

NHBC NEWSLETTER

New Herrington Bowling Club - Nov/Dec 2023

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WELCOME

Another year virtually over. I think it's fair to say that NHBC is now firmly established in the Sunderland & Durham districts. The North East bowls world talks about us and many clubs look at us with envy. Not just at our performance on the green, or on the indoor carpet, and not just at our membership numbers. Clubs are envious of our club spirit and friendly but competitive attitude. People enjoy playing against us and visiting us. Our standing in the bowls world is entirely down to our membership and the positive vibes that you generate, so thank you, all of you.

It won't be long before I am chasing you, no, sorry, I mean reminding you, to join or to renew your membership next year. Brace yourselves for my persistent battering. But not yet, for now may we on the committee wish all our members and friends a very happy and healthy Christmas, and a safe and successful 2024.

Our CLUB CHAMPION 2023

PAUL KING

Paul collected the Club Championship cup from Mike Davis. Paul defeated reigning champion and club captain Colin Watson in a closely fought final.

In an emotional speech after the presentation, Paul thanked everyone for the love and support shown to him and his partner Angie during the difficult times they faced earlier in the year.



VETS CHAMPION

PETER BRACKEN

Peter recovered from Covid just in time to receive the Veterans Cup

LADIES PAIRS CHAMPIONS

Linda Watson & Caroline Maddison

Linda & Caroline are the first time winners of this new award.



Mixed Pairs winners

Gary Loadman & Anne Dale

Second time NHBC have held a mixed pairs contest. Where's the cup?



PRESENTATION DINNER

Another successful evening, and according to the feedback we have received, everyone enjoyed it. The evening was kicked off by our chairman Chris Blake who firstly announced the winner of the "badge competition"; John Sproston, "Sprossy". This will appear on our shirts in time for next season.

Chris then gave a very original speech with clever musical overtones.

Our secretary delivered a bowls "grace" which was followed by a delicious dinner. Our guest of honour Mike Davis, chairman of SDBA, gave a short speech in which he praised the fantastic attitude and achievements of NHBC "If only it could be bottled and shared" he said.

Colin Watson started by reminding us of how many matches were played in the in-house competitions, an incredible 243. He said Ned Dinsdale had refereed far more than anyone else and presented Ned with his own jack stick. Colin then gave a speech informing us of what we had achieved in the various leagues. He then, with Mike Davis, presented the various awards.

When all the prizes had been given, Colin then announced two special awards for the "Ladies Member of the year" and the "Mens Member of the year". They were won by Linda Watson and Ned Dinsdale respectively. The evening was finished off with music provided by "The Stringfellows". Our thanks to Paul Gatenby and his partner Peter.

My apologies if your photo is not here, there just isn't room for all of them.



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



OUR LADIES CHAMPION 2023
LORRAINE GALLEY

Lorraine receives the cup from SDBA chairman, Mike Davis. She defeated Gillian Ferguson in an exciting final to become our second Ladies Champion. She was also a member of the successful vets team that won promotion to the first division. She was busy all evening selling raffle tickets and organising prizes.



LADIES "MEMBER OF THE YEAR" AND MENS "MEMBER OF THE YEAR"

Two new and very special awards were presented to two very special people. Members were invited to vote for the man and lady who they felt deserved recognition for their performance or contribution to the club in the 2023 season. Linda Watson and Ned Dinsdale swept the board.



Winner of 3 competitions

Club Captain Colin Watson organised all ten of the club competitions and managed to win three of them. The three wood, 7-Up, & Pairs (with Brian Smith) as well as being runner up in the club championship.

Winner of two wood

Last years Vets champion Garry Wallace (Snr) was this years winner of the two wood competition.



BIRTHDAYS

We send warmest good wishes to the following members who have birthdays in November & December.

Linda Watson	4/11
Alan Hassan	13/11
Carol Edwards	27/11
Bill Simpson	27/11
Barry Thomas	27/11
James Harland	6/12
Pat Dietz	19/12
Ronnie Watson	23/12
Molly Wooton	23/12
Patricia Thompson	24/12



Club Chairman

Our chairman Chris Blake did not leave empty handed. He was rewarded for winning the hoops game on our Fun Day and being runner up in the 3 wood and Vets competitions

Mens Pairs

Brian Smith is receiving the pairs cup, my partner Colin Watson who was cut out.



Pam Bainbridge, Gary Hassan (Centre), and Gary Chambers.

No room for more pics, sorry.

The story from Howard Smith was due this month, but we thought you would rather see pictures from the Presentation dinner. Our version of "Howard's Way" will feature in the next issue.

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