

Cumbria Ladies County Golf Association

May 2017 Newsletter



I cannot believe we're into June already – where is this year going? The month of May was jam packed with lots of golf and unfortunately I only have four pages to cover everything that has happened – I could have easily filled eight. Hope you enjoy. CC Jo Tinsley

County Championships – a festival of Golf

On 30 May to 1 June 2017, players from all over the county travelled to Kendal Golf Club to compete in our County Championships. This year, for the first time, the Bronze Championship was integrated into the three days to make the event a festival of Cumbria Ladies Golf.

On Tuesday 30 May, the first of the two qualifying rounds for the County Strokeplay Championship got underway in the morning which was also the competing round for the Girls' Junior Championship. The best 16 results of the Strokeplay Championship also qualified for the Matchplay stage of the County Championship. Some excellent scores in round 1 – Sarah Cousins (Ulverston GC) returning a score of Gross 71. Unfortunately the weather in the afternoon turned very wet but didn't spoil too many cards and again some excellent scores. Sarah managed to hang on to her morning lead and won the Strokeplay Championship with a 71/76/147 total. The Girls' Championship was won by Harriet Barker (Carus Green GC). Harriet also won the County Strokeplay Championship Best Nett with Katie Sibley (Carlisle GC) 2nd. Day two of the Championships saw the sun shine and blue skies. The eight Matchplay pairings were on the tee at 9am. The seeded draw saw some tough pairings in the morning session and matches could have gone either way. Making the final eight were Sarah Cousins v Rosie Waller (Kendal GC); Abby Roper (Seascale GC) v Nic Wood (Windermere/Gosforth Park); Katie Sibley v Natasha Slater (Ulverston GC); Harriet Barker v Rebecca McIntyre (Carlisle GC). One match was decided on the 18th and another on the 19th hole.

On the final day we had two very exciting semi-finals Sarah Cousins played Abby Roper with Sarah winning on the 20th hole. Abby's drive on the 20th just ran out of fairway and was so unlucky but the match really could have gone either way. Natasha Slater played Harriet Barker and again holes were being halved in birdies. Natasha just edged her way in front and kept her cool especially when Harriet sunk a 40 foot putt on the 15th for a birdie to take the match down the 16th, ultimately Natasha winning. So in an all Ulverston Final, spectators were treated to top flight golf on what had become an extremely windy afternoon. In a match full of birdies - Natasha again just got herself in front and managed to hold on. Sarah was really unlucky to hit her drive on 15th just into OB and eventually conceded the hole to Natasha and the match.

Congratulations Natasha - Cumbria's 2017 County Champion with Runner-up Sarah Cousins. Thanks again to Kendal Golf Club who were outstanding both on and off the course. CC Jo



**Natasha Slater –
Ulverston Golf Club**

**Cumbria Ladies County
Golf Association –
County Champion 2017**



Sarah Cousins (Ulverston GC) – CLCGA – Strokeplay Champion 2017



Harriet Barker (Carus Green GC) – CLCGA – Girls' Champion 2017

Northern Counties Match Week – Cumbria Team 2017

I am delighted to announce the team representing Cumbria at the 2017 Northern Counties Match Week at Morecambe Golf Club from Monday 19 June to Friday 23 June as:

Natasha Slater (Ulverston GC) – County Champion

Harriet Barker (Carus Green GC)

Sarah Cousins (Ulverston GC)

Abby Roper (Seascale GC)

Katie Sibley (Carlisle GC)

Hannah Smith (Silloth GC)

Mel Temple (Seascale GC)

Caitlin Whitehead (Kendal GC)

Nic Wood (Windermere GC)

Ellie Broome & Yolanda Metcalfe (both Kirkby Lonsdale GC) – non-travelling reserves



County President Marion; County Vice-Captain Carole, the team and CC Jo are looking forward to seeing lots of yellow at Morecambe – Come on Cumbria!

Pauline defends Bronze Championship Title

On day two of the Championships, Cumbria Bronze players arrived at Kendal Golf Club and were welcomed with a glorious day for golf. The format also changed this year – for a player to be in contention for the Bronze Championship – they must return a full medal score. However, a second Stableford competition was also being run in parallel – so if any player decided to pick up one any one particular hole – they still had a chance of winning a prize. Players are also entered into the Olive Coulthard Team Trophy – a team of four but with the best three scores to count. And if that wasn't enough – there was also a nearest the pin!

