

2016 Archive

Our last event was our first nine hole competition which was held at Whalley Golf Club, and was very successful in its first year. I should like to say a big thank you to all the Organisers of our competitions this year, who have worked tirelessly on our behalf.

In 2017 we will be hosting the Northern Counties Veteran Ladies Championship at Pleasington Golf Club. The entry form will go onto the website after the Annual Meeting on Wednesday 12th October. Meanwhile, if you wish to look for accommodation, please click [here](#) for a list of hotels within a 5 mile radius of Pleasington Golf Club.

Thank goodness we managed to play the Cecil Leitch at Rossendale on Monday 5th September. Our 5 club betterball was won with 41 points on a card playoff. Third and fourth prizes were also won on a card playoff. Congratulations to all the winners and let's look forward to our last event of the year on Monday 12th September at Whalley,- our first ever 9 hole competition.

Once again we have become victims of the weather, and our team event at Leigh Golf Club had to be cancelled as the course went under water. All cheques have been cancelled and we hope we will be able to hold an event at Leigh sometime in the future.

Our next event is on Monday 5th September at Rossendale Golf Club. It is our 5 club better ball event and we still have a couple of tee times available so please download an entry form from the Entry Forms page if you would like to play.

The Ivy Hosker team event was played at Ashton and Lea Golf Club on Monday 8th August in windy but warm conditions. Congratulations to all the winners and many thanks to the Organisers of the competition.



Recently, Jenny Lucas, Vivien Saunders and Janet Melville from Lancashire were all invited to the 40th anniversary of the Ladies' British Open which was held at Woburn, and the reception was held at Woburn Abbey. The reason for this invitation was that Jenny, nee Lee Smith, was the first winner of the event, Vivien was the second winner and Janet was the third winner.

Following the Cheshire match we all went to Panmure in Scotland to support the North in our quest to retain the Miller-Stirling Trophy. There was some superb golf on a wonderful course and the icing on the cake was that the North won. [Click here](#) to view the full results.

Our final match was against Cheshire at Sale Golf Club on Friday 29th July, and sadly we lost 6 - 1. The result



did not reflect the closeness of the games, as 4 out of 7 games went to the 18th. The last green at Sale is infamous, as it is huge and slopes massively from back to front, and the home players definitely knew it better than we did! Everything now rests on the last match between Cheshire and Cumbria, and the winners will be either Yorkshire or Cheshire.

On 6th July we were privileged to play Yorkshire at Ganton Golf Club. What a course and how close was the result! Sadly, not close enough and we lost 4 - 3 to Yorkshire.

On Monday 18th July we held our second team event at Penwortham and the weather was kind but humid. On Monday 4th July we played our team event at Clitheroe, and despite the rain we managed to get everyone round. Congratulations to all the prize winners and thanks to the Organisers for all their hard work.

On 23rd June we played Cumbria at Kirkby Lonsdale golf club, which is in a stunningly beautiful setting and on what was a perfect day. We were on our mettle as Cumbria had beaten Yorkshire at Ganton, so we knew we would have to play well. In the end we won 5 - 2, but as usual the matches are all getting closer.

As all the competitors who entered will know, our first team event at Blackley today was cancelled by the club because the course went under water. This was due to prolonged rain from Sunday afternoon to late Monday morning which meant that the course and particularly the greens were flooded.

Obviously this is disappointing for everyone who entered, but every golf club has to put the welfare of its course first. In addition, as the competition was cancelled before anyone went out, all cheques are cancelled. Blackley's Greenstaff worked incredibly hard this morning squeegeeing the greens, but the weather was against them. The club was very disappointed that the competition had to be cancelled but we will be having another event there in the future because they pulled out all the stops on our behalf.

We should just like to remind you all to look at "Things to Remember for 2016" at the bottom of this page because we have had competitions cancelled in the past and no doubt it will happen at sometime in the future!

On Thursday 9th June at West Lancashire we played Durham in the Richardson Trophy. As Durham had lost by the narrowest of margins to Cheshire the previous week we knew we would have to play very well to win. Our girls rose to the challenge and we won 5 - 2 in the end. The matches were close and very exciting. Our next match is against Cumbria at Kirby Lonsdale.

Congratulations to Pat Greenwood from Nelson who won the Silver Slipper at Widnes on a card playoff from Christine Pye of Widnes.

Our first Richardson Trophy match was at West Lancashire Golf Club on Thursday 2nd June against Northumberland in perfect weather on an immaculate golf course. The match was very exciting with some very close games. The final result was 5 - 2 to Lancashire.

The Northern Vets Championship at Alnmouth Golf Club in Northumberland was won by Karen Lee from Durham who beat Ally Hansen from Northumberland and Alnmouth on the 18th in a very exciting final. Please [click here](#) to go to the Northumberland website, click on Northern Vets on the Home Page, and then Championship on the Northern Vets page for the full results. Lancashire's Elsbeth Pierce qualified for the first flight of the Championship and had a very exciting match against Ally Hansen, which eventually finished on the 17th.

