

# NHBC NEWSLETTER

## New Herrington Bowling Club - August 2023

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### WELCOME

At the time of writing the weather is dreadful. That was the opening line of the July newsletter as well. The weather is causing havoc in the league fixtures and our own in-house competitions. Lets hope the roof at Houghton indoor rink is not leaking for those of us who plan to play indoors next month.

### CAPTAINS REPORT

Welcome to my Captains report for August

Well, what a busy month we have had at the club even with the bad weather we have experienced. There have been a couple of games played in the Earl cup with the final 2 fixtures being played this week, so a couple points are needed to secure our spot in Division 1 for next season. Relegation in the Swan cup was confirmed a couple of weeks ago so will be playing in division 2 next year.

Better news with the Harold Howey vets league, after an outstanding first season our vets B team secured promotion to division 1 finishing up in 2<sup>nd</sup> position, it was also a successful season for the A team who finished in 4th position only a couple of points off promotion. In the Grindon league knock out competition (Tommy Thompson Fours) our team were unlucky just to lose out to Hylton CW by 4 points in the semi-final. We also lost out to Silksworth Pumas in the semi-final of the 3-2-1 competition. There were more semi-final woes in the David Morgan mixed pairs competition where Linda and I were beaten by Jaxon McKenna and Anne Upsall 16 – 15 at Silksworth.

We have seen in the in-house club competitions a couple of great finals played so far. In the lady's club championship Lorraine Galley beat Gill Ferguson 23 – 15 in a very close game and in the vet's club championship Peter Bracken overcame Chris Blake 21 – 12, well done to both winners. There are still quite a few games to be played in the remaining competitions but hopefully with our league season coming to an end this will allow members to arrange to play their games with the green due to close around the 11th September.

As mentioned earlier the weather not only has impacted on our league fixtures and club competitions but our green has shown signs of wear and tear on some of the more popular rinks. We have recently tried some green protector mats and cordoned off rink 1 when playing east to west to try and protect some of the more worn rinks. The committee has had discussions on how we can look to protect the green more next season and more information will follow in due course.

*Colin Watson - Club Captain*

Pictured on right are Lorraine Galley, Colin Watson & Gillian Ferguson



### AGM

Don't forget the AGM is at 7.30 on September 27<sup>th</sup> at Philadelphia Cricket Club, Bunker Hill Ground, DH4 4JE. Please consider what changes you would like to see within NHBC, whether it be about the committee, the clubhouse, the competitions, roll-ups, leagues, catering, etc. If you have any issue, now is the time to air it. I can't guarantee any changes will be made, but I can promise that all ideas and concerns will be considered and if necessary put to a vote at the meeting. BUT you MUST send your proposal to me, or ring me, BEFORE September 20<sup>th</sup> otherwise the motion will NOT be considered. My contact details are on the back page. A letter detailing nominations for the committee will follow shortly.

We hope to see you there.



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

**THE WICK (Or Herrington Glide).....Derrick Merrington**

Hi all, I joined the bowling club last year at the first open day and have thoroughly enjoyed my time at New Herrington Bowling Club.

Over the years I have taken part in many sports from football, cricket, golf and even scuba diving, I enjoy meeting people and socialising which is one of the main reasons for joining the bowling club. I am pleased to say everyone has made me feel very welcome at NHBC and the advice that has been given to me by some of the senior players has been most welcome.

I have been married to Lynn for 40 years at the end of September, we have known each other since our school days but weren't sweethearts at the time, there's a story how we met which revolves round a Black Russian drink or a half of lager and lime!! We have two sons Stephen and Richard and two daughters-in-law Debs and Caitlin, we also have two granddaughters Ellie who is 20 and Gracie who is 15, and not forgetting our rescue dog Lola

I served an apprenticeship as a plater at Philadelphia Engine Works which is just a long stones throw away from the bowling green, I left there when it closed down and moved round several companies until I ended up at Caterpillar in Peterlee where I worked for 20+ years before being offered my redundancy just over six years ago. I currently fill some of my time in doing voluntary work at St Benets school in Fulwell where our Richard teaches.

I have a great love of music which is varied from sixties/seventies rock through to eighties electric and modern day thrash metal, Lynn usually accompanies me to concerts where we have seen The Who, The Stones, Tears for Fears and many many more but she refused point blank to see Slipknot!!

Thanks again for making me feel so welcome. I nominate Norma Ord for the next edition. That should be interesting.



**CLUB CREST COMPETITION**

We have received five designs, thank you. We are now seeking advice from our shirt supplier regarding the embroidery. When we have all the information together we will advise you. Watch this space. Thanks again to those of you who submitted a design.

**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  
 Acct: 56801060



**VETS CHAMPIONSHIP**

Our new Vets Champion is Peter Bracken, seen here on the left with captain Colin Watson and runner up club chairman, Chris Blake.

**LADIES v GENTS - August 28th**

The date has been set for a return match of our ladies v gents match. I don't think the gents will be quite so confident this year. Hopefully this will become an annual event and will raise money for charity.

**PRESENTATION DINNER**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November**

Despite the efforts of the summer weather we are confident that all competitions will be successfully completed somehow or other. Therefore there will be people to receive an award which makes the evening all the more worthwhile. Everyone is welcome together with partners, all we ask is that you contribute just £22 per head, bring a prize for the raffle and a good appetite. And wear your best dancing shoes.

**BRIAN SMITH**

Our member Brian, was knocked off his push-bike by a reckless motorist and sustained injuries to his quadriceps. I'm pleased to say he is making a good recovery and will be back among us real soon.

**SDBA**

The SDBA AGM is at the end of November and among the things to be discussed will be a revised "Code of Conduct" to ensure we fall in line with Bowls England and Bowls Durham.

**BIRTHDAYS**  
 We send warmest good wishes to the following members who have birthdays in 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.  
 Katrina Milley 11<sup>th</sup> Aug  
 Robin Smith 31<sup>st</sup> Aug

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