



PONTELAND BOWLING CLUB

WINTER 2017/18 NEWSLETTER



FINANCES

Sports Turf Services completed their work repairing two sides of the green – nearest the clubhouse and the fence. Total cost was £5,730. A further £1,051 has been spent repairing two cutting machines.

Other major expenditure incurred was for printing (2017 invoice) and the annual charge to PMH.

REPORTS FROM SECRETARIES

MEN

Dave Kirk reported that the men's committee had already met and that regular meetings would be held on the second Tuesday of each month. Dave Cowings is chair of selection and Harry Howell is chair of competitions. Both groups will produce and publish guidelines. The competition groups will also produce guidelines for the men's handicapped competition. Nearly all dates for men's competitions and leagues have been received. The men's section will hold their Spring meeting on Wednesday 21st March.

A request to hold the MIRAS county matches on 26th May at Ponteland has been agreed subject to the green being fit to play. Ponteland to provide a buffet lunch for approx. 48 players.

Bowls Northumberland had asked for our green on Sunday 8 July for the Edwardson Final but this had to be turned down as we have our Pairs that day. As yet BN have not fixed a date or venue for the Edwardson Final but they would still like to hold it at Ponteland at some time.

WOMEN

All league fixtures are now available. Subject to our green being fit for play, it was agreed that the Ladies County pairs would be played at Ponteland on 21st June. The whole green would be closed during the day and handed over to the County and two rinks only made available to the County in the evening.

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

GREENS

Bob reported that there are still some recently banned chemicals on our site. We will have to pay to have these removed safely from our premises. We will also have to ensure that Tony's spraying certificate is kept up to date annually.

The newly raised edges of the green are looking well.

A new rink rota has now been provided by Bob.

SOCIAL

Winter social events continue to be well supported as do the monthly coffee mornings. Richard to liaise with the Town Council re our annual friendly.

CLUBMARK

It is 2 to 3 years since the club achieved club mark status. As a consequence the original group who worked on this have now met twice and are currently updating files and information.

The club is aware of impending changes to data protection and are reviewing all aspects of how this affects data held relating to club members. One immediate consequence of this is that only names and telephone numbers of members will be available to club members (no addresses). All information is for club use only and will be stored in a secure place.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Memorial Hall has been booked for Opening Day 21st April, Joint Presidents Day 28th July and Closing Day 22nd September.

As men's league matches start w/c 23rd April, Bob agreed, SUBJECT TO THE CONDITION OF THE GREEN, to open the green on Sunday 15th April. The C&S v Knight/Clegg could be played on Tuesday 17th April and the Nan McLeod and Straughan Salver competitions could start on 23rd April.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 11th April 9.30