

RUSH



Appeal to Members

Dear Member

It became clear at the last committee meeting that it is becoming almost impossible to maintain the club going forward as there are very few members willing to help out with the many tasks required to maintain the lawns and surroundings. Additionally we are now resorting to outside caterers for meals during tournaments as there are few people willing to provide catering.

Upcoming tasks are: Mowing Strimming the banks Cutting the hedges Preparing for tournaments and matches etc

If Pendle is to survive as a club we need to find a permanent solution to the problem of very few of the members helping out. Adopting outside catering will lose us £1,000 income and if we have to pay somebody to mow the lawns this will cost a further £1,000 to £1,500. Ultimately we will have to increase subscriptions.

Therefore we invite members to attend the next Committee meeting on Wednesday 19th at 1.30pm where offers of suggestions to improve the club could be discussed. Thanks Robert Treasurer

Pendle June Advanced Weekend – 10th/11th June 2017

Eleven players enjoyed single banking on the croquet courts at Earby, but Saturday proved to be a bit damp – very damp – by lunch, Lawn 3 becoming unplayable due to standing water and on resumption Lawn 4 succumbing in a similar vein by tea – so double banking on lawns 1, 2 & 5 kept the workload flowing. Sunday stayed bright and dry with all lawns back in service.

Good, plentiful food on both days – a trademark of Pendle events – as is the craic. A real fun event to attend. *Results:*

Overall Winner for the David Openshaw Jug – Jonathan Lamb 'A' Class Winner for the Chris Clark Bowl – Adrian Kirby 'B' Class Winner for the Jeremy Dyer Bowl – Peter Wilson



Manager Paul Rigge presents overall winner Jonathan Lamb with the David Openshaw Jug

Midweek League 14th June home to Bury

Pendle were represented by Peter Wilson, Robin Delves, Peter Dewhurst and Libby Dixon. Unfortunately the team lost 4/3.

Pendle A level Series 17th-18th June

Eleven players commenced play on a bright and very hot Saturday. All rounds were completed so Quarter finals commenced on Sunday.

The knockout field was reduced to 7 upon the disgualification of one of the competitors.

Knockout Results

The guarter-finals were single, 19-point games. Les Heard (Northampton) bt Derek Buxton (Ashby) (10-3), Jane Pringle (Auckland) bt Maggie Cowman (Ripon Spa) (10-6), Libby Dixon (Pendle) bt Kathleen Wright (Long Eaton) (10-9); and Freda Vitty (Auckland) (w/o) The semi finals were best of 3, 13 points games. Jane Pringle bt Les Heard 7/3, 4/7, 7/4 and Freda Vitty bt Libby Dixon 7/6, 5/7, 7/6 Final also best of 3, 13 poitns games The event concluded around 5.30 pm. The all Auckland CC final ended in Jane Pringle overcoming an exhausted Freda Vitty 7/4, 4/7, 7/0. Places 3-4 Play-off' was a single, 19-point game. 3rd Place Les Heard bt Libby Dixon (10-6) Places 5-8 Play-off's were single, 19 points games. 5th Place Maggie Cowman bt Derek Buxton (10-7), bt Kathleen Wright (10-7) 6th Place Kathleen Wrigt lost to Maggie Cowman; and, w/o 7th Place Derek Buxton lost to Maggie Cowman (7-10) and, w/o 8th Place unoccupied. Non-qualifiers for the knockout competed in an all-play-all block of 3 players. The Plate event was won by Eileen Buxton from Ashby. Eileen Buxton bt Gill Brent (Ripon Spa) 6/7, 7/3, 7/4; Eileen Buxton bt Will Drake (Pendle) 7/4, 7/6 Gill Bent bt Will Drake (Pendle) 7/5, 7/5 Players generously expressed their appreciation of Pendle's hospitality during the presentation ceremony. Abdul Ahmad

Tykes vs Southport 21st June

Tykes storm to an impressive victory.

A strong Tykes team totally dominated play against Southport & Birkdale Croquet Club, on a hot and sticky longest day of the year.

Dave Widdison (captain for the day), won all of his games and was well supported by Maggie Cowman (4 wins) and Keith Terry (5 wins). Keith collected a creditable 40 index points from this level play, golf croquet fixture.

Pendle & Craven Tykes 15. Southport & Birkdale CC 3 Dave Widdison

* * Aston Trophy

Six entries have been received by the managers. Libby Dixon, Peter Dewhurst, Paul Rigg, Andrew Webb, Robin Delves and Robert Essler. After consulting those entered the decision was that the tournament will be all play all. i.e. 5 games for each player.

The games must be arranged by the players themselves, at mutually agreed times. All matches must be completed by 12th August. Results to be posted on notice board.

Festival of Croquet 24 – 25th June

Another glorious weekend at Southport as the Federation organised a superb Festival of Croquet. Great conditions, lawns in wonderful condition, excellent catering, efficient management but most of all the enjoyment of meeting croquet players from all over the north west in this magnificent event. Fylde won the Advanced event, Westmorland the Handicap, Bowdon the Short and Bury the Golf. Overall, Bury amassed sufficient points to be crowned 2017 Festival Champions.

Pendle were represented by Saturday Roger, Paul and Keith Roberts. Sunday Catherine, Paul and Roger.

Internal competitions – please note date changes

Entries £4.00 One ball Mon 26th June



Pendle Shield Mon10th July Barlow Ball Mon 7th August Skelton Trophy previously advertised for Mon 14th August . However a League Handicap (AC) match is now planned for that date. Please could interested parties please contact Libby to find a mutually convenient date.

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Upcoming Events

2nd July Pennine Cup

- 4^{th-}7th July. Pendle Mid Week Tournament
- 12th July Pendle Tykes at home against Chester Centurions. Team Maggie, Keith and Libby. Reserve Will
- 13th July Short Pendle vs Westmorland
- 15th July Murphy Shield. Pendle vs Belsay Hall. Team Libby, Paul, Keith and Will.
- 15th July W/E Handicap League Pendle vs Crake Valley
- 16th Advanced B Pendle vs Southport
- 20th July Pendle Tykes vs Bowden Sinners away. Team Dave, Libby, Keith. Reserve Will
- 22nd July W/E Handicap League Pendle vs Fylde away.
- 23rd July EPL Pendle away
- 26th July Midweek Pendle away to Chester
- 29th July Advanced B Pendle away to Chester

Can all team captains or tournament managers please send reports for inclusion in Rush.

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Mowing Rota

Taken from draft sent out by Robert 23rd June.

- 1st Robert 3rd Garry 5th Libby 7th Peter 10th Roger 11th Libby 14th Peter 17th Garry
- 19th Robert
- 21st Libby
- All

If you are unable to mow when specified from the rota due to commitments or weather can you please let everybody know so that we can adjust the rota as necessary. Thanks Robert

National Club Events

Mary Rose Pendle vs Colchester Match to be played by 10th July

Longman Cup Pendle vs Kenilworth Match to be played on 1st July. Team Robin, Catherine Parnell, Paul Dowdall and Libby Dixon.

Murphy Shield Pendle vs Belsay Hall Croquet Club Match to be played at Pendle on 15th July.