

# KEEPING YOU INFORMED

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### Club Captain's Away Day

Brian held his away day recently at Retford Golf Club where over 60 golfers attended and thoroughly enjoyed themselves on what turned out to be a reasonable weather day. Peter Cumberworth won the afternoon single competition with an impressive 45 stableford points.

### Out on the Course

Read Andy's (Greens Director) reports on the web site to gain an insight as to what's been happening out on the course. The course is still playing in good condition despite a recent attack of fusarium, on the greens, which apparently hit all golf courses in the area on the very same day. However, following treatment (spraying) they are now coming back to excellent condition although the continuing lack of rain is now showing on the fairways.

### Membership

New applications are being received all the time to fill the void left by the usual year-end resignations. However, we are still desperate for new Junior and Lady Members. If you know of any Juniors or Ladies interested in taking the game up, please recommend them to us. Please make any new members feel welcome and assist them in any way you can.

### Standards within the Club

Periodically, the Directors believe there is a need to remind members of the standards that apply to both members and visitors at the club. Here are some of the key standards that we inform new members of, when they join NGC.

- **Driving & parking your car**

The need to be aware when driving into the course of the 8<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> tees respectively, where if someone is addressing their ball, drivers are requested to pause until the golfer (not the whole group) has hit their shot. Park within the parking bays available, but not in "named" bays against the fence (Captains, etc.)

- **Use of Changing rooms**

Golfers are expected to change into their golf shoes in the changing rooms and not at the back of their car

- **Reporting to the pro shop prior to playing**

Anyone wanting to play out on the course, even for just a social knock around, must report to the pro shop first, to ensure that the Pro is aware of who is out on the course at any particular time, for obvious health and safety reasons.

- **Dress Code**

Out on the Course – Polo golfing shirts to be tucked in trousers/shorts at all times, except for any medical dispensation. Whilst studded pocket trousers are permissible, denim jeans are not. Shorts to be tailored approximately 1-2" above the knee. Other leisure shorts e.g. Combat (side pockets) shorts, ¾ length shorts, are not permissible. Trainer socks are allowed as well as normal socks of any colour. A full list of the dress code is on the club notice boards.

In the Club House Bars - Caps must be removed, waterproof clothing must have been removed, smart jeans and smart trainers are allowed in the 19<sup>th</sup> bar only (not the members lounge), as are sandals (but not flip flops!)

- **Approaching the practice area**

If golfers intend to use the practice area adjacent to the 1<sup>st</sup> tee, please wait if anyone is about to address their ball on the tee (not the whole group) before passing. Please be aware of any noise when using the practice area for people on the tee.

- **Golf Etiquette**

Golfers are reminded of the common etiquette to follow at all times; **rake all bunkers after use, replace all divets** (fill from soil bags), **repair any pitch marks** made on the green.

- **Use of Buggies/trolleys**

Any buggy on the course must be driven in a responsible manner, anyone not driving the buggy sensibly and safely will be asked to leave the course. Buggies and trolleys must be left well away from the greens **and surrounding banks** to avoid damage to the course.

- **Speed of Play**

Golfers should adhere to a respectable speed of play always trying to keep up with the group in front. If a

gap in play has developed, then please check what's happening behind you. If a faster group are continually waiting behind you, then it is suggested that you let them through rather than start rushing, which will be to the detriment of your general play.

- Use of Mobile Phones

Out on the Course - The use of mobile phones out on the course should be restricted to their use for GPS distance, etc. The exception being for **urgent calls only** (e.g. family illness, etc.) where the phone should be left on silent mode (vibrate) and take any urgent call once well away from your playing partners.

In the Club House - Calls are not allowed to be taken or made in any of the club house bars, including the balcony area. If your phone rings, or you want to make a call, you can use it/answer it, in the "Captains area/corridor" leading from the stairs to the bars. Silent use (texting, games, etc.) is permissible in the bar areas.

- Standards of Behaviour

NGC will not tolerate any threatening, violent or anti-social behaviour. Anyone found in breach of this type of behaviour will face disciplinary action that could involve suspension/having their membership terminated. Shouting across the course to other members/friends is discouraged due to possible distraction to other golfers in the vicinity.

The Directors firmly believe in the above club standards and are committed to ensuring everyone tries to adhere to them. We are not a "posh" or "snobby" club, but a friendly club, representing the working class nature of the Wakefield area, however, these are the basic standards that we should all try to apply.

### **News around the Sections/Representative Golf**

#### **The Scratch Team (organiser, Des Lawson)**

Currently lying in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the table, following a convincing 6-0 home win over Low Laithes scratch in their most recent match. With just 1 match remaining, the lads need to look for another convincing win to finish the season off in style. This season some new faces have been used in the scratch team, to try and groom players for playing at the highest level for our premier team.

#### **The Nett Team (organiser, Andy Bell)**

Currently lay 6<sup>th</sup> following a comprehensive and highly impressive 5-1 home win over Moor Allerton who are in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in a very competitive top league. The lads also have a game in hand on most of the other teams. If they manage to win their game in hand convincingly, then they will be back in the mix. Come on lads!

#### **The Tigers Team (organiser Mick Tinker)**

Currently lay 4<sup>th</sup> in the Heavy Woollen Tigers League. It seems to be their away form that is letting them down slightly. However a strong finish to the season should help them reach 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>, but is unlikely to catch runaway leaders Hanging Heaton who have looked untouchable for a couple of seasons now.

#### **The Eggs Section (2017 Captain, Bryan Harvey)**

Have had a bit of a mid season break from their friendly team games, but are due to go to Mid Yorkshire on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in playing in these team matches should contact Brian.

