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WELCOME TO OUR FIRST FOUR PAGE EDITION

There is a lot of news in this one, so be sure to read it from end to end. The lawn season is now behind us and many of us are committed to indoor leagues, lets hope we can see some more NHBC names on the Houghton honours board next year. Good luck

AGM

Don't forget the AGM is on SATURDAY 27th SEPTEMBER AT 10:30AM, at the Philadelphia Cricket Club. All our members are welcome and we hope you will participate in any discussion, you should receive the agenda and details of any motions very soon. We hope to see you there.

GRUMBLE-DAY

I'm hoping that our Wednesday "Rumble" will be replaced by the Wednesday "GRUMBLE". Possibly commencing on Wednesday October 15th from 2:00 till 4:00 and then every two weeks. It is an opportunity to grin, or grumble, whatever suits your mood. Bring friends if you have any and most importantly, bring cake, Watch this space for more information. What else would you do on a Wednesday

NEW HERRINGTON BOWLING CLUB- NEWSLETTER

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DID YOU KNOW?

Some interesting facts
about NHBC.

2020 we had 12 members.
2021 we had 39 members
2022 we had 57 members
2023 we had 64 members
2024 we had 56 members
2025 we had 59 members
Of the 2025 membership
41 are gents and 18 are ladies. 12 are Day Members and 47 are Full.
The average age of our ladies is 64.5, the average age of the gents is 68
Youngest lady is Allyson Beardmore, youngest gent is Ryan Lowes,
We have an amazing 10 married couples.
In 2020 and 2021 we held 7 in-house competitions, in 2022 there were 9 and since 2023 there have been 10 each year. So in total we have held 53 in-house competitions since 2020 and there have been just 22 winners.

PRESENTATION-DINNER

This years Presentation Dinner is on Friday 14th November and will be held at the lovely North Biddick Social Club, which can be found in Bonemill Lane, Washington, NE38 8AJ.



There will be a scrummy buffet, a disco, dancing, a raffle and who knows what else.

As a thank you to the membership for such a great season, on and off the green. the committee have decided to subsidise the evening. The cost will be just £5:00 per head. So they are hoping you will bring your family and friends so that we can fill the room and have a really good time. Please commit to tickets as soon as you can so we can advise the caterers. Please pay by transfer direct to our bank quoting "Party" as the reference. It is an excellent venue, and I think you will agree it is excellent value for money. All we ask is that you bring along a prize for the raffle. So, lets "PARTY"



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CAPTAINS REPORT (unfortunately Colin was unable to do it, so I hope this will suffice.)

The club in-house competitions were all completed on time, with hours to spare! The movers and shakers were:

2 Wood Winner **Garry Wallace (Jnr)** runner up Linda Watson

3 Wood Winner **Colin Watson** runner up Gary Hassan

7 up Winner **Paul King** runner up Linda Watson

Handicap Winner **Garry Wallace (Jnr)** runner up Michael White

Mens Pairs **Winners Colin Watson & Michael Galley**

Runners up Richard Johnston & Gary Loadman

Ladies Pairs **Winners Anne Dale & Lorraine Galley**

Runners up Pamela Bainbridge & Linda Watson

Mixed Pairs **Winners Garry Wallace (Jnr) & Marie Graham**

Runners up Ned Dinsdale & Pamela Bainbridge

Vets Championship Winner **Colin Watson** runner up Richard Johnston

Ladies Championship Winner **Lorraine Galley** runner up Linda Watson

Mens Championship Winner **Colin Watson** Runner up Robert Gibson



**CLUB CHAMPION 2025
COLIN WATSON**

I know Colin was looking into the club history, so you might find this interesting.

LEAGUE HISTORY FOR LAST SIX YEARS

2019 We could only field one team,
that was in the Harold Howey 2nd division.
We finished 15th out of 16.

2020 was written off because of Covid

2021 we entered teams in 4 leagues.

