

## <u>Staffordshire County Development Officer Monthly Report</u> March 2016



**CDO Introduction:** During the focus of my activity has been the preparation for the coming season, but also taking stock of the past 6 months of activity- addressing Get into golf participation, Golf Express, linking into membership and further participation in golf. We have now created all our Golf Express (9-hole shorter format) offers for April 1<sup>st</sup> launch- the stand alone website, marketing and promotional material are also on track for our first day of delivery (1<sup>st</sup> April 2016).

**Get into golf:** During March the focus has been data collection from the Get into golf centres, so that we can collate our 6-month participation report for England golf- we have had some great results especially within membership with one of our facilities introducing 81 new members in the past 6 months.

## Through Get into golf activity (partners and activity) we have the below totals to date:

	14-25 Years Old	26+ Years Old	Disability	Women & Girls Targeted Programme	Membership (affiliated & non-affiliated)
Target	400 (O)100(S) 50 (R)	200 (S) 500 (R)	12 (S) 30 (R)	0	0
October-	0 (O) 335 (S) 85(R)	564(S) 317(R)	138 (S) 100 (R)	170	312
March					

Key: O- One off activity

**S-** Structured golf coaching (4 week blocks) **R-** Regular/Retained: once a week coaching

**College and University Activity:** In March we worked with videographer John Felix and the team at England golf to produce a national promotional video for student participation. The first video was for golf clubs- explaining how they can attract students to their facilities and the second video focussed on promoting golf to the universities to support engagement and golf within the counties through student participation.

**Disability golf:** Through the Black country consortium we have managed to secure funding for disability activity to be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> March to engage between 30-50 disability participants into golf. Working with organisations such as; beacon centre for the blind, halas homes and the high flyers group.

**Coaching and Workshops:** The PGA are offering level 1 golf coaching courses for Women and girls for FREE and at a cost of £44 for under 40 for males. Along with this offer The PGA are also offering inclusive golf coaching workshops (level 1 and 2) during the coming months. Gareth Shaw CDO will be conducting a Social Media workshop during February for the Golf Club Manager Association (Midlands) at Druids Heath Golf Club.

**Golf Mark:** Staffordshire have a target of 16 golf mark accredited clubs and have now 17 golf mark accredited clubs- with Leek, Westwood, Trentham, Trentham Park, Great Barr and Sandwell Park Golf Club all completing the accreditation over the last two months and are under review for accreditation by England golf.

**Golf Express:** During March Gareth CDO has secured all offer from 22 clubs for Golf Express. We have also had some great news that England golf are taking Golf Express to a national level! Gareth has organised a Staffordshire launch week at 5 facilities, gaining endorsement from; American Golf, OOB Clothing, Aerial golf caddy and T-Stroke Golf, providing prizes for the 5 events. An end of season celebration has also been organised at the Astbury golf club- home of European Ryder Cup Captain Darren Clarke and Sky Sports Presenter Sarah Stirk.





## **Dates for the Diary:**

Event	Date	Time	Venue
Social Media 2	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	10:00am-12:00pm	Druids Heath Golf Club
Workshop			(for golf club's managers)

For any further information about any of the above please contact Gareth via:

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