

The Joy Candelent Trophy



The inaugural match for the Joy Candelent Trophy took place in 2013, following Joy's untimely death in 2012. The game between R.P.B.C. and The Grange B.C. will be played annual, for a trophy donated by her husband Ray, who is President and Secretary of R.P.B.C. and probably its longest serving member.

The trophy replaces The George Field Trophy which had been played for annually, between the two sides since 1988. The trophy itself has been retained by the Grange B.C. During the years that it was played for, this trophy was won twelve times by The Grange and eleven times by The Police, with one tied game

Joy, like George, played for both clubs for a number of years, and captained The Grange Ladies in 2008 and 2009, as well as being the Lady President in 1990. A very successful bowler herself, she won a number of club competitions over the years individually and as a team player.

The Inter-Club game is traditionally played on a Sunday afternoon in July. The fixture consists of six rinks and is always played at The Grange which was formerly Lodge Plugs and Smiths Sports B.C.

The match is followed by a meal and made into a social occasion for both clubs. In recent years, proceeds from the afternoon have been donated to R.P.B.C's charity of the year, which supports local good causes and in 2013 raised £707 for Myton Hospice Care At Home, in memory of Joy. Over the preceding years, up until 2013, our efforts have raised approximately £4,000.