

On the Wednesday 4th May 2022 we registered 85 members to play in the Championship and Silver Meeting. The weather was reasonable with a few rain showers and a strong wind making life on the links a bit tougher. The best gross score of 79 was posted by Ann Lowe (Royal Birkdale) and Carol Helme (Bolton Old Links) with Ann taking the President's Prize on a card play off.

The top 16 qualifying gross scores went through to the knockout stages on Thursday 5th May 2022. The weather conditions were perfect, with sunshine, warm temperatures and virtually no wind. The matches were competitive and played in good spirits and were all very closely fought.

It was a pleasure to walk around the golf course and watch the matches and see the high standards of golf on show.

On Friday 6th May 2022 we commenced the semi-finals at 9am. The weather had changed again with rain and strong winds forecast. Chris Stokes (Clitheroe GC) played the current champion, Sharon Eales (Royal Birkdale). They played some great golf with the short game skills being a deciding factor on a number of holes. The match was concluded on the 15th with Sharon reaching the final for the second year in succession. In the second semi final match, Sara Fitzgerald (Ormskirk GC) played Clare McLeod (Gt Harwood GC). Again we saw some great golf with Sara winning the match on the 17th hole. The final was played in the afternoon with Sharon and Sara playing some outstanding golf. The conditions made it tough but hole after hole we saw them make greens in regulation and par golf. The standard of play was excellent and eventually Sharon secured the match on the 15th hole.

Congratulations go to Sharon on winning the Championship for the second year running. Well done also to Sara on reaching the final.

As Captain of the LCSLGA I was immensely proud of the whole event and received many positive comments and favourable feedback from members.

My sincere thanks go on record to Hesketh GC for hosting the Championship. The golf course was in great condition and the provision of catering services and the administrative organisation was excellent. My thanks also to the Lady Captain, Hesketh GC for her support throughout the championship.

Thanks to all the players, the qualifiers and finalists for participating and congratulations to the winners of the nett prizes.

On a final note, congratulations to Sharon our 2022 Champion.

Best Regards
Carmel