

LANCASHIRE GOLF DEVELOPMENT GROUP NEWSLETTER

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FUNDING: SMALL GRANTS

Before you look at the options for funding below, please ask yourself the following questions: Why are you applying for funding? In addition, how will this funding impact on your golf club?

Sport England- Small Grants: Small Grants uses Lottery funding to make awards of between £300 and £10,000 to not-for-profit organisations to help more people play sport. If you were considering applying for a grant, we would encourage you to complete their **pre-application checklist** as a first step. To find out more about the fund and how to apply click on the boxes below.

<https://www.sportengland.org/funding/small-grants/>



“Road to The Open”

Lancashire is embracing the fact that the biggest golf tournament in the world, The Open Championship, is coming to the county. From 16th – 23rd July The Open Championship will be played at Royal Birkdale Golf Club, Southport.

England Golf, The PGA and Golf Foundation are working together to provide ways in which your club can be involved. We have developed a project called ‘The Road to the Open’ which aims to support local clubs with ideas to provide golfing opportunities for children, young people and adults to start, learn and stay in golf.

In lead up to The Open we will be in touch with various hints, tips and initiatives that you can use to help attract new golfers to your club. More importantly it’s a chance for you to celebrate the fact that this amazing tournament is back to grace the county of Lancashire once again.



LUGC: Under 14 Regional County Programme

The county under 14 coaching programme enters its 4th year in 2017, with over 300 boys having taken part since the launch. The programme consists of 3 half day coaching sessions plus an end of season competition with prizes for all levels. Coaching is provided in small groups in 6 regional centres across the county and is designed to complement the work of the players home or club coach. “Simply taking part and getting together with other young players from their area is a big part of the success of this programme” comments Phil Harvey, County Secretary, “

Our PGA coaches run the sessions with a focus on the scoring zone and on the players having fun with their peers. The end of season event held at Houghwood Golf Club in August is often the first event away from their home club for many of the players and it’s a tremendous buzz on the day seeing their excitement”

Registration for the 2017 programme closes on 1st March, entry is at:

http://www.lancashiregolf.org/talent_development_programmes



Golf Clubs In Lancs Hit “The Mark”

Well done to Aintree Grand National, Blackburn, Blackley, Bolton old Links, Lee Park and Longridge. The latest Lancashire Golf Clubs backing the drive to grow the game who have just earned the national **GolfMark** award from England Golf.

GolfMark is an official seal of approval for clubs which successfully work to develop the game in four ways; attracting new members and encouraging existing members to play more, using practical business planning to develop the club, offering coaching and playing opportunities for all golfers and ensuring safeguarding policies are in place.



If your club is interested in doing **GolfMark** then contact either:
- Adam McAlister (a.mcalister@englandgolf.org) *West Lancs*
- Debbie Barber (d.barber@englandgolf.org) *East Lancs*

ENGLAND GOLF WORKSHOPS (ADAM)

There are 2 England Golf workshops being held at Shaw Hill Golf Club, Chorley that are not to be missed:

1) Increasing Revenue (02/02/17)

<http://ow.ly/owqu3082pvk>

2) Marketing and Social Media (02/03/17) <http://ow.ly/v9973082q4D>

For more information and how to book, click on the links provided.



Lancashire Leads The Way For Girls Golf

The Lancashire Girls' Golf Association is open to all girls aged under 21 who already enjoy or want to start playing golf.

There are plenty of events during the year for our members at every level from beginner to a plus handicap player and we currently have a healthy membership of 130.

There are 3 training venues: Southport Golf Academy, Rishton and Preston and **training days** with our County Coaches offered to all member

For more details please contact: Sue Griffiths- County Junior Organiser at suegriff1959@gmail.com



The Lancashire Union
of Golf Clubs



Lancashire Ladies'
County Golf Association

