



## PONTELAND BOWLING CLUB

November 2019



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

**Honorary Vice President** - The Chairman spoke about the work carried out by members and particularly those who had given a great deal of service to the Club. In recognition of the work carried out by Elizabeth French over many years he proposed, and the meeting showed its agreement, that she be made an Honorary Vice President.

**Applications for Membership** – None this month.

**Finance** – The main item of note to come out of the AGM was the increase in membership fee from £105 to £110. The GPC had proposed that the fee remain the same for the coming year but with a warning that fees would have to increase in future years in the face of escalating costs and likely reduction in membership. An amendment to the proposal resulted in the fee increase this year. A number of interesting suggestions were put forward in respect of future club finances. These involve increasing fees so that fund raising events could be dropped and charging per game as happens indoors. These suggestions will be looked at by the GPC over coming months. During the year income had exceeded expenditure and while our bank balance looks healthy it merely represents one year's expenditure. For the first time for a number of years membership had increased.

**Website** – Being maintained with photographs and news items. Members are encouraged to visit the site more.

**Social and Club Events** –The winter social programme has been circulated to all members and up and coming events are shown on the website. Members are encouraged to support the winter socials.

**Green and Site** – The winter programme is on target. We have some disease in the green and this will be monitored. Throughout the winter we have a programme of volunteers who will remove worm casts and dew from the green each morning in order to minimise further disease.

**Recruitment and Development** – The need for the Club to recruit, retain and develop members is recognised. A sub-committee is due to report on this issue by February 2020.

**Car Park Usage** - The problem of the car park usage continues to be a major issue and whatever the outcome there will be an impact on the Bowling Club. The sub-committee will keep this under close scrutiny.

**Memorial Trust Representation** – Now the Club Chairman is a co-opted member of the Memorial Trust, representing the Bowling Club, we can keep involved in any future changes.

**Next GPC Meeting – Monday 20 November 2019 at 9.30am in the Clubhouse.**