

# NHBC NEWSLETTER

## New Herrington Bowling Club - March 2024

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### WELCOME

This time next month the green will be open, the sun will be shining and the woods will be rolling. Colin will be busy selecting his teams for the different leagues, so get yourselves on the green and practice. Remember, the green will be open Monday to Saturday from 1.00pm till 4.00pm and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6.00pm till 9.00pm. If you need the green to be open at a different time/day just drop a note on the WhatsApp group or text 07715 252920 and we will see what we can do.

### MEMBERSHIP

Many thanks to those of you who have re-joined and paid your fees. If you haven't re-joined yet, please don't delay too long. Fees are due by April 1<sup>st</sup>. I will put the bank details right here for you.

### DAILY MEMBER

Joining fee **£20.00** for the year, commencing April 1<sup>st</sup>.

£3.00 green fee every time you play, whether it be a roll-up, an in-house competition or a league match.

£2.00 to enter any in house competition (£2.00 per competition)

### FULL MEMBER

**£70.00** for the year, includes £20 joining fee. commencing April 1<sup>st</sup> (payable at time of joining) which covers all roll-ups, competitions and home matches. £3.00 if playing away in league match

£2.00 to enter any in house competition (£2.00 per competition).

### BANK DETAILS

**BANK:** LLOYDS  
**SORT CODE:** 30 99 50  
**ACCOUNT:** 56801060  
**NAME:** New Herrington Bowling Club

*The season is approximately 20 weeks so if you play just once a week that equates to £60 for the season plus your membership fee of £20.00. Therefore "Full Membership" represents excellent value for money.*

**If you are interested in joining as a new member, please go to our website where you can download an application form**

**from the "Join Us" page, and also learn a bit more about us.**



### NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I just wanted to say how proud I am of the great progress the club is making and that is down to you our fabulous members who help to make this the really friendly club it has become. Thank you also to our hard working committee who work tirelessly in the background managing the club, steering it in the right direction and securing financial support.

NHBC have entered a team into the **Sunderland Womens Bowls Association** League for the first time. This is fantastic news for the club and a further sign of our continued progress. The format of the league requires each team to field 2 rinks of 4 players. In previous seasons a few teams have sometimes struggled to field sufficient lady players and subsequently there was an obvious concern that some teams may drop out of the league. To prevent this from happening a new ruling was agreed which will see men players being allowed to play with some exceptions; a maximum of 2 men players per rink and only a lady player can be skip. Due to our healthy lady membership the club, in the first instance, are looking to field as many ladies as possible and field male players if and when required. Anyone interested in playing in this league please contact Linda Watson who will be Team Captain and responsible for selecting the squad each week. **Chris**

**CAPTAINS REPORT** It's good to be back in touch again with details relating to what's happening this season. Can I first take the opportunity to thank Barry for continuing to publish the newsletter over the autumn and winter and arranging the coffee afternoons and it's good to hear they have been very well supported.

It hasn't been confirmed to me when the green will officially be opened but I've heard on the grapevine it's the 12th April. Our first league fixture will take place on Monday 22nd April at home to Seaham Town in the Earl Cup. We have another Earl Cup game on Wednesday 24th April which has been rearranged from 29th April away to Houghton Dairy Lane. All our fixtures can be seen in the diary accompanying this newsletter. You will also read elsewhere about the new Tuesday afternoon league.

I will put up a sheet on the clubhouse notice board to ask members which league they would like to be considered for so I would encourage all members to put their names down and I'm sure everyone will get an opportunity during the season to represent the club in at least one of the teams. I will be running and selecting the Earl & Swan Cup teams, the Harold Howey B team and the Storey Bowl team. Garry Wallace jnr and Ned Dinsdale will run the Grindon league team, Linda Watson will run the Tuesday league team and Howard Smith will run the Harold Howey A team, all on my behalf. I wish them all the very best of luck.

This season we have managed to secure some Community Chest funding to help us purchase some club hoodies which will be in the same design as our club t shirt and jacket. All members can purchase a hoodie at the cost of £10, I am expecting to receive several samples for sizing purposes in the next couple of days I will then arrange a couple of dates where any member wanting to purchase one can try on the various sizes to ensure they get a good fit. We intend to place our order in the next seven days, so they are delivered prior to our first fixture of the season. The Community Chest funding will also allow myself and Chris Blake to undertake a Coach Bowls Level 1 Coaching Course. The course syllabus contains two 3 hour Zoom sessions and 2 full days coaching on the green at Darlington Bowling Club.

Further sheets will also be put up on the clubhouse noticeboard for our in-house club competition entries. The closing date will be 24th April, if you can't add your name to the sheet, please drop me a message so I can add your name.

