

# NHBC NEWSLETTER

## New Herrington Bowling Club - July 2023

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### WELCOME

At the time of writing the weather is dreadful, and I don't wish to boast, but I did say last September after the sprinkler system was installed that "Now we've got a sprinkler system it will pour down all next year". Fingers crossed for a warm, dry August, and September and beyond if possible. But most important, enjoy your bowls whatever the weather.

### CAPTAINS REPORT

Welcome to my Captains report for July.

Well what a busy few weeks we all have had of late with Bowls Durham County Competitions, league matches on a Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and a Saturday taking place, there have also been several matches played in the SDBA competitions as well.

Alongside this there have been a lot of games played in our club competitions. There has been some success in the Bowls Durham County competitions in the early rounds as well as the SDBA. We have managed to get through to the semi final stage of the 3-2-1 competition with a home tie against Silksworth Pumas on Tuesday 25 th July so would be good to see as many members as possible come along to support the team.

It has been a tough few weeks in the Earl and Swan Cups with only a few victories to report but the teams are still competing well and hopefully can pick up a few more victories before the end of the season. This month several ladies' members have made appearances in the Earl and Swan cup and played very well so the future looks good for NHBC in the coming weeks/seasons. Both the A and B teams have had some great results in the Harold Howey 2 league and at this moment in time the B team top the league table with the A team lying in fourth position.

We have continued to give some members more game time in the Friday night Grindon league and the Storey Bowl Saturday league. This will give valuable experience to those members, probably making my job even harder than it is right now.

The club competition matches that have taken part so far have been excellent with some fantastic matches and results which may have surprised a few. We need to make sure that the 3 main competitions (Men's, Ladies & Vets) finals have been played by the 9th August so I will be pestering those still involved to get their games played.

Colin Watson



### SUNDERLAND & DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

A report issued recently by SDBA illustrated the shape and size of clubs in the region. I'm delighted and immensely proud to tell you that NHBC comes out extremely well. These are the membership figures provided by the 20 clubs that responded.

Whitburn	75	53 men / 22 ladies
Sunderland	70	41 men / 29 ladies
New Herrington	64	42 men / 22 ladies
Dairy Lane	58	40 men / 18 ladies
Roker Marine	51	33 men / 18 ladies
Barnes Park	40	25 men / 15 ladies
Pemberton	39	39 men / 0 ladies
Silksworth	36	30 men / 6 ladies
Roker Park	34	22 men / 12 ladies
Houghton	28	21 men / 7 ladies
N Biddick	27	21 men / 6 ladies
Usworth	25	25 men / 0 ladies
Chester Le St	24	21 men / 3 ladies
Thompson Pk	23	23 men / 0 ladies
Seaham	21	21 men / 0 ladies
Ryhope	20	19 men / 1 lady
Hylton CW	19	17 men / 2 ladies
Hetton	18	18 men / 0 ladies
S Hylton	15	15 men / 0 ladies
S Hetton	13	13 men / 0 ladies

*It is interesting to note that 7 clubs (a third of the SDBA membership) have no lady members. It was also revealed that across the region there are only 3 juniors.*

*So whilst we pat ourselves on the back we should also be concerned about the future of the sport. It is in all our interest to tell our friends and family to join their local club. Ladies and juniors would seem to be obvious targets.*

The SDBA AGM is at the end of November and among the topics to be discussed will be an increase in green fees from £2.00 to £3.00. Watch this space.

### DEFINITION OF A NOVICE:

A new convert to bowls who confesses he knows nothing about the game and then becomes angry when you agree with him.

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 on 07715 252920 or email [imbarrythomas@gmail.com](mailto:imbarrythomas@gmail.com) and lets talk.

