



# RUSH



## Club 'Open' Day - 20th May.

*Despite publicity for two weeks prior to the event in the "What's on" section of the local press, all of the four women who attended, did so because of the response to the article on croquet in the letters section of said paper.*

*Of those who attended only two proved to be interested in the game and they have chosen, at this stage to wait until they are free at the end of August and attend with their husbands.*

*These two ladies have been given Peter's telephone number and mine. Though all attendees were asked for contact details, nobody was willing to disclose them.*

*Thanks go to Abdul and Roger for helping on the day. Our latest member also attended to "have another go" and I believe that this cemented his wish to join our club.*

Garry

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## Level Golf League - 1<sup>st</sup> May.

Chester 6 - Pendle 12

The team travelled to Chester for 10am start – The long day was worth the trip. An away win on the Chester \*slope\* in bright sunshine with Libby, Paul Rigge & Will Drake.

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## Level Golf League - 8<sup>th</sup> May.

Pendle 10 - Southport 8

Team, Libby (2), Paul Dowdall (3) & Keith Terry (3).

Visitors : Don Williamson(1), Alan Pidcock(2), Terry Dunbar (4)

A very close match with the results demonstrating how the match could have gone either way. Of the 18 games, 8 went to 7/6 with Pendle team winning 6 of those.

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## Murphy Shield away at Durham - May 10th.

Durham 4 - Pendle 3

Croquet Durham fielded a strong side for this fixture;

Nigel Martin (2), Malcolm Hobbs (3), Dave Hobbs (4) and Peter Tymms (4).

The Doubles match Paul Dowdall (3) and Keith Terry (3), took three hours to reach a conclusion. The win by Pendle featured a remarkable stroke by Paul - double bouncing over two balls to run the hoop.

Will Drake (6) and Garry Wilson (6) had capitulated in the morning session - Will losing 7-3, 6-7, 7-5 and Garry losing 6-7, 7-5, 7-5, so at lunch we were 2-1 down.

In the afternoon session, Garry made short work of Dave Parsons, beating him 7-4, 7-4 in 40 minutes. Sadly Will lost 7-3, 7-6 to give a 3-2 advantage to Durham.

It was not to be Pendle's day as Keith went down to Malcolm Hobbs 7-5, 7-1.

Hurt pride was restored just a little when Paul beat their lead player Nigel 7-6, 5-7, 7-4. Thus a 4-3 victory to Durham takes us out of this year's Murphy Shield. Defeated but not cowed!

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## Pendle B/C level Tournament - May 12/13th

Clive Good won the B level and Garry Wilson won the C level.

With twelve entrants, the format was an Egyptian competition for the overall winner, but within it, an all-play-all for the three C level competitors trying to win the inaugural C level trophy.

After the first day, the two B level favourites Derek Watts (1) from Tyneside and Clive Goode (1) from Nottingham were lagging behind Dennis Scarr (1.5) from Middlesborough, who had won all three of his games. His overnight lead was sustained with the first of his two Sunday games.

He had now won four games yet needed to play a fifth. The only player in possible contention was Clive Goode who could overtake Dennis, should he win.

The final game would provide the tournament winner and with a reversal of fortunes, Clive beat Dennis +16 to take the B level title by one point.

The C Level was decided earlier with Garry Wilson (10) from Pendle beating Joe Lennon (8) from Glasgow on a golden hoop and then beating Rosemary Saunders-Robertson (8) of Edinburgh +7.

There were notable disasters for some and excellent scalps for others, but the weather made for enjoyable croquet no matter the outcome.

The only handicap change was Garry triggering down to 9.

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## Mid Week Hcp League - 16th.

### Bury 4 - Pendle 3

Two strong teams were matched against each other at Coronation Park.

In the morning session, Peter Wilson beat Tony Phillips 26-23 after pegging out Tony's front ball. Roger Schofield, playing for Bury, beat Liz Wilson +7, whilst Peter Dewhurst and Garry Wilson narrowly beat Barbara Young and Margaret Eccles +1.

Unfortunately the morning's slender lead could not be maintained. Liz lost to Tony 26-16, Peter lost to Roger 21-14t and Garry lost to Barbara 26-13. Only Peter won a dour match of cat and mouse against Margaret.

The score after the final turn being 10 - 9t in Peter's favour!