Earl Cup 2nd division we finished 2nd

Swan Cup 2nd division we finished 5th

Harold Howey 2nd division finished 6th

Storey Bowl finished 5th

2022 again we entered 4 leagues

Earl Cup Division 2 winners—promoted

Swan Cup Division 2 winners—promoted

Harold Howey Division 2 finished 12th

Storey Bowl finished 3rd

2023 again we entered 4 leagues

Earl Cup division 1 finished 8th out of 10

Swan Cup division 1 finished bottom—relegated

Harold Howey Division 2

NHBC “B” finished 2nd - promoted

NHBC “A” finished 4th

2024 again we entered 4 leagues

Earl Cup Div 1 finished 7th

Swan up Division 2—winners—promoted

Harold Howey division 1 NHBC “B” finished 9th

Harold Howey division 2 NHBC “A” 2nd—promoted

Storey Bowl finished 3rd

2025 again we entered 4 leagues

Earl Cup Div 1 finished 6th

Swan up Division 1 finished 2nd beaten by half a point

Harold Howey division 1 NHBC “B” finished 7th

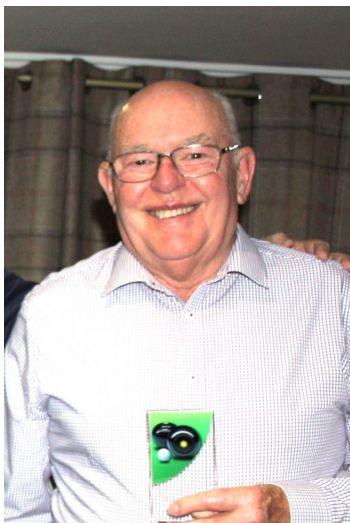
NHBC “A” finished 10th

Storey bowl finished 2nd

SWBA WINNERS Our ladies won the league with games
in hand, and in only their second year in the league

GRINDON Finished 4th

*So the progress made by the club is easy to see, and
what this doesn't show, is the progress made by individ-
uals in the County and National competitions. No other
club in the North East can match this fantastic record.*



COMMITTEE.....There are some changes to the committee. **Howard Smith** has decided to retire as “Maintenance Secretary” and Michael Galley has been nominated to take over the role. Howard was the club treasurer and is one of the founder members of the club as we know it today. He handed over the financial reins to Lorraine when the new technology got the better of him. The club is grateful to Howard for his long and valuable contribution to the clubs progress.

Barry Thomas (Yes me) has decided to step down as club secretary. I have enjoyed my time as Secretary but 6 years is enough and its time for the club to move on in its chosen direction. I am proud of some of my achievements (not all, but some). The newsletter has always been a great joy, the Facebook & website stand up well in the bowls world, and the Wednesday gatherings were always good fun. I’m grateful to all of you for being there, for your support and friendship. I’ll still be around. Baz



LADIES PAIRS WINNERS
ANNE DALE & LORRAINE GALLEY



MENS PAIRS WINNERS
MICHAEL GALLEY & COLIN WATSON



MIXED PAIRS WINNERS
MARIE GRAHAM & GARRY WALLACE (Jnr)



7-UP WINNER
PAUL KING



LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP WINNER
LORRAINE GALLEY



VETS CHAMPIONSHIP WINNER
COLIN WATSON



HANDICAP WINNER
GARRY WALLACE (Jnr)



3 WOOD WINNER
COLIN WATSON



2 WOOD WINNER
GARRY WALLACE (Jnr)

Secretary: Barry Thomas
Treasurer: Lorraine Galley
Captain: Colin Watson

YOUR COMMITTEE
Chairman: Chris Blake

Safeguarding: Les Todd
Maintenance: Howard Smith
Facilities: Linda Watson

The Wick (or Herrington Glide) We learn a bit about Marie Graham

Born 1951, second child of Mary and Bob Henderson. I have an older brother, Chris, who lives in Wales. (my mam and brother were both born on Xmas Day).

My dad was a chauffeur for Rolls Royce and my mam was a seamstress/alteration hand working at Liverpool House (a department store) in the town, Sunderland that is, not The Toon! My Mam was desperate to get me interested in sewing, knitting etc and follow in her footsteps and bought me things like children's knitting needles and a battery operated sewing machine for Xmas, however, the only thing I really wanted was a size 5 football!

I loved my childhood and that was mainly due to the fact I loved sport, (especially football,) and being outdoors. My mam was the eldest of 8 kids so I had lots of cousins to play with.

