



# ENGLISH SENIOR

## Women's Stroke Play Championship

Preston Golf Club played host to the cream of senior amateur golf when it hosted the English Senior Women's Strokeplay Championship (20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023).

The list of players who entered the tournament include the defending champion, Sophie Ducrey (from Switzerland), as well as several former winners – Tracey Williamson (2021), Jane Rees (2020), Aileen Greenfield (2019), Jackie Foster (2016 & 17) & Catherine Rawthore (2014). Also in the field were the Senior Champions of Lancashire, Jill McGhie and the Northern Counties, Catherine Rawthore.

A handful of international players made the trip to Lancashire, including the World Number one Senior Amateur Woman, Nadene Gole (from Australia),

In total 28 Lancashire ladies entered the event, 13 playing in the Championship and 15 in the Handicap Tournament.

On Day 1 Susan Caton (Pleasington) & Sara Fitzgerald (Ormskirk) started the event teeing off at 7am, on what turned out to be a wet morning. However, by lunchtime the rain stopped, the sun came out and remained so for the rest of the tournament. The course was in excellent condition despite the hot & dry weather over the previous few weeks. A huge thank you to Course Manager, Jonny Roberts, and his staff & volunteers. The condition of the course was universally acclaimed by the players.

The Handicap tournament, played over 2 days, was won by Gill Jolleys (Penwortham) with a net score of 145 (1 under par) and the runner up was Bet Burns (Penwortham) just 1 shot behind. In 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Andrea Robinson (Blackburn). In fact, the top 5 placings were all Lancashire Ladies.

The Championship, played over 3 days, was won by Cath Rawthore (Sale) with a gross score of 216 (3 under par) and the runner up was Karin Luxon (Switzerland) with a score of 220. In 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Kerry Smith (Waterlooville) who is the current English Senior Women's Match Play Champion. 9 Lancashire players made the cut and Susan Caton (Pleasington) & Sara Fitzgerald (Ormskirk) had the highest finish tied 21. Sara, Susan, Carol Helme (Bolton Old Links) and Jeanette Williams (Pleasington) were the highest placed Lancashire Ladies in their age categories. For more information click on the link below.

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