



# ***NORMY NEWS***

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## ***AGM***

This is a last minute reminder of our AGM taking place next Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. This is the first AGM for 2 years since 2019 due to Covid so please make every effort to attend and hear first-hand what is happening at your Golf Club (including what you have said via the Survey) and what plans there are for the future to take this wonderful Club forward successfully.

## ***Director Vacancies***

There are currently 2 vacancies on the Board of Directors, these are; House Director and Membership Director. If anyone who has been a NGC member for more than 2 consecutive years and has the necessary skills, enthusiasm and time to spare is interested in joining the Board, then please either contact the office or approach a Director expressing your interest. You will then be contacted and made aware of what work is involved in whichever role you are interested in by a Director who will ensure you have a thorough understanding of the role so you have enough information on which to make a decision on.

The Board are totally committed to taking this Club forward in a positive and progressive way and as such this Golf Club is totally dependent on suitable members volunteering their time and effort to help the Club achieve its ambitions and realise its true potential.

## Simulator Open

Our brand new teaching and practicing facility is now open. The facility incorporates the very latest in simulator technology in "True Flight 2" & the even more advanced Flight Scope X to assist with the teaching. There are approaching 130 global courses to choose from plus other functions available for practicing, enhancing your game or sheer entertainment.

Gary is taking bookings for coaching lessons, so if you've got some nagging problem with your game or would just like to fine tune your swing contact Gary and he will no doubt arrange a session to try and correct things. Or if you want measuring and fitting for a new set of clubs using the simulator, again contact Gary as the technology & facilities also support our new accreditation as an official club fitting studio. Alternatively you might just want to sort things out yourself in the studio. If there is a group of you and you don't fancy the cold outside or soft conditions of the course then you might want to play a game/match between yourselves in the warmer/drier conditions of the Simulator.

Our initial opening times for winter will be from 8am, 7 days a week with the final slot at 5pm each day. We encourage you to book via the website on the BRS System, although you can also book through the Pro Shop. The member's rate will be discounted to £30 per hourly booking (up to 4 people maximum). All operating terms and conditions will be available on the website and listed in the Pro Shop.

However, please bear with us! There will most definitely be a 'bedding-in' period for the first few weeks whilst we perfect delivering the ultimate experience and bespoke range of services supporting this facility. Subsequently, there will be a 'Suggestions Card' that we encourage each user to complete upon completion of their first booking, the data from these cards is essential in aiding the club deliver exactly the experience you want and expect when booking. All of the systems will be regularly reviewed following this feedback from members.

The club has invested heavily to finally bring facilities a club of our stature and its members deserve. This will be a marvellous indoor facility for members to enjoy and benefit from.



## **Tigers receive their Trophy**

The victorious NGC Tigers team collected their League Winners Trophy at the recent Heavy Woollen League end of season presentation evening, held at Hanging Heaton. Roy Smith received the Trophy as the Tigers organiser. Both Roy and Tom have done an excellent job this year running two Tigers teams in different leagues. Well done to all the members who played for the Tigers Section this year, hopefully we can pull off a double next year.



## **Warning of Club Thefts - England Golf**

We recently received the following notice from England Golf via the Yorkshire Union of Golf Clubs. Please read and alert yourselves.

*"A handful of clubs from our North region have reported recent organised thefts on their premises. The thieves have attempted to break into the club pro shops to steal equipment and other high value items. These do not appear to be isolated incidents, so please be vigilant and ensure your security and insurance are active and protecting you against threats."*

With the above in mind will members ensure that both the external Clubhouse door and the locker room door remain closed with the lock on at all times. Please do not wedge the doors open for any reason as our/your insurance will become invalid in the case of an incidence of theft.



## ***Sad loss of 2 popular members***

Members might have seen recent emails from the Club informing them of the loss of 2 of our popular members.

### **Robert Artis**

Whilst not a long standing member at NGC, Robert was an extremely popular person generally. Robert joined the Club from Lofthouse Hill GC together with most of the other recruits from Lofthouse when it ceased trading. In his short time here he became well known to many due to his extremely friendly nature. His unexpected death at what is such an early age was a shock to everyone who knew him. His popularity was reflected in the number of people who attended the service and wake, indeed NGC have never before seen such numbers attending a reception here at Hatfeild Hall, a true reflection of the man and how popular Robert was. He will be sadly missed.

### **John Sherwin**

We were also informed of the passing away of John, one of our most loyal and active members. John had been a long standing member at NGC and quickly became an active member of the Rabbits Section, playing in their teams representing NGC. His involvement initially led to him being on the Rabbits Committee and eventually being asked to be Rabbits Captain for 2011/12. Indeed he was asked again to be Captain in 2019 and agreed to become the only member to be Rabbits Captain twice at NGC. These years were challenging years for Rabbits Golf and if it hadn't been for John and a few other committed members there was a danger of the Section folding. Through their efforts however, the Section grew again, going from strength to strength.

John became widely known over the years across the Rabbits fraternity throughout the area, culminating in him becoming President of the Leeds and District Rabbits Golf Association in 2020. Obviously his year in office was disrupted by the Covid pandemic and so the L&DRGA asked him to stay on as President during 2021/22. It is credit to John and just shows the courage of the man that he accepted this challenge in spite of his obvious poor health.

John will be sadly missed by all and our thoughts at this sad time are Julie his wife and the rest of his family. We are informed that a service is being held for John at the Cottingley Hall Chapel Crematorium, Ring Road, Leeds, LS11 0EU at 1.45pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November where any NGC members are welcome to attend to show their respect. The service will be followed by a wake reception back at the Golf Club to be held in the members (Jack Fox) Lounge.