We have our Champion for 2016, and for the third time in six years, it is Chris Stokes from Clitheroe Golf Club! Chris was also Runner Up last year, and has proved that she is the player to beat in our Championship in recent years. The morning semi finals were both close fought with Chris winning 2&1 against Grainne Pendlebury, and Ann Lowe winning 2 up against last year's Champion, Chris Appleby. In the final, despite Ann winning the first hole, Chris was relentless and produced some superb golf to win on the 15th. The full results are on the Championship Page, and we will have some pictures and more detail tomorrow!



Our annual match against Lancashire Ladies' B team, which this year was held at Hillside Golf Club on Sunday 10th May. The weather was sunny, cold and breezy, and in the end the match was halved 2 - 2. A good start for our girls considering some of the talent in the B Team and the distance that they hit the ball! Our next match was against Welsh Northern Counties' Veteran Ladies on 24th April at Penwortham Golf Club, and we had a resounding win, 3^{1/2} - 1^{1/2}. [Click here for results.](#)

I hope to see many of you at our events throughout year and hope we all enjoy a good season with good weather. We are now looking forward to the Championship at the West Lancashire Golf Club, which starts on 4th May. The final is on 6th May so please come and support if you can.

As you all know, the allocation of tee times for all our fourball team events was done on 7th March and all those who sent us Stamped Addressed Envelopes have received notification about their entries. We had a record number of entries this year and we

have tried our very best to allocate times equitably, but as 4 out of the 5 team events were oversubscribed by between 25 and 30 teams, not everyone will have been successful with all their entries.

On behalf of the Association we would like to congratulate one of our past Captains, Jen Adams, on being elected Captain of Lancashire Ladies' County Golf Association for 2016. We wish Jen and her Team every success.

We are to hold an additional competition for members in 2016. It will be the Autumn 9 Hole Competition (4 ball stableford team event, **2 scores to count and with full handicap allowance**), to be held at Whalley Golf Club on Monday 12th September 2016.

In addition the Northern Counties Veteran Ladies' Golf Association is going to hold the end of season 2 day team event at Slaley Hall near Hexham, in Northumberland on 9th and 10th October. This event is now over subscribed, but if you were lucky enough to get in and want to know more about the course and the facilities at Slaley Hall, [click here](#).

Things to remember for 2016

- Please **bring up to date proof of handicap**. We accept handicap certificates which you can print off using your club's website. We also accept proof of handicap from your mobile phone, if your phone has internet access. We **do not accept** the England Golf cards, as we are not affiliated to England Golf, and therefore have no access to the Central Database of Handicaps. In future, therefore, please bring the required alternative proofs of your up to date handicap.
- Inclement weather. Please check on the website of the venue to see if there is a telephone number to ring to find out the status of the course on the day of the event. In addition, the Organiser of the event will have sent you as part of your confirmation an emergency mobile number to **ring on the day**.

If you would like more information about this year's venues, please click on the name of the course below to go to its website.

Venues and Results of the 2016 Competitions



Championship and Silver Meeting,
Wednesday 4th May - Friday 6th May,
[West Lancashire Golf Club](#)
Winner: **Christine Stokes (Clitheroe)**



The Silver Slipper, Monday 6th June, Widnes Golf Club,
18 hole stableford, (non counting) over 65's only.
Best nett and 4 age category prizes.
Winner: **Pat Greenwood (Nelson)**



Edith Barlow Meeting, Monday 20th June, Blackley Golf Club,
Four ball team event, 2 best scores to count, Stableford.
Winners: **Cancelled**



Early Summer Meeting, Monday 4th July, Clitheroe Golf Club,
Four ball team event, 2 best scores to count, Stableford.
Winners: **Linda Noblett, Bet Burns (Penwortham), Chris Stokes (Clitheroe), Jeanette Williams (Pleasington)**



Summer Meeting, Monday 18th July, Penwortham Golf Club,
Four ball team event, 2 best scores to count, Stableford.
Winners: **Christine Darling, Pam Chamberlain, Jen Farrington, Janet Hopkinson (Pleasington)**



Ivy Hosker Meeting, Monday 8th August, Ashton & Lea Golf Club,
Four ball team event, 2 best scores to count, Stableford.
Winners: **Anita Hiranandani, Tina Kinsey, Gill Holcroft, Irene Traynor (Hurlston Hall)**



Mid Summer Meeting, Monday 22nd August, Leigh Golf Club,
Four ball team event, 2 best scores to count, Stableford.
Winners: **Cancelled**



The Cecil Leitch Trophy, Monday 5th September, Rossendale Golf Club,
Better Ball Stableford,
5 clubs only including putter, full handicap allowance.
Winners: **Kate Hilton and Elizabeth Brown (Dunscar)**



The Autumn 9 Hole Team Event, Monday 12th
September, Whalley Golf Club,
Four ball team event,
2 best scores to count, Stableford, full handicap allowance.
Winners: **Helen Braddock, Carol Shacklady, Janet Townsend, Margaret Morgan (Bolton Old Links)**