I look forward to seeing you all on the green shortly. Best wishes **Colin Watson**

Secretary:	Barry Thomas	<b>YOUR COMMITTEE</b>	Safeguarding::	Les Todd
Treasurer:	Lorraine Galley	Chairman: Chris Blake	Maintenance:	Howard Smith
Captain:	Colin Watson		Facilities:	Linda Watson

**The Wick (Or Herrington Glide) We learn a bit about Ned Dinsdale**

My Name is Edward Dinsdale 'Ned' to you people. I was born and bred in Peshaw in 1942 in a family of 7. 4 sisters and 3 brothers. Sadly there is only 3 of us left. Myself, brother Robert and sister Laura.

At the age of 5 I started my school days at Peshaw School and at the age of 8 developed my love of football. I was a centre forward and scored that many goals I lost count. I left school aged 15 and started work at Herrington colliery on 15/4/57 until 1986 in which time I experienced three miners strikes 1971/72, 1974 and 1984 due to the Tory government. These were very bad days! I then transferred to Vane tempest colliery in Seaham in 1986 till all the mines were closed in 1992 by the Iron lady Maggie Thatcher ( spit spit) and that was the end of my 35 year mining career. 34 years underground. I then got a temporary job 6 months of the year at South Shields as a gardener in the parks until I retired.

Getting back to my youth days, I met my late wife Rita when I was 17 years old at our local rock and roll dance hall held on Friday nights. Rita taught me to rock and roll but she was always the star turn at that, not me. We had some great nights there dressed as a teddy boy a few pints and off we went. Happy days. Rita and I were married in 1962 and had one daughter Jacqueline, the love of our lives. We had 51 years together before she sadly passed away in 2013 and we have so many happy memories of her.

I was involved in youth team football with 2 local teams. Herrington YMCA Youths and Herrington C.W Youths. Both teams had a lot of success over the many years something which I was so proud of.

I took up outdoor bowling in 1990 with Herrington WBC where we won the Davie Quinn pairs and CIU league.. I then moved to the local rivals which is now NHBC in 2015. The club started to struggle and was down to 12 members after the covid pandemic. Then by word of mouth members started to join. We never had ladies at the green until 'Girls aloud' turned up. A new committee was formed and the club has gone from strength to strength and I am so proud to be part of it... I look forward to my bowling days ....'If Selected'

I would like to nominate my good friend Gary Wallace Senior for the next newsletter



**BOWLS ENGLAND -**  
**"BIG WEEKEND"**

Once again we will be taking **SUNDAY MAY 5<sup>th</sup>**. We had a really good turnout in 2023 WEEKEND when we will be and hope we can repeat it this year. inviting you to bring family and friends for a fun afternoon with lots of daft games including "Hoops" (have I ever told you who holds the record of 300?), "Nearest the ditch" "Spider" and many more. The date is **SUNDAY MAY 26<sup>th</sup>** so get it in your diary. Everyone welcome.

**BEDALE**

Have you put the date in your diary? Can we win the shield for a third consecutive year? Well of course we all know the answer to that. Do let Colin know if you are interested in going whether it be to play or watch. The Bedale hospitality is excellent. **ALSO** watch this space for details of planned trip to Berwick on **15<sup>th</sup> June**

**FOOTBALL CARDS**

In an effort to raise money for the club and also for our chosen charity "Cancer Research", we have decided to run some football cards. Initially we are starting with 10 to see how it goes. Each card has 30 teams, and each team will cost £2.00. Therefore each card is worth £60 of which the winner will get £30, the charity will get £15 and the club will get £15. So with just 30 teams you have a reasonable chance of winning and hopefully the cards will sell quickly. A new card will start immediately after the previous winner has been revealed. The teams are the same on each card, so if you want to, you can select the same team/s for all 10 cards, let me know if you want to do that. The teams are:

**BIRTHDAYS**

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

Chris Blake	3rd
Paul Eden	12 <sup>th</sup>
Joe Martin	14 <sup>th</sup>
Alison Blake	18 <sup>th</sup>
Bryan Crew	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Steve Bennett	29 <sup>th</sup>

**DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING**

The date has been set for the defibrillator training and the talk about prostate cancer, so put **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April** in your diary. It will coincide with our "Coffee and Cake" afternoon. Our **Linda Watson** is looking for **volunteers to help with cleaning the clubhouse** and getting it ready for the coming season. So if you can help Linda on Monday April 8<sup>th</sup> she would be very grateful - drop her a note to let her know.

ARSENAL	MIDDLESBROUGH	NOTTS FOREST
TOTTENHAM	CHELSEA	WIMBLEDON
QPR	SHEFFIELD WED	BLACKBURN
EVERTON	WEST HAM	SOUTHAMPTON
COVENTRY	BOLTON	MAN CITY
BURNLEY	BLACKPOOL	BIRMINGHAM
WOLVES	LEICESTER	PORTSMOUTH
SUNDERLAND	STOKE	WEST BROM
DERBY	CELTIC	SWINDON
WIGAN	RANGERS	PRESTON

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