



# ***NORMY NEWS***

***April 2024***

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## ***Club Captain's Drive in***

We had a great day welcoming our new club Captain, Graham Hall, 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, Christmas toy run for children in hospital run by Featherstone Spartans Scooter Club (which starts a week on Thursday - weather permitting) and also the golf club improvement fund. Let's make this year a successful one both on and off the course! Below is a picture of Graham, blasting his drive-in over the ditch on the first from the blue tee 200yds in a headstrong wind, not bad Grez! Also the impressive table of prizes presented afterwards.





### ***Junior Captain's Drive-in***

Last Saturday was another Drive-in, this time it was the turn of our Junior Captain Billy Sturgeon. There was a good turnout for Billy to enjoy his day. Some excellent scores came in with Ben Perkins scoring 41 points to win by 2 points from George Gray with Billy coming 3<sup>rd</sup> with an excellent 36 points. Well done all who attended and supported Billy on his drive-in and congratulations Billy have a great year!



## **Welcome our New Director**

The Club are delighted to announce following on from Harold Box and then Gary Varley that Paul Simms has agreed to join the board as the new Golf Director. Paul will be taking over from Rich Carter who has agreed to stay on in a different position as the Club's Business Development Director (Marketing). Paul has been a long serving member heavily involved with the Rabbits Section, being their Secretary for several years and will be a welcome addition to the Board, which for the first time in several years will now be full strength and comprise of (in no particular order);

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
Chris Dean	Finance Director
Andy Hall	Greens Director
Harold Box	House Director
Graham Fox	Governance Director
Paul Simms	Golf Director
Rich Carter	Marketing Director
Gary Varley	Membership Director

## **Your Handicap Committee**

A lot of hard work behind the scenes goes into golfing/competition matters at NGC, a recent example being yesterday's announcement regarding the standardisation of par. Where from the 1<sup>st</sup> May we have standardised par on all the men's tees, which means the Yellow 9<sup>th</sup> Hole, Red 3<sup>rd</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> and Winter 9<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> all become par 5's (Ladies Tees not affected), much of the work surrounds the handicap system where NGC have a Handicap Committee to ensure we conform to WHS guidelines. The committee also monitors handicaps, looking at scoring trends and result patterns, etc.

A recent volunteer who has just joined the Committee is last year's Club Captain David Ryley. David joins fellow committee members; Bryan Harvey (Chair), Gary Pritchard, Gina Kershaw, Andy Hay and Rich Carter (Advisory).

## **Rabbits Section**

Unfortunately because of course conditions the Rabbits 13 hole start of season comp had to be cancelled but their AGM still went ahead. Below is a photo of 2023 Rabbits Captain Adrian, welcoming Andy as the new Rabbits Captain and wishing him a successful year. If there are any golfers out there that are 15 handicap or above and feel like playing some social but competitive golf then get in touch with the Rabbits at [rabbits@normantongolf.co.uk](mailto:rabbits@normantongolf.co.uk)



NGC Rabbits Section also made their own history when for the very first time 2 Lady golfers, Kay England and Pauline Caldwell played for a NGC Rabbits Team. This follows closely on from 2 other lady members representing the Tigers team last year.

### ***EGGS Section***

Unfortunately the EGGS team's first fixture had to be called off due to the condition of the course at Lupset, however they played at Oulton Hall GC last Thursday and came away with a comprehensive 1-5 victory. Well done gents! Their next match is this week on Thursday at home against Howley Hall GC.

### ***Volunteer Work out on the Course***

Many thanks must go to those members who turned up recently to help out on the course generally both before the Captain's Drive in and since to help specifically with the bunkers. The Club really appreciate your dedication and commitment to helping the Club with the maintained condition of the course. There will be future occasions when assistance is once again required and the Club will let you know in advance, but if you want to be involved just email the office.





