



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Gateway to Wales Spring Golf Festival 2026**

Gateway to Wales Golf held their ninth Spring Golf Festival over the Whit Bank Holiday between 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May in glorious sunny weather at Hawarden, Northop and Holywell Golf Clubs. Ideal golfing conditions ensured some great scoring on each of the three days with 160 golfers competing for the Gateway to Wales Aggregate Spring Golf Festival Championship 2026 title.

The event was sponsored by the Springfield Hotel & Health Club, Holywell and is now an established national golfing event for Ladies and Gents to play in a 4BBB format, the event attracts golfers from all over the UK and Europe including this year a party from Heelsumse in Holland.



( Joyce Speed & Alex Rowland welcome the visiting Dutch party to Hawarden GC )

Mr Sebastian Janney, Managing Director of the Springfield Hotel & Health Club commented “We are delighted to be involved with this event as we have done since its inception and we applaud their efforts in attracting golfing visitors to this part of North East Wales.

Joyce Speed the event organiser speaking on behalf of Gateway to Wales Golf said “ The sunny weather was ideal for golfers leading to numerous high scoring rounds. We are very grateful to the green staff and member volunteers at Hawarden, Northop and Holywell Golf Clubs who ensured that their visitors enjoyed the golf festival.”

Winners of the three day aggregate prize of £150 and the “Gateway to Wales Spring Golf Festival 2026 Championship” were Lee Pilgrim and Zack Pilgrim of Ormonde Fields GC, Ripley,

Derbyshire with an aggregate score of 126 points, scoring 36 points at Hawarden GC, 42 points Northop GC and 48 points at Holywell GC.



Runners up and winners of the mixed aggregate prize were Garry and Sue Shaw of Poulton-Le Fylde GC, Preston, Lancashire with 123 points scoring 37 points at Hawarden GC, 41 points at Northop GC and 45 points at Holywell GC.



Winners on the individual competition days at Hawarden GC were Steve & Mercy Lamb of China Fleet Country Club, Saltash, Plymouth with 42 points. Second with 41 points were Jonathan White & Joshua Harris of Monmouthshire GC, Abergavenny. Third with 40 points were Samantha Edwards of Diss GC and Sarah Gotts of Builth Wells GC, Powys. Fourth also with 40 points were Mick Shipp of Ogbourne Downs GC, Wilts and Ewan Holt of Marple GC, Stockport.



On the second day at Northop GC the winners were Tom Neville & George Mason of Bewdley Pines GC, Worcestershire with 44 points. Runners up also with 44 points were David Beaumont of Outlane GC and John Pettinger of Crosland Heath, Huddersfield. Third with 42 points were Lee Pilgrim & Zack Pilgrim of Ormonde Fields GC and fourth also with 42 points were Oliver Modley & Max Percy of Bewdley Pines GC, Worcs.



The final day winners at Holywell GC were Lee & Zack Pilgrim of Ormonde Fields with 48 points. Second with Garry & Sue Shaw of Poulton-Le-Fylde GC with 45 points and third with 43 points were Patrick & Sharon Hancock of Sheringham GC Norfolk. Fourth with 42 points were Phil and Theresa Jones of Oakridge GC , Nuneaton.

Next years dates for the Gateway to Wales 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Spring Golf Festival have been announced as Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> and Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2027 at Northop, Hawarden and Holywell Golf Clubs.

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