



Sale Golf Club News – November 2017

Nick just Edge's it!

The Final men's presentation of the 2017 season took place on Friday 27th October to a packed clubhouse. Both the Captain and President were on hand to hand out some 52 prizes for the months of September and October in addition to the end of season competitions such as the Birdie Tree divisional prizes, Eclectics and MWM order of merit.

The Millennium Bowl was presented by past Captain Max Weir who came up with the idea to compete for this trophy during his term as Captain back in 2000.

Only 4 players in the whole field shot under par in this bogey competition, with new member Nick Edge lifting the trophy scoring 2 up beating Keith McCabe and David Erskine on Back 9 play off.



Past Captain Max Weir presents Nick Edge with the Millenium Bowl

Sash Neersoo also picked up the prize for the Thwaites Bowl with a nett 68, which will possibly be the last time that particular trophy is competed for now that the Club has changed brewery.



Sash Neersoo collects his prize from Mr Captain

The Most Improved Player of the year award was also presented. This prize is given to the player who has not only had an improvement in his handicap but has shown consistency all season, playing to his handicap throughout the season or playing within the buffer zone.

Normally presented at the Men's Annual dinner it was decided to present the prize at the October presentation evening due to holiday commitments of the winner.

Four players were shortlisted by the competitions committee and although Tony Lowe, Tony Howarth and Chris Nichol were all in the running, the winner by a unanimous decision of the committee was Mike Halkon. Well done Mike and well done to all our competition winners!

Also well done and thank you to Terry Crewe and the rest of the Competitions Committee for their continued hard providing our members with well run competitions week after week.

The Club should be extremely proud in that we have a great group of volunteers who give up their free time each week to form numerous committees and help the Club to run as smoothly as possible.

Fantastic finish to the Junior Season!

Late last month we marked the end of the junior golfing season with a fantastic Adult/Junior 9 hole fun competition and BBQ. We couldn't have asked for a better day with the Sun cracking the flags from early on in the morning.

Long standing Sale member Peter Broadbent kindly volunteered to do the BBQ and he didn't disappoint. Chef Broadbent produced a varied menu that included plenty of burgers, hot dogs, chicken kebabs and chips. Perfect pre golf food that everyone enjoyed!

There was a great turnout for the competition with 13 juniors and 11 adults taking part. There was also great support from parents and other Sale members who came down to enjoy the BBQ and watch everyone tee off.

The format for the day was a four man team texas scramble played over 9 holes with each team having at least one adult. Juniors under the age of 10 played off the blue tees while juniors over the age of 10 played off the yellow tees.



It was great to see so many juniors on the day!

The winning team on the day was made up of Mike Reid, John Chapman and juniors Ella Carr and Jessica Jordan. A massive well done to both Ella and Jessica as this was their first ever 9 hole competition!

2018 promises to be a great year for our junior section so keep your eyes peeled for more positive news and updates!

Our Men's Beginner Course is a great success!

Our Men's Beginner Coaching Programme has been a great success – not only has it helped to introduce 12 men to golf but it has also helped the Club to recruit 1 new full 7 day member and 3 potential new get into golf members.

The coaching programme which covered a different area of the game each week, came to an end earlier this month and received great feedback from all involved.

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, the 12 men who attended the sessions have had varying experience in golf, but for the majority of the men, this was their first real time playing.



Nice set up from one of the gents in the 2nd week!

The final session of the programme took place on the course with the men having the opportunity to play the 2nd and 3rd holes at Sale Golf Club. One of the men described the course as 'impressive' and another said how he was 'itching to get out there and get a round in'.

Overall it has been a really worthwhile programme in that it has helped to recruit several new members and helped to attract people to the Club that might not normally have come. It has also helped to give a lasting imprint of Sale Golf Club in their mind as the place that introduced them to this great game!

School kids love Tri Golf!

Our Club Manager has been a busy man the last few weeks organising and delivering Tri Golf taster sessions to schools across the Sale and Trafford Area.

This month alone John has delivered 16 Tri Golf sessions to over 500 children in 4 different schools including The Firs Primary School, Kings Road Primary School, Urmston Primary School and Ashton on Mersey Secondary School.

The sessions have gone down extremely well and have received excellent feedback so far from the teachers and children. The whole aim of the sessions is to introduce the children to golf but in a very light hearted, competitive and fun way. At the end of each session, every child has been presented with a Sale Golf Club Certificate to congratulate them on completing the session and also to take home and show Mum and Dad!

John has scheduled to visit more schools for December and January and will continue to get in touch with more schools going forward.

Visiting schools delivering these sessions is something which will be vital in helping to improve our junior section going forward and will be very beneficial to the Club in the long run.



1.....2.....3.....Cheese!

Simon and Cathy come out on top!

Earlier this month, Simon and Cathy Hartland were crowned the winners of the Howie Trophy after defeating Mark Marshall and Ella Rawthore 4&3 in the Final.

For those that don't know, the Howie Trophy is a Mixed Knockout Competition and has been running since 1994, when Charlie Howie and his wife Maureen first donated the Trophy to the Club.

The format for the Competition is Greensome Foursomes with the men playing from the yellow tees and the ladies off the reds.

The Competition is also completely free to enter so if you have never played mixed golf before and would like to give it a try- make sure to enter next year, you will definitely enjoy it!



Charlie Howie with son Andy present this year's winners Cathy and Simon Hartland with the Trophy