Secretary:	Barry Thomas	<b>YOUR COMMITTEE</b>	Safeguarding::	Richard Johnston
Treasurer:	Howard Smith	Chairman: Chris Blake	Lady Captain:	Norma Ord
Captain:	Colin Watson		Shadow:	Linda Watson

**PRESENTATION DINNER**

**NOVEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>**

I hope the date is written in large capitals in your diary. This year promises to be the best yet. We have booked a local duo to entertain us called "Stringed Fellows". One of them is new member of the club Paul Gatenby. Dont forget the evening comprises a three course dinner, amusing speeches, and hilarious dancing. It all happens at the Peshaw Masonic Hall. *See you there*

**BANK**

We have a new bank account, please use in future. The details are as follows:

Bank: Lloyds  
 Acct: New Herrington Bowling Club  
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 Acct: 56801060

**BIRTHDAYS**

We send warmest good wishes to the following members who have birthdays in July & August. If you have a birthday and are not mentioned, it's because you haven't returned the application form.

Application forms will be on the table in the clubhouse.

Brian Smith	1 <sup>st</sup> July
Garry Wallace (Jnr)	6 <sup>th</sup> July
Jan Todd	9 <sup>th</sup> July
Paul Gatenby	12 <sup>th</sup> July
Peter Bracken	16 <sup>th</sup> July
Gary Chambers	19 <sup>th</sup> July
Les Kell	19 <sup>th</sup> July
Paul King	22 <sup>nd</sup> July
Katrina Milley	11 <sup>th</sup> Aug
Robin Smith	31 <sup>st</sup> Aug

**THE WICK (Or Herrington Glide).....Anne Dale**

Well.....Barry asked me if I would write a little piece about myself for the bulletin. I'm not sure if this is meant to be as a new member of the club or....in my very short lived role as Ladies Club Champion 2022!

As you may be aware I joined the club along with several friends last season and on invitation of Linda at the end of a celebratory birthday bash...hence the collective 'yes'.

I was of the opinion that bowls was not very 'rock n roll' and had never given this game any consideration in the past. The very warm welcome by the then existing members of the club, acceptance in what has generally been a male dominated sport, its growth and especially the community spirit has been infective and I am very proud to be a member.

I originate from Cumbria, born and raised in Carlisle until 18yrs, I am a semi retired nurse having lived and worked in Surrey and London before settling in Seaham where I married and have one son, John. I am dual trained but spent the majority of my 44yr career as a mental health nurse specialising in self harm and suicide in both Newcastle and Sunderland and still work 2 days per week in Liaison Psychiatry at SRH. I love spending time with friends and with my family with whom I am very close. I love music, brought up on 60's rock, my main band since age 14yrs is The Who, I am the proud owner of Roger Daltrey's harmonica thrown during a live concert in 1979!!...and I have the mental age of an immature teenager much to my friend's despair.

Since joining the club I have found that I have been postponing other plans to squeeze in another practice, it is a beautiful place to be on a sunny afternoon, there is always a welcome and always great craic. I would just like to say a big Thank You to everyone who 'took us in' and who continue to tolerate our antics.

Anne nominated Derrick Merrington to tell us a story in the next edition



**NHBC were delighted** to welcome the 1<sup>st</sup> Herrington Beavers to the club on a wet Tuesday evening. Because the weather was poor we put our "Fun Kit" to good use in the clubhouse. All the furniture was shifted out of the way and the children were able to try their luck at the hoop game and the target mat. It was excellent fun, not just for the kids but the grown ups enjoyed it too. Our Norma Ord, a retired PE teacher, was in her element getting the boys and girls organised. We provide a warm welcome to all groups and take great pride in our relationship with our local community.

**CLUB CREST COMPETITION - Win £50.00**

We are considering putting a club crest on to our shirts and invite our members and friends to come up with a design. Something that recognises our mining history. Our Chairman Chris Blake has kindly donated a £50 prize to the person whose design is chosen.



**AGM - ANOTHER DATE FOR YOUR DIARY.**

Please note the club AGM will be on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at the Philadelphia Cricket Club. It's your chance to vote on things and have your say. More info will follow in next newsletter.

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

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