

Banty Trot Banter



George Storey, a popular winner

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This years Banty Trot Championship has been decided, the popular winner is George Storey.

He is pictured above playing with his relaxed swing on the first tee at Silloth on Solway Golf

Club. George has been consistent all season, despite the added burden of having to play against David Lightfoot who is always hard to play against. Although David has not been on the same form since he changed his swing.

George will now go



Dave Allison, runner-up for the second year, either has a strange swing, or he wants to smash the camera

on to represent the SPG Society at Brayton Golf Club in the Interclub Society Championships. These are held over 3 days with the first prize a spectacular weekend golfing break with a guest of his choice to Slaley Hall, in the North East.

Silloth Tennis Club



Silloth Primary Schools' "A" team always had something of a mountain to climb if they were going to emulate the success of the last 2 years in the county mini red finals at the Sands Centre, Carlisle.

However, if they didn't reach the summit they managed to scale the north face and it was only the sheer scale of the job that stopped them as they reached the semi final with a very inexperienced team.

With captain Greg Ramsay leading by example, Lee Armstrong, Nathan Gray and Spencer Irving all recorded victories along the way eventually losing out to eventual champions Hayton.



Greg Ramsay showed just why he is being regarded as one of the best young talents in Cumbria as he took the West Cumbrian leg of the mini red championships for the second year running with a 7-2 defeat of Chris Edge.

Some of Greg's fellow club members produced some fine displays as well with James Holyoake and Macy Baker making the semi finals and Tom Beaty taking the plate titles.

They now go on to the county finals at Kendal on 22nd April.

Pool & Darts Championship

This seasons fundraising event for Silloth Rugby Club was held in aid of the junior/youth section at the club.

With over 24 excellent sportsmen on display a winner was hard to pick. Local 'bookmaker' Paul Wallace had his money on his mate Robert Shaw, but the books were turned upside down when the unexpected happened. That colourful character Charlie Harrison held his nerve to pip them all, with a fine display of darts achieving two 180's along the way. To cap his day he had an eight ball



clearance on the pool table. "It was just one of them days said a tearful Charlie", the gentle giant deserved his accolade and celebrated in the only way he knows how; with a soft drink (or two).

Silloth Football Club



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The men's team goes from strength to strength by holding it's own in mid table in the County Premier League, it is still involved in three cup competitions, two semi-finals and one quarter final. They booked their place in the Crest Teamwear Challenge Cup by beating top of the table Netherhall 4-0 away from home.

The under-14's season has ended with them finally putting in the required effort, culminating in their hard fought 4-3 victory over Stanwix Wasps in where the photo was taken.

Dale Walker was top goal scorer with 21 goals and Caris McKay

was awarded man of the match most times.

The under-10's still have a few games to play but so far have played 22, won 11, and drew 4. Gareth Davenport is top goal-scorer and Stuart Johnson had most 'man of the match' awards.

The under-9's are also close to finishing their season, so far they have played 24, won 11 and drew 4. Top goal-scorer is Reece Blake who is also top of the league and both he and Greg Ramsay have had the most 'man of the match'. Both u-10 and u-9's have qualified for League Cup finals day at Brunton Park in early May.

The under-7's have played their first friendly against Abbeystown

Sportsmans Dinner



Darren Irwin & Stuart Fisher with John H Stracey and his World Champion Lonsdale Belt

Silloth Rugby Club held their Annual Sportsmans Dinner this year in Silloth Bowling Club.

This years guest speaker was former European and World Boxing Champion John H Stracey. He is in the 'hall of fame' for

his fighting prowess, a true champion and a gentleman. John told many stories including his Olympic journey and his British Championship and World Championship Wins. He was a hard boxer and a true boxing legend.

and hope to enter the league next season. All the junior teams are looking forward to summer competitions and training camps in pre season.

On the 10th March a Race Night was held in The Criffel Inn and was supported by the regulars and the Saturday night crowd. Over £300 was

raced for the Football Team.

We are always on the look out for new coaches and volunteers. If anyone can give a hand please speak to: Stephen Hart, John Slack, Mary Hillhouse, Colin Baty, Derek Wallace, Kevin Dixon or Malcolm Wise and we will be most grateful.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES/SPRING BOOK SALE

May 7th - June 7th

Come and browse through our old newspaper clippings, magazines, census forms, etc. Subjects cover the railway, dock and airfield, together with general history and pictures of Silloth.

We will also have an extensive collection of books and videos for sale
All welcome

(Silloth Library - behind the Discovery Centre)