



# RUSH



## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone,

I trust you are all enjoying this hot weather if somewhat enervating - and the croquet too! Hopefully the rain is on the way to bring some grass back on our burnt lawns.

Firstly I want to thank those members who have worked so hard on keeping the lawns going and preparing for matches and tournaments. That includes Robert who has coordinated the work as well as working on the lawns. Without all your efforts we wouldn't be playing!!

As for the Groundworks, the result of last year's fusarium attack has left the lawns in a poor condition and the dry weather has made this worse. It is our intention to overseed and oversand courts 1 and 2 initially and if successful we will continue with the other lawns

Help will be needed when the above work is carried out and we also need to kill the sedge that has appeared. We hope to create some good lawns but this will depend on Autumn weather and the number of volunteers that come forward. We will inform members in advance when the work starts. We have already employed a guy to help out with some basic tasks like strimming but more is needed to be done on a regular basis.

As for the NW League matches, we have done well to date. Congrats to the Midweek team who have played won 3 and lost 1 and is top of the League. The Handicap team has won 3 and lost 2. The EPL team has played 1 and lost 1. The B Level Adv team has played 3 won 2 and lost 1. The Short team had to withdraw from the League due to shortage of players. The Golf Level Play team is currently second in the table having played 4, won 3 and drew 1. Unfortunately Pendle lost both the Longman Cup and the Mary Rose matches to some very good opposition. Well done to all who played'

We have hosted several tournaments, both GC and AC, and they have been a success and have brought in much needed cash. Again thanks to all who have managed them and provided catering.

As for recruiting new members, we welcome John Mulligan who has already been proactive in recruitment. As a member of Skipton U3A he is arranging a Pendle croquet stall as part of a U3A Open Day at Skipton Town Hall on the 7 August (starting at 2pm). Robert and Will have kindly offered to be other representative of the club on the stall. The U3A want a permanent croquet day at Pendle starting from April 2019 and this will be arranged with John. This will bring in some money too for the club and hopefully some new members. We may also arrange an Open Day at Pendle for the U3A in August 18. I would also encourage our own members to 'sell' Pendle club to any aspiring players.

I am also aware we have not had any social activities this season and this will be discussed at the next Committee meeting, along with encouraging members to attend club day on a Monday.

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## 'B' Adv away to Southport - 6th June.

Southport 2 - Pendle 3

*Pendle; Peter Wilson(0), Andrew Webb(3), Paul Dowdall(8).*

*Southport; John Haslam(), Alan Pidcock(), Don Williamson().*

Paul Dowdall & Andrew Webb lost to

John Haslam & Alan Pidcock

Peter Wilson Beat Don Williamson

Peter Beat John

Andrew lost to Alan

Paul D Beat Don



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## Pendle June Advanced, 9/10th June

*Lee Hartley (Fylde CC) Won the David Openshaw Claret Jug.*

Report from Peter Wilson:

We were lucky to have thirteen entries this year. Apart from the opening of play each day, thirteen allowed for very little sitting out. Sunshine, no breeze, tight hoops. Good to see many returning players who have had time out with injury including Dave Nick and Lee Hartley who both added to their TP tallies.

The only problem was how to award three equally weighted trophies at the end of the tournament given the usual demands of flexibility and voracious game appetites - Paul Hands to the rescue (CROQUET, January 1990, Issue No. 207, pp 26-27).

So it ran as a KO plus a combined F4 & F5 with the modification that every game was equally weighted. We had the luxury of no time limits which was well received by everyone. Several two and three ball endings were played out which may have otherwise been time affected.



With the favourable conditions everyone took all the games they could get, being 'ready to play' straight away. At least that is until after lunch on Sunday. At that point some players quite correctly took a dvantage of the 'resting' slot to see how things might unfold (Or had they simply seen the weather forecast?).

However the Jeremy Dyer Trophy Winner Chris Martin (Meadows) took a brave gamble and opted to be ready to play although his next opponent would be a minus player. Winning that game in fine style secured the trophy. Well played.

With only a few final games in play, a sudden and heavy thunder storm brought many of the non critical games to an abandoned end.



The Chris Clarke Trophy went to Paul Rigge (Pendle & Craven) this was intended and fulfilled for the best handicap 1 or below performance but fittingly could also double as the KO runner up.

Photo narrative: Having been diligently returned from the Uruguayan Embassy Croquet Department The manager Peter Wilson presented the beautiful David Openshaw Claret Jug to Lee Hartley from Fylde Croquet.

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## Level Golf League - 13rd June.

Pendle 16 - Culcheth 2

*Pendle; Libby Dixon (2), Keith Terry(3), Will Drake(6).*

*Culcheth; Keith Woodward (4) Alan Wright (5) and Alistair Scott (11).*

The weather for last Wednesday continued in the vain of the previous week very hot and dry. Lawns 3,4 and 5 were chosen to play on as 1 and 2 were particularly parched. The mornings play flowed in Pendle favour with Keith and Will having very close games, 7/6 , against Keith Woodward. At lunch everyone decided to take the opportunity to cool off

inside the clubhouse.

