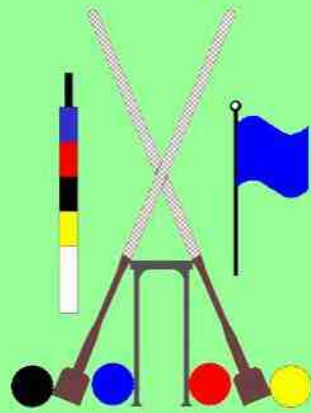


## Chester Croquet Club



### 2022 Press Cuttings from Chester Standard

14 April 2022

## Join in the croquet fun

CHESTER croquet club held its first funday on Sunday. FUNDAYS are held every month when members bring along friends and family to have a go at croquet.

The season starts in earnest in the next couple of weeks as league matches start in the North West Federation when Chester have to defend titles won last year.

A taster session is being held on Sunday April 24 for anyone interested.

For more details go to: [www.chestercroquet.club](http://www.chestercroquet.club).



28 April 2022

## Senators take the honours

THE new Golf Croquet Handicap season got underway on Saturday with an inter-club clash between Chester Tribunes and Chester Senators.

Tribunes were led by Jude Wise with David Johnson, Brian Lussey and Keith Dixon but it was Senators' Edward Baskerville, Liz Baskerville, Ian Shaw and Kerry Dadson, who emerged victorious.

The clash of the captains came in the final game where Jude reclaimed some Tribune pride by convincingly beating Edward. However Senators triumphed 11-5 with Kerry the only unbeaten player of the day.

The club also held a taster day at the weekend.



5 May 2022

## Case of hoop-hoop hooray!

THE team of Derek Bell-Jones, Nigel Worthington, Robert Jones and Jayne Taylor finally played their postponed play-off final against Westmorland in the North West Federation Croquet short lawn league.

The match was supposed to be played last season, but was called off due to bad weather, and the re-arranged final was

switched to Southport.

It was a tight match, each team keeping pace with the other. The first round ended 2-2, the second round was 0-4, third round 4-0 then the final round was 2-2, giving the final score of 8-8.

Then the team with the most hoops are crowned winners and Chester took the title with a 158-139 scoreline.

12 May 2022



### Hectic schedule

CHESTER croquet club crammed in four league matches and a national cup tie.

The advanced B team played Bury at home with Elmyr Hughes, Robin Tasker and Jerry Guest producing a 5-0 clean sweep to kick off their season in style.

The Chester AC team of David Guyton, David Boyd, Nigel Worthington and Robin Tasker travelled to Pendle to play Middlesbrough in the first round of the national Secretary's Shield competition where they capitalised on a 2-0 interval lead to win 4-3 and secure a second round tie against York.

Chester then hosted a team from Pendle in the AC handicap league.

The team of Robin Tasker (captain), Sally Slater, Paul Watson and Richard Smith threw away a 2-1 lead to lose out 4-3.

There were two golf handicap games played in the North West Federation League.

The Chester Tribunes team led by Jude Wise with Brian Lussey, Keith Dixon and David Johnson played their second match of the season against Llanfairfechan Dragons, winning 12-5.

Chester Senators golf team (pictured above) had a much more challenging time away at Southport and lost 13-5. Edward Baskerville captained the team of Liz Baskerville, Sarah Clements and Arnie Banford.

19 May 2022

### Centurions marching on

CHESTER Croquet Club staged a derby clash between the Chester Centurions and Chester Chariots in the North West Federation Level Play League.

Centurions' Gary Greenwood, Mark Lloyd and John Hampson triumphed 14-4 against Jayne Taylor, Tom Grievson and Janet Jackson - not a surprising result after they won the competition last year.

On Sunday, the short lawn team of Jayne Taylor (captain), Pat Wheeler, Sally Slater and Robert Jones travelled up to Pendle where they were edged out in the last game, going down to an 8-7 defeat.

26 May 2022

### Superb victory

CHESTER Croquet Club played Branston in the national Murphy Shield in Nottingham - and came away with a superb 5-2 victory.

David Boyd, Tom Grievson, John Hampson and Jayne Taylor were celebrating but in the North West Millennium competition at Fylde, Sally Slater and Jayne Taylor lost out.

9 June 2022

### Hectic weekend

THE Chester Senators handicap croquet golf team battled through the rain to beat Bowdon 10-6 on Sunday.

Chester won both doubles games with Edward Baskerville (captain) and Sarah Clements managing a tense 5-3 victory while Kerry Dadson and Pat Wheeler played exceptionally well to make it 6-4.

The singles games were 8-6 in Chester's favour with two encounters drawn.

On Saturday, youngsters joined in for a game of croquet at the Westminster Park Jubilee picnic.

Pictured right, eight-year-old Georgia Folks, from Cheadle, took top prize with Matt Sargent the best adult.

Chester Deva Rotary Club visited Chester Croquet Club for a fun session and other occasions are planned this season, including visits from the girl guides, Chester Rambling Club and Mensa.



# Having fun at the Festival

CHESTER Croquet Club took three teams to the Southport Festival to play in the Level Play GC, the Handicap GC and the Short Lawn AC competitions.

In all, there were nine clubs represented from across the North West and over the weekend 226 games of croquet were played.

Chester's Handicap GC team of Sandy Grievson, Sarah Clements, Annie Bamford, Rick Davies and Brian Hussey enjoyed the greater success of the club's GC teams, winning six and drawing four of their 14 games.

The Level Play GC team of Jayne Taylor, Tom Grievson, Rick Davies and Brian Hussey were less successful, winning six and losing seven.

The winning team from Bowdon won 13

of their 14 games.

