

NHBC NEWSLETTER

New Herrington Bowling Club - Sept/Oct 2023

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WELCOME

Sadly the outdoor season is over. On the positive side the indoor season is well under way and NHBC is well represented by both gents and ladies. We wish our members every success in the indoor discipline. If you don't play indoors there will be plenty of opportunity to keep in touch with members.....read on.

CAPTAINS REPORT

Welcome to my Captains report for September.

I can't believe its September already and the green is now closed but what a season we have had. It was a fantastic achievement to finally complete all 10 of the in-house club competitions and it will be good to see some of the trophies being presented to some new faces this year at our presentation night in November.

Winners :-

Men's Club Champion – Paul King

Ladies Club Champion – Lorraine Galley

Veterans Club Champion – Peter Bracken

2 Wood winner – Garry Wallace Snr

3 wood winner – Colin Watson

Handicap winner – Linda Watson

7 up winner – Colin Watson

Mens Pairs winners Brian Smith & Colin Watson

Ladies Pairs winners Caroline Maddison & Linda Watson

Mixed Pairs winners Gary Loadman and Anne Dale

Well done to all the winners and commiserations to the runners up. Last year we played 160 competition matches this year that figure has increased to 243 (I think Ned has refereed about 200 of those)

Success continues to not only be on the green, but we are also glad to secure a couple of sponsors for next season, we will update members as soon as we can.

I will give an overview of the league season and the SDBA and County competition entries at the presentation night along with some other useful information and statistics from the season.

Can I personally thank all our members for being part of an amazing club. I have been extremely proud to have been your club captain for the last 3 years and following the AGM will look forward to the next 2 years to try sustain and develop what we have at the club right now. I look forward to seeing you all at our presentation night, which should be well worth attending.



AGM

Our AGM took place on October 3rd and was well attended.

Barry welcomed everyone and read out the agenda. Then the chairman, Secretary and Captain presented their thoughts on the years events. Unfortunately Lorraine was unwell so her report was read by Barry. After which the committee stood down, and a vote was held to vote for the new committee.

The following committee was voted in:

Chris Blake remains Chairman, Barry Thomas remains as Secretary Lorraine Galley becomes Treasurer, Colin Watson remains Club Captain, Les Todd becomes Safeguarding Officer, Linda Watson is our Facilities manager and Howard Smith is our Maintenance manager. We wish them continued success and thank them for their efforts.

Subsequent to the meeting we asked for volunteers to be auditors. Rob Gibson & Bryan Crew kindly stepped forward.

The meeting continued with votes on the various motions:

MEMBERSHIP FEES

The main item was the increase in membership fees, as follows:

DAILY MEMBER: £20.00 membership fee, plus £3.00 every time they play. £2.00 to enter each club competition.

FULL MEMBER: £70.00 includes membership fee, and all matches. £2.00 to enter each club competition.

All players pay £3.00 to play in any away league match or competition

All membership fees become due before April 1st.

By a show of hands and with the proxy votes added in, the AGM voted in favour of the increases.

NO SMOKING or VAPING

By a show of hands and with proxy votes added in, the AGM voted overwhelmingly to ban smoking or vaping inside the fenced off area.

COMMITTEE TO SERVE FOR TWO YEARS

By a show of hands and with proxy votes added in, the AGM voted in favour of the committee serving two years.

This newsletter will be seen by around 200 people seven or eight times a year. Not only is it emailed to over 120 people, it is also shared to our website and various Facebook pages. So this space is a brilliant **SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY**. If you would like to feature on our front page give our editor a call

Secretary:	Barry Thomas	YOUR COMMITTEE	Safeguarding::	Les Todd
Treasurer:	Lorraine Galley	Chairman: Chris Blake	Maintenance:	Howard Smith
Captain:	Colin Watson		Facilities:	Linda Watson

THE WICK (Or Herrington Glide).....Norma Ord

Hi, my name is Norma Ord, and what a great ride my bowling experience has been. I retired from an active teaching career, as PE teacher, in 2016. I have always been involved and an active participant in a local hockey team, basketball team, netball team, then I met Barry Thomas and he introduced me to the 'genteel' sport of indoor short mat bowls. This I really enjoyed, then Barry started playing lawn bowls at New Herrington Bowling club, and I, being the young pretender followed my mentor.



How could someone who had spent her entire life using physical contact to get the ball, and endanger lives to win a match, suddenly be mesmerised with the 'gentle' game of bowls? Well it happened.....

No physical contact needed, no vocal intimidation, no hitting, punching, kicking necessary, just focus, accuracy, hand eye co-ordination, concentration, me and my bowls against my opponent..... Unbelievably spell binding... I was hooked.

Joining NHBC was a fantastic experience for me. At the time I was the only 'lady/female' bowling in the male dominated club, but the men were amazing, they helped, encouraged, supported me throughout the season. I was privileged to be taught by the best and loveliest of gentlemen.

Covid struck, but this was a mere glitch in the strength of our club. The season after Covid saw more women joining and the success of the club was going from strength to strength. This has been our ladies first full season of playing for the club team in the league, it has been absolutely tremendous. Our club has grown in stature, shows professionalism and the family atmosphere, friendships formed and sporting ethos is the envy of other clubs. I love the club, and although I still participate in other sports, I can see me playing bowls when injury or age prevents me from these other activities, bowls however, is ageless. I would like to nominate Howard Smith to write his bowls bio for the next edition.

BANK

We have a new bank account, please use in future. The details are as follows:
 Bank: Lloyds
 Acct: New Herrington Bowling Club
 Sort Code: 30 99 50

GREEN PROTECTION

Our green has withstood some heavy weather and heavy usage this season. Thanks to the hard work and care by our green-keeper Rob Marsh it has survived very well. BUT we have learnt a lot, and there is no doubt that we can help Rob and the green even more next year. To that end we have purchased some "protection mats" which are usually placed in front of the mat in order to protect the green from damage caused by bouncing woods especially when the green is wet. You will see these appear next season, only for roll-ups, they will not be used for league or competition matches. It is also our intention spread the wear of the green by overlapping the rinks, again only for roll-ups.

PRESENTATION DINNER

Saturday 18th November

Despite the efforts of the summer weather all of the ten in-house competitions were successfully completed. All the trophies are being cleaned and engraved ready to hand across to the winners. We are delighted that Mike Davis, Chairman of SDBA is going to join us and do the presentations.

We hope as many members and partners as possible will support the evening which promises to be interesting and a lot of fun, with a delicious meal thrown in for good measure. Our very own Paul Gatenby with his partner will entertain us in the guise of "The Stringfellows". Please confirm to me that you are coming and let me know of any special dietary requirements.

Please pay by bank transfer using "Dinner" as the reference. Or send a cheque to me at the address at bottom of page. The cost is just £22.00 per head. Your early response would be greatly appreciated.

BIRTHDAYS

We send warmest good wishes to the following members who have birthdays in September & October

- Norma Ord 5th Sept
- Anne Dale 6th Sept
- Colin Watson 16th Sept
- Rob Gibson 22nd Sept
- Simon Calvert 27th Sept
- John Sproston 5th Oct



The ladies v gents match took place in August. Great fun was had by all, and as expected, the ladies gave the gents a good run, but the gents rejoiced in their narrow 92-86 victory. We also raised almost £200 for charity. It was good to see so many of the players in our HQ "The Board Inn" after the match.

CLUB CREST COMPETITION

We received five excellent designs. The winner and the winning design will be revealed at the Presentation Dinner.

You can keep up to date with all the latest news by going to our website at www.newherringtonbowls.co.uk or go to our FaceBook page. Or join our WhatsApp group "Herrington News"

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