

RUSH



The season has started with a flurry of competitions and matches so as to keep everyone up to date the editor has decided to issue another Rush.

John Beech Memorial Easter Tournament

«Pendle at Easter - It really doesn't matter when the festival falls, the Earby weather always helps to test the players in varied conditions; cold, warm, wet or windy. pick your day and/or combination. Only 13 entries this year dipped in and out of the four day event, even the manager was part time this year! Because of the low numbers entered, it was a huge treat to play all rounds across the five superb courts as single banked - no mucking about with markers required.

Catering of course was well up to this club's very high standards (although this reporter was upset to miss out on Fridays home made Hot Cross Buns).OK, back to the croquet, by Monday we had winners for all the various trophies available;

- John Beech Handicap Trophy - Roger Staples
- Peter Dowdall Cup (adv) - defended by David Walters.
- Under 10 Handicap Trophy - Andy Brandwood
- 10 & Over Handicap Trophy - Joe Lennon
- Fastest Game - Betty Bates (54mins Vs R Essler)

Thanks to David Walters for publishing the games on Croquetscores (<https://croquetscores.com/2017/ac/john-beech-memorial>)."

Look on Facebook for photos of the winners.

Paul Rigge

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Handicap League Match Pendle vs Chester

Saturday the 23rd of April saw a bright, sunny if not chilly day arrive for the Handicap League match against Chester. The lawns were in good condition considering how early in the year and after 4 days of the John Beech Tournament.

A big thank you to Robin , Christine, Roger and Will for working hard to prepare the lawns, set out the hoops and white lining.

The Pendle team consisted of Roger Schofield (2), Garry Wilson(9), Paul Dowdall (11) and Libby Dixon (24). Chester arrived with a strong experienced team led by David Boyd (7). His fellow teammates were Robin Tasker (10), Helen Brophy (11) and Derek Bell-Jones (12).

The morning's matches. The doubles match saw Roger and Libby win over David and Helen, +9 T, whilst the singles; Paul managed to win against Robin+18 though unfortunately Garry was defeated by Derek -7. This gave Pendle a strong position of 2 wins to 1 going into lunch.

The afternoon singles matches saw David defeat Roger -22, Robin defeat Garry -18 (though this was because Garry had to resign his game due to injury) and Libby win +4 on time against Derek. This brought the wins to 3 all so all eyes turned to the last match still in progress. This match was between two evenly handicapped players, Paul and Helen. At the end of time and both players had finished their turn the hoops remained level. Paul had an excellent finish claiming victory through the golden hoop.

A great win for Pendle.

Libby Dixon

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Work Programme Update

Excellent progress is still being made with our programme. From the long list of jobs in the last Rush the following have been completed0

- *the installation of signage, thanks to Will and Keith
- * the front side of the container rust proofed and painted by Peter and John Snowdon.
- * leaking tap and waste pipe in Kitchen . New mixer tap and waste installed by Roger
- * hoops repainting by Hugh
- * completion of painting the front of the clubhouse, one summerhouse and shed by lawn 5 by Libby
- *Both summer houses repaired by Will and Keith
- * Treating the edges of the lawns Christine and Robin
- * Cleaning the decking by Peter and Robin

The list of jobs remains on the notice board and if you are able to help in any way please contact a committee member. The main jobs outstanding are painting and gardening.

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Lawn Maintenance

The lawns are showing good progress though it is very evident that further work will be required to repair the damage to the lawns caused by Fusarium. To those that have visited the club a large amount of sand has been delivered to help in the ongoing requirement of hole patching etc.

Please be aware that some treatments require players to be careful to wash their hands after playing.

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Upcoming Events

- 7th May B level Adv away to Bowdon
- 10th May Midweek away to Southport
- 11th May Short home to Southport
- 13th May Handicap away to Southport
- 16th May GC level Play home to Bowdon Bandits
- 20th May GC Pendle B Level
- 21st May B level Adv home to Fylde
- 28th May EPL home
- 31st May Midweek home Bowdon Earls

Can all team captains or tournament managers please send reports for inclusion in Rush.

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National Club Events

Mary Rose Pendle vs Colchester

Longman Cup Pendle vs Crake Valley

Discussions with Jim Allcot are ongoing to agree on a date between 25th – 27th May

Murphy Shield Pendle vs Culcheth

Discussions with Keith Woodward are ongoing to agree on either 3rd or 4th May