

2015 Championship and Silver Meeting

Hesketh Golf Club - 6th - 8th May



Silver Meeting Results

Best Gross and President's Prize: Christine Stokes 80

1st Nett Penny Beckett, 89-15=74

2nd Nett Carol Sunderland 96-18=78 on cpo

3rd Nett Maggie Ayers 85-7=78

4th Nett Carol Helme 85-6=79

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Championship Matchplay Rounds

In the semi finals Chris Stokes beat Ann Lowe in an exciting match which went to the 19th. Chris Appleby beat last year's Champion Carol Helme, who was not having the best of games. The final was played in wet conditions which got worse and worse as time went on. The match was nip and tuck from the very beginning, with both Chris's exchanging holes on the 6th and 7th in birdies. After an uncharacteristic 6

from Chris Appleby on the 8th hole, Chris Stokes went 2up, but this lead was short lived when Chris Appleby birdied the 9th to go back to 1 down.

By this time the rain was starting to hammer down and a missed putt by Chris Stokes on the 10th and difficulty getting out of the bunker on the right of the 11th green led to a 1up lead to Chris Appleby. Two halves followed on the 12th and 13th, but on the 14th Chris Stokes's putt to level the match lipped in and out of the hole. On the 15th Chris Appleby played the shot of the match. Both girls had driven right of centre, and had difficult shots over the bank on the right short of the green. Chris Appleby played first, starting her shot left of centre, and bringing it back onto the green, no more than 15 feet from the hole. Chris Stokes was even further right, but didn't make the green and went 2 down with 3 to play.

By this time the 16th green was going under water and the Head Greenkeeper, Peter McVicar and his staff were squeegeeing the green to ensure that play could continue. Both girls hit the green and halved the hole in 3, so it was on to the 17th with Chris Stokes dormy 2 down. Neither Chris managed to stay on the 17th green for 3, and again the green had to be squeegeed, which left both players with very tricky chip shots in the conditions. Both girls played excellent chip shots, leaving putts of no more than 4 feet. Chris Appleby putted first for the match, but her putt slipped by, and then Chris Stokes holed for a gutsy five to take the match down the 18th.

The Green staff had gone ahead to clear the 18th green, large parts of which were no under water. Neither player made the green in 3 but the advantage was definitely with Chris Appleby. Both girls pitched onto the green and after Chris Stokes missed an outside chance of a 5, Chris Appleby putted dead to win the Championship. Congratulations go to both girls for a superb match and to the Green Staff for managing to keep the course playable.