendly ethos.

Our efforts were rewarded with a huge intake of new members. I have worked closely with them this year and have thoroughly enjoyed doing this. They are a great bunch of people who are already an asset to the Club. We also have many who will make excellent league and even county players. I am sure we are all looking forward to our new members integrating fully into club activities and competitions next year.

We also introduce a new mixed competition the Percy and Lorna Telfer Trophy in honour of Percy and Lorna Telfer who were great advocates of mixed games and competitions. This competition has been very successful and very well supported every week. If I had to pick the bowling activity, I have enjoyed the most this year, it would be this one. Friendly, sociable yet competitive.

### **Armstrong Trophy**

The Armstrong Trophy, men v women, was played on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September. The game consisted of a game of singles, 2 wood, 3 wood and a rinks game. The men won all four games but this does not tell the whole story or reflect the quality of bowls played. Two of the games were only settled on the last end with the last wood, the games were that close and highly contested. Some excellent bowls was played by everyone participating. Everyone participating was a credit to the club.

### **Painting and Decorating**

As well as improving how the Club operates and feels we are going to paint the clubhouse inside and out this winter, and instal new blinds on the windows. This will give the building a much needed, face lift. This work will hopefully be carried out before Christmas.

## Potters Holiday/Bowling Resort

A number of people have indicated that they would be interested in a bowls holiday at Potters next year. We have a contact in Durham who organises a four- night break for next year from the 27th of Feb until the 3rd of March at an all-inclusive price of £424.00 for the stay.

Two-bedroom bungalow accommodation and everything is included and is good quality

### Full board

### All drinks are free

### Evening Entertainment

Free bowls tournament, must include a mixed four-person team with at least one of each gender. We will play in grey trousers and a white top. You can also book rinks to play casually.

It will be your own transport to the resort but if we get enough members interested a second coach could possibly be organised.

Please inform David Redhead if you are interested in going and he will forward the information to the organiser [theredheads@live.co.uk](mailto:theredheads@live.co.uk) tel: 07976735053

## Green

Thank you to Tony and Steve for their work cutting and scarifying the green on Tuesday they did a huge amount of work on everyone's behalf. Also, thanks to everyone that helped out bagging up the cuttings. We have had several consultations about our green about what we could do to improve the issues of the dry patches and the softer areas by the fence end. As a consequence, we are going to carry out work in the next few weeks to inject sand into the green. This should help stabilise the surface in the softer areas and improve water penetration in the drier areas.

## Grounds

A massive thankyou to everyone that turned out on Tuesday (and Ian Woodrow and Ken Simpson who helped me take the rubbish up to the tip on Friday) for your considerable work tidying up the grounds and packing away the benches etc for winter. A lot of work was done in a short space of time.

## Clubhouse

A big thank you to everyone that helped clear the Clubhouse, changing rooms, kitchen and office. Your help and work are once again very much appreciated.

*For everyone that turned out to help us prepare the clubhouse and grounds for winter and painting etc., you all did a fantastic job and once again demonstrated you are the stars of this Club.*



## Coffee Morning

Our first coffee morning of our closed season will be held in the Clubhouse on 4<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30.

## Closing Day Jumbles



It was another brilliant and very enjoyable afternoon of bowling in great company. A huge thanks Ann & Bob Pearson for their outstanding organisation, yet again, which allowed the event to run perfectly. Huge thanks also go to Joan Howell and everyone that helped out with the teas and biscuits.



The winning team consisted of Bob, Amanda and Tom with Jennifer, Reid, David and Marjorie coming second after a count back.

## Bench in memory of Olive Driver

This lovely bench has been presented to the Club by Jack Driver, in memory of Olive Driver, a lovely lady member who passed away earlier this year.



## End of Season Dinner and Presentation Evening

Another fab evening of merriment, with great company and the presentation of trophies in recognition of members' bowling achievements over the year. Sadly, Allison had an accident and was unable to attend. We all send her our best wishes for a speedy recovery.



## **Club AGM**

The Club AGM will be held on Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> at 2.00 pm in the clubhouse. If you can please make an effort to attend. There are issues to talk through regarding the work we have undertaken this year and what we need to develop next year. Your views and support are very important to the club.

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

regards *GPC*