



# RUSH



## Chairmans Message

' I just wanted to introduce myself as the new Chairman of the club following the resignation of Roger and Katherine. Firstly to express my appreciation to them both for the work they have put in and wish Katherine the very best from us all for her recovery.

I am looking forward as Chairman , hopefully to oversee the development of the club and ensure its survival!

The two outstanding issues are the declining membership and the current problems with the lawns. We have been fortunate to receive another sum of money from Ted Fort but we need to recruit more members. We are in the process of addressing the lawns issue.

I am sure as a team we can meet these challenges and I look forward to working with you all.'

Andrew Webb



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## 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> August Handicap Tournament

The August Handicap Tournament was, as usual, a friendly get together of players whose primary objective was to enjoy themselves at all costs, with winning as a secondary goal. Three of the eight entrants were first time visitors to Pendle, Dr Jim Gillespie (10) of the Beverley Croquet Club and Mr and Mrs Crompton [Fe (12) and John (18)] from the York Croquet Club.

On the Friday there were only four entrants competing and the Egyptian competition started with all-play-all over that day. The highlight of the day was the 26-0 game posted by John Crompton, using his 16 bisques to great advantage. At the end of the day Roger Schofield (2) led the field.

Saturday and Sunday saw the weather change to glorious as the fantastic four were joined by Roger Staples (3), Alan Morton (14), Robert Essler (1) and the Manager, Garry Wilson (10). Endeavouring to find fresh opponents for all players it was not until the final game on Sunday that two pairing were replays to decide the eventual winner. Such was the closeness of the Egyptian ratings, there were potentially three who could win, but Alan Morton came through winning all of his 5 games over the weekend. Alan had previously won the High Handicap trophy on four past occasions, but this time he took the tournament cup, much to his great delight - well done Alan!

This year the High Handicap trophy was taken by John Crompton with a well deserved second place and some wonderful controlled play against our low handicap players. As for the manager, he came third, made a net gain of 10 index points, thoroughly enjoyed being back playing and even had time to fix the leaky fertilizer shed roof.

I think it was fair to say that a good time was had by all!

Garry Wilson

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# 14<sup>th</sup> August Hcp Bowdon Firs vs Pendle

## Pendle 5 Bowdon Firs 2

Team: Roger(2), Robert (1),Paul(10) and Libby(18).

With a poor weather forecast it was a pleasure to arrive at Bowdon with only light cloud and no rain to be seen. The Bowdon team were captained by Ken Cooper (-1.5) and supported by Barry Keen (3.5) Lorna Frost (10) and Chris Evans (10).

The mornings play saw Robert and Libby win their doubles +9T. Rogers's game against Chris went to the golden hoop, with Roger peeling Chris through a hoop to give him the win. Paul struggled to get the pace of the lawns and lost to Barry -6.

In the afternoon play, which took place in some beautiful sunshine, the pairings were Ken against Robert, Roger against Barry, Paul against Lorna and Libby against Chris. Paul sped around the lawn winning +23, Robert +8, Roger +7 and Libby +3T.

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# 19<sup>th</sup> August EPL Pendle vs Tyneside

## Pendle 6 Tyneside 1

Team: Roger Schofield (2), David Roe (2), Paul Dowdall(10), Catherine Parnell (10)

The Pendle team welcomed the Tyneside team of Terry Vernazza(2), David Milliner(7), Peter Wallace(9) and Nora Burbridge(12) to a very wet set of lawns at Earby.

After attempts to clear water from lawn 4 failed, play started on lawns 1 and 5.

Roger/David and Terry/David played advanced both in their morning doubles match as well as their afternoon singles.

With intermittent showers on the day, the already wet lawns proved to be very slow but, maybe this was to Pendle's advantage as they eventually overcame Tyneside 6:1

Paul Dowdall

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## Congratulations go to

Andrew Webb who won the Sidmouth Adv B level tournament this year, over 3 days 17-19 August.

Sidmouth croquet club has a lovely setting ,backing onto the cricket ground and overlooking the sea. Andrew visited this Regency town for holidays a child. The tournament of 16 players was divided into two blocks. Andrew won 5 out of his 7 games. As 2 others in the block also won 5, the manager decided the winner of each block would be based on the points scored overall. As Andrew had pegged out in several games, he had the most points and competed in the final which he won (+8 ) against the Chairman of Sidmouth Croquet club.

Andrew reported the hospitality and welcome given to the non-local players was great and the organisation was second to none.

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# 20<sup>th</sup> August Short Pendle vs Bury

## Pendle 12 Bury 4

Team: Catherine (3), Paul (3), Robin (4) and Libby (7)

In the absence of the Peter, who was on his holidays in Wales, it was a team effort to get everything ready for this match. A big thanks, to Robin, his son and Paul for measuring out the lawns so that the match could be played on single lawns, therefore avoiding double banking, on Tuesday evening. On the morning of the match two lawns still had to be set up and it was Paul who worked up a sweat hammering in the hoops. Not an easy task.

Bury was captained by Vi Richards (7) and was accompanied by Tony Phillips (0), Bob Whittle (7) and Maureen Whittle(10).

Lunch broke from tradition with both teams providing their own lunch. However, during the lunch break everyone helped Robin celebrate his birthday with a glass of wine and a large slice of cake.

A great days croquet with no rain though very wet underfoot.

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## Upcoming Events

26<sup>th</sup> August Hcp Pendle vs Bury Peelers  
1<sup>st</sup> Sept LPG Chester Chariots vs Tykes. Team Keith, Will and Libby  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sept. LPG Pendle Tykes vs Bowdon Bandits  
6<sup>th</sup> Sept Short Fylde vs Pendle  
8<sup>th</sup> Sept Mwk Bowdon Griffins vs Pendle  
13<sup>th</sup> Sept. Short Chester vs Pendle  
16-17<sup>th</sup> Sept. Bowdon B level Adv weekend  
23<sup>rd</sup> Sept. Hcp Bury Caesars vs Pendle  
24<sup>th</sup> Sept. Short Pendle vs Southport

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 16<sup>th</sup> August.

25 <sup>th</sup> August	Paul Dowdall
28 <sup>th</sup> August	Robert
30 <sup>th</sup> August	Andrew
1 <sup>st</sup> September	Paul Dowdall

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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 Wrest Park

Following Bowdons decision to give Wrest Park a walk over in the quarter final stage, Pendle now have progressed to the **Semi Finals**. This match needs to be played by 18<sup>th</sup> September

**Longman Cup** Pendle vs the winner of Hunstanton vs Colchester match

This **Semi Final** and final will be played at the National finals weekend on 30<sup>th</sup> Sept -1<sup>st</sup> Oct at Surbiton Croquet Club

**Murphy Shield** Pendle vs Hunstanton Croquet Club. This **Semi Final** will be played on 5<sup>th</sup> September at Nottingham.