



# RUSH



Dear All,

This edition of the RUSH completes this season's programme of league matches.

The Internal Competitions still continue with the One Ball scheduled for the 13<sup>th</sup> September and possibly the Rick O'Shea if the weather allows play later in the month.

Groundworks continue with Robert organising sanding and reseeding this month. The small, dedicated team of mowers has been augmented by the addition of Karen our newest member. The lawns have shown good promise in coming back from the Fusarium infection of last year and we hope that with the groundwork planned for 2018/2019 we can look forward to excellent playing surfaces next year.

Over the winter further maintenance of the clubhouse and equipment will need to be undertaken. Please contact the Committee to offer your expertise.

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## NEW U3A GROUP

**Our new member John Mulligan has approached the committee to commence a new group with our club. This is the flyer that John has distributed to Skipton U3A members. From discussions with John he is excited to be able to bring croquet to the attention of many potential new members and the display at the Skipton Town Hall was well attended.**

### Have you tried CROQUET?

New Craven U3A Group starting next Spring

Leader John Mulligan (01756 794179, [johnmulligan.ls29@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:johnmulligan.ls29@yahoo.co.uk))

Wednesdays 1.30 to 4.00 at Pendle & Craven Croquet Club, Cemetery Rd, Earby, BB18 6QX.

Commencing 1st May 2019 to late September 2019. Maximum Number 20.

Instruction and guidance on how to play croquet will be given with the kind assistance of P&C.C.C. members.

All equipment will be provided.

Flat soled footwear is essential.

Croquet is a sport equally suitable for both men and women.

Although the game is competitive 'Golf Croquet' players are on the lawn together so consequently you will find it a friendly and sociable sport.

There will be a weekly charge TBC of £3. (Includes tea and biscuits).

For more information 'browse the web',

- The Croquet Association

- Pendle and Craven Croquet Club

Applications can be made online after 13<sup>th</sup> August via the Craven U3A [Membership Portal](#): (Click on Craven U3A Groups then select Corquet)

or you can download an enrolment form from the web site: <http://cravenu3a.co.uk>

John Mulligan will be in attendance at the Open Event on Tuesday 7th August t

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## **WE AC Away to Bowdon - July 29th.**

*Arrived to find flooded lakes, had brew with 'em & left - not happy about wasted drive  
Match now scheduled (still away) 16<sup>th</sup> Aug.*

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## **W/E Lvl GC away to Bowdon - Aug 2nd**

Bowdon 10 - Pendle 8

*Pendle Team Paul Rigge(-2), Libby Dixon(2) & Paul Dowdall(3).*

*Bowdon Team Alan Mayne(-2), Ken Cooper(0) & Barry Keen(4).*

The team arrived at Bowdon in sunshine which was such a difference to the heavy rain and the sight of flooded lawns on Sunday. The lawns proved to be very fast and the balls didn't know when to stop.

The games were played 'Doubled-up' - each pairing playing both games sequentially rather than in sheet order.

The mornings games gave Bowdon a 4/2 lead. A further 2 rounds saw Pendle closing the gap to 7/5.

Unfortunately under temperatures of 30 deg concentration on sequence of balls fell apart. All pairings struggled however one pairing managed to play two hoops playing the wrong sequence consistently. It made for interesting viewing for the others who were taking lunch.

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## **East Pennine League Vs Tyneside - Aug 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Pendle 2 - Tyneside 5

*Pendle; Robert Essler(1), Andrew Webb(3½), Garry Wilson (8) & Catherine Parnell(9)*

*Visitors; Derek Watts (1½), Terry Vernazza (2½), Derek Johnson (14), Andrew Carpenter (14).*

Weather - blue skys still with us, although we finally got rain yesterday, so today the surface was .... still brown..

