

Cumbria Ladies County Golf Association

June 2017 Newsletter



Well June certainly went by with a blur but what a month it was. It was dominated by two of our biggest events – the 1 Day Team Trophy and Northern Counties Match Week both of which are featured in my newsletter this month. I hope you enjoy. CC Jo Tinsley

One Day Team Trophy

One of the highlights in the Association's calendar is the 1DTT. This event is always held at the County Captain's home club so therefore this year Appleby Golf Club had the honour of hosting. The salvers were first presented in 1982 and having looked at the history of the event, Windermere were the first to 'win' the gross prize however having contravened Rule 1, Appleby were awarded the prize. So, no pressure Appleby, it would be nice for a home win!

Even though I'd been on my prayer mat the weather wasn't as good as I had hoped and definitely made conditions difficult. I absolutely love this team event – it brings together the majority of our clubs 'under one roof' and a great place to catch up with old (and new) golfing friends. The caddies and supporters definitely adding to the team camaraderie.

Players started on the tee at 8.44am and the last ones were off at 1.52pm. The last few unfortunately getting a little bit damp and everyone looking windswept.

Thanks to the two birthday girls who decided to spend the day at Appleby – Elaine Bradley from Penrith GC and also Joan Cresswell, Barrow GC – lovely to see you both on your special day!

Looking at the results, it would seem that the earlier players had the better weather (although they might not agree!) with some good scores.

Team Gross – Carlisle Golf Club

Team Nett – Carus Green Golf Club

Individual Gross – Harriet Barker, Carus Green Golf Club

Individual Nett – Rosie Waller, Kendal Golf Club

Thanks to the Lady Captain, Nicky Baxter of Appleby Golf Club and all of the Appleby ladies for making the day the success it was, I seriously couldn't have done it without you! *(More photos on county website)*



Northern Counties Match Week – Morecambe Golf Club 19 to 23 June 2017

Well what a week that was! I am delighted to report as your County Captain, that Cumbria finished 4th at Northern Counties Match Week. Final placements were:

1st Yorkshire

2nd Lancashire

3rd Cheshire

4th CUMBRIA

5th Northumberland

6th Durham

DAY 1 - LANCASHIRE

The week started off on a high – both in terms of weather and our spirits. This year, we had 3 rookies on the team, Harriet Barker (Carus Green), Abby Roper (Seascale) and Katie Sibley (Carlisle) and I knew they were going to be such a fantastic addition to our more experienced team members. Our first match was against Lancashire on Monday. Home advantage to them but our own supporters didn't let us down and we had lots of yellow on the course. We walked off the course at lunchtime 1.5-1.5 in the foursomes. Fantastic result with new pairing of Mel Temple and Abby Roper taking half a point. Natasha Slater and Hannah Smith once again proved to be a formidable pairing taking a point from Beth Garton and Nicola Rawlinson. In the afternoon, some tough singles with 2 matches going to the 18th. Sarah Cousins dug in and gained us a valuable point but each year our matches are going further and further.

DAY 2 – CHESHIRE

Historically we have always been weaker in foursomes but with all the preparation off the course with our valuable practice



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matches against the Vets team; Carlisle Scratch team; Cumbria Senior team; our results in foursomes has steadily improved and we are taking more points. Tuesday was no exception against Cheshire and with steady eddies Natasha/Hannah winning their match 2 and 1 and Caitlin Whitehead/Sarah Cousins winning theirs also 2 and 1 we went into lunch in the lead. In the afternoon, Cheshire brought out their big guns and as much as we tried to hold on, they proved the stronger team. However, Abby Roper, who had learned so much from her match the day before, excelled in her match and beat her opponent 6 and 5! Her first singles win under her belt. Well done Abby. Natasha managed to secure a ½ in her match so final result 5.5 to Cheshire / 3.5 to Cumbria. I have to say that 3 of our matches ended on the 17th so again we're closing the gap.

DAY 3 – YORKSHIRE

Wednesday – middle of the week – and regardless of who you play it is always a tough day as tiredness sets in. And with yet another hot day forecast we were already up against it. We managed to secure a ½ point in the morning thanks to Harriet Barker and Nic Wood, a great game and well deserved ½. In the afternoon, Sarah was out first for us and with two down and two to play hit a tremendous approach to the 17th – pin high. She sunk a fabulous putt for a win – and back to 1 down. Cool and focused, Sarah secured her par which was enough to win her the hole and get a half in her match! Caitlin went out in the middle of the pack and unfortunately drew

Rochelle Morris (Curtis Cup player). However, the match turned out to be some of the best golf of the week. They halved the 10th hole with eagles! Even though Caitlin lost on the 18th hole – she was 6 under for her round – just amazing golf. So our final result against Yorkshire was 8 to 1 however their coach (and England National coach) said the result did not reflect the standard of our golf.



County President Marion and County Vice-Captain Carole watching Hannah Smith on the 5th hole – playing Mia Eales-Smith of Yorkshire on what turned out to be the hottest afternoon of the week!

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DAY 4 – DURHAM

Thankfully the weather on Thursday was cooler so that we could really focus on the job in hand. Everyone had been rested at some point during the week so that we were up to full strength for Thursday and Friday. The morning foursomes couldn't have been a better start – out first were Nic and Harriet and they were really unlucky to lose 2-1. Sarah and Caitlin reversed that point and won their match 2-1. Going down the last Natasha/Hannah were All Square. Both pairings just short of the green with Durham to putt first. Their player didn't get their ball to the hole and left at least 3 feet for par. Both Natasha and Hannah had a look at the line, Hannah to putt – straight in the hole!! What a fantastic putt and a win! So lunch over – we're back on the tee with 2 points to 1. Abby Roper out first and with a tremendous low scoring match against Briony Bayles – Briony just edged in front and won 2-1. Katie Sibley secured her first singles win 3-2 – congratulations Katie! Natasha beat Jessica Hall on the 18th – great win and another point to Cumbria, Caitlin's match also went up 18 and she managed to secure another point winning 1 up. Sarah bringing up the rear did it again and got our final point – Durham 3 – Cumbria 6! Quiet team meal on Thursday night and to re-focus for final day.

DAY 5 – NORTHUMBERLAND

One more day to go and considering we started the week in shorts we were ending the week in our new county woolly hats and waterproofs. In fact, format for day's

play changed. Morning foursomes reduced to 9 holes to allow time for rain to stop but enough time for singles. We played the back 9 holes, Natasha/Hannah secured ½ in their foursomes match, new pairing of Abby and Katie got their first foursomes win (1up) and Caitlin/Sarah lost 2-1. Happy with 1.5-1.5 going into lunch. In the afternoon singles – all 5 of our juniors were named in the team. 3.5 points would secure the match for us. Harriet got us off to excellent start winning her match 5-4. Out next, Sarah's opponent just got out in front and managed to hang on to win 3-1. Katie who fought all the way just lost on the last, 1 down. Natasha and Caitlin won their matches (2-1 and 3-2 respectively) so it came down to the last match on the course to secure a win for us. Abby, all square going down 18, found the fairway with her drive. Her second shot just went through the back of the green but her opponent put her second in the front bunker. Great shot out of the bunker but again just through the back of the green. Abby to putt first and just rolled past the hole for one of those putts we all know and wish we'd just lagged. Her opponent very nearly holed her 4th shot from back of green but lipped out. Abby stood over her putt with all the air of a true professional and straight in the hole! Just amazing! Final result Cumbria 5.5 – Northumberland 3.5.

I cannot stress enough how proud County President Marion, County Vice-Captain Carole and I were of our Cumbria team – so impressed and looking so good for the future of Cumbria golf.

