



Lancashire County Senior Ladies Golf Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Friday 28th November 2025

Pleasington Golf Club.

The Lady Captain of Pleasington Golf Club gave a warm welcome to the Association and ladies attending the meeting.

At the start of the meeting Past Captain Carmel Hall explained the absence of Captain Ann Lowe. This was due to the sad passing of husband Ken Lowe.

A minute's silence was held before the official Agenda to remember those ladies who passed away in 2025. Penny Beckett NW Representative, Joyce Acheson Captain 1988 and President 2001, Elsie Lawton Captain 2002 and Gill Solomon Captain 2008 and President 2014-2015.

1. Apologies:

There were

Apologies: 25

Present: 45

2. Approval of minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 29th November 2024.

The minutes were published on the Association website and taken as read, along with a Finance report.

Acceptance of the minutes; Proposed: Sue Hazlitt

Seconder: Grainne Pendlebury

3. Hon. Treasurer's Report and Approval of accounts.

LCSLGA Treasurers Report AGM 28th November 2025.

The surplus of income over expenditure for 2025 was up on prior year standing at £1497.65.

The following are the main areas accounting for the year-on-year increased surplus.

Membership numbers were up resulting in an additional income of £615.00.

The Championship, although still in deficit, improved by £690.00. Also, golf meetings contributed a further £663.00. Both due to a combination of increased playing members and entry fees.

Team expenses were down by £394.00 while software costs were up by £240.00.

Last year we hosted the Northern Championship at Preston Golf Club giving us a net surplus of £521.00 verses a net expenditure this year of £483.00 (A swing of -£1K).

Other income and expenditure was fairly flat year on year.

Thus, leaving the closing balance at £37,962.94

Richardson Trophy Matches

The Richardson Trophy matches started on 9th May on a very dry and bouncy course at Seascale in Cumbria. The weather on the practice day was really clear and amazing. The match day was bright and breezy. On the front 9 the Lancashire team pulled ahead. But Cumbria didn't give up, and it ended up as a really tight finish with the last game halved on the final green, and the match halved overall. Too much excitement in one day!

The next match on 24th June was against Northumberland at Royal Birkdale GC in very windy, cold and challenging weather. This time Lancashire were not doing well on the front 9, and we were down at the turn. But a great fight back on the second 9 saw the 'Red Roses' finish ahead by six games to one. Thanks to the team for a spectacular back 9 performance.

On 24th July we played vs Cheshire at Sandiway GC, where we had enjoyed success before. Cheshire were obviously the team to beat having won the RT 8 years in a row. Our star team really rose to the occasion and defeated an excellent Cheshire team on home soil by 4.5-2.5. Well done team! This was an amazing day all round.

On 19th August we played Yorkshire at Wakefield GC. , which was very dry and bouncy following a spell of hot weather. The match was very close. Our Champion Sharon really led from the front and defeated Yorkshire champion Emma Brown. Then we lost a couple of matches in the middle, before the tail wagged and we ended up with a halved match. This was a good result for an away match in Yorkshire. Sadly, for both teams it was the only result that allowed Cheshire to retain the Richardson Trophy on countback. C'est la vie.

Our last match was at Royal Birkdale on 26/8 vs Durham, and we enjoyed nice warm weather. Lancashire started very well, and most were ahead at the 9th hole. Our players at the front of the order continued well and won three out of the first four matches. But Durham fought back in the closing holes, and made it a much tighter finish than had looked likely just a short time before. The match finished with a 4-3 victory, with some good wins and the losses were all very tight games.

At the end of the season, we tied with Cheshire on match points won, but they just pip us on count back with more game points secured. However, this is our best year since 2014, and we can all see there is room for progress with more home matches next year. Thanks to all of our star team for some really great performances in 2025, and onwards and upwards for 2026!

Jamboree

The Jamboree was held at Kilmarnock Barassie GC, hosted by Scotland. The weather was wild, with a storm blowing through on the practice day, and it was cold and windy for most of the matches. Scotland made the most of home advantage and won the team trophy. We were very proud to have Lisa Chrimes and Sharon Eales representing the Northern team, who were actually the only team to defeat Scotland during the week. But sadly the finishing holes in other matches did not go our way.

End of Season

The end of season 'thankyou' to the committee and squad members which was hosted by President Bet and myself was held at Royal Birkdale GC on 28/9. We had a nice sunny day and played teams of 4 stableford with 2 scores to count. The winning score was 81 points. All those who attended had a good day of golf followed by a meal.

Our Champion Sharon finished 7th in the England 'Champion of Champions' event which was a really good effort.

During the year we organised two golf psychology sessions, one for the team and one for the membership. Both were well received and useful, and we look forward to seeing the results in the golf scores next year.

Thank you to Jeanette Williams who is retiring as Immediate Past Captain. Thank you, Jeanette, for all your support this year.

Thank you to Royal Birkdale, my home club, for allowing me to have the use of the course and clubhouse to stage the Championship and matches this year. Also, a big thank you to my wonderful star president Bet for all her help, support and advice during the year.

Finally, as this is my last report, I would like to thank our committee for all their hard work, commitment and dedication. You all work tirelessly for this wonderful Association. You are a star committee.

