



NORMY NEWS

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Meet the NGC Team

Our second in this series is Richard Law our Head Professional.



Partner: Emily

Children: Mia Rose Law

Area lived: Mirfield

Year first joined NGC: 2022 as Head Teaching Pro

Current h/cp: + 4.9

Played Tours: Europa Challenge

Amateur Career:

- Yorkshire Amateur Champion
- 2008 & 2009 Yorkshire Open Champion
- 2013 Leeds Amateur Champion
- And a few others along the way

Representative Honours

- Leeds
- Yorkshire
- 2008 Yorkshire Boys Captain

Favourite Golfer? Tiger Woods

Favourite Film? Tin Cup

Type of Music? Oasis, Coldplay

Dislikes? Negativity

What you like most about NGC? The Friendly members and good facilities

What frustrates you most about NGC? Attention to detail

Thanks to Andy

As most of you will have read recently Andy Hall has decided to step down from the Board of Directors after more than 5 years loyal and dedicated service as a Board Member.

Andy first came onto the Board as House Director but following Andy Booth leaving the Club to move area, Andy stepped in to fill the breach and started looking after Greens as well, which was a tremendous personal commitment doing the 2 largest portfolios on the Board.

However, Andy took it in his stride and made a massive commitment on both the House and Greens Areas of the Club.

Andy was eventually able to pass on the House responsibilities to Harold Box and concentrate solely on Greens and has worked closely with Dave Crampton our Head Greenkeeper over the years as well as forming a Greens Committee and has made a massive contribution to the overall development of this Golf Club.

A personal note from the Editor.

When Covid hit the UK in March 20 and caused a national shutdown, there was obviously tremendous uncertainty for everyone on a personal level, but also businesses, not least Golf Clubs. At the time at NGC there were only 3 Directors running the Club, Andy being one. During those 3-4 months of turmoil and upheaval Andy was spending virtually all his days and most evenings helping run the Club with us other 2 and I will always be forever grateful on behalf of the Club for his unswerving personal commitment and contribution to keeping this Club alive.

Section News

Tigers Section

The Tigers eventually ended their quite successful season, finishing in 2nd place in the Heavy Woollen League and 3rd in the Mid handicap league. Well done everyone! Roy and Gary would like to thank all those who turned out for both teams.

Rabbits Section

The year-end prize presentation for the Rabbits will take place on Sunday 13th October, at 1pm, comprising a short comp (over either 9 or 14 holes) followed by the presentation of the trophies to the various winners, it would be good to see all the various members who have played for the Rabbits in attendance to celebrate what has been a very successful year.

Congratulations also to Les Benson and Colin Dack who are still going strong in the L&DRGA Taylor Trophy knockout competition. They have reached the final after a crushing semi final win over City of Wakefield at Low Laithes GC, winning 4&3. The final will be played on Sunday 6th October at Howley Hall Golf Club. Good luck guys

NGC Rabbits Section sent two 2 man teams to try and win WRGA's Hemmingway Trophy held at Lupset and one of them did just that. Pictured below receiving the Trophy from the WRGA president Jon Bryan are Colin Dack and Andy Weighll. Congratulations both!



EGGS Section

Seniors' Open

Last Tuesday saw the section host their second Seniors Open Day of the year. A total of 136 players entered the competition and the feedback on the day was very complimentary about the condition of the course and the general organisation of the event, and special thanks are due to all those who gave up their time ensure the success for the event. A special mention should also go to the Ladies for providing much-needed refreshments at the Halfway House, and helping secure contributions to the charity collection.

The competition itself raised a significant sum of money that will go to support the section's wider activities, and the charity collection on behalf of the Stroke Association raised over £300.

Out on the course, the competition was very closely fought, and the eventual Leader Board was;

1. Harold Box , Keith Glassell, with 45 points, winning £70 each
2. Keith Fair NGC and David Bauja (Whitwood), with 44 points, winning £60 each
3. Neil Smith (Wakefield) and Michael Watkiss (Low Laithes), with 42 points, winning £50 each
4. M McGrath (Hanging Heaton) and Tony Bentley (Dewsbury), also with 42 points £40 each
5. Martin Haywood (NGC) and Graham Wood (Bingley), with 41 points, £30 each

It's worth mentioning that no fewer than 9 pairs achieved a score of 41 points so we were very glad to have the computer to do all the countback calculations!

The two Nearest the Pin winners were; 2nd Hole - David K Jones (NGC); 10th Hole - Steve Lambert (Heworth). Each player will receive £30. There were also 14 players who achieved 2s,

Victory Trophy (Medal stroke play format)

There was a good turnout for the last "Major" of the season in what was fantastic weather and good course conditions, with the eventual leaderboard finishing;

1st John Wright gross 79 off 14 = 65 net

2nd Bob Craven with a gross 75 off 7 = 68 net

3rd Kevin Townsend gross 80 off 10 = 70 net

Friendly Matches

The final team match of the year was at home against Woolley Park GC, which resulted in a 4 – 1 victory at home to Woolley Park. The victory was some compensation for a particularly chastening defeat at their end earlier in the year, so the result restored some balance.

