



PONELAND BOWLING CLUB

SPRING 2017/18 NEWSLETTER



FINANCES

Main income is from subscriptions - £11,890.

Women – of the 75 full members from last year, 59 have renewed their subscription and 8 have transferred to associate membership. 8 members have not renewed.

Men – of the 63 full members from last year, 52 have renewed their subscription and 2 have transferred to associate. 9 members have not renewed.

The taster sessions held in May/June have been very successful this year – 28 different people have attended. Of these, 10 have applied to join the club – 4 women and 6 men - which is very good news.

36 people attended the quiz evening on 9th March 2018, raising £100.

Expenditure is mainly on routine green maintenance – Sheriff Amenity, C.A.T.S. and AV Irrigation.

REPORTS FROM SECRETARIES

MEN

Communication has been received from EBA regarding the new Data Protection Law which came into effect on May 25th. While the club considers that it does comply with the new policy, it was agreed that an official Data Protection document for the Bowling Club will be drafted for discussion. The final document will be displayed in the clubhouse and on the website. A copy will also be distributed to members within the next mailshot.

WOMEN

As for the men

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

GREENS

The current wetting agent does not seem to be working and as a result Bob has had a meeting with “experts”, who have been to the green and suggested a new treatment. Bob was given the go ahead to purchase this.

Bob also stressed a problem with the booking of the green for internal cup competition matches. Bookings for the morning session must be for 10.30am. If play has not started by 10.45 the rink will become available for rollup.

SOCIAL

The MURAS Cup (inter county men's competition) was held on Saturday May 26th. Ponteland hosted Yorkshire v Cumbria in the morning and Northumberland v Cumbria in the afternoon. Catering was provided – toast and coffee/tea on arrival and a buffet lunch for 2 teams. We were blessed with good weather which proved a bonus when accommodating 2 county teams plus officials plus a lot of spectators. The event was such a success that the county has asked if they may use our green next year. It was suggested that booking the small lounge in the Memorial Hall may be advantageous if this event is hosted again.

Work is underway on the next social event – the BBQ on Saturday 23rd June.

WEBSITE

The BBQ is now promoted on the HOME page of the website. It was noted that the incorrect URL for our website was shown on local publications. This will be investigated.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 25th July 2018 at 9.30.