

NHBC NEWSLETTER

New Herrington Bowling Club - March 2023

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MEMBERSHIP

It's MARCH, by the time the next newsletter comes out we will be into the 2023 season. So NOW is the time to join and confirm your membership (if you haven't done so already).

DAILY MEMBER

£15.00 membership fee for the year, plus green fees as detailed below:

The Daily Member is eligible to take part in the club in-house competitions and also eligible to play in league matches.

Pay £2.00 for each roll up and competition match.

£2.00 to enter each in-house competition.

Home League matches are free – BUT pay £2.00 for away games

The daily member must pay the £15.00 by April 1st

The Daily Member can upgrade to Full Member later in the season if they choose. The fee equates to £10.00 per month or part thereof.

FULL MEMBER

£65 for the year

Includes the normal £15 membership fee

The Full Member is eligible to take part in the club in-house competitions and also eligible to play in league matches.

All roll ups and competition matches included.

£2.00 to enter each in-house competition

Home League matches are free – BUT pay £2.00 for away games

Please don't delay or you might miss selection for one of the teams, and you don't want that.

New members are most welcome and we suggest that you join as a Daily Member initially. If you find that you love it and can't keep away (as often happens), you can upgrade to a Full Member at a later date.

Simply email imbarrythomas@gmail.com and we will send you an application form.

YOU CAN PAY by bank transfer to:

BANK DETAIL

Bank: Santander
Acct: New Herrington Bowling Club
Sort Code: 09 01 52
Account No: 54119700

Or by cheque payable to New Herrington Bowling Club sent to: Howard Smith, 39, Broadmeadows, SR3 3RF.

IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO REJOIN THE CLUB WOULD YOU PLEASE NOTIFY ME (Barry), BY EMAIL or TEXT or PHONE.

APPLICATION FORM: We are asking ALL members to sign the latest application form so that we conform with the Bowls England safeguarding procedure. Rest assured your details will be kept secure and will not be shared without your permission. At time of writing, we have 41 members, including 30 full members, 11 Daily members, 16 ladies and 6 NEW MEMBERS - Welcome, and thank you.



We were there, at the Awards dinner, more details overleaf.

WELCOME TO...

We bid a very warm welcome to our six new members, and hope that they (**and you**) will encourage your friends, family, and neighbours to come along. Everyone is welcome to have a go, at any time.

We are pleased to welcome Lorraine Galley to the management team. Howard Smith has decided to retire as treasurer with effect from September so Lorraine has been seconded onto the committee until formally elected at the AGM in readiness to take over as Treasurer in September (subject to election result). We will save our humongous praise for Howard until nearer the time. Lorraine has already helped us with setting up a new bank account with Lloyds. The old account is still functioning while we gather in the membership fees, so continue to use the detail on the left for the time being.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The draw has been made for the Bowls Durham 2023 County Championships. The club has entries in most of the competitions ranging from singles to senior 4's. Details of the draw and the dates can be found here. <https://www.bowlsdurham.com/mens-competitions/> We have two teams in the Senior 4s & Triples that have been drawn together in their first round. So unfortunately at least two NHBC teams will make an early exit.

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



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BOWLS ENGLAND AWARDS



As you should know by now, NHBC was short listed in the "Club Of The Year" category at the recent Bowls England Awards ceremony, for the second year running.

Ten of us, suitably suited and booted attended and were ready to leap forward to collect the award, only to be pipped to the post again by another club.

COMMUNITY CHEST

We are delighted to inform you that the Coalfield Area Committee have granted us £470 with which to purchase much needed equipment.

SHIRTS & CAPS

We have taken delivery of more club shirts. Any member selected to play in a league match is entitled to one free shirt. However as we are committed to playing in league matches five days a week, plus some regional competitions we are offering members the opportunity to have a second shirt for just £10.00. In addition we have bought some caps which are available for £8.00. If you would like a shirt or cap please contact myself or Colin

The full list of awards and winners are as follows:

- Bowls Maker of the Year Rob Stanley - Worcestershire
- County of the Year Leicestershire
- Greenkeeper of the Year Graham Instone, Dunnington BC, Yorkshire
- Coach of the Year David Rolls - Frampton on Severn BC Gloucestershire
- Umpire of the Year Francis Fletcher - Worcestershire
- Unsung Hero Val Molton - Kingswood & Hanham, Gloucestershire
- Team Of The Year Berkshire Middleton Cup Team
- Fit for the Future Colin Hirons - Minehead BC, Somerset
- Club of the Year Avenue BC - Coventry, Warwickshire

Our friends at Darlington South Park BC were short listed in three categories but left empty handed, and Durham County was short listed for the second consecutive year, but were unsuccessful. Bowls England are to be congratulated on organising a splendid event, and we congratulate all the winners. We hope next year the bowls fraternity in the North East will receive the recognition they deserve.

My apologies for getting my big head in the way of Linda Watson in the above photograph.

THE GREEN

The green will open on Saturday April 15th, at 1.00pm, we hope YOU will be there.

For the benefit of our new members, I can tell you that you can just arrive anytime between 1pm & 4pm. We can provide you with bowls and coaching to get you started, all we ask is that you wear flat soled shoes and a smile.

Guests are very welcome.

Our opening times are:

Monday - Saturday 1pm -4pm
 Tuesday & Thursday 6pm - 9pm
 Other times and Sundays by arrangement. All opening times are weather dependent.

COFFEE & CAKE

We have been holding coffee and cake afternoons through the closed season on alternate Wednesdays. The purpose being to give members and guests the opportunity to keep in touch with friends or make new friends. Members have been very generous by providing some delicious pies, pastries, cakes etc. The afternoons have proved to be very worthwhile with a number of regular faces and they will continue on March 22nd and April 5th. After that the club will be open for bowls and coffee as usual. See you there.



Leagues & Competitions

Colin has put two sheets on the notice-board so that you can select which leagues and in-house competitions you would like to play in. Be sure to add your name!

BEDALE

The annual trip to Bedale is confirmed as Saturday May 13th. Colin has filled the 20 spaces using all the people who put their name on the shortlist.

BIRTHDAYS
 We send warmest good wishes to the following members who have birthdays in March.
 If you have a birthday in March and are not mentioned, it's because you haven't returned the application form. You see what you are missing!
 Chris Blake 3rd
 Alison Blake 18th
 Bryan Crew 22nd
 Steve Bennett 29th

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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