Vote of thanks to the Captain

A vote of thanks was given by Susan Caton on behalf of Sharon Eales (LCSLGA Champion 2025) who was unable to attend.

5. Presentation of the Silver Slipper Trophy.

The winner of the Silver Slipper was Sue Leatherbarrow from Ashton-in-Makerfield Golf Club who was presented with the trophy and given a memento of this trophy.

There was no presentation of the Cecil Leitch trophy as the competition was not held due to inclement weather conditions on the day.

6. To elect Officials and Divisional Committee Members

President Mrs Wendy Barnsley	Proposed:	Bet Burns
	Seconded:	Jennifer Adams
Hon. Secretary Ms Adrienne Bennett	Proposed:	Claire Seddon
	Seconded:	Karen Sawyer
Hon. Treasurer Mrs Sue Hazlitt	Proposed:	Margaret Morgan
	Seconded:	Gill Jolleys
Membership Secretary Ms Louise Aspden	Proposed:	Gill Jolleys
	Seconded:	Linda Dorning
Competition Co-ordinator Mrs Janette Smart	Proposed:	Grainne Pendlebury

Website Administrator Mrs Karen Sawyer Seconded: Kate Ainsworth
Proposed: Rosie Sedman-Wright
Seconded: Caryl Evans

Election of Divisional Committee Members

Sue Green (SE), Helen Jones (NW) Proposed: Bet Burns
Seconded: Gill Jolleys
Julie Scott (SW) Proposed: Jane Bridge
Seconded: Rosie Sedman-Wright

Past Captain informed the meeting there was a representatives place still available on the committee due to the sad passing of Penny Beckett. If any members were interested to speak to a member of the committee after the meeting.

The following divisional committee members are still within their term of office and remain on the committee.

Mrs Janette Smart (East)
Mrs Grainne Pendlebury (East)
Mrs Margaret Morgan (South East)
Mrs Rosie Sedman-Wright (South West)
Proposed: Carmal Hall
Seconded: Meegan Switzer

Three members of the committee who were retiring were presented with a card and a gift. Mrs Gill Jolleys – Membership Secretary, Ms Jane Bridge Hon. Secretary and Mrs Meegan Switzer SW representative.

Election of Captain 2026 – Mrs Claire Seddon Formby Ladies Golf Club.

Proposed on behalf of Captain Ann by Past Captain Carmel Hall
Seconded by President Wendy Barnsley

I take great pleasure in introducing Claire Seddon from Formby Ladies Golf Club as our new captain. Claire started playing golf at West Lancashire Golf Club in 1968, playing with her family. She met husband Brian when he was as assistant at West Lancs and Claire moved to Formby Ladies GC just after they got married.

Claire played for Lancashire Juniors as part of their inaugural junior team, and then played Lancashire B team golf. She then stepped aside from golfing to bring up her 3 lovely children and after returning to the game played for the Lancashire Ladies team for over 12 years.

Claire taught PE and Maths at a number of schools in the locality – so she’s obviously got brains and muscles! Claire ended up becoming Deputy Head at Scarisbrick Hall School, leading the Pastoral team through the COVID years and beyond.

Claire took a brief career break in the ‘noughties’ 2006-2012 when she purchased and ran a garden centre, dealing with retail management of the business whilst also acting as the main Landscaper. So Claire is definitely very multitalented.

Having retired from teaching, Claire now works part time for Lancashire Golf Union and is a selector for the Lancashire Women’s team.

Claire is one of only two women who have achieved over 100 representative ‘caps’ for our Lancashire women’s team, so that is obviously an amazing feat! With so many talents and very wide experience, I am sure that Claire will be a real star Captain and lead the team with great skill in the coming year.

Carmel presented the Captain’s badge to Claire.

Claire thanked President and past captains of the Association for the honour and privilege of being asked to be captain for 2026. She explained golf has the opportunity to make friends, to enjoy sport we love and to embrace the whole golfing world. The committee is here to not only support the Team in the Richardson Trophy but also the members of the Association. The Lancashire Seniors Championship will be held at Formby Ladies Golf Club in 2026. Also, there is an early season event at Mottram Hall organised by the Northern Counties Association details of which are on their website.

Claire was presented with a flower arrangement from her golf club.

Election of Vice Captain 2026 – Mrs Chris Appleby, St Annes Old Links

Captain Claire took pleasure in proposing the election of Chris Appleby from St Annes Old Links as Vice-Captain for 2026.

Seconded by Carmel Hall.

Unfortunately, Chris was unable to attend the meeting as she was away in America. Chris from a young age was involved in sport, initially netball, then table tennis where she excelled not only playing for the County but involved in England table tennis at some stage.

She met Clive and has been married for 40 years. She started playing golf when she went to Canada and her first Club was Preston and her handicap soon came down and has played many years for the Team. Claire is looking forward to work with Chris over the coming year.

Captain Claire informed the meeting the fixtures for the coming season are on the website and open 1st February 2026 and encouraged members to take part.

7. Any other business

Lynn Aitcheson (Blackpool North Shore) asked the possibility of more 9 hole competitions being held. Gill Jolleys informed the meeting that in previous years these were not well attended but Captain Claire would look into this at a committee meeting.

There being no further business the Captain closed the meeting at 11.50am