

## 2017 Championship and Silver Meeting



The Championship and Silver Meeting commenced at Royal Lytham and St Annes Golf Club on Sunday 23rd April. We are very grateful to Royal Lytham for hosting our Championship. The results of the qualifying round and Silver Meeting are below:

Results	Name	Gross	H'cap	Nett
Best Gross and President's Prize	Janet Melville Royal Birkdale	80		
1st Nett	Jane Rogers Formby Ladies	84	9	75
2nd Nett	Maura Hindley Bolton Lostock	88	12	76
3rd Nett	Carmel Hall Ashton and Lea	84	7	77
4th Nett	Carole Waddington Fairhaven	90	12	78 CPO
*5th Nett	Tracey Bentley Clitheroe	84	6	78
*5th place mentioned for England Golf Non Qualifying Away Scores				



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The weather for the Qualifying round and the Silver Meeting was windy but warm and sunny. The course was in superb condition and the greens were majestic but very slick. Scores had to be made on the front nine as the back nine was largely into the wind which made scoring very tough. Janet Melville won the best gross and the President's Prize with a gross 80 and the next best gross was 84 from Tracey Bentley, Carmel Hall and Jane Rogers.

The weather for the matchplay stages became windier and windier and colder and colder, with some exciting matches both morning and afternoon on the Monday. In the semi finals Janet played Jane Rogers, and played superbly to win 6&5. Helen played Tracey Bentley and they had a humdinger of a match, going to the 19th where Helen closed out her opponent. The final was very exciting, with Helen striking the

first blow by winning the first hole. Janet levelled the score at the par 3 5th, and looked as if she might go 1 up at the 6th, but her putt slipped by.

By the time the players reached the 11th Janet was 3 up, but anything can happen on the back nine, and Helen holed a good putt to go back to 2 down. The girls exchanged holes on the 12th and 13th so Janet was still 2 up on the 14th. By this time it looked as if the weather, which was brutal, was starting to take its toll, as both players got into trouble on the 14th. Both of them managed to get out of trouble, though, and the 14th was halved. Helen made good contact with her drive on the 15th, but she cut it and ended up in the bunker down the right. Janet went left, but had a good lie in the rough. Helen could only chip out and then had to go for the green, but found the bunker short right of the green. Janet hit an immaculate second just short of the green and this was good enough to win the hole and make Janet dormy three up. Both girls hit tee shots right of centre and into the semi rough, and both girls hit very good second shots, but it was advantage Janet, as she put her second just short of the green, and ultimately it was Janet's Championship.

Congratulations go to both girls for an excellent final played in very difficult conditions. Many thanks go to Royal Lytham for the standard of the course and to all the members who started the players off or spotted on the first day of the  
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