



Sale Golf Club News – March 2018

Loyal members turn out in force to support our new Captains and President

On Sunday 18th March an impressive number of Sale members braved the ice and snow to support our new Captain David Carlile, Lady Captain Chris Johnson, President Tony Ball and Junior Captain James Hobson as they drove off to officially start their year in Office.

On what should have been a nice spring morning seeing in our new officials turned out to be a morning so cold that it wouldn't have been fit enough to take a dog out.

With snow on the ground and a strong easterly wind to contest with, conditions couldn't have been any more difficult for the first official tee shot of the year. Mr Captain, dressed in plus fours for the occasion, was the first to tee off. He stood confidently on the 1st tee and cracked his tee shot 179 yards all carry down the right hand side of the 1st. A very impressive tee shot given the situation. The weather was that cold that just making contact with the ball would have been a result.



Club Captain David Carlile hit a great tee shot off the 1st

President Tony Ball, Junior Captain James Hobson and Lady Captain Chris Johnson followed Mr Captain with three great drives themselves – especially Mr President who hit a lovely ball straight down the middle of the fairway which was greeted with a large cheer.



President Tony Ball split the fairway with his drive!

Unfortunately the Texas Scramble to follow the Drive in was cancelled due to the conditions but this gave members the perfect opportunity to retreat to the warmth of the Clubhouse to socialise, mingle and carry on having a few drinks.

Many thanks to Peter and Carol Broadbent and Maureen for their hard work on the morning making sure everyone in attendance had a drink.

Overall a great morning was had by all and we wish our new Captains and President all the best of luck for 2018!



Mr Captain presented Lady Captain Chris Johnson with some flowers prior to her drive in

New members galore!

What a year it's been so far for Sale Golf Club! Despite it only being March, the future looks very bright as our membership continues to grow and more new members join the Club.

This year alone since 1st January we've had over 40 new members join the club – more than half of which have joined as 7 day members.

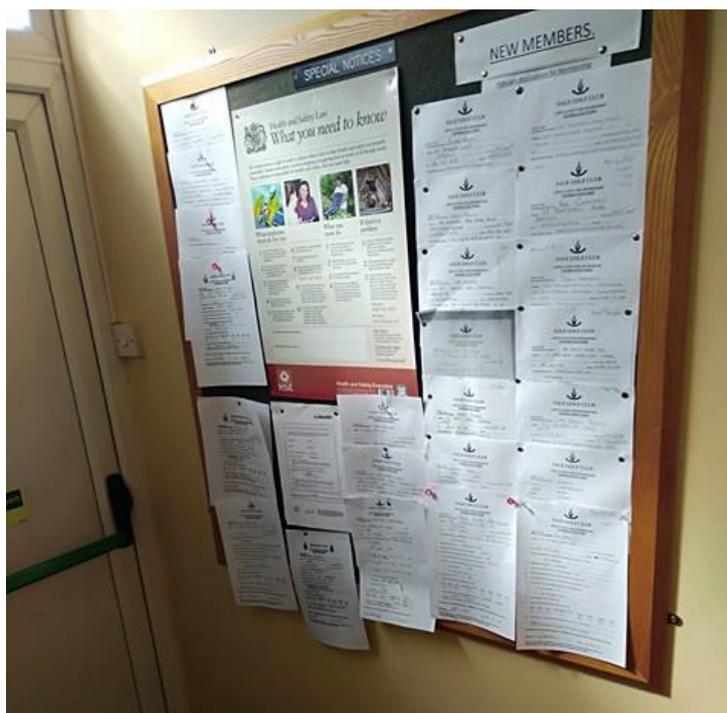
The condition of the course last year and our reputation as a Club which is going places is obviously starting to spread which is fantastic and long may it continue.

Next month we are running a couple of taster sessions which again should help us to attract new members. On Saturday 14th April we are holding a junior taster session and a Ladies taster session on Saturday 21st April. We've promoted these through the schools we have visited over the winter as well as on social media. At the moment we have 10 juniors signed up and 10 ladies signed up for the two sessions which looks promising.

Last year our taster sessions were very successful. Our ladies and mens taster sessions saw more than a dozen new golfers join the Club on our new Get into Golf Membership.

The Get into Golf membership gives people new to golf the opportunity to try out the Club, have a practice and slowly introduce themselves to golf. As a result, around half a dozen of our Get into Golf members have gone on to join the Club as full members which is brilliant. Hopefully we can repeat this again in 2018!

If you know anyone who might like to attend the taster sessions please let John know in the Office or Mike in the Pro Shop.



The New Members Notice Board looking extremely full with application forms!

Portugal here we come!

It's finally booked and confirmed!

The Club will be running its first golf holiday abroad in November this year as we visit the lovely Vila Sol resort just outside Vilamoura in Portugal.

10 members have signed up for a 4 night trip which includes bed and breakfast and 3 rounds of golf at Vila Sol.

The aim going forward is to run an annual golf holiday which will not only help to bring our members together and help members to make new friends but it will also be a great selling point for the Club to attract new members to Sale.



One of the picturesque holes at Vila Sol

John wins 1st ECEF Young Manager Bursary

Our Club Manager John Jackson has won a bursary of £1400 from the European Club Education Foundation (ECEF) which will be used to help complete a Club Management Diploma through the Club Managers Association of Europe.

John was one of hundreds of applicants for the Young Manager Bursary which was open to Managers Under the age of 30 across Europe.

Former Director of the Club Managers Association of Europe Marc Newey commented "We were delighted by the number of high quality entries from young people in Club management and PGA Professionals who recognise how invaluable CMAE 's MDP Pathway is to succeed in their career. We had a difficult time deciding on the best applicant but John's well written entry, detailing his marketing and junior development plans, together with a fund raising and coaching scheme for Veterans, impressed us all."

John will be enrolling on a week long residential in October to complete part one of the Diploma.