

# Cumbria Ladies County Golf Association

## Aug/Sept/Oct 2017 Newsletter



Wow – what a journey. I can't believe my year in office is nearly over and what a year I have had. There have been so many highs and, with all such jobs, one or two lows but I went into this role determined to enjoy the year and I have. I have witnessed the growth and development of our talented squad, seen the next generation of juniors starting their journey at the fun days, made so many new friends and thoroughly enjoyed playing so many of our fantastic Cumbria courses. I have been made so welcome wherever I have journeyed – we have an amazing county. I would like to thank everyone who has played in our opens, volunteered at events, donated a raffle prize, bought a raffle ticket, supported the county team, trolley pulled, mums/dads/grandmas and granddads for your never ending free taxi services, all the members of the county executive for backing me 100% and last but not least, my fantastic family, Steve, Zak & Jake for supporting me throughout. I am looking forward to getting back to my golf next year so hope to see you all on the course!

CC Jo Tinsley



## ENGLAND GOLF – CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

In 2016, England Golf introduced the 'Champion of Champions' event where all county champions were invited to play for the national title at Woodhall Spa. They also introduced, at the same time, the Girls County Champion of Champions.

In May this year, Natasha Slater (Ulverston Golf Club) - pictured left - became Cumbria Ladies County Champion and Harriet Barker (Carus Green GC) – pictured bottom left - won the Girls Championship so they were automatically invited to represent our county. On 16 September, both Natasha and Harriet set off on their rounds around the Bracken course. In the Girls Championship, Harriet faced 26 opponents and finished a very credible 11<sup>th</sup> – well done Harriet a fantastic experience for you to build on. Natasha competed against 22 opponents and having navigated her way superbly around the course posted a fantastic Gross 70! Ultimately winning by 3 shots from last year's winner, Cath Roberts (Lancashire). Congratulations Natasha – you have had a fantastic year – so very well deserved. We have been informed that in 2018, England Golf are also introducing the Ladies Vets Champion of Champions.

# NORTHERN COUNTIES JUNIOR JAMBOREE

## CARLISLE GOLF CLUB – 2/3 AUGUST 2017

What a fantastic two days we had at the Northern Counties Junior Jamboree on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August at Carlisle Golf Club. This year, it was Cumbria's turn to host the event. And thanks to Lady Captain Lisa and her team of Carlisle ladies who helped make this event happen and run so seamlessly - you were all amazing.

Other thanks you's to those who made our mini-match week possible - the walkers; referees; catering & bar staff; car park attendants; greens staff (who did a fantastic job of getting the course playable on Thursday in horrendous conditions); the staff in the pro-shop; ICT Technicians; Club Secretary Jo; Anne Nichol for the lovely flowers and anyone else who helped! CJO Belinda presented the club with a framed picture of all the team photos.

Mixed weather - lovely blue sky (eventually) on Wednesday but horrendous start on Thursday resulting in the matchplay competition being played over 9 holes.

Overall Results:

Individual Prizes:

Winner of Best Combined Individual score over the two days - Eleanor Fulton - CUMBRIA

2nd Individual - Chloe Murray - LANCASHIRE

3rd Individual - Megan Williams - LANCASHIRE

And the Team Prize:

1st YORKSHIRE

2nd LANCASHIRE

3rd NORTHUMBERLAND

4th CUMBRIA

5th DURHAM

6th CHESHIRE

Well played to our girls:

Rebecca Davidson (Penrith GC) and Team Captain

Jodie Hodgson (Appleby GC)

Anya McKenzie (Eden GC)

Eleanor Fulton (Eden GC)

Jessica Parker (Kirkby Lonsdale GC)

Tilly Rome (Penrith GC)

The standard of the golf (considering handicap range was 15 to 36) was outstanding. The youngest player (who played for Durham) was 9 years old and already shows the signs of a great future in golf.

One final thanks has to be to our County Junior Organiser - Belinda Rigby - thanks for everything you do for our juniors!!



# Autumn Meeting - Penrith Golf Club

## 18 September 2017

The County's final open event took place Monday 18 September - the Autumn Team Event (team of 3 waltz) - at Penrith Golf Club. Thanks to Penrith for allowing us onto your course and special thanks to the Greens staff for getting the course into superb condition especially after all the recent rain. We had a fantastic turn out - 41 teams (123 players) so THANK YOU everyone who supported the event. And thanks to everyone who very kindly donated a raffle prize and/or bought a raffle ticket - we raised £168.00.

Results were (par points for the competition 72):

1st: Gillian Spedding, Jo Benson & Joyce Gorst - Brampton GC - 80 points

2nd: Carole Story; Lyn Hill & Janet Messenger - Silloth GC - 73 points (CPO)

3rd: Julia Lynn; Chris Reed & Ann Martin - Workington GC - 73 points

4th: Jo Tinsley; Sandra Slee & Margaret Lewis - Appleby GC - 72 points

5th: Kim Colloby; Rowena Lee & Les Archer - Kendal GC - 71 points

Best Front 9 score (not having already won a prize): Julie McFee; Kath Hawthorne & Mandy Burton - Eden GC - 42 points

Best Back 9 score (not having already won a prize): Marion Glassbrook; Shirley Temple & Caroline Wilson - Seascale GC - 38 points

County President Marion & myself sponsored the additional prizes.

Penrith GC also very kindly donated a 4ball for a prize draw and the winners were Jill Alcock; Vera Jackson and Lynn Moll from Keswick Golf Club - thanks again Penrith.



## CONGRATULATIONS!

I am pleased to inform you that Caitlin Whitehead (Kendal GC); Abby Roper (Seascale GC); Harriet Barker (Carus Green GC) have all again been selected for the North of England training programme AND Katie Sibley has been selected to be part of The Advanced Apprenticeship in Sport (AASE) programme –

## WELL DONE GIRLS



## Caitlin continues to impress England selectors.....

I can't not mention the tremendous year Caitlin Whitehead (Kendal GC) has had representing not only her club and county but also at national and international level. Most recently, she was part of the England U16s winning side against Scotland U16s at Montrose GC on 30 September to 1 October (19.5 v 10.5). In May, Belinda Rigby and I travelled to Preston GC to watch her play for England U16s against Spain. We were absolutely thrilled to witness her victory in her singles match – the standard of golf was truly international.

Well done Caitlin!



## HALLOWEEN FUN DAY!

My final golf event took place on Sunday 29 October at the annual Halloween Fun Day. Witches, ghosts, zombies and skeletons took over Carlisle Golf Club – even Pro Graeme Lisle getting completely into character as Count Dracula! We had an amazing turn out – with over 25 junior girls and lots of new faces. My first Halloween fun day was in 2015 and it was quite amazing for me to see the girls who came in 2015 turn up in 2017 at least a foot taller and with some extremely promising talent. I would like to thank our fantastic County Junior Organiser, Belinda Rigby, for working so hard in getting junior girls into golf and into our county coaching structure. Belinda is, and continues to, build firm foundations for the future of our county squad – and I would like to thank you on behalf of all the membership for everything you do. CC Jo



Above left: Great turn out – lots of new faces (underneath the face paint!):

Above: Witches of Eastwick! (aka l to r: Vice-Captain, Carole; CC Jo; County President, Marion and CJO, Belinda

Left: Emily Smith, Junior County Captain 2017 handing over her badge of office to incoming Junior Captain, Katie Sibley. Well done Emily – you have been an amazing Junior Captain.