Brian also had his Captain's Away Day recently at Wyke Ridge GC, where everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and Graham Fox took the overall winners prize. Barry Stead, playing off 8 h/cap won the recently held EGGS Trophy with an unbelievable score of nett 65 (beating yours truly by 1 shot). Please check out their Notice Board for all their info.

#### **The Rabbits Section (2017 Captain Paul Sims)**

Still lay top of the Heavy Woollen league but must be concerned following a 2-6 home defeat by their arch enemy South Leeds, who themselves are having a disappointing season. The lads need a comprehensive victory at Wyke Ridge to boost their confidence again.

The 2 man team are still very much in the mix, but need a strong finish to the season and must hope for South Leeds to falter to have a chance of winning the league.

Both the Rabbits and Tigers held their joint open day recently, which proved a tremendous success once again, with a full field and some impressive winning scores.

#### **The Ladies Section (organiser Janet Gibson)**

The ladies B Team have now completed all their fixtures. Normanton Ladies won 2 & lost 4. However, to put things into perspective, these results are a fair achievement considering that 4 of the 7 ladies who play off 36 h/cap, had to play off 30 h/cap and for some it was their first ever match, so well done to them!

All the visiting teams who played at Normanton were very impressed with our club (course & club house) and also the friendliness of the ladies section. Kay Alsop said "All of our ladies were so proud to represent our club and I was very proud to Captain them this year".

\*Anyone with any news items for future letters, please contact Richard thro the office

### **Normanton Seniors Rule, OK!**

Well done to our very own Dave Finch and Jonny Parker who beat 41 other pairs taking part to win the L&DGU Seniors 4 ball better ball Championship at Wike Ridge. The course was in tip top condition and good scoring was the order of the day despite some mid morning rain. A pair from Temple Newsom posted a score of 45 points and it looked as though that would be enough to win the trophy until, our pair from Normanton in the last group of the day, Dave Finch and John Parker, posted a highly impressive 47 points with each player scoring on 9 holes to duly win the Bob McLaughlin Trophy. Well done Dave and Jonny!



### **Normanton Duo reach Lombard Trophy National Final!**

Two of our members, Scott, our assistant pro and Callum Gaughan, sealed a place in the £41k national Pro-Am grand final, which will be held in Portugal in September, after they won their regional qualifying round in Cheshire by 2 shots. Scott and Callum carded a 9 under par 61 after finishing with 5 successive birdies to achieve a fantastic result. Well done lads and good luck in the final!



### **Normanton Girls selected for elite coaching!!**

Following a request from the YLCGA, the ladies section forwarded a list of our junior girls and two of them, Jocelyn Deary and Ellie Ditch (both aged 10) were selected to attend a coaching group for beginners at Huddersfield Golf Club (Fixby) They are being coached by the professional Alex Keighley who also happens to be the First Woman Captain of the PGA in England and Wales (North). The girls were thrilled to be accepted and attended for the first time last week, really enjoying it and looking forward to the next sessions.

**L&D Scratch League Div 4**

Place	Squad	Fixtures				Games				
		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
1st	South Leeds GC	9	6	0	3	27	16	3	8	35
2nd	Temple Newsam GC	9	5	2	2	27	14	2	11	30
3rd	Normanton GC	9	4	1	4	27	13	1	13	27
4th	Woolley Park GC	9	4	1	4	27	11	5	11	27
5th	Barnsley GC	9	2	1	6	27	9	4	14	22
6th	Low Laithes GC	9	3	1	5	27	10	1	16	12

**L&DGU Nett League Div A**

Place	Squad	Fixtures				Games				
		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
1st	Scarcroft	8	6	1	1	24	13	3	8	29
2nd	Moor Allerton	8	3	3	2	24	11	4	9	26
3rd	Lofthouse Hill	8	3	0	5	24	12	0	12	24
4th	Pontefract	8	4	1	3	24	10	4	10	24
5th	Temple Newsam	7	3	1	3	21	9	2	10	20
6th	Normanton	7	2	1	4	21	9	2	10	20
7th	Wetherby	8	2	1	5	24	9	1	14	19

**Heavy Woollen Tigers League**

Golf Club	Played	Home	Away	Total
Hanging Heaton	9	41	12	<b>53</b>
Howley Hall	9	33	13	<b>46</b>
Lupset	9	26	13	<b>39</b>
Normanton	8	31	7	<b>38</b>
Low Laithes	8	17	18	<b>35</b>
Woodthorpe	9	23	8	<b>31</b>
South Leeds	9	28	3	<b>31</b>
Waterton	9	20	7	<b>27</b>
Wooley	8	14	8	<b>22</b>
Darrington	8	20	2	<b>22</b>

**Heavy Woollen Rabbits League Div 1**

Post'n	Golf Club	P	W	D	L	Pts
1	Normanton	5	3	0	2	20
2	Howley Hall	5	2	1	2	19
3	Woolley Park	4	2	0	2	17
4	South Leeds	3	1	1	1	14
5	Wike Ridge	3	0	1	1	10

**L&D Rabbits 2 Man League Premier Division**

Golf Club	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
South Leeds	8	7	0	1	22	14
Normanton	8	5	0	3	6	10
Pontefract	8	4	0	4	-5	8
Wyke Ridge	8	4	0	4	-9	8
Headingley	8	3	1	4	3	7
Scarcroft	8	3	1	4	-1	7
Low Laithes	8	3	0	5	-3	6
Howley Hall	8	1	2	5	-13	4