In the afternoon the heat began to be felt by everyone and after some games refreshments were needed.

The teams enjoyed an afternoon tea of cake, washed down liberally with tea.

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## 16-17<sup>th</sup> June Golf Croquet A level Tournament – cancelled due to lack of enteries

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### Mary Rose Round 2 - June 22nd.

Pendle 0 - Nottingham 5

*Pendle; Robert Essler(1), Roger Schofield(2), Paul Dowdall(8), Garry Wilson(9).*

*Visitors; Ian Vincent (0), Clive Goode (0.5), David Gunn (1), Ian Draper. (2).*

'Don't take a knife to a gun fight'.....Beautiful sunny day, Notts were terrific company but even home advantage couldn't save us - We was slaughtered

Robert & Roger Vs IV & CG unfinished

Garry Vs Dave - 17

Paul Vs Ian Draper -17

Garry Vs Ian Draper unfinished

Robert Vs Ian -9

Roger Vs Clive -2

Paul Vs Dave Gunn -26.

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### W/E Hcp away to Crake Valley - June 30th.

Crake 1 - Pendle 6

*Pendle; Robert Essler(1), Paul Dowdall(8), Catherine Parnell(9), Robin Delves(12).*

*Crake; Jim Allcock(5), David Lloyd(7), John Shakespeare(10), David Williamson(18).*

Long long summer rocks on and a vist to Greenodd in sunshine! What a turn round from last week - Bisques make such a differance.

Paul Dowdall beating both Jim & David Lloyd.

Catherine Parnell beating David Lloyd & John.

Robert & Robin scraped the Doubles +1t, whilst Robert was tanked -22 by Jim (receiving 4 BISQUES) & Robin beat David Williamson +11t.

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### Pendle Mid-Week Tournament, 3/6th July

Report from Liz Wilson:

Under baking hot skies with the lawns getting faster and yellower and more difficult by the minute 12 competitors battled for the 7 trophies on offer.

An outstanding performance by Joe Lennon from Glasgow saw him win the Low Handicap Block and the overall Egyptian Trophy.

The Advance Event was won by Terry Vernazza (Newcastle) with the C Class Advanced event going to Ian Hall from Penrith.



The High Bisque Handicap Event was won by Wendy Spencer-Smith who had travelled all the way up from Watford.

The Doubles Trophy was re-gained by the Peters (Hallett and Wilson).

Fastest Game went to Peter Wilson and Most Games played to Bob Thompson (Pinchbeck).

All games were played in good spirits and much laughter was heard over the four days. Smartest Sun Shade prize to.... (it's a mystery!)... The manager was VERY jealous.

We look forward to seeing you all again next year

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## "B" Advanced Vs Bury - July 7th.

Pendle 1 - Bury 4

*Pendle; Robert Essler(1), David Roe, Paul Dowdall(9).*

*Visitors; Roger Schofield(70?), Ken Jones(4.5), Malcolm Daines(8).*

Long Hot Summer from our childhood continens - courts are now mainly straw coloured with very little green to be seen - running really fast - just perfect for croquet....  
but the vistors ran away with the victory....tish!

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## East Pennines League Vs Middlesbrough - July 8th.

Pendle 3 - Middlesbrough 4

*Pendle; Peter Wilson (½), Liz Wilson (1), Paul Dowdall (8), Garry Wilson (9)*

*Visitors; Charles Waterfield (2½), Roger Staples (2½), Nigel Roberts (10), John Fitzpatrick (16).*

The match was played in sunny, torrid conditions - approaching 30 degrees!

Everyone found the conditions a real test of skill and patience; that is, the lawns were fast but highly unpredictable. As a consequence all games went to time and there was only one peg-out\* (and that was in a timed turn!).

Advanced

Liz & Peter lost to Charles & Roger 12-24t

Liz lost to Charles -1 (21-22)t

Peter beat Roger +2t\*

Handicap

Paul beat Nigel +1t

Garry beat John +14t

Garry lost to Nigel -4t

Paul lost to John -12t

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## Mid-Week AC Vs Bowdon Griffins - July 12th.

Pendle 5 - Bowdon 2

*Pendle; Robin Delves(12), Robert Essler(1), Garry Wilson(9) & Paul Dowdall(8).*

*Visitors; Carol Steinberg(14), Chris Evans(10), Geoffrey Hunt(14) & Sue Cooper(18).*

The afternoon matches were hard fought and contested to the end. Robin lost to Sue -6 on time, Robert beat Chris +6 on time, and Paul beat Carol +21. The last match to finish was a nail biter between Garry and Geoffrey with Geoffrey in front by 4 hoops Garry was on the lawn as time was called.... He hit in and ran 5 hoops to take the game 22-21 on time. A great day's croquet!

