



NORMY NEWS

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Club Captain's Drive in

We had a great day welcoming our new club Captain, Emlyn Pickup, to the helm of our club with his drive in. We're excited to have him lead us this year and to support his chosen charity, the Alzheimer's Society. Let's make this year a successful one both on and off the course! Below is a picture of Emlyn, blasting his drive-in on the first from the blue tee. Also the impressive table of prizes presented afterwards. Well done Emlyn!



Blast Off!!



Prize Winner



Emlyn with his willing helper manning the Alzheimer's information desk

Meet the NGC Team

No.4 in the series of Meet the NGC Team is Mandy Scott. Mandy joined NGC over 7years ago as Finance Officer so you will find her in the back office dealing with anything financial.

Mandy has been married to Stewart for nearly 40 years. They met whilst both serving in the RAF military but now live and are settled in Normanton. They have 2 children Carly aged 35yrs and Liam aged 32 years.

Mandy likes Reading, Dogs, Travel and spending time with the family.



Section News

Tigers Section

On Wednesday 9th April the annual pre- season opener was played between the Rabbits and Tigers, the 4BBB match play being played over 14 holes across 10 games. The match was hard fought between the teams, with the lead changing as each game concluded. The final result was a draw with each team winning 5 games resulting in the Tigers retaining the cup.



Rabbits Section

On Sunday 6th April the rabbits played a 13 hole stableford competition prior to their AGM, 36 players entered the competition (32 rabbits with support from 4 ladies from the ladies section). Winner of the competition was Jake Rowley with 30 points on count back from Steve Gordon with 3rd place going to Pauline Coldwell on 29 points. Nearest the 10th pin was won by Andrew Weighll. The AGM had a record attendance of 27 members, with last year's Captain Andrew Parkinson handing over to the 2025 Captain Colin Dack and his Vice Captain Andrew Weighll. It was noted at the meeting that membership had increased for this season to 54 members including 5 ladies, a record for the section.

On Thursday 10th April the Rabbits played their first competitive match of the season in the Yorkshire Rabbits Golf Association's Fowler Trophy. This competition is a foursome's knockout played by more than 90 clubs from all the Yorkshire regions. The first round match was played at home against Ben Rhydding with Martin England and Simon Waite representing Normanton. The match was a very close encounter with Normanton winning on the 19th hole and progressing to round 2 away to Waterton Park next month.

The fixtures for the Rabbits come thick and fast this year and during the rest of April they play Wike Ridge at home in the Liv Cavum Trophy and have their first match at home in the first division of the Heavy Woollen League against Gotts Park.

The Rabbits have had an incredible uptake on the invitation to join the Rabbits section. For those who are still considering joining they provide competitive golf at some incredible courses, played in a friendly and welcoming atmosphere. If you would like to join, please contact Colin Dack, Rabbits Captain on 07841 617255 for more information.

EGGS Section

The EGGs Section play their golf on a Tuesday morning and is open to any male golfer over 55 years of age. They hold weekly competitions held in a friendly competitive spirit. If you fancy joining in with them just turn up on a Tuesday morning 7.30-10am and they will be only too pleased to accommodate you. They also arrange friendly but competitive team matches against other golf clubs (usually 12 man team) usually played in a 4BBB format, but can vary, with their first match being away against Wheately Golf Club, followed by a home match against Howley Hall, put your name down on the sheet on the EGGs notice board if interested.

Don't forget Lee's EGGs Captain's Away Day – Thursday 26th June, at Pike Hills Golf Club. There are still some places available to join Lee on his Away Day. 18 holes and food for £55.

Ladies Section

Yorkshire Ladies County Golf Association (YLCGA) Fun Day - On Thursday, 10th April our Lady Representative, Lesley Weighll and Ladies Committee member, Pauline Coldwell attended a fun golf day organised by the YLCGA at Hickleton Golf Club.

The aim was to meet representatives from the YLCGA and England Golf to better understand how the Normanton Ladies could benefit from greater interaction with other Yorkshire clubs and also take advantage of expertise and support on offer to help grow our Ladies section. Not only were useful contacts made but the winning Am-Am team, with 86 points, were our very own two ladies alongside two lady members from Hickleton. A lovely course, good weather and a bit of local knowledge helped make the day a double success.

Pictured below are the winning team being presented with their prizes by YLCGA captain, Lesley Ford.



Junior Section

The Junior Section has moved into the new season having lost some key players from last year. Former Junior Captains Aaron England and Charlie Bray have moved into the adult ranks, whilst another former Captain Jocelyn Deary says farewell to the Section due to leaving for University this year. We wish them all well in their next chapter in life/golf. As part of their departure the Section hosted an Am-Am comp for Aaron and Charlie sponsored by parents and supported by players. Archie Winter, George Middlebrook and Alice Mottram were winners on the day (see picture of them below with last year's Captain Billy Sturgeon).

The following week was Oliver Bateson's Captain's Drive-in with last Season's Captain Billy Sturgeon and Connor Utley winning with an excellent 55 nett (over 13 holes!!). The Section has decided to follow the lead of the Club and announced Alex Taylor as the 2025 vice-captain (see picture of Alex below hitting shot at Alwoodley GC), with Iona Mottram as Vice-vice Captain.

