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JULY 2026 NEWSLETTER

U-18 SECTION: 2 DAY QUADRUPLE MATCH: Southport Old Links GC; Hesketh GC; Carrickmines GC, Dublin; Powerscourt GC, Dublin: 27th & 28th July:



Day 1: Players and officials assemble at Hesketh GC…



… and Day 2 at Southport Old Links GC

RESULTS: Overall winners with 4 scores:		**Carrickmines GC, Dublin:**	**311 Points**
		Hesketh GC:	283
		Southport Old Links GC:	273
		Powerscourt GC:	264
Day 1:	Best individual Boy:	Billy Cribb (Hesketh):	38
	Best individual Girl:	Sarah Ruane (Carrickmines):	48
	Nearest the Pin:	Eddie Cribb (Hesketh)	
Day 2:	Best individual Boy:	Reiss Marsden (S'port Old Links):	36
	Best individual Girl:	Grace Allen (Southport Old Links):	46
	Nearest the Pin:	Aiden Allen (Southport Old Links)	

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Michael Ruane, The Irish Times Media Manager, captures the excitement and enjoyment of the event:

Juniors Continue Growing International Golf Friendship

"The week after The Open at Royal Birkdale and just before the AIG Women's Open at Royal Lytham & St Annes, another special golfing event took place.
Juniors from Carrickmines Golf Club and Powerscourt Golf Club travelled to England for the third annual match against Southport Old Links Golf Club, with Hesketh Golf Club joining the competition for the first time this year.
The event was played on Monday and Tuesday, July 27th and 28th, with teams of eight juniors representing each club. Boys and girls aged between 12 and 17 took part, competing in a fun and friendly format that saw players from different clubs paired together in fourballs.
The weather was kind, although a brisk wind added an extra challenge for the Dublin golfers, many of whom are not accustomed to links golf. Despite this, there were some excellent individual performances across the two days. Competitions included both individual and team events, with prizes awarded for the best players each day from each club as well as combined team from each club and an overall club team competition.
While the golf was competitive, the real success of the event was evident in the laughter, conversation and camaraderie shared in the clubhouse after each day's play. New friendships were formed and existing ones strengthened, which is exactly what this annual gathering is all about.
Many people deserve thanks for making the event such a success, but the young golfers were unanimous in expressing their appreciation to John Doran, whose dedication and hard work made the trip possible. He was rightly described as the hero of the event. Special thanks must also go to Michael Parker (Hesketh), Barry Rice (Carrickmines) and Mark Burton (Powerscourt), Keith Hick (SDGA) and (Fraser Gordon) Scot lad (Southport old links) for their support and commitment.
Congratulations to Carrickmines Golf Club, this year's overall winners. Perhaps former Carrickmines member Samuel Beckett would have appreciated the achievement. It is said that during bouts of insomnia while living in Paris, Beckett would mentally play the nine holes of Carrickmines in his head. No doubt the young players who enjoyed this memorable Southport trip will be replaying their own golfing highlights for many years to come.
The countdown now begins for next year's event, which will be hosted in Dublin."

UNDER 18 SECTION Cont'd:

Recent results:	**League 1:**	OLD LINKS	3	FORMBY	2
		FORMBY	2	S&A	3
		OLD LINKS	3	ROYAL BIRKDALE	2
		FORMBY HALL	2	OLD LINKS	3
		OLD LINKS	3	FORMBY	2

League table:	**P**	**W**	**D**	**L**	**PTS**
OLD LINKS	4	4			8
S&A	2	2			4
ROYAL BIRKDALE	2	1		1	2
FORMBY	2			2	0
FORMBY HALL	2			2	0

	League 2:	PENWORTHAM	4	WEST LANCS	1
		ORMSKIRK	3	PENWORTHAM	2
		ORMSKIRK	5	HESKETH	0
		HESKETH	1 ½	WEST LANCS	3 ½

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League table:	P	W	D	L	PTS
ORMSKIRK	2	2			4
WEST LANCS	1	1			2
PENWORTHAM	2	1		1	2
HESKETH	2			2	0
HILLSIDE	0				0

MIXED SECTION: Recent results:

FORMBY HALL 5 PENWORTHAM 0

League Table:	P	W	D	L	PTS
Formby Hall	5	4		1	8
Penwortham	4	2		2	4
Old Links	3	1		2	2
Hurlston Hall	2			2	0

ADVANCE NOTICE: Team Tournament; Penwortham GC; Sunday 20th September

HANDICAP SECTION SUMMER LEAGUES: Recent results:

League 1:	ORMSKIRK	5	HILLSIDE	0
	WEST LANCS	4	OLD LINKS	1
	HILLSIDE	3	WEST LANCS	2
	WEST LANCS	2 ½	HILLSIDE	2 ½
	ORMSKIRK	2	OLD LINKS	3
	HILLSIDE	4	OLD LINKS	1

Table:	League 1:	P	W	D	L	PTS
	HILLSIDE	5	3	1	1	7
	WEST LANCS	4	2	1	1	5
	ORMSKIRK	4	2		2	4
	OLD LINKS	5	1		4	2

League 2:	S&A	4	FORMBY	1
	PENWORTHAM	3 ½	FORMBY	1 ½
	FORMBY	1	HESKETH	4
	HESKETH	3 ½	S&A	1 ½
	PENWORTHAM	4	HESKETH	1

Table:	League 2:				
	PENWORTHAM	5	4	1	8
	HESKETH	5	3	2	6
	S&A	5	2	3	4
	FORMBY	5	1	4	2

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ADVANCE NOTICES:

- **SUMMER LEAGUE FINAL: Formby GC; 6th September 2026**
- **HANDICAP TEAM TOURNAMENT: S&A GC; 27th September 2026**

2026 SCRATCH SECTION SUMMER KNOCKOUT: Recent results:

HILLSIDE	3	S&A	2
ORMSKIRK	2 ½	WEST LANCS	2 ½ (Ormskirk won at first extra hole)
Final: HILLSIDE	V	ORMSKIRK To be played 13th and 14th August	

NORTH WEST SENIORS SCRATCH LEAGUE: 2026 Results:

SDGA	2	NORTH WALES	4; 8th June; Penwortham GC
FYLDE GA	4	SDGA	2; 20th Juny; Morecambe GC

Fixtures:

- 10th August: ELGA V SDGA; Nelson GC
- 7th September: SDGA V FYLDE GA; Southport Old Links GC

Keith Hick
President & Executive Secretary
4th August 2026

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