



# RUSH



## Chairmans Message

Hi to Everyone,

So hopefully we might be seeing the end to this bleak weather at the start of another croquet season. Hearing the sound (and feel) of mallet on ball during the John Beech tournament over Easter weekend was music to my ears! Even my shots did not always reach their intended destination!

We have had a difficult few months dealing with the fusarium on our lawns, but we have sought professional advice and applied the correct remedies. The lawns played pretty well over the Easter weekend but we need to monitor their condition closely. I want to express particular thanks to Robert Essler for his overseeing the work on the lawns and other Committee members plus Paul Dowdall and Paul Rigge for their contributions. Also thanks to Roger Schofield for the new gate by lawn 5. We have also spent a substantial sum on new machinery which is vital to keep the lawns and outfield in good shape.

However the general maintenance and upkeep of the lawns and ground is only just starting and we do need volunteers on a weekly basis to do this task. We are planning to have a tutorial soon for all those who might wish to mow the lawns and outfield. If I can do it, believe me, anyone can! Also cleaning of the pavilion, toilets and sheds is required. There is a Diary for this purpose which one can access via the web site – just click on 'Fixtures'. Any issues just ask Paul Rigge. I hope this ground maintenance task won't fall on the Committee members only.

The membership has reduced, and as I stated at the Annual Dinner, our yearly expenditure exceeds our income at present. Thus we are far from a wealthy club, and additional members are required, both for financial reasons and to fill League teams. So we can all advertise the Club to friends and colleagues. The Committee are looking at other ways to recruit and increase revenue.

Monday afternoons are traditionally club day, and we hope to encourage players to attend and any ideas to promote this would be useful. We want to encourage players to learn Association and we will set up coaching sessions for both new and existing club members if the demand is present.

We have a lovely ground and a very hard working Committee to whom I want to give my personal thanks for their efforts during the winter months. If we can all pull together we can continue to thrive. Happy croquet days ahead.

Kind regards

Andrew (Chairman)



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# John Beech Easter Tournament - Mar 30th/2nd April (~ish)

## Scottish Raid Across the Border....

Pendle's Easter Tournament ran from Friday afternoon until Monday Lunchtime. 14 competitors from as far away as Norfolk and Edinburgh turned up for what started out as a



bitterly cold and somewhat soggy affair. As the days progressed the lawns dried out and the Easterly wind dropped leaving the players slightly less frozen as time progressed.

Easter Monday, however, dawned as predicted by the Met Office to reveal flooded lawns and snow so, much to the relief of all, play was cancelled for the final day. Winners were visited at breakfast in the hotel and trophies presented. All competitions were run as Egyptian and the Advanced competition was won by Lee Hartley who finished on equal points with Peter Wilson and Roger Schofield but had beaten them both.

The overall handicap competition winner was won by Lorna Dewar who gave an immaculate performance throughout winning 6 of her 7 games many of them +26. A handicap reduction from 16 to 11 is recommended by the CA Handicappers present but cannot be enforced on a Scottish player.



The High Handicap Trophy was won by Garry Wilson and the Low Handicap Trophy by Rosemary Saunders-Robertson. Joe Lennon won the fastest game. Three of the trophies have now headed North of the Border! Anyone fancy a raid up there to get them back?

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## NWFCC Leagues April Fixtures

7<sup>th</sup> W/E Hcp Pendle vs Fylde Team. Robin, Gary, Paul D, Andrew  
11<sup>th</sup> LPG Pendle vs Southport Team Rigge Libby, and Keith  
21<sup>st</sup> Short Pendle vs Chester Team  
22<sup>nd</sup> W/E Hcp Pendle vs Bury Caesars Team Catherine Parnell, Paul D, Robin  
26<sup>th</sup> M/W Hcp Pendle away to Westmorland Team

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## Club Tournaments

28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> April

### Lancashire Open Golf Tournament

Volunteers required to help in lawn preparation.

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## Groundworks

Please can everyone please help in offering support to the current team as the club needs YOU !

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### National Club Events

**Mary Rose** Pendle vs Tyneside 16<sup>th</sup> April.  
Team Andrew, Robert, Roger Staples and Roger Schofield

**Longman Cup** Pendle vs Bowdon dates being discussed

**Murphy Shield** Pendle vs Croquet Durham. Venue/dates under discussion.