

RICHARDSON TROPHY MATCHES 2013

28th - 29th May	Lancashire v Cumbria	(H) Pleasington Golf Club
11th June - 12th June	Lancashire v Yorkshire	(H) Pleasington Golf Club
9th - 10th July	Lancashire v Cheshire	(H) Pleasington Golf Club
22nd - 23rd July	Northumberland v Lancashire	(A) Ponteland Golf Club
24th - 25th July	Durham v Lancashire	(A) Seaton Carew Golf Club

FRIENDLY MATCHES

12th April	Lancs v Lancs Girls	(A) West Lancashire Golf Club
26th April	Lancs v Welsh Northern Counties	(A) Abergele Golf Club

NORTHERN COUNTIES VETERAN LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP

21st - 23rd May - Hessele Golf Club, Yorkshire

JAMBOREE - 13th - 15th August - North Hants G.C., Nr Fleet, Hampshire

Richardson Trophy Matches

Lancashire v Cumbria at Pleasington

The day before the match the weather had been dreadful, but we managed to complete all the matches without getting wet! The result was 5 - 2 to Lancashire.

Lancashire v Yorkshire at Pleasington

Once again we were very lucky with the weather and all the matches were completed just before the rain started. Yorkshire are the current Richardson Trophy Champions and had begun their defence of their title with a resounding win over Northumberland so we knew that we had a difficult task ahead of us. The match was very close, but in the end Lancashire triumphed 4 - 3.



Lancashire v Cheshire at Pleasington Golf Club

The weather for the practice day and the match was blisteringly hot. Cheshire have such a strong team that we knew that somehow we had to win if we were to have any chance of keeping our Richardson Trophy hopes alive. Against the odds, we won 4 - 3. There were some wonderful performances, but the pivotal shot was undoubtedly Fiona Anderson's punched 5 iron second shot out of a divot to the 17th green. At the time Fiona was all square, and it was clear that the winner of this match would secure the winning point for her team. The shot was on line for the pin, and went in, to make Fiona one up on the 18th tee. A half in 5 on the last amid unbearable tension from all who were watching was enough for Fiona, and for Lancashire to secure the win.



Lancashire v Northumberland at Ponteland and Lancashire v Durham at Seaton Carew

Having won all our home matches against Cumbria, Yorkshire (last year's Champions) and Cheshire, (whose team included 4 of this year's Jamboree Team), our hopes were high as we motored up to the North East for 4 days to play Northumberland and Durham. Our first match was against Northumberland at Ponteland, which was the venue for the 2010 Northern Vets Championship. A number of the games were close, but in the end it was Northumberland who won, $4\frac{1}{2} - 2\frac{1}{2}$. This was a huge disappointment for the team and our supporters, but the team managed to raise themselves two days later at Seaton Carew to beat Durham, who have in the past been our nemesis, $4\frac{1}{2} - 2\frac{1}{2}$.

We have since heard that Cheshire beat Cumbria 6 - 1, which means that Cheshire have won the Richardson Trophy on countback of individual matches won. Congratulations to Cheshire.

Friendly Matches

LGGA v Lancashire Vets at West Lancashire on Friday 12th April - Result $3\frac{1}{2} - 1\frac{1}{2}$

The Vets team were well and truly up against a very strong Girls' team, a number of whom had played in the Faldo series held at West Lancashire earlier that week. Although the eventual result was a resounding win for the Girls, two of the individual matches were very close, with Penny Thompson and Linda Noblett losing on the 18th and Carmel Hall and Helen Braddock halving their match.



WNC v Lancashire Vets at Abergele G.C. on 26th April - Result - WNC 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$

The weather was bitterly cold but our girls played some very good golf and this was a great result for LCVLGA. In the top match Chris Stokes and Sue Warrington beating the experienced pairing of Anne Lewis

and Chris Wheatley 6&4. Carol Helme and Linda Noblett won 6&5, and Helen Braddock and Trudy Hubbard halved their match. Pauline Briscoe and Tracey Bentley lost 4&3.





