



## Sale Golf Club News – February 2018

### Sale Golf Club obtains the prestigious GolfMark and ClubMark awards!

We are delighted to announce that Sale has been accredited with the prestigious GolfMark and ClubMark awards.

GolfMark is a national accreditation that has been designed to support golf clubs achieve distinct operating standards in four areas of a club's business activity. These are recruitment & retention, management & sustainability, coaching & competitions and safeguarding.

To achieve GolfMark, we were asked to meet a number of essential requirements in the four areas which are a set of standards aligned to Sport England's ClubMark criteria.

We began the application process in October time and completed the application earlier this month. In fact according to England Golf we are the quickest Club to ever complete the process and receive the GolfMark accreditation.

We are also the first golf club in the Mersey Valley to receive this award and one of only eight golf clubs in Cheshire to receive GolfMark.

It has taken a lot of hard work over the last few months to achieve but this award now sets us even further apart from the competition.

We are delighted to take another step towards making Sale Golf Club one of the very best golf clubs in the area.

We were also advised by England Golf that because we are now a GolfMark accredited Club as well as a HSBC Golf Roots Centre for junior golf, we will be eligible to enter the England Golf Awards for 'Club of the Year' in 2018 and that we should have a great chance.

The future for Sale Golf Club looks bright!



**Sean Hammill of England Golf presenting the Chairman and Club Manager with a GolfMark plaque**

## Night Golf is a massive success with members!

Earlier this month we held our first ever Night Golf event at the Club and despite the cold weather it proved a massive success and was enjoyed by all involved.

39 excited Sale members took part in a 6 hole Night Golf team event organised by social committee member Andy Daley.

The Night Golf Company supplied the equipment for the event which included LED illuminated golf balls, illuminated flags and illuminated markers setting the course a light on a dark Friday night in February.

On completion of the 6 holes, all players retreated to the warmth of the Clubhouse for food, drinks and a prize presentation to finish the night off.

It was great to see such a strong turnout like we did with a great atmosphere in the Clubhouse which in turn resulted in the Bar doing very well on the night.

The night was so well received that we are looking to run another Night Golf Event later this year. If you didn't play in this Event, make sure to put your name down for the next one so you don't miss out on what is a really fun night.

A big thank you to Andy Daley for his hard work organising the night!



**It was all smiles on the night for our first ever Night Golf event!**

## Juniors continue to go from strength to strength!

It might be wet, it might be cold, but not even the weather has been able to stop our Junior Section from going from strength to strength!

Earlier this month we had a solid turnout of 9 juniors present at our first range night of the year at Trafford Golf Centre. It was a cold night but lots of balls were hit, mostly good shots, after a warm up and stretching session with their PGA Professional Nick Holmes, who ran the session.

We had a special guest for the first range session of the year with Mr Captain Elect David Carlile in attendance. Mr Captain Elect was very impressed with what he saw on the night not only in terms of ability but the sheer enthusiasm of our juniors despite the cold. Many thanks to Mr Captain Elect for coming along and supporting the juniors.

Our next range session will be taking place on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March at Trafford Golf Centre so if you have any children or know of any children who might be interested in coming along, please contact our Club Manager John Jackson on [manager@salegolfclub.com](mailto:manager@salegolfclub.com).

In the February Half Term we also put on a 6 hole fun competition for our juniors and again we had another good turnout with 11 juniors taking part. The scoring conditions were tough but there was still some good performances from our juniors.

Adam Carr won the Best Boy Award winning a box of Heroes. Ella Carr and Jessica Jordan both had the same amount of stableford points and so had to share a box of Celebrations for the Best Girl Award. The best overall score though was Finn McCoy who won a sleeve of 3 Titleist Golf Balls kindly donated by Wally Partington. Many thanks to Wally for his generosity! It's great to see our junior section continuing to grow and improve month by month especially now as we approach the golf season.



**11 juniors turned out to play in our February Half Term 6 hole Fun Competition**

## Get into Golf at Sale in 2018!

We have a series of Get into Golf taster sessions lined up over the coming weeks to attract new men, ladies and juniors to the Club.

These are the perfect opportunity for anyone who might be interested in golf who wants to give this great game a try.

Our first three taster sessions are as follows:

Mens Taster Session – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – 9.30am to 10.30am

Junior Taster Session – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April – 9.30am to 10.30am

Ladies Taster Session – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April – 9.30am to 10.30am

We will be following up the Mens and Ladies Taster Sessions with a 4 week Get into Golf Beginner Course.

The Mens Beginner Course begins on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March and is just £20 for 4 weeks.

The Ladies Beginner Course begins on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April and again is just £20 for the 4 weeks.

If you know of anyone who might like to attend either the Taster Sessions or our Beginner courses, please let Mike or Pete know in the Professional Shop.



**Our taster sessions were very popular last year especially with the ladies**