

RUSH



Chairmans Message

Happy New Year to all you members I have not yet seen in 2017.

Thanks to Libby for taking over the editorship of the Rush I hope you like the new format.

If you have not yet paid your subscription please do so as soon as possible and make Robert's life easier.

This winter has been kinder than last so we have been able to keep 2 winter courts open throughout though one has been flooded from time to time.

We have still got vacancies in all tournaments but some are filling up fast. Please do not wait too long and miss out. One tournament that is very under subscribed is the Millennium Handicap. This is a Federation event to be played 6/7 May. The invitation to the other clubs went out late which may be why only Fylde have entered up to now. There are no restrictions on this tournament at all. You do not need to be a member of the CA and any handicap may play.

The internal competitions will start on Monday the 15 May with the One Ball, 22 May the Barlow Ball, 5 June Skelton Trophy, 12 June Aston Trophy, 19 June Pendle Shield. Another Monday will be allocated to any competitions that do not finish on the day. Please turn up for a 10am start with your £4 entry fee.

The yearbooks are in the office if you collect yours please put your name on the paper at the side of them otherwise the Secretary will post them to you.

Roger

National Club Events

Mary Rose Pendle vs Colchester
Longman Cup Pendle vs Crake Valley
Murphy Shield Pendle vs Culcheth

Lawn Maintenance

The lawns were treated with moss killer at the beginning of March. Thanks to Roger, Garry and Will.

Following a long bout of rain the lawns were eventually mown on the 16th of March and fertilizer spread. The lawns received their second cut on 28th with boxes off.

Lawn mowing team Roger, Garry, Peter, Andrew and Libby will be trying to mow 3 times a week up until John Beech.

Work Programme Update

Many thanks to all those who have helped over the winter.

It will be seen that Will and Keith have installed permanent stop boards by lawn 2 extending to the Container.

Garry has installed electric point on the outside of the clubhouse.

Roger has completed joining the land drains by the clubhouse.

Green bins have been emptied.

The Garden has been disseminated by Libby and Roger. If anyone can help in getting this area into a better state before opening please, please help!!!!

Banking was strimmed by Robert.

Hedges trimmed by Dave, Garry and Libby.

John Snowdon did a great painting part of the clubhouse until the weather got too cold.

Several bonfires overseen by Will have reduced the rubbish pile.

Hugh has nearly finished painting all the hoops and Peter has painted the centre posts.

Despite all this we still have quite a lot of jobs left to do.

- *Complete painting of clubhouse
- *Paint summerhouse's and sheds
- *Paint container
- *Repair and possible paint stop boards
- *Install new signage
- *Repair sheds and summerhouses
- *Repair filing cabinets in office
- * Clean hoop bins and install in appropriate locations
- * Garden right side tidied by putting down compost and remedial planting, left hand side pulled out.
- * new area for stop boards between White lining shed and garden prepared
- * Thoroughly clean clubhouse...this will be last job to do

Every Tuesday is work programme day but if you cannot attend on a Tues but would like to help out on another day please contact Libby.

Upcoming Events

14-17th April

John Beech Memorial Tournament

22nd April

Handicap AC team vs Chester

29-30th April

16th Lancashire Int'l open (GC)

NWFCC SPRING MEETING

27 people attended the Spring Meeting at Culcheth on 4th March 2017. Chairman Garry Wilson updated members on the CA Working Party currently discussing CA Governance and the Role of the Federations, the north west committee had discussed this in great detail and submitted recommendations to the working party. League Manager, Ivan Wheatley, reported no Advanced A League will run this year. 46 teams will compete in six different leagues for 2017. Coaching Officer, Paul Rigge confirmed GC coaching to be run at Craig-y-Don and Tattenhall, there will be an AC Silver level course at both Chester and Llanfairfechan. CA Representative John Dawson updated the meeting on the requirement for all clubs to report any safeguarding incidents to the CA. The CA will be appointing a full time National Development Officer and there are also updated tournament regulations. The draft league rules for 2017 were accepted. The Southport motion The B level league requirement that the total number of bisques for the players in a team should add up to a minimum of 6 be deleted There should be no restriction but the minimum handicap for a player should remain at a half was rejected. The Bowdon motion " time limits shall be 1 hour 30 mins and to abandon the extra time in Short league matches when games are double banked, was accepted. The date of the next Federation AGM, will be held on 18th November 2017.

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Pendle and Craven Croquet club is now on Facebook

