

## **Croquet North**

### **Association Croquet Competitions Report 2023**

#### **EPL**

The EPL was again contested by 3 teams this year, Tyneside, Middlesbrough and York.

Although there were some close games, Middlesbrough ended up as convincing winners and qualify to represent Croquet North in the 2024 Secretary's Shield.

York had difficulty in several matches in being unable to find low handicap players for the advanced singles/doubles. Hopefully this will not deter them from playing again next year.

#### **CN League**

The CN League was contested by 4 teams this year.

It was won (after a tie break) by Middlesbrough.

#### **Knock-out Competitions**

##### **Advanced Singles**

Congratulations to Andrew Killick who beat Dennis Scarr in the final

##### **Handicap Singles**

Congratulations to David Millener who beat Julian Gibson in the final.

##### **Handicap Doubles**

Congratulations to Roger Staples and Nigel Durie, who won a tight final +2(t) against Eric Nixon and Julian Gibson.

The number of entries (5) was one up from last year, but still disappointing.

#### **Pennine Cup**

The Pennine Cup was contested again this year. It was hosted by the North West at Pendle, due to the state of the lawns at Middlesbrough. Liz Wilson again organised bacon sandwiches to start the day, which were much appreciated!

The North West won 5 – 4 in a close match played throughout in good spirit.

It is hoped that a return fixture at Middlesbrough can be arranged for next year, although the alternative of using Pendle again may be appropriate.

Julian Gibson