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## 'B' Level Golf Croquet Tournament - Saturday 19th May

### David Lloyd Wins...

On a scorching hot day, the round robin for the Pendle B level golf tournament was played, all players played 13 point games 'in the spirit of the game' - the croquet was excellent with many fine clearance shots being played, but as the grass dried, hoop approaches just continued rolling!

Finesse was at a premium - a delicate sense of pace was required.

David Lloyd was the clear winner and will be playing in the final at Camerton and Peasedown in October.

### Game Details;

#### Positions

Player	Hcp Wins	Net Hoops
David Lloyd	4 6	16
Roger l'Anson	4 5	5
Pauline Donner	4 5	4
Will Drake	5 4	4
Michael Bilton	3 3	-1
Roy Donner	6 3	-2
Jane Tewson	5 2	-4
Sue l'Anson	8 0	-22

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## "B" Advanced Vs Chester - May 22nd.

Pendle 3 - Chester 2

*Pendle; Liz Wilson(1.5), Andrew Webb(3), Paul Dowdall(9).*

*Visitors; Jerry Guest(2.5), John Dawson(3.5), David Guyton(5).*

Heat wave continues so under bright blue sky Liz & Paul D played (and won) against Jerry & David, but Andrew lost his morning singles with John - So one all at lunch.

Afternoon session; Liz managed to get to the peg with a win +7 just before time, Andrew went down again but Paul D won +1t with a \*golden\* hoop - sounds better than saying 12-11 win in the time turn, still a overall win to us!

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## Level Golf League - 23rd May.

Bury 9 - Pendle 9

*Bury; David Barrett(1), Ken Eccless(3), Margaret Eccles(3).*

*Pendle; Paul Rigge(-2), Keith Terry(3), Will Drake(6).*

Beautiful summer day, blue sky & 23 C – fast closely cropped courts.

We travelled down to Bury and the rounds went to script, all games going the way of handicap order for PR & WD, only Keith excelled winning all 4 of his games against matching Hcp's.

Then the wheels fell of PR's wagon, he peeled DB's ball through H2 from 3yds attempting a clearance. Scored H4 for the opposition with a failed jump and again missed-cued jumps at H8 AND H10 – PR got felled (a bit like the missing fir – brought down by storm damage) with DB's very solid play.

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## Longman Cup Vs Bowdon, 27th May.

Pendle 3 - Bowdon 4

*Pendle; Paul Dowdall(8), Catherine Parnell(9), Robin Delves(12), Libby Dixon(16).*

*Visitors; Will Mellor(4.5), Graham Abraham(5), Adrian Apps(8), Mike Shelmerdine(8).*

Summer continues but we are out of this year's CA "FA Cup" competition at round one.

Robin & Catherine Vs Will & Mike -23

Paul Vs Adrian +2t

Libby Vs Graham -20

Paul Vs Will -6

Catherine Vs Graham -4t

Robin Vs Adrian +13

Libby Vs Mike +23.

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## NWFCC Leagues June/July Fixtures

2<sup>nd</sup> June AC W/E Hcp

13<sup>th</sup> June Tykes LPG home to Culcheth Team

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

20<sup>th</sup> June A/C B level Adv

7<sup>th</sup> July A/C B level Adv

14<sup>th</sup> July A/C W/E Hcp

16<sup>th</sup> July AC W/E Hcp This match is the postponed match from 5<sup>th</sup> May against Bury Peelers. The Monday is at their request.

26<sup>th</sup> July AC Midweek Hcp

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

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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 5, Andrew Webb vs Libby Dixon, Garry Wilson vs Robin Delves. It has been requested that the games be completed by Fri 15<sup>th</sup> June,

## 9-10<sup>th</sup> June Advanced AC Weekend

## 16-17<sup>th</sup> June Golf Croquet A level Tournament

## 3-6<sup>th</sup> July Midweek Tournament

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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 4 vs Tyneside 3 16<sup>th</sup> April.**  
Team Andrew, Robert, Roger Staples and Roger Schofield  
**Congratulations on a great win.**  
**Pendle vs Nottingham.** Match to be played by 16<sup>th</sup> July

**Longman Cup**    **Pendle 3 vs Bowdon 4**

**Murphy Shield**   **Pendle 3 vs Croquet Durham 4.**