



**Played at Bolton Golf Club from 28th- 30th May 2017**



## **Tuesday 30 May Championship Match Play Semi-Final & Final**

### Championship Final

The 2 top qualifiers from Sunday and the only past Champions in the field gave the spectators an exhibition of top level ladies' amateur golf played in the best spirit of the game. Beth took an early lead at the 4th but was soon level and edging ahead. Although just 1 up after 11 holes, wins at the 12th, 14th and finally the 15th to win by 4 & 3 to give Catherine her 4th Championship win in 6 years. This also secures her place in the England Golf Champion of Champions competition at Woodhall Spa in September. Catherine won this inaugural event in 2016.

### Semi Finals

Catherine Roberts played excellent golf to ease through to the Final when she beat Georgia Coughlin by 5/4 while Beth Garton and Louisa had a real battle with Beth finally winning by 2 holes .

## **Tuesday 30 May Plate Match Play Semi-Final and Final.**

### Plate Final

Lauren Green played her best golf of the week to set up an early lead. In spite of a great effort by Michelle Feilding this proved too much for her to retrieve and Lauren won by 5/3 to win the 2017 Plate.

### Semi Finals

There were 2 very close matches before Lauren Green beat Beth Greenhalgh on the last green and Michelle Feilding defeated Elaine Clark on the 17th.



## **Monday 29 May Championship Match Play Rounds 1 & 2 .**

The A and B County team players came through the first round to set up some exciting afternoon. Sophie Speariett was all square with Catherine Roberts after 13 holes before losing by 3/2. Georgia Coughlin, having defeated Eloise Healey on the 18th in the morning had to go to the 19th to beat Ana Dawson. Beth Garton and Louisa Brunt eased through their matches.

## **Monday 29 May The Plate Match Play Rounds 1 & 2.**

Some closely fought matches saw top qualifier Beth Greenhalgh reach the semi-final by

defeating Executive member Louise Aspden before accounting for fellow teenager Carina-May Teirney. In the afternoon Lauren Green beat Susan Caton who had been taken to the 21st by young Clarissa Brear in their first round match. Cath Halstead had won at the 20th against Frances Lilley but found Michelle Feilding too tough an opponent in the afternoon. Former Plate winner Elaine Clark eased through 2 rounds defeating Eva Brunskill (Holder) in a tight afternoon match.

### **Sunday 28 May Championship Qualifying Round for Match Play.**

The County Championship qualifiers at Bolton Lostock Golf Club were led by the title holder Catherine Roberts (Pleasington) with a 72 gross. 2010 Champion Beth Garton and England International Louisa Brunt scored 74 with County players Eloise Healey and Ana Dawson with 76 gross the only other players to break 80.

The best nett score of the day was recorded by Sophie Wood with an excellent 70 nett with the course still damp from the recent heavy rain.

### **CSS 75 Counting Competition.**

#### Gross Results.

Catherine Roberts 72  
Bethany Garton, Louisa Brunt 74  
Eloise Healey, Ana Dawson 76  
Boh Greenwood, Alex Forrest, Carole Helm 81  
Sophie Speariett, Maddie Raine, Sarah Riding 82.

#### Nett Results

Sophie Wood 70  
Boh Greenwood, Maddie Raine 72  
Sarah Riding 73  
Eloise Healey, Beth Garton, Chloe Cumng, Ana Dawson, Catherine Roberts, Carole Helm 75.

Hollie Muse and Mollie McIntosh withdrew due to ill health.

### **Monday 29 May**

#### **Important Changes to the County Championship**

"Over the last 3 years there has been a noticeable fall in the number of entries to the County Championship. In order to encourage more ladies to enter this most prestigious event the Executive Committee has agreed the following important changes for 2017:

- The first day will be reduced from 36 holes stroke play to 18 holes stroke play.
- The handicap limit will be brought in line with the silver division and increased from 15.4 to 20.4.
- There will be 3 gross and 3 nett prizes (the gross prize taking precedence).
- The top 16 players will then compete for the match play stage of the Championship whilst the next best 16 players will qualify for the match play stage of the Plate.
- The Executive Committee hope that members will appreciate the changes and that more ladies will enter this competition in 2017, which will be held at Bolton (Lostock) Golf Club."