



## PONTELAND BOWLING CLUB

September 2020



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

**Coronavirus** – We hope our members and families continue to be well, sticking to the government guidelines and staying safe.

**Bowling** – The green closed on Saturday 12 September after a somewhat unusual season. During the 14 weeks where play was possible 65 members (29 ladies & 36men) made use of the facility.

**Bowling Green** – Following closure of the green on 12 September work immediately began to prepare the green for winter. Volunteers working on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> helped with the removal of verticutting debris and filled a complete skip on what thankfully was a lovely morning. Bob Liddle has given notice that he will cease to be Green Ranger from the end of October. The GPC have thanked Bob for all the work that he has done to ensure that we have one of the best greens in the area. Bob will prepare the winter maintenance programme for the green before he goes. Members will again be responsible for removing dew (swishing) from the green on a daily basis through the winter. Richard Varley is preparing a swishing rota.

**Committees** – It is agreed that members of committees will continue with their present duties until such time as we can hold AGMs. The exception is that the two Section Vice-Presidents will move into the President's posts in October. The GPC will continue to meet to monitor the impact of the Coronavirus situation and take any appropriate action.

**Communications** – All members have been informed, through the end of season letter that in future communication will be by e-mail. Members are reminded to e-mail [pontelandbowls@gmail.com](mailto:pontelandbowls@gmail.com) to ensure that the Club has their correct address

**Website** – We still wish to encourage members to frequently access the site in order to keep up with news on the current state of affairs as they affect the Club.

**Remembrance Parade** –As a result of Coronavirus there will not be a formal Remembrance Parade this year in Ponteland. However the two Club Presidents will still informally place a poppy wreath on the War Memorial in the week following 8 November.

**Future Direction** - It has been proposed that the Club use this present quiet period to assess how it sees itself in the future. Where do we get new members from, who or what age groups do we target and how do we use the media to recruit? Also what position should the Club take in relation to games and external involvement. To assist in this objective a questionnaire will go out to all members to seek their views.

**Next GPC Meeting – Wednesday 14 October.**