I am delighted to report that Pauline Sill, Kendal Golf Club defended her title and was again the CLCGA Bronze Champion. Congratulations Pauline – who had a magnificent Gross 90. In the Stableford competition, Margaret Phillip, Kendal Golf Club was first with 36 points and on a CPO of 34 points (from Lyn Bond & Jenny Whalley, both Kendal GC), Lady Captain of Kendal Golf Club Sheena Leack was 2nd. The Vets prize went to Nancy Stock, Kendal Golf Club with 31 points and the Olive Coulthard Trophy went to Pauline Sill, Maria Baker, Lyn Bond and Margaret Phillip with 109 points. To top off an extremely successful day – Pauline even took home the nearest the pin competition. Well done to everyone who participated.



U18s vs Northumberland U18s

The U18s travelled to Prudhoe Golf Club on 21 May to play their annual friendly against Northumberland. The Cumbria girls got stuck in straight away with some early leads. At the half-way point, a number of matches could have gone either way but our girls dug in and CJO Belinda was delighted with the final result 5.5 to 2.5. A great win for the girls and well captained by Emily Smith!



County Championships Team Event

In our final event run over the three days of the County Championships, the team of three competition, we had a fantastic turn out. It was lovely to see such a full clubhouse on the Thursday evening so thank you all. The winners were:

- 1st with 76 points (CPO) – Vanessa Brennand, Pam Lear and Carol Nicholson, Kendal GC
- 2nd with 76 points – Julie North, Joyce Hartley and Shaz Walker Clements, Kendal GC
- 3rd with 73 points – Chris Burton, Pat Barton and Lorraine Morrison, Dunnerholme GC



Fantastic support for Annual Mixed 4BBB

On Saturday 13 May we held our annual Mixed 4BBB at Eden Golf Club. 48 couples donned windproofs and set off – and we are pleased to report all players returned safe and sound and still speaking to each other!

Although it looked like the day could have been a wash out – the wind blew away the rain but then made testing conditions. An early score from Gillian Spedding and her father Ian Spedding, Brampton Golf Club set the benchmark with 42 points and as couples returned one after the other it looked like their early lead would take the day. With only two 41 points getting anywhere near their score – they returned to the club victorious for the prizegiving. Full results:

- 1st Gillian Spedding & Ian Spedding, Brampton Golf Club – 42 points
- 2nd Richard Hellon & Carol Slinger, Penrith Golf Club – 41 points (CPO)
- 3rd Peter & Joan Britland, Eden Golf Club – 41 points
- 4th Niki Tebbutt & Adam Aitken, Carlisle Golf Club – 38 points (CPO)
- Nearest the Pin on 9th Hole (Men) – Peter Britland
- Nearest the Pin on 13th Hole (Ladies) – Gillian Spedding



The next U18s match will take place at Cockermouth Golf Club on Sunday 2nd July against Durham U18s – All Welcome!

Dates for your Diary:

- 15 June – 1DTT – Appleby GC
- 19 – 23 June – Northern Counties Match Week – Morecambe GC
- 3 July – Cecil Leitch 5 Club Final – Dunnerholme GC
- 10 July – County 4BBB – Seascale GC
- 17 July – Summer Meeting – Brampton GC
- 2 – 3 August – Northern Counties Junior Jamboree – Carlisle GC

We realise that there are so many events to support – even if you can only enter one – we really do appreciate it!

All entry forms available on County website:

www.cumbria-lcga.co.uk

Congratulations Caitlin!

Over the weekend of 27/28 May, Caitlin Whitehead was called up to play in the U16s England team against Spain U16s. The event took place at Preston Golf Club which was in immaculate condition. CC Jo and CJO Belinda made the trip on the Saturday to support Caitlin and were treated to spectacular golf. Caitlin and her playing partner Mimi just narrowly lost their foursomes match in the morning 2down and after a delay to the singles due to a thunderstorm, Caitlin started her round with a spring in her step and immediately went 2 up. Never putting a foot wrong, Caitlin closed the game out on the 14th to win 5&4! England won overall (without even needing to play the last set of singles). Well done Caitlin!

