

LANCASHIRE LADIES' COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL MEETING 29th OCTOBER 2018

SHIELD REPORT

ENTRIES

There were 21 clubs entered in the Scratch Shield Competition in 2018 – 1 less than in 2017, 93 clubs entered the Handicap Shield Competition – same as 2017 and in the Bronze Shield 75 entered – 4 less than in 2017 . There was 1 club that entered 2 teams for the Bronze Shield and 8 with 2 teams and 1 with 3 teams in the Handicap competition.

SCRATCH FINALS

The Scratch Shield Finals were played at Chorley Golf Club. In the semi-finals, Royal Birkdale beat Clitheroe and Pleasington beat Bolton Old Links
In the final Royal Birkdale beat Pleasington.

HANDICAP FINALS

The Handicap Shield Finals were played at Swinton Park . In the semi-finals Haydock Park beat Harwood and Penwortham beat Blackley
In the final Haydock Park beat Penwortham.

BRONZE FINALS

The Bronze Shield Finals were played over 2 days Ashton in Makerfield.
In the semi- finals Westhoughton beat Dunscar and Davyhulme Park beat Longridge

In the final Westhoughton beat Davyhulme Park.

Well done to all the teams and the winners. Particularly to the clubs in the South West region.

The Divisional Handicap and Bronze draws will take place as follows:

North West – 12th November, Backpool North Shore GC 10.30 Handicap 11.30 Bronze

East – 21st November, Accrington GC 10.00 for 10.30

South West –19th November, Woolton GC 10.00

South East – 19th November, Manchester GC 11.00 Handicap 12.00 Bronze

These dates are shown on the county website.

Ladies if you have entered more than one team please make sure you split your available dates between you team captains so they may book the matches with other members of the group. This will ensure other teams will not have to wait around until you have sorted out one group before moving on to the next group.

The Scratch Shield Draw will be read out after this report. Will club delegates please meet to exchange details and dates following the meeting.

You will receive match confirmation sheets which I would ask your team captains to use when informing Linda Marr of your match dates.

BRONZE SHIELD/HANDICAP

The number of clubs playing in the Bronze and Handicap Shield varies quite significantly between divisions and this necessitates slightly different methods of dealing with the Finalists.

There may be a round robin in the case of having 3 groups or 6 groups

The closing date for all matches will be 15th July.

Divisional Finals are to be completed by 31st August.

SCRATCH SHIELD

The closing date for the first round matches will once again be 5th August.

MATCHES IN GENERAL

Please may I remind everyone that in all Shield Matches (including Scratch matches) proof of current handicap must be produced, this may be an up to date handicap certificate or up to date computer printout, both are acceptable. Will team captains please ensure that results are sent on the official form within 2 days and only by the home team.

If after group matches, teams are equal on points, games won and holes up, there will be a play off between the teams on a neutral course.

May I remind clubs that every effort should be made to send complete teams to all of their matches. However, if a club is struggling to fulfil a fixture with a complete team then a minimum of 3 must be sent in all divisions.

It is courteous to inform the opposing team if this is the case.

Should one of your players be registered to use a buggy you MUST notify the opposition team captain in advance of the match.

If the player is using her own buggy she must, again, in advance of the match, speak to the club secretary/manager to ask permission and must produce her 3rd party liability insurance certificate.

Please be mindful that not all clubs allow the use of buggies due to the terrain of the course.

Please note that once the date of a match has been confirmed it may only be changed if the course is deemed to be unplayable, there is a trolley ban in place or the club management decides the course is unavailable as per the Rules and Regulations.

It is always advisable for the team captains to liaise with each other a week before the match date so as to confirm details to avoid any confusion regarding tee times and refreshments.

SCRATCH, HANDICAP AND BRONZE FINALS

Linda Marr will be running the Scratch Finals in 2019 and these will be held at Heysham Golf Club on 30th August. Team Captains must inform her of the confirmed match dates by 28th February 2019.

Handicap and Bronze fixtures are also to be notified to the shield representatives by 28th February 2019. If these dates are not adhered to your team will be disqualified. I shall be running the Handicap Finals, these will be at Huyton & Prescot Golf Club on 9th September. Elaine Clark will be running the Bronze Shield finals these will be held at Crompton & Royton on 9th & 16th September

Ladies should you wish to play juniors in the scratch team you may like to make a note of the Lancashire Girls competitions which are held on a Sunday.

28th April Spring Meeting – Hillside Golf Club

16th June Anniversary Competition – Haydock Park Gold Club

7th July LCGA Junior Championship and Telegraph Young Golfer of the Year Qualifier – Accrington & District

These dates are included in the 2019 calendar on the website.

This concludes my report.

Margaret Milne
Hon Secretary

Before I announce the draw there has been an increase in the number of clubs entering a scratch team this year on the number of clubs has increased to 25.

It has therefore been felt necessary to have 5 groups in order to keep the number of games manageable.

There has been a draw to determine the two group winners who will play off for the 4th place in the semi-finals.

The winner of group 5 will play winner of group 3 at Chorley Golf Club on a date to be arranged which will be between 12th – 21st August.

Scratch Shield Draw 2019

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5
West Lancashire	Fairhaven	Childwall	Manchester	Turton
Accrington	Chorley	Penwortham	Ormskirk	St Annes Old
Bolton Old Links	Shaw Hill	Lancaster	Pleasington	Royal Birkdale
Bolton	Clitheroe	Rossendale	Formby Ladies	Rochdale
Hillside	Royal Lytham	Ashton & Lea	Nelson	Hesketh

The draw for the Handicap & Bronze Shield Finals is

North West v South West

South East v East