

NHBC NEWSLETTER

New Herrington Bowling Club - February 2023

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MEMBERSHIP

I make no apologies for badgering you for your membership renewal. The fee structure is as follows:

As agreed at the AGM there are two levels of membership which we believe will meet everyone's needs. We think the fees are very competitive.

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

The full member must pay in full by April 1st and can pay £35 by 28th February and £30 by 28th March

It would be appreciated if fees are paid as soon as possible.

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.



WELCOME

Yes it's February a lovely short month that makes April look that much closer. A month in which we will learn our fate at the Bowls England Awards Dinner, keep those fingers crossed. To ensure we are meeting the standards required by the Safeguarding policy we have added the Club Constitution to the end of this newsletter and attached to the email will be the Bowls England "RESPECT" document.

Our latest "Application Form" will also be attached. , we must ask everybody to complete the form and return it ASAP, even if you have already paid your membership. My apologies for the inconvenience.

You might ask why we want your date of birth, well it's so that we can check who is eligible for the Vets and also I thought it would be nice to wish folk happy birthday in the newsletter

LEAGUES - (all mixed at Captains discretion)

The leagues for next season will comprise:

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| Earl Cup: | Monday night
Two divisions of 10 teams
Start date Monday 24 th April
We have one team in the first division.
Play home and away. |
| Swan Cup: | Wednesday night
Two divisions of 8 teams
Start date Wednesday 3 rd May
We have one team in the first division.
Play home and away |
| Howey | Thursday afternoon
Two divisions of 14 & 13
Start date Thursday 18 th May
We have two teams in the second division
Play each team once |
| Storey | Saturday afternoon
One division of 6 teams
Start date Saturday 10 th June
We have one team entered.
Play home and away |
| Grindon | Friday evening
One division of 9 teams
Start date Friday 12 th May
We have one team entered.
Play each team once |

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

INDOOR BOWLS

The reputation of NHBC has spread to the world of indoor bowls, especially at Houghton Le Spring indoor rink. More specifically our ladies have been making waves with teams entered in the Monday Pairs league, the Tuesday 4s league and the Friday triples league. We won't know the final outcome until April when the leagues finish, but we wish them well.

In addition the ladies are well represented in the knock-out competitions. At the time of writing Linda Watson & Pam Bainbridge are in the pairs semi-finals. And in the mixed pairs we have Gill Ferguson with Michael Wright (a very experienced bowler from Barnes Park), Pam with Ritchie Jobling and that scary partnership of Jan & Les Todd. Surely NHBC is going to be represented in the final. As if that is not enough, Pam (her again) and Gill (yes her again) and Anne Dale are in the ladies triples semi final. Well done to you all.

At the other end of the spectrum we are represented in the Monday, Thursday & Friday evening men's leagues by "Team Thomas". Frankly, the least said the better.

It's a very different game to lawn bowls, but it is very sociable and a great opportunity to mix with players from other teams who we will meet on the green in the summer.

SHIRTS

We have ordered more shirts so that anyone playing in a league match can have one. Because we are committed to so many leagues and matches you might want a second shirt while one is in the wash. Second shirts are available for just £10.00.

DRESS CODE

We have decided that the dress code when playing in a league match will be the club shirt with black trousers/skirt or black shorts. There is no dress code for roll-ups or in-house competitions - whatever suits your mood and the weather.

THE GREEN

Rob Marsh has moved on to pastures new, we wish him every success in his new role at Ryhope. Our new green keeper is Gareth and his apprentice, Jack. The early signs are very encouraging, he is not only looking after the green but seems to be keeping the clubhouse clean and tidy too. Thank you.

We have been in touch with the council (thru SDBA) to ask if we can open the green on Saturday April 15th, which gives us a week to practice before our first league game, we are waiting for a reply.

SDBA KNOCK-OUT COMPETITIONS

Silver Jacks - Men only, 4 ball pairs, entry fee £4.00 per pair

Burkett Shield - Men only, triples, entry fee £6.00 per triple

David Morgan Mixed Pairs - a new competition, entry fee £4.00 per pair.

Full details and application forms will be available in the next week or two.

COFFEE & CAKE

The "Coffee & Cake" afternoons continue to be enjoyed. I particularly like them because I do love cakes and pies, especially the homemade variety. They happen in the clubhouse every other Wednesday, from 2pm till 4pm. The next one being February 8th and then 22nd and so forth until the green opens in April. There is no charge, but you can make a voluntary contribution. You are welcome to bring friends / potential new members. We hope to see you there.

BEDALE

Once again we are off on our travels to the lovely North Yorkshire town of Bedale for our annual friendly match. The date has been set as **Saturday May 13th**. We are limited to playing numbers of 20. Last year we fielded 16. So first refusal will be given to those who played last year. Ideally we would like to play five mixed teams so if you would like to go, please contact Colin immediately and your name will be added to the waiting list. We hope to arrange a second friendly elsewhere. Last year we donated the "Bedale v NHBC Shield" which we won. This might be a friendly match but we hope to retain the shield this year too.

