

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
NORTH WEST FEDERATION OF CROQUET CLUBS**

Saturday 17th November 2018 at 10.00 am

To be held at Culcheth Sports & Social Club, Charnock Road, Culcheth, WA3 5SH
by kind invitation of Culcheth Croquet Club

ALL ARE WELCOME

AGENDA

1. **Welcome** by the Chairman.
2. **Apologies** for Absence.
3. Confirmation of the **Minutes of the Spring Meeting** held on 3rd March 2018.
4. **Matters Arising** from the last meeting.
5. **Reports** on the Past Year from the Officers (**please e-mail secretary.nwcroquet@gmail.com for inclusion in minutes**).

A. Chairman	- Paul Rigge
B. Secretary	- David Walters
C. Treasurer	- Liz Wilson
D. CA Representative	- John Dawson
E. League Manager	- Ivan Wheatley
F. Coaching Officer	- Paul Rigge
G. Development Officer	- James Hawkins
H. NW Festival of Croquet Manager	- Abdul Ahmad
I. Safeguarding Officer	- Jean Hargreaves
J. Pennine Cup Captain	- Liz Wilson
K. Federation Handicapper	- Don Williamson
L. Website Manager	- Tony Thomas

6. **Changes to level play advanced rules (LPAC) AC B league** - Proposed by Ivan Wheatley

Following consultation with clubs and individual players over the course of the season two amendments to the league rules in connection with the AdvB league are proposed:

Proposal 1: Teams entering the AdvB league may comprise one or more clubs by prior agreement at the start of the season and members of any one of the combined clubs will be eligible to play for the combined team.

Proposal 2: The minimum individual player handicap be increased to 1 with one of the players (player 3) having a minimum handicap of 3. The format of the match will be one doubles game with each team comprising player 3 and one other player and the singles games matched in handicap order as far as is possible. The minimum aggregate team handicap to remain at 6.

7. **Amendment to League Rules** – proposal from Southport & Birkdale Croquet Club
S.B.C.C. propose that corner pegs are used in all Federation League matches, except Golf.

The rationale is that when, for example, a player wants to place a ball just outside the corner and is some distance from that corner, then a peg helps the player to be accurate in their shot. Whilst the Laws do not require the provision of corner pegs, we believe that they are needed in both full and short lawns.

8. **Admission to Membership – proposal by Paul Rigge**
General Meeting is requested to confirm a) Criccieth Tennis & Croquet Club and b) Stoneyhurst College as members of NW Federation.

9. **Subscriptions – proposal by Liz Wilson**
Subscriptions to remain unchanged.

10. **Amendment to Constitution** - proposal from Southport & Birkdale Croquet Club

S.B.C.C. propose the following change to the Federation Constitution.

6 e) line 3 after "and Executive Officers may speak and vote" add, "however, if a proposal is submitted by a club, only club representatives may vote."

The rationale is that Federation Executive Officers and Officers could have 2 votes on any formal proposal that a club puts to the A.G.M.

The Federation Secretary informs clubs of the proposal in advance of the A.G.M. and the matter is discussed by clubs and a vote taken. Their representative is then mandated to vote accordingly on the proposal at the A.G.M. Executive Officers and

Officers of the Federation will then have voted on the proposal in their clubs. When the proposal is discussed at the A.G.M. then the Executive Officers and Officers are allowed to vote again thus giving them a second vote which could cancel out their entire club's vote.

11. **Arrangements (dates and locations) for NW Federation Millennium Competitions**

- a) Advanced AC
- b) Handicap AC
- c) Short
- d) Handicap GC
- e) Level GC

12. **Arrangements for NW Festival of Croquet**

13. **Co-ordination of dates** for any other CA or other tournaments in the NW – clubs should check draft calendar on CA website.