Advanced

Rob & Andrew lost to Derek & Terry -17

Catherine beat Derek J +2t

Gary lost to Andrew C -1t

Handicap

Rob lost to Derek -4t

Andrew W lost to Terry -18

Garry beat Derek J +2t

Catherine lost to Andrew C -18

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## **"B" Advanced Away to Bowdon - Aug 5<sup>th</sup>.**

Bowdon 4 - Pendle 1

*Pendle; Robert Essler(1), Andrew Webb(4), Paul Dowdall(7).*

*Bowdon; Barry Keen(8), Will Mellor(4), Adrian Apps(6).*

Blue skys with a light breeze to maintain comfort, but boy were the courts fast...

AM  
Rob & Paul beat Barry & Adrian +12t  
Andrew lost to Will -6t

PM  
Paul lost to Barry -5t  
Andrew lost to Adrian -1t  
Robert lost to Will -8

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## **Inaugural Yorkshire White Rose AC Tournament 11/12<sup>th</sup> Aug**

A single player from Lancashire travelled o'er the moor into Yorkshire to join t'others from Yorkshire, Tyneside, Nottingham, Anglia, Luxemburg & London - why? To contest the "Inaugural Yorkshire White Rose AC Tournament" at York CC over the weekend (11/12 Aug).

Rain was expected..nay! in Yorkshire - God's own County? Yeah, well it was forecast to be a wet weekend but not a drop fell on Saturday six hours of play (9:15-20:55) but by the time we left the tournament dinner, the streets were moist with light drizzle. Overnight we moved into full down-pour mode but, wonder of wonders, it cleared up again before play resumed Sunday am, so we got away with another dry tournament this summer.

The welcome was typical White-Rose Northern and the friendly banter/chat was engaging all weekend, Good venue with unlimited tea & coffee (with Biccies & Cake) covered by the entry fee but marred slightly by limited or no parking nearby - plan carefully if you plan to visit.

A fun & welcome addition to the northern tournament scene - recommended, but book your place early.



Congratulations to Paul - the bloke from Lancashire won, but he was wearing white!

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## **WE AC Away to Bowdon - Aug 16<sup>th</sup>.**

Bowdon St.Marys 2 - Pendle 5

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

*Bowdon; Alan Mayne(0), Adrian Apps(6), Mike Shelmerdine(7) & Leo Fletcher(14).*

Some \*Green\* Grass was spotted after the recent rain.....Woop!

AM  
Robin & Libby beat Alan & Leo +5  
Catherine beat Mike +5  
Paul beat Adrian +14  
PM  
Paul lost to Alan -4  
Catherine beat Adrian +19  
Robin lost to Mike -20  
Libby beat Leo +1t

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## **WE AC Away to Chester - Aug 18<sup>th</sup>.**

Chester 5 - Pendle 2

*Pendle; Robert Essler(1), Robin Delves(12), Paul Dowdall(7) & Catherine Parnell(9).*

*Chester; Elmyr Hughes, David Boyd, Alan Clare (captain) & Brian Walton.*

The lawns were slow as they had not been recently cut and the bald patches and slope made judging pace a bit tricky! In the morning the wind was blustery, however the afternoon was hot and sunny.

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## **East Pennine League away to York - Aug 19<sup>th</sup>.**

York 5 - Pendle 2

*Pendle; Robert Essler(1), Paul Dowdall(7), Garry Wilson(9) & Catherine Parnell(9).*

*York; Callum Johnston(2)...*

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## **GC Inter-Counties, Brighton Aug 18/19<sup>th</sup>.**

*Libby was one of the team selected to represent Yorkshire.*

*Team came forth (out of eleven) in Division 1.*

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## **Skelton Trophy, Internal GG Handicap 23<sup>rd</sup> August**

*Today saw the Skelton Trophy played for the first time in 2 years, as last year it was postponed due to poor weather conditions...twice.*

*There was a good entry of 6 players; Paul Dowdall(3), Robin Delves(6), Will Drake(6), Keith Terry(3), Libby Dixon(2) and John Mulligan(7) - John one of our newest members entered having only obtained his handicap 2 days ago!*

