**REPORT ON LADIES GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP 2015**

The 11th PSUK ladies golf championships were held at the beautiful Trevose Golf and Country Club, Cornwall and 32 ladies from all around the UK travelled to the West Country. The weather conditions were absolutely horrendous with even the locals saying they were difficult - driving rain and gale force winds on day one but only the winds to contend with on day two! For those of us used to undulating inland parkland courses the links were definitely a test of different golfing skills as we attempted to putt on large fast greens and escape from deep bunkers.

After day one the leader on gross 86 was last year's winner Kirsty Galbraith from Kent just ahead of Jackie Starkie from West Yorkshire. There were only five scores in the 80s and the CSS was 78 reduction only. On the second day the competitors went out in gross handicap order and Kirsty had a fantastic back nine just one over par to finish with 88. In the second group out Bethan Jones from North Wales had the best score - again an 86 recovering well after a slow start with lots of steady pars. Once again all the competitors found the conditions tricky and the CSS was 78 reduction only.

As Kirsty and Bethan had the same gross scores after the 36 holes they went out again for a sudden death play off. Kirsty's drive went straight down the middle but Bethan's was taken by the wind and finished just off the fairway. However two excellent shots later Bethan was pin high and Kirsty was faced with an awkward chip from over the back of the green which ran to around ten feet. Kirsty's putt just ran by the hole leaving Bethan a six foot putt to win the championships which she duly slotted. This was the second time that Bethan had won the championships and taken home the Cameron Trophy presented by Andrew Cameron CBE QPM - many congratulations to her.

Kirsty was the winner of the Charles Clarke Vase - the best nett score for handicaps 0-9 and the Hodge Bowl for the best nett score by handicap 10-18 was won by Melanie Adcock, Hampshire. The Watkins Salver for handicaps over 18 was won by Rebecca Robinson, Dyfed-Powys. This year the ladies had a new trophy to play for - the Purdie Eclectic Trophy presented by Ruth Purdie, recently retired ACC from Cheshire. The winning score was calculated by adding up the better score on each of the 18 holes from the two rounds, off handicap and the first winner of the trophy was Joyce Green, Lancashire.

Congratulations to all the winners and all those who were duly selected for the PSUK representative matches for next year based on their finishing scores.

Thanks must go to Trevose Golf club for the excellent condition of the golf course and allowing us to hold our championships at such a prestigious venue, to Lady Captain Gill Vivian and Margaret Oliver for their assistance with the scoring and to Simon Hoy and Lee Natress Devon & Cornwall police for their assistance as host force. Thanks also to the ladies organising committee (Sally Watkins Devon & Cornwall, Jane Harries Avon & Somerset & Cathy Dawson Surrey) and to the rest of the ladies golf PSUK committee for another really enjoyable yet competitive championships.

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