

NHBC NEWSLETTER

New Herrington Bowling Club - January 2023

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HAPPY NEW HERRINGTON

We wish all our members, past, present and future, a happy and healthy 2023. We will do our best to keep you informed and entertained. So what can you expect in 2023? Well you can certainly expect to be playing a lot of bowls: We are hoping the season might be a week or two longer now that we have a sprinkler system installed, keeping the grass lush. We are playing in The Earl Cup on a Monday evening, The Swan Cup on a Wednesday evening, we have entered TWO teams in The Harold Howey Vets Trophy on a Thursday afternoon, and we have The Storey Bowl on a Saturday afternoon, in addition we have also entered the Grindon League on a Friday evening. The good news is you can have Sundays and Tuesdays off if you want to. Of course the green will be open as usual for friendly roll-ups and practice. We will also be holding our Open Days and Members Fun Days. The friendly match away to Bedale will also be on the calendar. The best advice I can give you is to not make any holiday plans between April and September because you are sure to miss something. Wishing you all a happy and successful bowling year.



Some faces of New Herrington



BOWLS ENGLAND AWARDS

NHBC has been shortlisted for the second year running in the "Club of the Year" category. This is in itself a brilliant achievement and everyone involved in the club should be very proud. There are three other clubs in the running, they are Begbrook Green (Gloucestershire), Darlington South Park, and Avenue Coventry (Warwickshire). The awards are presented at a gala dinner at the Athena, Leicester on February 25th. All members and partners are invited to attend. It would be excellent if we were able to fill a table of 10. The cost would be £425 but we get two complimentary tickets so the cost comes down to £340 (£34 per head) and I am sure the club would make a generous contribution. Think about it, and let me know.

The evening consists of

- A Red Carpet & Prosecco welcome,
- Professional photographer,
- 3 course dinner,
- Professional MC hosting the evening,
- Professional band and entertainment
- complimentary copy of "Bowls International".

Also of interest

We are delighted to note that Durham has also been short listed again in the "County of the year" category. We wish our friends in Durham the very best of luck.

The other counties in the running are:

Devon
Leicestershire
Gloucestershire
Warwickshire
Oxfordshire

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

MEMBERSHIP

Yes folks it's that time of year when I start to badger you for your membership renewal. The "year" starts on April 1st but I have to inform Durham Bowls of our playing members by the end of April together with the affiliation fees. BUT anyone interested in playing in the County Championships must register their intention before February 1st.

As a club we run a tight ship, trying to keep fees as low as possible while at the same time supporting the various activities such as our Presentation Night, the coffee afternoons, Fun Days and Open Days and the BE Awards dinner. Furthermore, it is our intention to buy another full set of shirts so that all league players have two shirts. This will ensure we always look our best. So your early payment of membership fees would be greatly appreciated. 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

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 or the first payment of £25.00 by February 1st and then £20 on the 1st of March & April

YOU CAN PAY by bank transfer to:

BANK DETAIL

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

Or by cheque payable to New Herrington Bowls 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.

COFFEE & CAKE

We have held several "Coffee & Cake" afternoons and they have proved to be very popular. Members and non-members are invited to come along for a catch up with friends or just to learn what is going on. We are always amazed at the generosity and baking skills of our members who come along armed with delicious home made pies and cakes. These are in contrast to the shop bought bits provided by the club.

The next gathering is on Wednesday 11th of January at 2:00pm and we hope to see YOU there. The meetings will be held fortnightly until the green opens again in April.

KIT

It is our intention to purchase another set of kit so that our league players have two shirts. If you have a club shirt but no longer wish to play in the teams could I ask you to return it to the club ASAP. If you require a different size to your current shirt please let me know, otherwise we will be ordering according to our current information. The ladies section will also be wearing the same strip, as modelled for us here by Linda Watson, Pam Bainbridge and Norma Ord.....



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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