### ***Newly refurbished and stocked Pro Shop***

Our Pro Shop has now completed its refurbishment with a fully stocked shop for you to browse through. Below are some pictures showing the dramatic change you will find. One major change to the business plan for the shop is it will now be managed by the club with any money you spend going directly back to your club. Richard and Callum will be glad to accommodate your golfing needs and another face you are likely to see in there is Sharon, who has relocated from the office to the pro shop.



## Keeping dry in the Simulator



Whilst the weather is continuing to be miserable why not fine tune your skills in the comfort of a purpose built modern building or just have an entertaining round of golf with up to 3 other players. The Simulator uses the latest technology that allows you to play any one of over 120 premium courses from around the world, or practice on a virtual 'practice field'. You will also get all the statistics to understand your distance and carry, ball spin, flight and many more.

The building also includes a teaching academy. Book a lesson with one of our Coaching team and you can benefit from their expertise using the very latest 'Flightscope' technology, giving them and you the ability to get immediate feedback on you performance and any changes you make to your game.

What do I need?

- We provide the golf balls as the simulator requires as specially marked ball for ball tracing etc., so no need to bring your own.
- We do ask that you wear a pair of **clean** indoor shoes, trainers are ideal, but definitely not outdoor Golf Shoes.
- We also ask that you ensure your clubs are clean with no sign of mud etc. Just give them a quick wash before turning up please.

## Tee and Buggy Sponsorship



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or ring 01924-377943 (opt 2)



## ***Diary Dates/Open Days***

**Gary's testimonial event** - this Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May, including an evening event. Don't miss and please come along and support Gary who has been a tremendous servant to our Club

**Club Captain's Away Day** - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June, at Sandburn Hall York. Initial invitations have now gone out for Graham's Away Day consisting of 27 holes & food for £60.

**EGGS Captain's Away Day** - Friday 12 July, at Silkstone Golf Club. There are still some places available to join Steven on his Away Day. 18 holes and food for £60.

**Rabbit's Captain Away w/end** - Sun/Mon 18/19<sup>th</sup> August, at Hollins Hall, Bed, breakfast & evening meal & 2 games of golf for £110 (shared double room) or single room at a supplement. There are places still available for Andy's weekend away. To join him just contact the Rabbits Section at [rabbits@normantongolf.co.uk](mailto:rabbits@normantongolf.co.uk)

**EGGS Open Day** – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Better Ball Stableford, 85% of Course Handicap. 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 13<sup>th</sup> June

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.

**Summer Open Day** – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June

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. £20 per player.

**AM-AM Open Day** – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

A Team AM-AM event (4 players) open to all Male & Female golfers. Mixed teams are allowed. The format is stableford (85% handicap allowance) with two scores to count on each hole. Gents play off white tees and Ladies off red tees. Entry fee £100 per Team of 4 which includes a Hot breakfast roll and hot drink on arrival, a generous prize pot and a complimentary 2's entry per team. Refreshments also available at our Halfway House. Tees available from 09:00 - 14:00. H/caps will be capped at 28 (Men) and 36 (Ladies) but higher handicapped players can still play.

**Open Invitation Day** – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September. Members opportunity to invite a friend, client, guest, to compete in this Better Ball Competition.

**EGGS Autumn Open Day** – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September

Better Ball Stableford, 85% of Course Handicap. 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.

**Ladies Autumn Open Day** – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Format is a 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

## Club Fitting Days at NGC

We have two Custom fit/Demo days coming up next month with Taylormade and Srixon/Cleveland joining us. Taylormade will be first up on Thursday May 16th 1pm - 6pm. Srixon/Cleveland will be with us on Wednesday 29th May 1pm - 6pm. For more information and to book on, either pop into the pro shop, give us a call,



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# CUSTOM FITTING EVENT

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DATE: May 16th TIME: 1pm-6pm  
LOCATION: Normanton Golf Club



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# FITTING DAY

DATE: 29th May 2024  
Location: Normanton Golf Club  
Time: 1pm - 6pm

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