

2015 Team Match Results

The Richardson Trophy is a matchplay team event which is participated in by all six Northern Counties of England, i.e. Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cheshire, Durham, Northumberland and Cumbria. Each County plays the other 5 counties every year in daily matches and seven players per team. One year there are 3 home matches and the following year there will be two home matches for each County. The matches are hotly contested and winning the Trophy is the Jewel in the Crown for the winning County.

In 2014 we won the Richardson Trophy for the first time since 2009, and we had hoped that we could retain the Trophy in 2015, but it was not to be. Although we won our home matches at Hesketh against Cumbria and a very strong Cheshire team, who were the favourites, we lost narrowly against a strong Yorkshire team. As Yorkshire had lost by the same margin to Cheshire (4 - 3) - our hopes were still alive when we went to the North East to play Northumberland and Durham. Our hopes were high after a clean sweep against Northumberland, but we came to grief against Durham, (4 - 3) and then it was a case of who would triumph between Yorkshire and Cheshire. Cheshire played Cumbria at Royal Liverpool on a dreadful day, but could only win 4 - 3, whilst Yorkshire were away to Cumbria at Penrith, knowing that they only had to win 4 - 3 to win the Trophy. In the event, Yorkshire triumphed 6 1/2 - 1 1/2 to win. Congratulations to Captain Julia and her victorious team.

Prior to the start of the season, Captain Joy arranged a putting session with Mike Kanski from the Harold Swash Putting School which is based at Formby Hall. Mike has worked with LLCGA and a number of tour professionals, and we hope that his expertise will have a great effect on those of the squad who were able to attend.

The dates for the 2015 Richardson Trophy matches, the Northern Veteran Ladies' Championship and the Jamboree are as follows:

Date	Day	County	Venue	Result
3rd/4th June	Wed/Thurs	Cumbria	Hesketh	5 - 2
10th/11th June	Wed/Thurs	Yorkshire	Hesketh	3 - 4
8th/9th July	Wed/Thurs	Cheshire	Hesketh	4 - 3
20th/21st July	Mon/Tues	Northumberland	Arcot Hall	7 - 0
22nd/23rd July	Wed/Thur	Durham	Hartlepool	3 - 4

Lancashire v Cumbria - 4th June at Hesketh Golf Club



Lancashire v Yorkshire - 11th June at Hesketh Golf Club



Friendly Matches

Lancs Vets v Lancs "B" Team – Hesketh G.C. - Sunday, 19th April 2015



Our first match of the year was the annual friendly between Lancashire Seniors and the Lancashire County "B" Team at Hesketh Golf Club. The weather was sunny but cold and the course was fast running.

The top game was closely contested and the standard of golf was high with eight birdies and one eagle. Janet Melville birdied the fifth & eleventh and Clare Seddon birdied the second, sixth and seventeenth, while for their opponents Anna Dawson eagled the seventh and birdied the tenth; not to be outdone Sophie Speariett had birdies on the ninth and the thirteenth. Sophie and Anna won on the 18th.

Second game out was Helen Braddock and Maggie Ayers against Alex Forrest and Lauren Green. It was another close game during which Alex, when playing the fourth, experienced her first hole-in-one but Helen soon responded with another eagle, just two holes later. The match was all-square after seventeen holes but a birdie from the Lancashire girls secured a narrow victory.

In the third game, Chris Stokes and Jeanette Williams went two down quite early and didn't win a hole until the thirteenth, but then won three holes in succession, Chris chipping in for a birdie on the fourteenth. They remained one up until Emily Shea birdied the final hole to square the game, which was a fair outcome.

In the last game the experienced Fiona Anderson and newcomer Elsbeth Pierce, both of Formby Ladies', squeezed a 2&1 win over their opponents, who included the long hitting, exciting prospect Alicia Stebbings from Wilpshire. Elsbeth's short game was impressive on a fast running Hesketh course which asks so many questions from 100 yards in.

So the girls from LLCGA won a close and hard fought but enjoyable match. Congratulations to both teams and all the best to everyone for the coming season.

LANCASHIRE SENIORS	Result	LANCASHIRE 'B'	Result
Janet Melville (2) & Clare Seddon (2)		Sophie Speariett (2) & Anna Dawson (4)	1up
Helen Braddock (5) & Maggie Ayers (7)		Alex Forrest (5) & Lauren Green (6)	1up
Chris Stokes (4) & Jeanette Williams (5)	1/2	Emily Shea (4) & Amelia Taylor (5)	1/2
Fiona Anderson (4) & Elsbeth Pierce (7)	2 & 1	Mina McQuhae (6) & Alicia Stebbings (7)	
	1 1/2		2 1/2

Lancs Vets v Welsh Northern Counties – Henllys G.C., Beaumaris, Anglesey – Friday, 24th April 2015

Carol Helme & Linda Noblett went out first, playing against a pairing who knew the course well. Having gone three down early in the match, they managed to recover to be only one down. However, local knowledge prevailed on the greens with the home side sinking a crucial 30ft putt on the sixteenth green to go on and win the match 2 & 1.

In the second match, Bet Burns & Helen Braddock also got off to a poor start, being three down after the first three holes, but they managed to bring the match back to all square at the turn. On the second nine, however, they failed to hole important putts and with Ann Lewis only dropping three shots in fourteen holes, the home team ran out winners by 4 & 3.

Having lost the first two matches it was good to see Kate Ainsworth and new kid on the block Chris Appleby stem the tide. They combined really well, against Mair Eluned Jones & Chris Wheatley, making birdies on 2, 3 and 16, which resulted in a comfortable win of 4 & 2.

Fiona Anderson and Maggie Ayers were out last against Mair Griffith and Felicity Hughes and had a comfortable win of 5 & 4, making the result an honourable half.

WNC	Result	LCSLGA	Result
Paulene Williams Dawn Jones	2&1	Carol Helme Linda Noblett	
Ann Lewis Shuna Sweeting	4&3	Bet Burns Helen Braddock	
Mair S Jones Chris Wheatley		Kate Ainsworth Chris Appleby	4&2
Mair Griffith Felicity Hughes		Fiona Anderson Maggie Ayers	5&4
Result	2		2