Chester's Short Lawn AC team of Val Sanders, Robert Jones, Nigel Worthington and Robin Tasker turned out to be the draw specialists of the competition, losing only to Bowdon and Fylde.

Visitors from the Tattenhall club were welcomed to play in the Snowdonia Cup competition with Chester's Brian Lussey (captain), Sarah Clements, Ian Shaw and Jude Wise emerging 11-5 winners.

The Chester handicap AC team played in the first round of the national Longman Cup against Bowdon and triumphed 5-2 while the Chester Chariots' Jayne Taylor, Tom Grievson and Chris Thomas were beaten 12-6 by Southport.



7 July 2022

## A case of so close yet so far

CHESTER croquet club lost out to NWFCC Midweek League title rivals Bury in 4-3 thriller.

David Boyd (captain), David Guyton, Brian Walton and Paul Watson gave it their best but just came up short in a week where the club couldn't conjure up a victory.

Chester Centurions level play team of Sally Slater (captain), Trevor Farrell and John Hampson lost 12-6 to Bury while the Lancashire side also got the better of Chester in the National Interclub Short Lawn Trophy.

Sally Slater (captain), Robert Jones, Derek Bell-Jones and Jayne Taylor were edged out 6-5 in a tie that went to the final shot.

Chester Tribunes golf handicap team did stop the rot as they played out a 9-9 draw against Llanfairfechan Pioneers.

Jude Wise (captain), Brian Lussey, Sandy Grievson and David Johnson lost both of their doubles games but won two more singles games than the Pioneers to secure a draw.

21 July 2022

28 July 2022

## Bowdon on top

CHESTER CENTURIONS couldn't halt Bowdon's title charge in the Level Play Croquet Golf League.

The Chester team of David Boyd (Captain), David Crawford and John Hampson gave it their all but Bowdon made it six wins on the spin with an 11-7 victory.

Chester's handicap golf team of Tom Grievson (captain), Chris Thomas and Pat Clare also lost 11-7 at Pendle but the Senators triumphed 10-7 at Llanfairfechan where Kerry Dadson won all of his games in a team that included Edward Baskerville (captain), Liz Baskerville and Ian Shaw.

The association handicap weekend league team of David Boyd, Elmyr Hughes, Sally Slater and Brian Walton (captain) lost out 6-1 at Bowdon.

4 August 2022

## Chester lose out

CHESTER Croquet Club's Derek Bell-Jones, Helen Brophy, Robin Tasker and Paul Watson lost out 5-2 to Westmorland in the North West Federation mid-week handicap league

The morning session saw Westmorland take a 3-0 lead with the sides level at 2-2 after the break.

18 August 2022

## Chester's double

**CHESTER** Croquet Club hit a winning streak in the North West Federation's full lawn weekend handicap league.

David Guyton, Paul Watson, Robert Jones and David Boyd (captain) combined to see off Southport and Birkdale 5-2 while at Bury, Robin Tasker (captain), Brian Walton, Helen Brophy and David Boyd celebrated a 6-1 victory.

The Chester Tribunes team of Jude Wise (captain) with Brian Lussey, Rick Davies and David Johnson played out a thrilling 9-9 draw against Southport in the Golf Croquet Handicap League.

25 August 2022

## Port sneak a win

**AFTER** beating Southport in the North West Federation last week, Chester played a return match in the mid-week handicap league where David Guyton (captain), David Boyd, Helen Brophy and Paul Watson were narrowly edged out 4-3.

Chester Chariots' level play team of Pat Clare, Brian Lussey and Tom Grievson lost out 14-4 at Bowdon but the Centurions, captained by John Hampson, beat Llanfairfechan 11-7.

The latest round in the Snowdonia Cup was played between Chester and Craig-y-Don. It saw Val Sanders (captain), Helen Brophy and Hugh Bray battle it out in a 6-3 defeat.



**ALL SMILES:** Both of Chester's croquet golf handicap teams were in action and The Senators played at Llanfairfechan Pioneers where Kerry Dadson (captain), Sarah Clements, Arnie Banford and Jill Foley lost out 11-7. Chester Tribunes, captained by Jude Wise, with Brian Lussey, Keith Dixon and David Johnson, beat Bowdon 9-7 at home.

1 September 2022

## Ups and downs for Chester sides

**CHESTER** stunned Bowdon in a 5-0 shock result to halt their opponents from winning the North West Croquet Federation Advanced B Level League title.

Elmyr Hughes, Brian Walton and David Guyton were in top form to seal the points for Chester.

But Chester did play a part in making sure Bowdon were crowned champions after injury to one of the Chester players in the next game against Bury forced them to concede the game.

In another North West Federation league match on Sunday, the Chester team of David Boyd (captain), Helen Brophy, Brian Walton and Paul Watson beat Fylde 5-2.

8 September 2022

22 September 2022

## Final mission

CHESTER croquet club are through to the final of the Secretary's Shield.

Chester won an enthralling match 4-3 against Sheffield with the team of David Guyton, David Boyd, Brian Walton and Robin Tasker now going up against Essex side Newport in the final.

The team of David Boyd (captain), Sally Slater, David Guyton and Paul Watson were beaten 6-1 in the Longman Cup while the short lawn team of Val Sanders (captain), Sally Slater and Robert Jones lost out 5-4 at Llanfairfechan in the Snowdonia Cup.

20 October 2022



**WINNERS:** Brian Lussey and Nigel Worthington walked away with trophies at Chester Croquet Club. Thirteen players competed in the Christine Long golf croquet competition with Lussey edging out Jill Foley to lift the trophy.

The short lawn open association croquet competition saw eight players battle it out in the group stages. Worthington took on Derek Bell-Jones in the final, winning 14-5.