19-22 April	Pendle & Craven John Beech Memorial Easter Tournament
6 April	Crake Alternate Shot Doubles AC
20-21 April	Southport Advanced Weekend
TBC	Lancashire Open Golf
4-6 May	Bowdon May Handicap Weekend
11-12 May	Pendle & Craven B-Level Advanced Weekend
18 May	Pendle & Craven B-Level Golf
18 -19 May	Southport Handicap Weekend
1-2 June	Bowdon Advanced Weekend
TBD	National Croquet Day
8-9 June	Pendle & Craven Advanced Weekend
15-16 June	Pendle and Craven Open Golf
15-16 June	Crake Advanced
22-23 June	Festival
2-5 July	Pendle & Craven Midweek Tournament
6 July	Bury National B Level Golf
6-7 July	Bowdon B-Level Advanced Weekend
9-11 July	Bowdon Waterford Doubles (Handicap AC) TBC
20-21 July	Southport Super B and B-Level Advanced Weekend
27-28 July	Fylde AC – Handicap Weekend
3-4 August	Chester GC Oplus Cross Over Tournament
3-4 August	Bury Handicap Weekend
9-11 August	Pendle Handicap Weekend
17-18 August	Crake Advanced
23-26 August	Bowdon North of England Championship
31 Aug– 1 Sept	All England Area Final Venue TBC
14-15 September	Southport Advanced Weekend

14. **Club Reports and Announcements** (to be taken in alphabetical order).

Please could all clubs e-mail brief reports secretary.nwcroquet@gmail.com for inclusion in the minutes.

i) Bowdon	xii) Isle of Man
ii) Bury	xiii) Keswick
iii) Chester	xiv) Liverpool
iv) Crake Valley	xv) Llanfairfechan
v) Craig y Don (Llandudno)	xvi) Pendle and Craven
vi) Criccieth	xvii) Penrith and North Lakes
vii) Culcheth	xviii) Salford
viii) Ellesmere	xix) Southport & Birkdale
ix) Flixton	xx) Stonehurst
x) Fylde	xxi) Tattenhall
xi) Harlech	xxii) Westmorland

15. **NW Federation Equipment Assets**

Please could all club representatives check the attached list (appendix iv) and report back to the Development Officer.

16. **County Captains**

Volunteers are sought for both AC & GC events. Captaincy & Organiser roles for each code can be separated if required.

(e.g. Colin Irwin both captained & organised the AC team for Cheshire in 2017, whilst Paul Rigge and David Openshaw were Organiser & Captain respectively for Lancashire in 2017)

Cheshire AC: Colin Irwin (Captain & Organiser)

Lancashire AC: James Hawkins (Captain & Organiser)

Lancashire GC: Vacancy

17. **Presentation of CA Diploma & League Trophies** – Please could all holders of NW Fed League Trophies ensure that they are available for presentation at this AGM.
18. **Election of Officers**
 - i) Chairman; Paul Rigge (2nd Year) – Standing for re-election
 - ii) Secretary; David Walters (3rd Year) - Standing for re-election
 - iii) Treasurer; Liz Wilson – (2nd Year) – Standing for re-election
 - iv) League Manager; Ivan Wheatley (3rd Year) - Standing for re-election
 - v) Coaching Officer; Paul Rigge - Standing for re-election
 - vi) Development Officer; Vacancy
 - vii) Child Protection Officer; Jean Hargreaves (7th year) - Standing for re-election
 - viii) NW Festival of Croquet Manager; Vacancy
 - ix) Pennine Cup Manager; Liz Wilson (2nd Year) – Standing for re-election
 - x) Federation Handicapper; Don Williamson - Standing for re-election
 - xi) Website Manager; Tony Thomas - Standing for re-election
19. **Election of Independent Examiner**

Chris Slater - Standing for re-election
20. **Any Other Business**
21. **Date, time and locations** of next meetings (Spring Meeting on 2nd March 2019 at Culcheth, and Autumn AGM on 16th November 2018 at Culcheth - to be agreed at meeting.
22. **Close of Meeting**

Appendix i

North West Federation **Equipment November 2018**

Bowdon	None
Bury	None
Chester	None
Crake	Mower (50%)
Craig-y-Don	CA Start up Set
Culcheth	None
Ellesmere	3 Mallets
Flixton	None
Fylde	None
Harlech	None
IOM	None
Keswick	None
Liverpool	None
Llanfairfechan	None
Nannerch	None
Pendle	None
Penrith	4 Mallets, 1 set hoops, 1 peg
Salford	CA start up Set
Southport	None
Tattenhall	CA Start up Set + set of 2 ^{ndary} balls,
Westmorland	None
Paul Rigge	One projector
Available	6 Hoops & Peg, 4 George Wood Mallets in carrying case, 5 other Mallets, 1 set primary and 1 set secondary Barlow balls, 1 set primary Sunshiny balls.