

# Lancashire County Championship 2014 at Clitheroe Golf Club

## 25 – 27 May



Hollie Muse (West Lancashire) is the Lancashire Ladies' Champion for 2014. Aged 14 she is now the youngest Champion, overtaking Emily Taylor winner in 2009 and past County Captain Sheila Maher (nee Vaughan) in 1958.

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### Championship Final

Hollie Muse set off with a birdie on the first hole and took command of the match from there with long drives, accurate iron shots and deadly putting. Cori battled hard but another four birdies from Hollie including a lovely 2 on the 14th hole to clinch the Championship proved too much for her on this

occasion.



### Championship Semi-Finals

There were two very exciting semi-final matches. Cori Lee set off well and kept her 2 up lead through the 9th but after a few holes changing hands she and Sophie Lamb came up the 18th all square. An excellent approach and one putt gave Cori the match as Sophie's putt stayed out.

Hollie Muse was 4 up on Brogan Townend after 9 holes but Brogan fought back to level and they too came up the 18th all square. A little trouble with the trees for Brogan enabled Hollie to win the hole and the match.

### Flight 2 (The Plate) Semi-Finals and Final



The highlight of these semi-finals was Laura Johnson's hole in one on the 8th hole. Unfortunately they could not see it go in on the elevated green. This helped her to a 3/2 win over Lauren Oatley.

Sophie Powell and Foster had good battle before Sophie won on the 17th.

In the Final between two long hitters Sophie always had the edge and won the match by 4/3 to make sure that "The Plate" stays at Manchester Golf Club for the fourth year running.



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### Championship Match Play Round 2

This was played in warm sunshine. Cori Lee, Brogan Townend (Pleasington) and Hollie Muse (West Lancashire) had comfortable wins. Sophie Lamb (Clitheroe) had to go to the 19th before beating Eloise Healey (West Lancashire), her fellow teenager and England squad member, in an exciting game of high quality golf.

### Championship Match Play Round 1

The first round saw some very keenly fought matches with 5 of the 8 being between County players. Cori Lee (Rossendale) got off to a good start and beat Catherine Roberts (Pleasington), title holder for the last 2 years by 3&2.

### Flight 2 (The Plate)

Most of the qualifiers are County B team players but it did include Laura Johnson (Bolton Old Links), Nikki Foster (Accrington) and Sophie Powell (Manchester) who have all played in the A team. Their

class shone through as they all won twice to win a place in the semi-finals with Lauren Oakley (Blackpool Park).

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The 36 hole qualifying rounds for the 2014 Lancashire Ladies' County Championship were played today at Clitheroe Golf Club.

First Round CSS 75 Second Round CSS 75 both qualifying competitions

Catherine Roberts (Pleasington), County Champion 2012 and 2013 led the Championship qualifiers with two rounds of 71 for a total of 142, six under par and eight shots ahead of second qualifier Hollie Muse (West Lancashire).

In the first match play round Catherine has been drawn against Corisande Lee (Rossendale), Champion in 2005 + 2007. Beth Garton (Royal Lytham) the only other former Champion in the field will take on Clitheroe member Emma Clegg who has just returned from her American university for the summer.

The County Championship returns to this lovely Ribble Valley course for the first time since 1990 when the winner was County Coach Lora Fairclough before she turned professional to start her successful career on the Ladies' European Tour.

The Championship format is two stroke play rounds on Sunday, then the top sixteen players go into the Championship match play with the next sixteen contesting the Plate, also match play, on Monday and Tuesday with both finals on Tuesday afternoon.



The Photograph shows the 1990 Championship Presentation at Clitheroe GC after three days of sunshine.

From the left, President Mrs Eileen Winders, County Captain Mrs Isobel Parker, the Clitheroe Captain and Competition Secretary Mrs Minnie Bradbury.