*The format was all play all with Karen Bamforth acting as time keeper and scorer. Play commenced at 11.00am. Two rounds were completed before lunch and everyone was happy to return to the clubhouse to warm up.*

*The afternoons play proceeded to flow quickly as rain was threatening. Thankfully all games were completed as the rain began to fall at 3.30.*

*The winner was Paul Dowdall.*

*Congratulations also go to Will who had a handicap change to 5.*

*A big thank you to Karen for all her help in doing the paperwork and providing hot cups of tea and to Paul Rigge for improving the playing surface on lawn 3 with a further mow and cleaning all the equipment.*



## Stats

1st Paul Dowdall 4 wins +10

2nd Libby Dixon 4 wins +5

3rd Will Drake 3 wins +6

4th Keith Terry 2 wins -1

5th Robin Delves 2 wins -10

6th John Mulligan

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## Mid Week AC, Away to Bowdon Earls - Aug 26<sup>th</sup>.

Bowdon Earls 5 - Pendle 2

*Pendle; Robin Delves(12), Paul Dowdall(7), Garry Wilson(9) & Cath Parnell(8).*

*Earls; Mike Shelmerdine(7), Kay Martin(9), Andrew Kenyon(12) & Jo Pierpoint(20).*

Bowdon is such a nice place to be when the sun shines - last day of meteorological summer but still 22°C with blue sky...

After this loss, it's now possible for Southport to take the League title from us in their last game ( 6<sup>th</sup> Sept) on game/goal difference..stay tuned.

AM

Robin & Catherine lost to Kay & Jo -9t

Garry lost to Mike -10t

Paul beat Andrew +3t (yea...)

PM

Paul lost to Mike -16

Garry beat Andrew +14

Robin lost to Jo -8t

Catherine lost to Kay -1t

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## 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> September All England Area Final AC

Both Libby Dixon & Garry Wilson earned their place in this Northern Regional KO by doing well in out internals this year.

At the end of day one, both or either could have still been in contention, but Sunday saw them fall behind Phil Nuttall(defending Champion) and Adrian Apps who take the Northern hopes with them to the National Final next week..



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# Sept 6<sup>th</sup>. Level GC, Home to Chester Centurions -

Pendle 11 - Centurions 6

*Pendle; Paul Rigge(-2), Libby Dixon(2) & Paul Dowdall(3).*

*Chester; David Crawford(-2), David Boyd(2) & Trevor Farrell(3).*

Pendle's last game of the season was against the announced winners of the NWFCC Level Play Golf League, Chester Centurions. This match had been rearranged by request of Chester.

With groundwork's delayed to accommodate; the two lawns prepared for the match were lawns 3 and 4. A big thank you to all the team who helped on Tuesday 4th get these lawns prepared.

The visiting team arrived shortly after 10.00am and it transpired that the teams were so evenly handicapped it looked like a good match would unfold.

The mornings play flowed easily and at lunch Pendle were 6 games up to 3.

Pendle were at an advantage, as during the morning other Pendle players had come to watch and support the team - A big thanks to Will, Keith and Karen for your support.

Many of the games were fairly even with 8 games going to 5 all, 2 to golden hoop which Chester won on both occasions and of the other 6, were evenly split.

Pendle won on the day 11 games to Chester's 6, the last game not being played as David Crawford was unwell. This great win moved Pendle up from 3rd place in the NWFCC league to 2nd.

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## **NWFCC Leagues 2018**

**BOWDON - 2018 ADVANCED B LEVEL AC LEAGUE CHAMPIONS. Pendle 4<sup>th</sup>**

**WESTMORLAND - 2018 GOLF CROQUET HANDICAP LEAGUE CHAMPIONS.**

**CHESTER CENTURIONS - 2018 LEVEL PLAY GOLF LEAGUE CHAMPIONS. Pendle 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**SOUTHPORT - 2018 MIDWEEK HANDICAP AC LEAGUE CHAMPIONS. Pendle 2<sup>nd</sup>**