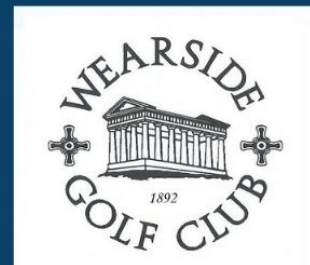


# WEAR SIDE GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER



4th Edition  
July 2025



## DRIVING RANGE PLANNING MEETING

21<sup>ST</sup> JULY

129 REPORTS  
SUBMITTED

70 LETTERS OF  
SUPPORT

84 COMMENTS  
ADDED

48 LETTERS OF  
OBJECTION

Submit your suggestions

*Let us know what you would like  
to see in future editions*

email: [suggestions@wearsidegc.co.uk](mailto:suggestions@wearsidegc.co.uk)

*On behalf of Newbiggin Golf Club Seniors  
Captain we would again like to thank everyone at  
Wearside for the warm welcome we received  
from all your staff.*

*Congratulations must go to all your dedicated  
Greens Staff for the outstanding condition of the  
Course. The Food was beautiful and your staff  
are a credit to you all.*

*I have played Wearside many times and always  
found the experience a one to remember.*

Kind Regards  
Club Secretary  
Newbiggin Golf Club



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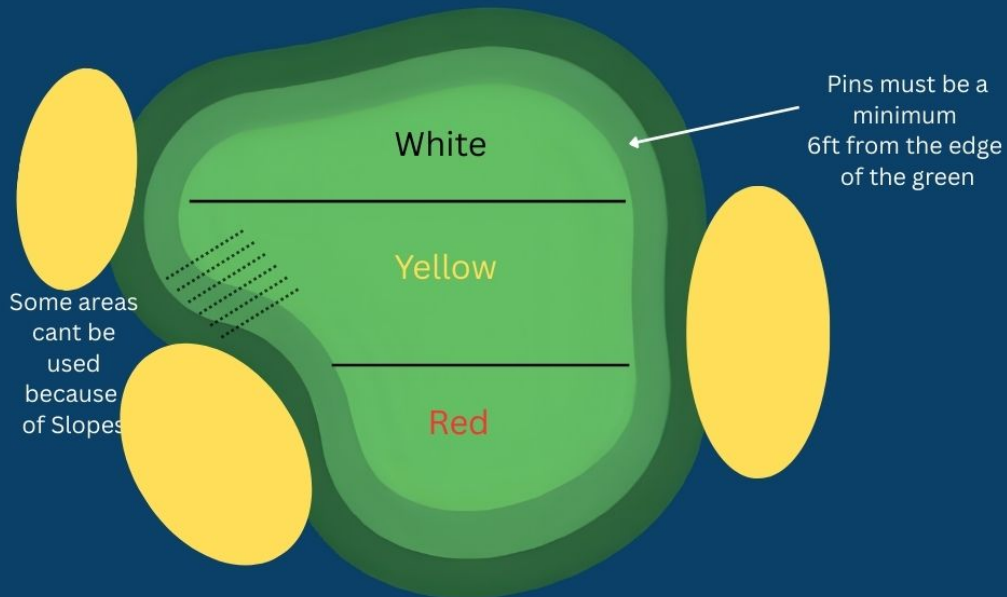
OFFICE



# GREENS, BUNKERS & GROUND CONDITIONS

## Hole Locations on the Greens

To maintain the quality of our putting surfaces and prepare for weekend competitions, hole placements are changed three times a week. Only specific areas on each green are suitable for hole locations due to proximity to edges and undulations. Increasing the frequency of changes would result in holes being placed too close to previous positions, negatively affecting playability and turf health.



## Ground Under Repair (GUR)

All areas affected by winter course improvements, including newly laid turf, remain marked as Ground Under Repair. Unfortunately, the continued dry weather this spring and summer has delayed recovery and growth. We encourage members to check the club app daily for up-to-date information on course restrictions and GUR status.

## Bunkers

The recent dry and windy conditions have made bunker maintenance especially challenging. With no moisture to bind the sand, it remains soft and tends to shift down the bunker faces. Whenever rainfall occurs, we do make use of a whacker plate to help the new sand settle more quickly and improve overall playability.

When raking bunkers after use please try not to drag the sand to the back edge as you vacate the bunker.

## CAPTAINS CHARITY NIGHT SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Join the Captain for a night of entertainment with singer **Laura Cairns**.

Laura has over 15 years experience in the entertainment industry, recently appearing on ITV's Romeo and Duet show - which she won.

Singing upbeat, dance hits from the 60s all the way up to current chart music. Laura will be sure to have you singing and dancing along to songs from artists such as Fleetwood Mac, The Drifters, Ella Henderson and many more...

Proceeds from the night will go to the Captain's Charity Breast Cancer Research

Performance starts 8pm, with 2 sets.

**Book in advance for just £5 to reserve your seats**

Members and guests welcome on the night.

Laura Cairns



### NEW STAFF

We are delighted to welcome Thomas Robson and Molly Ray to the hospitality team. They are helping out over the summer and we know you will make them very welcome!



