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Successful R&A Bid

Recently England Golf approached all Golf Clubs across the country asking for applications to apply for £2.5m of special funding released through the R&A (maximum bid £10k/club). All bids had to be related to the current COVID situation with individual applications having to clearly demonstrate how any money received would be spent to help improve the situation affected by the Corona virus. NGC submitted a bid of £8,760 that if successful would be spent on replacing our old tills with new till systems that could cope with contactless transactions (as recommended under Govt guidelines). Competition would obviously be fierce for the much needed free funding, indeed 755 applications were received, however, much to our delight we were pleased to find out that not only had we been successful but that we had also been allocated the full amount.

Much of this we believe was due to the quality of our bid which although a collective team effort was led brilliantly by our Governance Director, Graham Fox, ably assisted by the technical input from one of our members, Pat McCann. **In line with the above development our green card system will go contactless shortly. New cards are currently being issued by the Office.**

NGC Welfare Officer

As part of our R&A bid the Club must meet certain criteria to qualify for funding. A key one is that any successful Club must have registered or already implemented England Golf's safeguarding and protecting children (SPC) strategy. England Golf's SPC strategy was established following the well publicised serious incidents that took place involving junior/academy coaching at professional Football Clubs and whilst England Golf's SPC strategy covers all golfers using Golf Clubs there is no doubt that it is very focussed on the junior ranks.

A key part of the strategy is for Golf Clubs to appoint a Club Welfare Officer. The Welfare Officer is a "named" person who makes themselves available to either; deal with complaints from any member about not being treated in a fair and equitable way to others or to identify where incidents of bullying, victimisation or harassment takes place. To qualify they will have to have an up to date **UK Coaching Safeguarding & Protecting Children** certificate and **England Golf DBS**.



NGC are pleased to announce that Danny Bray has volunteered for this important role. Danny will primarily focus on the junior ranks but will also receive assistance from some other respected members when dealing with any adult issues. You can contact Danny by emailing welfare@normantongolf.co.uk

HWH progress report

You will have noticed the new HWH rising from the ashes of the old one at an impressive rate (see photo below). The external build is virtually complete and we are hoping for a grand opening early in November. Once finished, the building will be of a quality and standard that compliments the main Hall and will obviously last us for many years to come. It will be “kitted out” inside so that in inclement weather golfers will be able to sit and eat/drink whilst taking shelter from the elements. The Directors would like to place on record our gratitude to one of our members who has made a magnificent gesture enabling this project to go forward without which we would still be looking at a boarded up closed wooden hut. We have made life membership available as recognition of this wonderful gesture.



New COVID rules introduced 14th October

The Governments announced new COVID rules on the 14th October which have an effect on Golf Clubs. These are based on a tiered system. Wakefield currently are in tier 2 which is the high level, although this is continuously under review. So what's changed from the previous rules that the Club worked to?

- Well previously when you'd finished your round of golf you could go for a drink and sit with your playing colleagues in the bar around a table albeit adhering to social distancing (1 mtr apart), whereas under the latest rules you are not allowed to socialise indoors with your playing colleagues and can only sit no closer than 2mtrs from any other person unless you are from the same household or are in the same “support bubble”.
- People are not allowed to socialise in a group of 6 or more outside.

All other rules still apply and are unchanged, e.g. the wearing of masks is mandatory and shall be worn at all times while you are in the clubhouse except while seated when eating or drinking beverage, (certain medical exemptions exist). Use hand sanitizer or wash your hands regularly, dispensers are positioned around the clubhouse for your convenience. Table service in the bars is still mandatory so please take a seat and show patience whilst waiting to be served. Please have your member's green card or card number available for payment. Loading your card online before attending the 19th is good advice, this cuts down contact between you and others and is the

safest way to purchase, it will also speed up the process. You can only share a buggy if you are from the same household or are in a support bubble.

You will notice the NHS QR code track and trace poster around the club/on tables, this supplements our already in place T&T procedures, you are required by law to register each day you visit the club using either of the three methods we have in place, paper record, QR currently in place, or the New NHS QR which requires you to download the app to your device and register.

The Importance of Health & Safety at the Golf Club

You will probably have noticed over recent weeks a greater focus/attention towards H&S particularly out on the course with such things as warning signs, etc. We believe there has not been enough focus on H&S in recent times and you will find that we will be bringing to your attention in the future the importance of H&S and the dangers of not conforming to it enough.

We will be making members aware of such things as;

- When it might not be safe to play golf/go out on the course, e.g. when fog prevents any safe play through poor visibility endangering others, when very high winds are prevalent (falling branches, etc.).
- The importance of wearing appropriate winter footwear to prevent slipping on wet slippery surfaces. Wherever possible keep to paths and steps to avoid slipping
- The potential risk of leaving "T" boxes by the "safest" route i.e. with least gradient to avoid slipping and suffering serious injuries
- Reminding you to always shout "FORE" if you hit a wayward shot in the direction of other members who need to crouch and cover their heads on hearing the warning.
- Always be aware of Greens staff working on the course particularly in the vicinity of where you are playing. Remember Green Staff always have priority when out on the course and always wait until staff acknowledge your presence before hitting your shot.
- Members need to be aware of paths where the general public are allowed to walk and to look for them before hitting any shot in that direction
- Members must remember not to stand too near their playing colleagues in case of being hit by a wayward ball or swinging club.

The Great Golf Challenge

On the weekend of 12 & 13 September the '10.44 Legends' from NGC consisting of; Bruce Evans, Shane O'Donnell, and Richard Bowhay, raised a whopping £2,480 for Cancer research by completing 'The Great Golf Challenge'. Supported by both Normanton Golf Club and Leeds Golf Centre these hardy souls took on the rigours of 2 games at each venue (four rounds in total). Armed with only homemade flapjack, millionaires shortbread and a distinctly dark sense of humour they embarked upon the mighty task of raising money for this truly worthwhile cause. NGC would like to say a big 'Well Done' to all 3 of them.



Information also regarding Prostate Cancer

Anyone with any concern or query regarding understanding Prostate Cancer can find out further information about detection by clicking on the following link; <https://prostatecanceruk.org/risk-checker>

*Anyone with any news items for future letters, please contact Richard thro the office at office@normantongolf.co.uk