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2026 SCRATCH SECTION AGM; Wednesday 2nd September; Meeting Minutes forwarded by Co-Scratch Secretary Antony Eden

2026/2027 SCRATCH SECTION WINTER LEAGUE:

***2026/2027 Winter League recent results*:**

ORMSKIRK	3	OLD LINKS	1
S&A	3	HILLSIDE	1
PENWORTHAM	1 ½	HESKETH	2 ½
FORMBY	2	ROYAL BIRKDALE	2
OLD LINKS	1 ½	HILLSIDE	2 ½
WEST LANCS	3	ORMSKIRK	1
ROYAL BIRKDALE	3	HESKETH	1

League table:	***P***	***W***	***D***	***L***	***PTS***
ROYAL BIRKDALE	2	1	1		3
S&A	1	1			2
WEST LANCS	1	1			2
ORMSKIRK	2	1		1	2
HILLSIDE	2	1		1	2
HESKETH	2	1		1	2
FORMBY	1		1		1
PENWORTHAM	1			1	0
OLD LINKS	2			2	0

U-18 SECTION GEOFF ROBERTS TROPHY WINNER 2026:

SAM DUCKWORTH (Southport Old Links GC): Citation compiled by Neil Dalton:



Sam Duckworth, winner of the Geoff Roberts Trophy, pictured with S&A GC Captain, John Hood, U-18 Secretary Neil Dalton and his parents, John and Mai-Ligh

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Sam Duckworth joined SOLGC when he was 10 years old, never having played golf before.
His handicap was 54 when he first started playing in his first club competition. 6 years on Sam has brought his handicap down to single figures 7.0.
Within 2 years of joining SOL, Sam was selected to be part of the successful SOL junior team, which has won the SDGA summer league final and North West Championship League 3 times in the last 5 years. Along with 3 other SOL juniors, Sam reached the last 16 in the country playing in the National Junior Championship.
Sam has won the Lancashire North West Junior Open at Knott End, the Wilmslow junior open with a nett 66, 6 under par which qualified him to play in the Justin Rose Daily Telegraph competition. This year he won the Fleetwood junior open with a gross 2 over par nett 68. This year he had qualified as a finalist in the R&A Hero competition. Earlier this month he won the SOL junior matchplay final.
Sam for the past 3 years has taken his golfing ability into Europe. He played in the Paul McGinley junior Open in Portugal and has had 3 top 10 finishes. He has won several of SOL's junior board competitions.
Last year, Sam was part of the SOL junior team that played in Dublin on an exchange trip.
Sam is one of SOL'S mentors of the club's younger juniors known as group 6s and junior academy guiding 15 of SOL's juniors aged 6 to 9 on how to putt, chip and drive, as well as taking them on the course to play a few holes. He has done this every fortnight, from April to Sept.
His mentoring has also helped Sam in developing his own personal skills for the future. Sam attends Birk dale High School and is a senior prefect. Sam has represented his school in various golf competitions both at West Lancs GC (Lancashire boys) and SOLGC (Sefton schools). He enjoys most sports and is studying sports science. Sam has won a scholarship to study golf at Scarisbrick Hall after achieving passing in all 10 GCSE's.
His ambition is to train to be a pilot.
Outside of his golfing world, Sam has completed his Duke of Edinburgh Award for his Silver Medal. This year he will be doing his gold award. Sam helps his elderly grandad on his allotment and has won prizes for his vegetables at the Southport flower show. He also regularly visited his elderly grandmother (aged 91) who was in a care home until her death earlier this year. Recently his elderly grandfather has been diagnosed with terminal cancer. The day after receiving this news Sam played in the Fleetwood Junior Open and won it and had dedicated the win to both his grandparents. John Doran the JO at SOL has informed me that Sam's grandfather died a few weeks ago, such sad news for Sam and his family
Sam is the ideal face of what junior golf is all about and is a good role model for our younger juniors. He is well liked by the SOL juniors. It's a pleasure being in his presence. He is polite, listens, helps out and never misses their coaching sessions.
Everybody at SOL wishes Sam all the very best in his golfing career, wherever it takes him.

MICHAEL EDWARDS TROPHY WINNER 2026:
IMOGEN HALL (S&A GC); Citation compiled by Neil Dalton:

This year the trophy was played for at the Royal Birkdale junior open with competitors coming from clubs from within the SDGA and from throughout the North West and UK. The winner of the Mchael Edwards Trophy for 2026 with a gross score of 74 is Imogen Hall of S&A GC. Communicating with Graham Morgan the JO of S&A she also said that she was honoured to be the recipient of the Michael Edwards Trophy and that she can't wait to see it when she returns to the UK next summer.

Imogen has provided us with a short list of her golfing highlights of this year.

She won the British Junior Golf Tour at Royal Norwich event in August with gross rounds of -2, E, E.
Imogen qualified for the stroke play stage of the R&A Girls Championship in 3rd place. With gross rounds of E, -3.
She came 3rd the John Graham Trophy (Hillside and S&A) with gross rounds of +7, -3, —2, -3
She also finished T14 in the English Women's Stroke Play with rounds of -2, +6, -1, +4
Imogen's handicap has dropped this summer to +3.1 and her Amateur World Ranking has improved to 1459.
Imogen will be heading to the USA in August next year to play Division 1
college golf at Grand Canyon University in Phoenix. I am sure that you all wish
her every success.

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North West U-18 Golf Champions League Winners (played at West Lancashire GC):
Winners: WIRRAL GA (Represented by Caldy GC): 141 points
Runners-up: SDGA (Represented by S&A GC): 133 points;
Third: CHESHIRE GA (Represented by Alsager GC): 117 points

U-18 SECTION AGM: To be held at Hesketh GC: 19th November 2026

HANDICAP SECTION AGM; Hesketh GC; 15th October: Meeting Minutes forwarded by Alan Whittle

MIXED SECTION AGM: To be held at Southport Old Links GC: 4th November 2026

NORTH WEST SENIORS SCRATCH LEAGUE:

Recent results:
SDGA 2 FYLDE GA 4 *Played at Southport Old Links on 7th September*

Final League Table:	**P**	**W**	**H**	**L**	**PTS**
FYLDE GA	**6**	**6**			**12 *Champions***
NORTH WALES GA	6	2	1	3	5
ELGA	6	1	2	3	4
SDGA	6	1	1	4	3

End of Season Finals Day: *Played at Clitheroe GC on 21st September:*

ELGA	**179 Points**
FYLDE GA	174
SDGA	168
NORTH WALES GA	167

Keith Hick
President & Executive Secretary
31st October 2026

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