Morning

Robert & Robin lost to Carol & Chris -9t

Garry beat Sue +12

Paul beat Geoffrey +2t\*

Afternoon

Robin lost to Sue -6t

Robert beat Chris +6

Paul beat Carol +21

Garry beat Geoffrey +1t

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14<sup>th</sup> July A/C W/E Hcp This match cancelled by Southport

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## W/E AC away to Bury Peelers - July 16th.

*Pendle; Paul Rigge(-1), Andrew Webb(3.5), Garry Wilson(9) & Paul Dowdall(7).*

*Bury; Ken Anderton(6), Barbara Young(7), Margaret Anderton(11) & Phil Nuttall(11).*

Morning

Paul R & Garry beat Ken & Margaret +1t

Paul D lost to Barbara -24  
Andrew lost to Phil -4t

#### Afternoon

Paul R lost to Ken -1  
Andrew lost to Barbara -24  
Paul D beat Margaret +17  
Garry lost to Phil -7t

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## Federation Millenium AC Handicap, 21/22nd July

*Barry McKenzie wins from Sue Pritchard.*

Report from Chris Alvery (who managed the event - his first!):



Hosted at Pendle the tournament consisted of 15 Players taking part in a flexible Swiss format. Although the sun finally appeared in the latter stages of Sunday afternoon, the tournament was played in the dry with all lawns in use.

Day one was dominated by Sue Pritchard of Westmoreland and Roger Schofield of Pendle, each winning all 3 matches and finishing top of the leader board.

Restart of play on Sunday saw the two leaders playing each other with Sue taking the lead.

After a total of 75 matches, 3 players finished with 4 wins; Paul Kenworthy of Bury placed 3rd having lost to Sue the previous day.

The two finalist were Barry McKenzie of Bowdon and Sue Pritchard. Play-off required..They played a 2 ball break decider starting at corner 4 with hoop 4 being their first target. This was won by Barry who took home the Millennium Trophy and Sue was awarded the Runners-up statuette and a reduction in her handicap.

Many thanks to Pendle for their hospitality.

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## Mid Week AC, Home to Chester - July 26th.

Pendle 5 - Chester 2

*Pendle; Robin Delves(12), Paul Dowdall(7), Garry Wilson(9) & Libby Dixon(14).*

*Chester; David Boyd (5), Paul Watson (7), Alan Clare(7) & Sarah Andrew(22).*

Having carefully prepared the lawns on the previous night and watered in the hoops, set at 1/8 or less, they were more like 1/4 when play started in the morning and like barn doors by the end of the hottest day!

Pendle won all three morning games with Robin & Libby beating Alan & Sarah +6 on time. Garry Wilson (9) beat David +22 on what was probably the best lawn - lawn 4, whilst Paul had to contend with the bumps and jumps of lawn 5 to beat Paul +17.

The afternoon proved more testing when Robin lost to Alan -9 and Libby lost to Sarah -5. Paul D and Garry brought home the win - Garry beating Paul +3 on time and Paul beating David +7 on time.

At last Garry took the points needed to drop his handicap to 8.

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## NWFCC Leagues August Fixtures

29<sup>th</sup> July AC W/E Hcp

2<sup>nd</sup> August LPG away to Bowdon. Team Paul Rigge, Libby Dixon and Paul Dowdall

5<sup>th</sup> August B level Adv away to Bowdon

18<sup>th</sup> August W/E Hcp away to Chester

29<sup>th</sup> August LPG home to Chester Centurions. Team Libby, Keith and Will

30<sup>th</sup> August A/C mid week. Team Robert Essler, Paul Dowdall, Robin Delves, Libby Dixon.  
Home match

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## Club Tournaments

### Aston Trophy

The first round draw for this internal club competition was drawn under the scrutiny of Bury Croquet Club on 16/5/18.

The first round draw was Andrew Webb vs Paul Dowdall, Roger Schofield vs Libby Dixon, Paul Rigge vs Garry Wilson and Robert Essler vs Robin Delves .

2<sup>nd</sup> Round draw on 1<sup>st</sup> June , Andrew Webb vs Libby Dixon, Garry Wilson vs Robin Delves.

3<sup>rd</sup> round draw Libby Dixon vs Garry Wilson.

Winner Libby Dixon.

Libby and Garry proceed to the Area Final of the All England AC Hcp

### Barlow Ball

Tournament in progress

### Skelton Trophy

Could members interested in playing this competition please contact Libby. Suggested date Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

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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 0 vs Nottingham 5

Longman Cup    Pendle 3 vs Bowdon 4

Murphy Shield   Pendle 3 vs Croquet Durham 4.