

## Richardson Trophy Matches 2018

Cheshire won the Richardson Trophy for the 3rd year in succession, but Lancashire came a very creditable second, with 23 points to Yorkshire's 20 points. Congratulations to all the team!

Date	Day	Venue	County	Result
4th - 5th June	Mon - Tues	Kendal	Cumbria	4 - 3
11th June	Monday	Hesketh	Northumberland	5.5 - 1.5
25th June	Monday	Hesketh	Durham	7 - 0
12th - 13th July	Thurs - Fri	Woodsome Hall	Yorkshire	3 - 4
26th - 27th July	Thurs - Fri	Sandiway	Cheshire	3.5 - 3.5

### LCSLGA v Cheshire at Sandiway Golf Club

The hot and humid conditions returned with a vengeance for our match against Cheshire at the beautiful Sandiway golf club. The parched brown fairways with endless run, contrasted by the emerald greens like oases in a desert, provided the sternest of examinations for the players today.

And what a match we had. A clear win was essential to give us any chance of claiming the Richardson Trophy, but in the end the match was halved. It almost felt like a win. Janet Melville claimed her point on the 18th after quite a battle, and two other notable scalps were taken by Chris Appleby and Carol Helme. Ann Lowe, who was slightly injured on the wrist by a stray ball on practice day, secured a valiant half. Predictably, Caroline Berry, Sue Dye, and Cath Rawthore displayed their considerable talent and experience, and extinguished any hope we may have held for a notable victory.

Congratulations Cheshire on retaining the Trophy, but we brought our game to you today and didn't lose.

Now we turn our attention to the Jamboree at Hexham Golf Club on 6th-9th August. A strong contingent from Lancashire will be cheering on players from Cheshire, Yorkshire, Durham and Cumbria. Individually we strive to best each other every year and always will, but together **WE ARE THE NORTH.**





### **LCSLGA v Yorkshire at Woodsome Hall Golf Club**

A change of weather, and a change of fortune for Lancashire Seniors today at Woodsome Hall near Huddersfield. What a fabulous venue, steeped in history, and a magnificent setting for any big event, let alone a golf match. In persistent drizzle and then steady rain, we lost the first 4 matches due to some great golf by Yorkshire, most notably by Pat Wrightson, who played almost flawless golf to give Yorkshire a very early point. Then, the skies cleared, the temperature rose, and the tail of the red rose county started to wag. Gritty performances in the last 3 matches gave us the best result we could have hoped for i.e. a 4-3 loss.

Now we look forward to our match against Cheshire at Sandiway on 27th July, resolute and determined to give it our very best shot. Thanks, Yorkshire, for your superb hospitality, and the tough but fair and friendly encounter we always expect.



## **LCSLGA v Durham at Hesketh Golf Club**

Monday 25th June, another scorcher at Hesketh Golf Club. The golf was pretty hot too, with Lancashire Seniors being just too good on the day, against Durham, who were without some key players. Whilst spectators wilted on the sidelines, we delivered a 7 - 0 win to our Captain, who kept confidence high by selecting an unchanged team.

Off to Yorkshire next for our match at Woodsome Hall on 13th July. Can't imagine the course will resemble this scene of the 18th at Hesketh.



## **LCSLGA v Northumberland at Hesketh Golf Club**

The fabulous weather continued, but the dry bouncy conditions provided a very stern test for the match against Northumberland. Ultimately, Lancashire coped rather better than their opponents, and won the match 5 and a half to 1 and a half. A seemingly easy win on paper, but I witnessed a few battles out there, not least the top match, after a bizarre drive on the 18th which looked hopelessly lost off the tee, and was found very short but in the middle of the fairway. The Northumberland Champion went on to drain a 20 footer to halve her match with Janet Melville. A valiant half if ever I saw one.

Superb hospitality as usual from Hesketh. We welcome Durham on 25th June, so can't wait to see more exciting golf!



## Cumbria v LCSLGA at Kendal Golf Club



The 1st hole at Kendal, beautiful to look at, exhausting to climb (for me at any rate). Ok I had a buggy! A great match against the lovely ladies of Cumbria Vets on a spectacular day. Surprising anyone could concentrate considering the panoramic views. Twists and turns, dramatic come backs, and surprise surprise, a last hole, last match thriller. Rarely does it come down to this, but a heartbreaking missed putt for Cumbria gave the red rose county a 4-3 win. If this is the sign of things to come in the RT series, your correspondent will need tranquilisers.





## Friendly Matches 2018

Date	Day	Venue	County	Result
21st April	Saturday	Ashton & Lea	WNC	<u>2 - 2</u>
29th April	Sunday	West Lancashire	Lancashire B	<u>Lost 3 - 1</u>

To see the full results for the 2 Friendly Matches click on the 2 Results above.

### LCSLGA v WNC at Ashton and Lea



### Lancashire "B" Team v LCSLGA







Dates (inc Practice Day)	Event	Venue	County
21st - 24th May	NCVLGA Championship	Stockport	Cheshire
6th - 9th August	Jamboree	Hexham	Northumberland