

## Joanne Morley Junior Challenge

Juniors show their class in thrilling finish

SALE Golf Club, despite Covid restrictions, were again superb hosts for the annual Joanne Morley Junior Challenge that attracted a good field of u16 boys and girls from across the region with an age range from eight to 16.

Joanne, the former successful Solheim Cup vice captain and a top player in Great Britain and the USA for many years at amateur and professional levels and a stalwart member of Sale Golf Club was again on hand to see off the players from the first tee and welcome them on their return and again do the open-air presentation of prizes.

The Sale course was in superb condition with excellent greens with the final green setting a real challenge to all players on a day was blessed by fine weather.

One more the Golf Foundation, which does so much to develop junior golf, played their part in donating some excellent prizes.

As always Sale officials gave their full support to the competition and were there on the first tee to see the players off and again for the presentation along with the new Cheshire Girls Captain Siobhan Grayson (Ringway GC).

The early pace was set by the 2018 champion Charlie Hayton (Delamere Forest GC) with 37 points and he also won the nearest the pin for boys on the 184-yard third hole.

But he was soon overtaken by Cole Parkinson (Reddish Vale) with 39 points, with three other 37-pointers from Nayan Higgins (Heaton Moor) and Jonah Ashworth (High Legh Park), Cole Self (Ringway).

But as always there is a sting in the tail which was provided by Scott Anderson (Styal GC) who had a fabulous back nine of 23 points for a winning total of 40 points.

The Challenge Trophy will be presented to Scott later in the year by Joanne who was able to present him with the top prize of a round for four players at Prestbury.

Due to other golfing commitments the number of girls in the field was limited but they enjoyed each other's company with the top prize going to Sale's Ella Carr with 35 points ahead of Jess Jordan (Sale) 34, Eryn Gravett (Astbury) 31 and Josie Cowap (Crewe) 29 with Josie winning the girls nearest the pin prize on the 17<sup>th</sup> hole.

The top team competition, which sees the aggregate score of the top three players in the team, was won by Reddish Vale GC with their top three of Cole Parkinson, Daniel Myers and Luke Parkinson posting 107 points, five more than Ringway's Cole Self, Ellis Courtneil and Ed Lord who finished a point clear of Delamere Forest and Sale..

Scores: Boys 40 S Anderson, 39 C Parkinson, 37 N Higgins, J Ashworth, C Hayton, C Self, 35 D Christopher (Styal), 34 D Myers, L Parkinson, 33 E Courtneil (Ringway) 32 W Hobson (Sale), 32 J Beeby (Reddish Vale) E Lord (Ringway), 30 E Carter Aleksic, 29 H Morris (Northenden), 27 M de Beer, 26 L Moolla (Ringway), J Ju (Heaton Moor), C Woolley (Crewe) H Darby (Reddish Vale), 25 T Pughe (Ringway), 24 F Harper (Mersey Valley), 23 H Godwin (Delamere Forest), J Higgins (Heaton Moor), B Blackshaw (Delamere Forest).

Girls: 35 Ella Carr, 34 J Jordan, 31 E Gravett, 29 J Cowap.