The EGGS team this year have had a successful year overall, with a playing record of P13; W8; D2; L3, Thanks to all 34 players who represented the EGGS in their friendly fixtures. Steve the EGGS Captain thanks everyone for their support, throughout the season, it has been very much appreciated.

Ladies Section

September started with the Stewards Cup being played on 3rd September with Kay England winning with a gross score of 93 and nett 71. Congratulations Kay! This was followed by the final of the Westgarth Knockout comp with Judith Gall beating Janet West in match play, 3&2. Well done ladies, you both have played well throughout the whole competition.

The NRGL Final Tournament took place at Woolley Golf Club on 8th September with NGC coming joint second with Woolley GC. Fabulous season playing against Waterfront, Phoenix, Sandhill Golf Clubs. Shown below are the winning mixed teams at Woolley (excluding Kay Allsop who was playing but vanished somewhere at photo time!)



Ladies Invitation Day on 19th September was a great success with 12 lady members inviting 12 guests from various local clubs. There were prizes for the best team Am-AM score, nearest the pin on the 2nd hole for NGC ladies, nearest the pin on the 10th hole for guests and longest drive on the 15th. The winning team included two ladies from Crookhill GC. No one got nearest the pin on the 2nd hole, Hazel from Low Laithes won nearest the pin on the 10th with Judith Gall taking the longest drive prize. A fabulous meal of salmon, prawns & quiche with a wonderful salad buffet was enjoyed with guests stating what a great day it was.



The Ladies Shield was played on Sunday 22nd September after being postponed from the previous week, and was won by Gina Kershaw with a gross of 107 and nett of 68.

Final date for the diary, the ladies social committee have organised a Halloween competition and fun day on Thursday 31st October so if your inner werewolf or witch needs to be on display for the day, come and join us for a mixed foursomes, some games and hearty food. Broomsticks are definitely allowed on the course on this day! Please add your name to the poster on the mens and ladies notice board. A draw will be done on the day to see which werewolf gets which witch! Easy for you to say! Dressing up / makeup is not compulsory but totally acceptable gentlemen, your chance to shine!

Juniors Section

The Juniors have been busy again this month with Captain Billy Sturgeon being the centre of attention for a lot of it. Firstly it was his home Captain's Day with a huge number of prizes available due to the generosity of the Club. Thanks also to Club Captain Grez Hall for taking the time to be starter for the day and staying for the presentation as well as donating prizes. Thanks also to the Scratch & Nett Sections for the putter, Pat McCann for the box of balls and the EGGs for their financial contribution, it all made for a special day. In the competition there was a best gross from Alex Taylor, but the main competition was won by George Middlebrook.

Billy also held his Away Day at Bradford Golf Club where the players enjoyed a good day's golf and food despite the best efforts of the weather, with George Middlebrook again coming out victorious.

Prior to all of this Dan Kirby claimed victory in the U14 section of the Moortown Junior Open (see pic below) and Alex Taylor came second overall in the Fulford Golf Club Junior Open.

A small army of Normanton Juniors made the trip to St. Annes Old Links for their Junior Open and in another tough day with the weather, Alex Taylor came a creditable 5th in a large field with a nett 70.

Following on from last month's news, Iona Mottram came 5th in the Northern Junior Golf Tour finals at Thonock Park. Whilst at home Alice Mottram collected a 4th win in 5 rounds of the Andrew Moralee to win the order of merit for this comp.

Both Alice and Iona Mottram have been joined in Yorkshire's County girls winter training program by Etta Cotton and Elsa Marshall after they both qualified on the assessment day.

For the boys, Dan Kirby qualified to join the Yorkshire Boys U14 training group, well done Dan. He follows in the footsteps of Alex Taylor who will continue his County development in the U16 group.

Dan Kirby winning the Moortown Junior Open U14 section



Editor's Note; it is absolutely fantastic to see how the Normanton Junior Section is thriving and becoming a major Junior force in not only the region but the wider golfing area. What makes this achievement more incredible is that we didn't even have a Junior Section not that many years ago, but it just goes to show what can happen when a few dedicated people take hold of something and drive it's progress along with total commitment and dedication. Well done everybody!

Diary

19th October is the Club's Presentation evening and it would be great if we could pack the Hatfeild Suite for what is one of the Club's biggest events of the year. More details to follow by email.

Offers

There is still a '**Buy 6 Get One Free**' offer on Thatchers Cider. Grab yourself a loyalty stamp card from the bar and every time you buy a pint of Thatchers, get your card stamped. When you have bought six and your card is full your next purchase of a pint of Thatchers will be free!

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