

Championship and Silver Meeting - Formby Ladies' Golf Club - 30th April to 2nd May 2012.

After the torrential downpour on Sunday, which saw the 18th green on Formby Golf Club and the practice putting green almost completely under water, Monday, the qualifying day, was a beautiful warm day. Although the forecast was for rain on Tuesday, Formby missed the bad weather, and this continued for the semi-finals and final.

The President's Prize for the best gross in the qualifying round was won by Penny Thompson from West Lancashire Golf Club with 77. The best nett was won by Penny Prest from Pleasington Golf Club with a 74 nett. Chris Stokes (Clitheroe) and the 2011 Champion took the 2nd nett, the 3rd nett was won by Mary Finch from Ormskirk, and the 4th nett by Sandra Woodcock from Haydock Park.

There was some great golf in the earlier rounds from Ann Lowe (Royal Birkdale), who beat Jeanette Williams (Pleasington) the 2009 Champion on the last hole in the morning and from Chris Stokes (Clitheroe) the 2011 Champion, and Carmel Hall (Penwortham), with Carmel just pipping Chris on the last. Both semi-finals on Wednesday morning saw strong performances from Helen Braddock (Bolton Old Links) who beat Penny Thompson, and from Fiona Anderson, who beat Ann Lowe.

In the afternoon final, Fiona produced some immaculate golf to secure the 2012 LCVLGA Championship. Even the rare stray shots managed to evade the wicked heather and the attractive yet lethal gorse. Completely at home, Fiona made a comfortable par at the first and really never looked back. A nervy start by Helen Braddock gave Fiona a 2 up cushion early on, and only tenacious putts for halves kept Helen within striking distance. Fiona did wobble in the middle of the round, three putting the 9th and losing the 10th and 11th, but she regained her 3 up lead at the 12th. Still 3 up after the 13th, Fiona holed a long birdie putt on the 14th to slam the door firmly shut and put the match out of Helen's reach.

The handshake came on 15, after a great drive from Fiona was followed by a six iron to the heart of the green, and Helen was unable to escape a fairway bunker in three. A smile from Helen, a gracious loser, but what a great Championship she has had. Some great golf on the way and hopefully she will take this experience with her to the Northern Veteran Ladies' Championship in a couple of weeks.

Formby Ladies' came up trumps this week in all departments, particularly the golf course, which was immaculate and prepared to the most exacting standards. As for our Captain Jane Rogers, to quote the great Julie Andrews, or more correctly, Rogers (not Jane) and Hammerstein, "Somewhere in my youth or childhood, I must have done something good."

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LCVLGA CHAMPIONSHIP at Formby Ladies
Fiona Anderson keeps her head down to beat Ann Lowe in the Semi-Final



LCVLGA CHAMPIONSHIP at Formby Ladies
Helen Braddock on her way to beating Penny Thompson in the Semi-Final



LCVLGA CHAMPIONSHIP at Formby Ladies
Ann Lowe keeps her head down during her Semi-Final match with Fiona Anderson



LCVLGA CHAMPIONSHIP at Formby Ladies
Consternation on the face of Penny Thompson in her Semi-Final match with Helen Braddock