Please also join us in thanking Yasemin and wishing her all the very best in her career, as she leaves us to pursue her dream job as a Probation Officer.

**DID YOU KNOW ALL MENU ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE AS A TAKE-AWAY.**

**We would also like to remind everyone that the clubhouse is available for function hire, and there is no room hire charge for members.**

**Thanks again for your support**

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**HOSPITALITY**



## COURSE ETIQUETTE & PACE OF PLAY

### A REMINDER FOR ALL MEMBERS

We would like to remind **all** members of the importance of observing proper etiquette and respectful behaviour on the course. These small actions help ensure that everyone enjoys their time at the club and that we maintain a positive, welcoming atmosphere for all.

#### **Pace of Play**

- Please keep up a steady and reasonable pace.
  - Be ready to play when it's your turn – keep the game moving.
  - If your group is holding up play, invite faster groups to play through.
- There is no shame in it or badge of honour making others wait.  
Single players do have equal standing on the course  
Each 9 holes should take under 2 hours

#### **Positive Atmosphere**

- Golf is a game built on integrity and respect. Please:
  - Support and welcome fellow members.
  - Uphold the club's values of dignity and sportsmanship.
  - Set a good example, especially for newer or younger members.

#### **Course Care**

- Repair pitch marks and rake bunkers after use.
- Don't take trolleys between the green and bunkers.
- Always adhere to the dress code and local rules.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping to uphold the standards and spirit of our club

## ARE YOUR DETAILS CORRECT?

HDID is changing this month with a completely new design and infrastructure, the vastly improved HowDidiDo app and website will include: improved overall performance, updated features and a fresh look and feel, all resulting in a more intuitive member journey.

For a seamless transition your email address must be correct, up to date and the same for both Club V1 and HDID



# HowDidiDo®

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COMPETITIONS



## WEARSIDE JUNIORS - COUNTY BOYS SUCCESS!

We are delighted that four of our boys represented Durham County in a scratch U16 match vs Yorkshire boys.

All were a credit to the club and county. In what was a tough match against a strong Yorkshire side. All of our lads contributed to achieving a landmark result of

Durham 7.5 Yorkshire 7.5.

To to have four boys from Wearside play in a county team of ten and achieve a landmark result is fantastic for the club.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO

**ALEX GORDON, HARRY SHEEN, OSCAR O'CONNOR AND OSCAR HANCILL**



## PHENOMINAL SUCCESS!

Wearside juniors had an phenomenal success in the boys and girls County championships.

We are beyond proud that  
**ALL FOUR COUNTY CHAMPIONS**  
are from Wearside.

### **Congratulations go to our Champions.**

Millie Hixon - Girls County Champion  
Evan Oliver - Boys County Champion  
Alex Gordon - U16 County Champion  
Harry Sheen - U14 County Champion

In addition we also had several runners up in a number of categories!

#### Runners Up

Willow Hixon - Girls Stableford Competition  
Oscar O'Connor - Boys U14 Runner Up  
Oscar Hancill - Boys U16 Runner Up

An absolutely outstanding performance, not seen since the 1990's, and confirms Wearside have the most talented section in the county.

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**JUNIORS**





The newly formed Durham Seniors Golf League has been enthusiastically welcomed by clubs across the County. It is the first competitive inter-club competition for Senior Golfers, with support from the Club and our sponsor IPS Flow Systems, Wearside are Founder Members of the league. Seniors Captain Elliott Patterson has also been appointed League Administrator.

**Wearside Seniors are grateful for the support received and are wearing our club colours with pride.**

To date we have played Bishop Auckland, Whickham, Seaham, Houghton-le-Spring, Whitley Bay, Brancepeth, Ramside hall, Beamish, Ryton, South Shields and Chester le street. Registering 6 wins and 5 loss and 2 draws.

The away match with Beamish was a Club Knock Out Quarter Final. Beamish's home advantage proved significant. We wish them well in the upcoming semi-final against Whickham.

We have reached the half way point of the season and after playing 75% of matches away from home we look forward to the return games at Wearside.

Elliott Patterson  
Seniors Captain 2025

**THE ANDERSON AND SIVEWRIGHT MATCHES ARE NOW WELL UNDERWAY AND ARE HALFWAY THROUGH THE SEASON. BOTH TEAMS HAVE HAD SOME CHALLENGING MATCHES BUT ARE SITTING MID TABLE IN BOTH LEAGUES.**

**THANKS TO ALL THE LADIES WHO SUPPORT THE TEAMS.**

**THE MIXED OPEN WAS HELD ON SATURDAY 28TH JUNE. CONGRATULATIONS GO TO DARREN BELL FROM WEARSIDE AND HIS PARTNER VICTORIA BLANCHARD WHO CAME IN WITH AN IMPRESSIVE 46 POINTS, DESPITE THE STRONG WINDY CONDITIONS.**

GILLIAN PATTERSON  
LADIES CAPTAIN

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**SENIORS & LADIES**