## "Juniors battle weather conditions"

It was good to see the return of the Junior Golf Open at Penrith Golf Club on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025. Due largely to covid restrictions it was not possible to host the junior open which has always been a popular event so it was great to see it back in the club's schedule of events.

There was a good entry with players from across the county and beyond and they had to contend with periods of really heavy rainfall. Despite this the course remained playable and was in excellent condition overall and the club received a number of compliments from both juniors and parents regarding the presentation of the course which was testament to the hard work of the Greens staff.

## **Results:**

Sharp trophy for best gross was won by George Parkes, the current junior captain at the club with an outstanding score of 72, given the weather conditions.

Runner up with a gross score of 78 was Joseph Tinkler.

The girls prize for the stableford format with a score of 35 points was Caitlin Ellwood from Silloth.

James McViety from Carlisle won the stableford competition off white tees with a very good score of 40 points, closely followed by Harry Purdham with 39 points.

Max Bryson won the stableford competition off yellow tees with a score of 33 points beating Freddie Dixon a card play - off.

It is also worthy to mention that at a recent county girls competition held at Silloth Leah Butler from Penrith won the 20.5 handicap and above category. She was also the winner of the Bill and Jean Long trophy for randomly selected pairs.

The Junior Committee would like to thank everyone who provided help and support on the day given the adverse weather at times. Thank you to the President Joan Armstrong for taking the time to attend and provide support.

It is hoped to continue with the Junior Open next year as it provides a great opportunity for juniors to play in a competitive format. Some lessons were learned on the day which will help in organising the event in 2026.