

NHBC NEWSLETTER

New Herrington Bowling Club - April 2023

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WELCOME

At last, the green is open! It was great to see so many old and new members on the green. It seems to have been a long, cold, and windy winter so lets hope for a change to a long and warm summer.

We are delighted with the number of members who have rejoined.

At time of writing we have 60 members made up as follows:

29 daily members, 31 full members.

39 gentlemen comprising 18 daily and 21 full members. We have 21 lady members, comprising 11 daily and 10 full members.

We wish a warm welcome to our 13 new members, of which 6 are ladies. All but 1 are daily members.

So our ladies represent a third of the clubs membership. In July last year we held our first men v ladies match and it would be fair to say the men romped home victorious. I think we might see a different score-line this year.

2023 is going to be a very different year. The biggest and most immediate change will be the introduction of mixed leagues. The ladies in all clubs will be challenging for a place in all the teams. Our captain, Colin, has a difficult enough job without this added complication, but he has broad shoulders. We are now in the first division of the Earl Cup and Swan Cup which will present us with some challenging matches against very strong opposition.

For the first time we have two teams in the Harold Howey Vets league; one will comprise mainly new members, the other will be from last years squad. Another change is the reduced age limit to 55, which means I qualify for selection.

This year for the first time, we have entered the Grindon League on a Friday evening, and we are back again on Saturdays in the Storey Bowl. To have entered so many competitions is a huge achievement and the committee are to be congratulated for building such a vibrant club; some clubs are struggling to field one team in a single league.

On top of all that we have our in-house competitions and Colin Watson has prepared a sheet in the clubhouse where members can indicate which competition they wish to enter. So you can be as busy as you wish.

The changes to the clubhouse are progressing, not quite as quickly as we would like, but any progress is good. Eventually we will have a refurbished kitchen, and with the new doors it will mean the footballers can't leave their muddy footprints all over our new floor.

OPENING TIMES

The green will be open Monday to Saturday from 1.00pm till 4pm, later if people are still playing.

Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00pm till 9:00pm.

Other evenings and Sundays by prior arrangement.

It is worth noting that league matches are played Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, plus Thursday and Saturday afternoons. When the match is a home fixture, the green will be open, but with limited number of rinks available. It is always worth checking via the club WhatsApp page or by calling Colin or myself. The fixture list can be seen on the notice board.

The committee have agreed a rota for opening of the green. Whoever is "on duty" will ensure there is tea and coffee available.



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

NHBC SHOP

It's not quite Tesco or Sports Direct but it is unique. Where else could you get a black shirt with an orange flash and our logo. Then there are our caps, one size fits all, keep the sun out of your eyes and your eyes on the bowl. Lastly there is the opportunity to have a locker where you can safely store your bowls or hide your Christmas presents.

How much? I hear you ask.

Well the NHBC bargain basement prices are:

New Shirt £10.00
 Cap £8.00
 Locker £5.00 per year.

We are not robbing you, honest.

BANK

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

Bank: Lloyds
 Acct Name: New Herrington Bowling Club
 Sort Code: 30 99 50
 Acct: 56801060

OPEN DAY

Yes we are having an "OPEN DAY" to coincide with the Bowls England "Big Weekend" Put this date in your diary SUNDAY MAY 28th.

Everyone welcome, bring your friends neighbours and family, even the ones you don't like. It's free, and there will be cake and pie and all sorts of goodies. We will get out our funky fun kit that kids and grown ups all enjoy, and we will devise games suitable for experienced and novice bowlers. It will be a fun introduction to the sport we love.



LEAGUES & COMPETITIONS

If you want to take part in league matches or the club in-house competitions you will find sheets on the notice-board where you can indicate your availability and preferences. This is important information for Colin who will be selecting teams and doing the draws. If you are unable to get to the club in the next couple of weeks please drop a note to Colin as soon as you can, via email to colin_1964@live.com or his mobile 07738 399032

LATEST FROM SDBA

Historically the association has gone along the lines that you can only play for ONE club in ONE season, following a query at our recent committee it was agreed to keep that ruling in place therefore just to confirm; "Players can only play for ONE club during the season within the SDBA"

SUNDERLAND & DISTRICT BOWLS

SDBA have 3 knockout competitions they are running this season. The Silver Jacks Pairs (men only) £4 entry per pair. The Burkett Shield Triples (men only) £6 entry per triple, And the new competition The David Morgan Mixed Pairs £4 entry per pair.

Entries need to be received by Sunderland DBA by the 20th May.

If anyone is interested in entering a team can you please let Colin Watson have your details direct and can you also give him everyone's playing position in each team with a main contact name and telephone number. Go on, get together, put a team in.

BIRTHDAYS

We send warmest good wishes to the following members who have birthdays in April.

If you have a birthday in April and are not mentioned, it's because you haven't returned the application form.

Application forms will be on the table in the clubhouse.

Susan Chambers	4 th
Howard Smith	5 th
Alan Edwards	14 th
Derrick Merrington	17 th
Marie Graham	18 th
Keith Maddison	19 th
Phil Herdson	23 rd

APPLICATION FORM - WHY?

Some of the older members might be asking why they need to complete a new application form. It is simply to ensure that we comply with the guidelines set by Bowls England. We are required to have a robust safeguarding procedure in place by 2025 or we can not be affiliated to BE. Part of that process is to ensure that all members have read and understood the club rules and the "Respect" policy. Both documents have been emailed to members, and are on the notice-board and website. By signing the new application form you are saying that you have read and understood.

Being affiliated to BE is essential if we wish to compete in SDBA leagues or any regional/national competitions.

You wont be asked to sign again in the future.



Pictured are Pam wood always ends up in the Ladies Singles ditch - that's just how I roll in the semi-final, but what a game it was. They were 14-0 down after 7 ends and then fought back by winning 8 of the remaining 9 ends. Sadly the opposition were too far ahead thanks to a 5 on the first end, the final score 15-9. Great effort, and resilience under pressure. Well done.

LADIES INDOOR

As you might expect, our ladies have been making quite an impression at the Houghton indoor rinks. When I bowl, my

WHY IS BOWLING A BETTER SPORT THAN GOLF? - IT'S HARD TO LOSE A BOWLING BALL.



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