There have been some Junior's competing in Comps away from NGC already this season, with the most notable achievement so far being Iona Mottram coming second with 1 under (on countback) in the Hollinwell Junior Open in Nottinghamshire. (see Iona collecting prize below)

A new key addition to the Section is Wes Dean who has volunteered to look after the "intermediate" juniors these are young juniors who are in between Rich Law's Academy youngsters and the more experienced playing group. Wes will look after them playing/learning on the course, particularly about etiquette, club selection, speed of play, marking cards, etc. This is a vital role to enable youngsters to develop on the course so that they can eventually join the more experienced playing group. Richard and Wes's roles are vital to the future success of NGC Junior Section and our thanks go to them.



Open Days

Below are listed the current Open Days at NGC. Please support these days by playing and inviting a friend as they are an essential part of raising much needed funds for the Club.

Tuesday June 3rd 2025, Mens Senior (EGGS) OPEN DAY, Better-Ball

Open to all golfers who are a member of an affiliated Golf Club.

Better Ball Stableford, 85% of Course Handicap (maximum playing handicap allowance is 28 but higher handicap players still welcome). Players must be 55 years of age or more. Tee times are available from 7.30 am to 3.00 pm. Entry fee includes free light refreshments at the half way house and free entry into a 'twos' competition. Generous Prize Fund including nearest the pin winners. Entry costs just £40 per pair.

Ladies Open Day - Thursday 12th June 2025, AM / AM Team event

Open to all golfers who are a member of an affiliated Golf Club.

Format is AM/AM Stableford with the best 2 scores to count. Handicap limit is 36 (Higher handicaps welcome to play but will be capped at 36). Tees available between 09:00 and 14:00. £80 per team of four to include free refreshments at the half way house, booking available online.

Saturday June 21st 2025, SUMMER OPEN DAY, Better-Ball

Open to all golfers with an official handicap held at an affiliated club

SUMMER OPEN DAY, Format - Better Ball Stableford, 85% handicap. Maximum shot allowance is 28 (Men) & 36 (Ladies). Tee Times available from 8:36am to 2:28pm. Significant Prize Fund! Catering will be available throughout the day. £25 per player (non member price) - Booking available online only.

Tuesday September 9th 2025, Mens Senior (EGGS) AUTUMN OPEN DAY, Better-Ball

Open to all golfers who are a member of an affiliated Golf Club.

Better Ball Stableford, 85% of Course Handicap (maximum playing handicap allowance is 28 but higher handicap players still welcome). Players must be 55 years of age or more. Tee times are available from 8.00 am to 2.00 pm. Entry fee includes free light refreshments at the half way house and free entry into a 'twos' competition. Generous Prize Fund including nearest the pin winners. Entry costs just £40 per pair.

Thursday October 2nd 2025, Ladies Autumn Open Day, Texas Scramble

Open to all golfers who are a member of an affiliated Golf Club.

Texas Scramble. Tee Times from 9am to 1:00pm. Course Handicap limit 36 (Higher handicap players are welcome to play but will be capped to 36 Course Handicap). £60 per team of four, including free refreshments at the Half-Way House.

Lads on Tour!

A group of golfers from NGC went on a 4 day golfing trip to Murcia, Spain recently, organised by our Coaching Professional Richard Law. Some photo's below including Rich doing a Bunker clinic on the beach. Rich also had a hole in one at La Torre Golf Resort, well done Coach!



Sponsorship

Tee and Buggy Sponsorship



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Diary Dates



MIXED SOCIAL



EASTER MONDAY 21ST APRIL 2025
(fancy dress optional)



A FUN DAY FOR EVERYONE
18 HOLES WITH A NEW COMPETITION



BUNNY HOP



PLUS

PUTTING COMPETITION

FUN GAMES

MEAL AFTER THE COMPETITION

NGC proudly presents on FRIDAY NIGHT, 9th MAY

In association with SGS race services



CHARITY RACE NIGHT

Alzheimer's Society in aid of the 2025/26 Captain's charity.



Doors open 7pm, 1st race 8pm. Supper will be available to order on the night

Tickets £5, includes 5 FREE raffle tickets - minimum 10 prizes

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE RACE NIGHT & RAFFLE GOING TO THE CAPTAIN'S CHARITY.

Quiz Night at the Club

Friday 18th April 7.30 for 8.30



Quiz

EASTER PICTURE QUIZ
GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ
MUSIC SECTION...No 1's THROUGH THE DECADES

£1 per person, max 6 persons in team



Safe Cracker

Only 8 numbers left, but the live **£200** jackpot...is **GUARANTEED** to be won on the night.

Tickets £1 each, buy as many as you wish.

2 x £200 jackpots in reserve.

**Jackpot
£200**



CAPTAIN'S CHARITY CARD BINGO

Subject to numbers playing, there's 3 games for £5 pp with £100 on final game on 37 nos or less.

If the Jackpot isn't won, it will be donated to the Captain's charity.



Supper

Stewards supper of the night.

£3 per person, available to order until 8.30pm

Come Along, Have Fun and Maybe Win Money!

Any news items for future letters, contact Richard at office@normantongolf.co.uk