

Birchwood North Cheshire League Teams Information

1st team – Defending Champions from 2018



Players
required for
next season

2nd Team – 3 finals in the last 3 years and winners in 2016



Represent
Birchwood

General Information

1st Team Handicaps allowed **up to 12**
2nd Team Handicaps allowed from **8 up to 18**

Team matches are played on a Tuesday evening starting from 5pm and generally run from May for around 8 weeks

Other teams currently in the North Cheshire League are

Antrobus
Cheadle
Davyhulme
Flixton
High Legh
Lymm
Warrington

Matches are played in an individual matchplay format and the teams are arranged in handicap order so there are no huge amounts of shots either given or received.

Food is also arranged afterwards and there is a lot of banter and laughs.

Any members old, young, new, preferably with 2 working shoulders but that's optional (see 2nd team information update) who are interested in getting involved in any way then please contact Andy Fox in the 1st instance (for those who don't know, he's the one with the dodgy trouser selection you see on a Sunday)

You don't necessarily have to be a good player, you need to be keen and available and wanting to play for the club and test yourself in a different environment. Below is a good quote from the upcoming Solheim Cup captain Catriona Matthew and sums up why the NCL is such a good competition



2019 Team Information and Results

1st Team

North Cheshire League 2019 1st Team Qualifying Table



Updated 03/07/2019

	Team	Plyd	Home							Away							Total Points	Ind Pts Diff
			Plyd	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Plyd	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
1	Antrobus	7	4	4			22	6	30	3			3	7	14	7	37	9.0
2	Lymm	7	4	3		1	18	10	24	3	1		2	8.5	12.5	12.5	36.5	4.0
3	Davyhulme	7	3	3			13.5	7.5	19.5	4	1		3	12	16	16	35.5	2.0
4	Flixton	7	4	3		1	15.5	12.5	21.5	3	1		2	9.5	11.5	13.5	35	1.0
5	High Legh	7	3	2		1	15	6	19	4	1		3	11.5	16.5	15.5	34.5	4.0
6	Birchwood	7	4	2		2	16.5	11.5	20.5	3	1		2	7.5	13.5	11.5	32	-1.0
7	Warrington	7	3	2		1	12	9	16	4	1		3	9	19	13	29	-7.0
8	Cheadle	7	3	2		1	11.5	9.5	15.5	4	1		3	7	21	11	26.5	-12.0

After a tough start and losing the first 2 matches a hard fought big win against Lymm brought us back into contention however a further defeat away at Flixton meant it wasn't looking good.

The team then pulled off a shock away victory at Warrington with good wins from Paul Timmins (who remains unbeaten in NCL matches), Bryan Jackson and Mike Lee and backed up with half points from captain Matty Doughty and Rob Hayes to get themselves into a better position with 2 games remaining.

However, a bigger shock home defeat to Cheadle left the team facing a bottom two finish and missing out on the playoffs, especially as the final game was against Davyhulme who were flying high in the table.

But when the chips are down you can rely on a Birchwood team to dig deep and bring out a superb performance and that is exactly what happened.

A stunning 5-2 home win with victories for Mike Millman, Darren Smith, Bryan Jackson, Paul Brooks and Steve Davock gave us the points that were needed to get into 6th place and qualify for the playoffs.

Unfortunately the team had a tough time away at Davyhulme in the playoffs and that ended our run for this year however we are confident we will be back better and with a stronger team next year. Bring on 2020!!

2nd Team

North Cheshire League 2019 2nd Team Qualifying Table



Updated 03/07/2019

	Team	Plyd	Home							Away							Total Points	Ind Pts Diff
			Plyd	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Plyd	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
1	Antrobus	7	3	3			17	7	23	4	2	1	1	17.5	14.5	27.5	50.5	13.0
2	Warrington	7	4	4			25	7	33	3		1	2	9.5	14.5	11.5	44.5	13.0
3	High Legh	7	4	3	1		19	13	26	3		1	2	10.5	13.5	12.5	38.5	3.0
4	Flixton	7	3	3			16	8	22	4		2	2	12	20	16	38	0.0
5	Birchwood	7	3	1	2		13	11	17	4	1	1	2	13.5	18.5	19.5	36.5	-3.0
6	Davyhulme	7	4	2	1	1	18.5	13.5	23.5	3			3	9	15	9	32.5	-1.0
7	Lymm	7	3	1	1	1	15.5	8.5	18.5	4			4	8	24	8	26.5	-9.0
8	Cheadle	7	4	2	1	1	18	14	23	3			3	2	22	2	25	-16.0

The 2nd team started the year off with a pair of 4-4 draws away at High Legh and at home to Antrobus. There's no need to mention the defeat of skipper Andy Fox at High Legh but I think it might be worth just one sentence.... After winning the 1st hole, Andy then proceeded to lose 10 consecutive holes to lose his match 9&7!!!! Moving on...

A very good away win at Lymm with wins for John Welch, Wes Gibson, Pete Gold, Doug Broadstock and a half from the skipper was followed up with yet another 4-4 draw at home to Flixton to leave us unbeaten but in mid table with the 3 draws.

The match at home to Warrington proved to be a vital win with a bizarre set of circumstances defining the outcome. The match hung in the balance with Birchwood 4-3 up with one game remaining out on the course, played by Christian Genders. After waiting for what seemed like an age the two players appeared out of the rapidly fading light for Christian to win on the 18th hole... After enquiring why the match had taken so long we were told that Chris had slipped down the ditch between the 14th green and the 15th tee whilst retrieving a lost ball and it took a while for him to get out and he was visibly in a lot of pain after finishing.

Remarkably, he went to hospital the following morning and was told that he had broken his shoulder and would be out of action for 6 to 8 weeks.

He had played on in his game, effectively using one arm, won 2 out of the last 4 holes to win his game and win the match for Birchwood. That's the sort of dedication we need from team players!!

With 2 matches remaining we were in 3rd place in the league but with two tricky away games left against Cheadle and Davyhulme. Unfortunately, we suffered a defeat in both games to leave us in 5th place in the league and a playoff game away vs Flixton to be played on Tuesday 16th July.

If anyone fancies coming to Flixton next Tuesday to cheer on the team then the first tee off is at 5pm and everyone is welcome.