We will be asking for £5.00 per head to cover the green fee and contribute toward a raffle prize. It is a great afternoon with excellent company and a generous buffet.

These are the 16 who did the business for us in 2022



KITCHEN

We are delighted to inform you that the council have agreed to refurbish the kitchen and provide us with lockable doors to give us some separation from the footballers. In addition they are going to supply and fit a new floor. This should enable us to keep our part of the clubhouse clean and tidy and a bit more presentable to our visitors. Works should be completed before the season starts.

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"

You can contact NHBC at the following address: c/o Secretary, 15, Malvern Gardens, Sunderland, SR6 9LB
Email: imbarrythomas@gmail.com. Telephone: 07715 252920

NEW HERRINGTON BOWLING CLUB

Rules & Constitution

- 1 TITLE: The Club shall be called "New Herrington Bowling Club"
- 2 CONSTITUTION: The executive committee shall consist of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Captain. There will be a minimum of one other member and a maximum of three other members bringing the total committee to five or seven.
- 3 OBJECTS: The objects of the Club shall be to promote, foster and safeguard the amateur game of bowls in every legitimate way and to encourage the growth of the game, within our local community, by holding various in-house competitions and participating in competitive leagues as organised by Sunderland & District Bowling Association, Bowls Durham, or Bowls England
- 4 ADMINISTRATION: The affairs of the Club shall be conducted by the Executive Committee together with any non executive committee members. The committee shall meet as often as the business of the Club demands, and shall have full power to decide on any matter affecting the Club that may arise.
- 5 AUDIT: The accounts shall be audited yearly by two members of the Club
- 6 AGMs: The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in September for the purpose of receiving the report of the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and Club Captain. All members will be invited to attend and will have the right to vote on any motion.
- 7 MEMBERSHIP: The "Membership Year" shall commence on April 1st. Membership is open to everyone, of any age/gender/ethnicity/ability. Any new application to join should be proposed by a member. The club committee reserve the right to refuse or terminate membership.
The membership fee must be paid in advance of the season or at time of application..
- 8 GDPR: All members must provide, via the "Application Form", full name, address and telephone numbers. Email addresses as well if possible. These contact details will be held by the Club Secretary and will not be shared with any other body outside the bowls fraternity. Members contact details may be shared with other members for the purpose of arranging matches.
All in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation.
- 9 SUBSCRIPTIONS: The Annual Subscription fees and all Competition fees to be decided at the Annual General Meeting. The annual membership fees shall be paid to the Treasurer by April 1st.
- 10 GREEN FEES: Green fees, where applicable, are payable before play commences.
- 11 COMPETITION RULES: The Club and its members will at all times comply with any competition rules as laid down by Sunderland & District Bowling Association, Bowls Durham, or Bowls England

Rules & Constitution (continued)

- 12 SELECTION: Membership of the Club does not entitle any player to assume selection to play in any league competition. The Club Captain will select teams and skips; his decision in this matter is final. All members are entitled to play in the in-house competitions.
- 13 DRESS CODE: ROLL UPS & IN-HOUSE COMPETITIONS: Dress code for in-house competitions and roll ups is relaxed, bowling shoes or flat soled shoes must be worn.
LEAGUE GAMES: Dress for all team players shall be black trousers/skirts (or shorts) with no stripes or checks. Denims and cargo trousers are not permitted. Club colours above the waist, all team players must be dressed the same. One club shirt will be issued to any member selected to represent the club, free of charge. Correct bowling shoes must be worn on the green at all times.
SMOKING IS NOT allowed on the green, but is allowed on the path.
- 14 STICKERS: At the discretion of the Club Captain, players may be required to use bowls stickers supplied by the Club to distinguish the bowls for the marker or spectators
- 15 TRIAL ENDS: Trial ends do not constitute part of the game, whether it be league or in-house
- 16 TROPHIES: Any winner of any of the Club in-house competitions will be given the opportunity to receive the relevant trophy at the Club's Presentation Dinner. Trophies must be returned at the A.G.M. or prior.
- 17 SECOND CLUB: Members of the Club are permitted to be members of a second Club, but they MUST inform the Club Captain of such membership. No member is allowed to play for more than one Club in any competition.
- 18 SAFEGUARDING: In line with Bowls England Safeguarding policy, NHBC will adopt and be guided by Bowls England National Governing Body and Bowls Development Agency.
- 19 DISCIPLINE: Any disciplinary matters will be dealt with in accordance with Bowls England regulation 9
- 20 DISSOLUTION: If at any General Meeting a resolution for the dissolution of the Club is passed by a simple majority of Club representatives present, such resolution shall be considered at a Special General Meeting held no later than 28 days thereafter. The resolution must be passed by two thirds majority of the Clubs membership present and voting. The Executive shall then or at any future date specified in the resolution wind up the affairs of the Club. Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities shall be charged towards approved charities as selected by votes of the membership. Any assets received through grants shall be returned to the grant making body under their terms and conditions.
- 21 DOCUMENT This document should be made available to all club members or anybody requesting it for Club business. This document is dated 16th January 2023 and supersedes anything prior.