

2019 Championship and Silver Meeting

The 2019 Championship and Silver Meeting was held at the West Lancashire Golf Club from 8th to 10th May. This was the 71st LCLGA Championship and the course provided a great test of golf for the 88 players who took part.

The Silver Meeting, which is also the qualifying round for the Championship was held on 8th May and the best gross and President's Prize was won by Ann Lowe of Royal Birkdale with a great score in the testing conditions of 78. The best net was won by Gill Jolleys of Penwortham with an excellent 75. The full results of the Silver Meeting are below along with the results of the Championship matchplay stages on 9th and 10th May.

The top 16 qualifiers for the match play stages provided some very exciting and close matches the next morning with one match going to the 3rd extra hole and another decided after one extra hole. In the afternoon all the matches were close, exciting, and could have gone either way.

In the first semi final on Friday morning Janet Melville, defending champion over the last two years, beat Fiona Anderson, Champion in 2008 and 2012. Janet started off with 2 birdies and this was the crucial difference in the match which Janet won on the 17th. In the second semi final, Carol Helme, Champion in 2014, played Tracey Bentley, semi finalist in 2017. This match was too close to call and went to the 22nd hole before Carol finally emerged victorious.

The final was a rerun of 2014 and the match ebbed and flowed. When Janet went one up at the 17th it looked as if the match could be over, but Carol made a very gritty par on the 18th to go to the first extra hole. Janet, however, closed the door by parring the 10th, and was once again Champion, for the third time in succession.