One of those cousins was none other than Pat Gibson and I spent lots of time at their house in Leamside with her and Jeff, her younger brother. We spent hours playing all kinds of sports or having "adventures" at Finchale Abbey. In fact we had our 'first job' at a farm through there doing 'Tattie picking'- child labour/ back breaking work, but it was a laugh and we got paid! (other jobs I have had include, Postwoman, Play leader, clerk in the office at Edward Thompson and working in the Mono Plastic cup Factory on the outskirts of Belmont)

I attended West Park secondary school (which later became Thornhill) and it was here where my sport really developed, in fact it was the only thing that did develop as I was useless at most other subjects (unlike Pat who was brainy, could play the piano AND she could SEW and KNIT! (I think my mam secretly wanted to adopt her!!) I played hockey, netball and tennis for the school teams and represented Durham County Schools in the javelin at Intermediate & Senior levels at The National Championships in Surrey. Another girl from Thorney Close school was also a decent javelin thrower and we had to have a 'throw off' to determine who would actually be the County representative at the Nationals. It was agreed between the respective PE teachers that this throw off would take place at Thorney. I met my PE teacher, as instructed, in the staff car park as she was giving me and my javelin a lift up to Thorney. What I didn't realise was that she didn't have a car and we were going on her Lambretta motor scooter! I travelled on the back of this scooter holding onto the back of her with one hand and my javelin with the other! No crash helmets in those days - we travelled like that from West Park school (which used to be next to Park Lane bus station) up to Thorney Close and back again! Imagine doing that these days with all the health and safety procedures in place!

Around this time I had been seriously ill in hospital with glandular fever and most of my hair fell out, I was left almost bald apart from a few wispy bits of hair around the sides - I looked like Friar Tuck, not what you want at 15 yr old!

I left school at 18, having gained enough GCE's to go to teacher training college to study PE. What a 3 years that was, we were crazy, in fact I don't know how we managed to qualify, yet somehow we did and in 1973! got my first full time job teaching PE in South Tyneside - a good year was '73, first full time job, I met Peter and to top it all off, myself, Pat and other family members travelled to the old Wembley to see our beloved SAFC lift the FA Cup! In 1976, I married Peter, who I had met socially at South Shields Cricket club. He was a Washington lad whose friends at school were Bryan Ferry and Howard Kendall, they both went on to become famous, he ended up getting hitched to me! Haway now, who got the best deal there!!

Peter started his working life at 18 as a cricketer for Warwickshire, spending 3 years there. Unfortunately, his contract wasn't renewed so he came back to the North East where he worked on the IT side of things for North of England Building Society and later he trained as a junior school teacher.

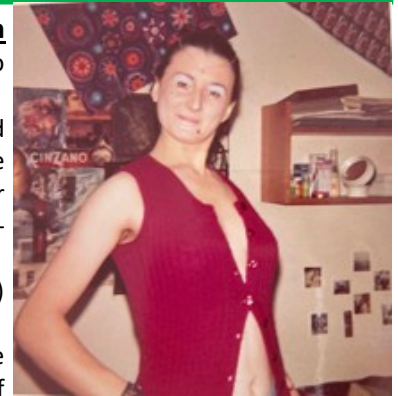
He taught for a few years in South Shields but realised the kids were annoying and he only liked the school holidays, so he went back into IT! We have 2 children and 4 grandchildren who keep us on our toes! Many memories from my teaching career where you soon realise you're not just a teacher but a social worker, a substitute parent a disciplinarian and a shoulder to cry on! Ive been spat on, threatened, verbally and physically abused and pelted with snowballs, and that was just from the staff! But I stuck it out for 30+ years and there were more good times than bad.

One of the more unusual moments was when a parent of a Yr 11 girl made an appointment to see me. They came into my office where the mam announced "There's nee easy way to say this Mrs Graham so am just ganna come strite out with it, she's (pointing at her daughter) up the duff! She telt'us they hadn't been deein it but a knew they had cos I could see carpet burns on their elbows and knees!!" How do you follow that up with a straight face!!

I was persuaded to join NHBC 3 years ago and I've thoroughly enjoyed learning a new sport at my age and that is all down to the members both on & off the rink.

THANK YOU TO YOU ALL

Haway the Lads! I nominate Garry Wallace (Jnr) for next edition



BIRTHDAYS

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

John Sproston 5th

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