



NORMY NEWS

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Meet our new Club Captain

Robert "Bob" Craven has been a member of Normanton Golf Club since it first moved to Hatfeild Hall in March 1998 and over those 28 years, has become an extremely popular member, rarely seen without a smile on his face. He joins in with most social events and has represented the Club at various levels at Golf. Bob's chosen charity is 'Heart Research UK', and he will be doing a 60/40 split of funds raised between his Charity and the course development fund.

Bob says, "I am really looking forward to my year as Captain and I would like to wish everyone a successful golfing year, so, whether your aim is to reduce your handicap, achieve that elusive 'Hole in One', or finding that extra 10 yards on your drive, please enjoy your golf".



Captain's Handover

On Friday 20th, there was a full Hatfeild Suite to see Emlyn Pickup hand over the reins as Club Captain to Bob Craven. Both past and incoming Captain's addressed the audience with their thoughts, reflection and thanks. The Club would like to thank Emlyn for a successful year as Captain and wish Bob all the very best for his incoming year as 2026/27 Club Captain.







Captain's Drive-in

Bob held his Captain's Drive – In last Saturday and whilst unfortunately we haven't photo's of Bob hitting his mammoth drive, we do have photos of the prize winners collecting their prizes back at the Club at night.





Section Captains

Rabbits Captain

This year's Rabbits Captain is **Andy Weighill**. Andy has been involved with the Rabbits for several years now and is looking forward to his year in office. He has already organised his Captain's away weekend at Forest Pines GC, Scunthorpe (see Andy for any spaces left). He will have a busy year as the Rabbits have a hectic fixture list throughout the whole season, with the Heavy Woollen League, Leeds 2man league and many cup/knockout matches. Anyone interested in joining the Section please see Andy.



Seniors Captain

This year's EGGs Captain is **Alan Singleton**. Alan joined the Club several years ago following many years at Low Laithes GC. He immediately involved himself with representative golf at NGC playing for the Rabbits Section initially, before qualifying, through age, for the EGGs Section. Alan has already brought new initiatives into the role as Captain, not least his impressive "Scrambled Egg" newsletter. He has already organised his Captain's Away Day, which will be at Phoenix GC Rotherham. Watch out on the notice board for details of the forthcoming EGGs Team matches against other Golf Clubs.



Junior Captain

Iona Mottram is this year's Junior Captain and I know that Iona will be wanting to follow the success of the outgoing Captain, Ollie Bateson, who had a great year both on and off the course. Iona's drive-in was a small but fun event with a Las Vegas scramble, the winners being Zac Williamson, Alice Mottram and Noah Lloyd, who carded a brilliant 48 nett over 14 holes, with the prizes presented by Bob Craven. Have a great year, Iona!



Some early season news from the Section. Dan Kirby achieved an admirable the top 20 spot in the English Schools Golf Association competition and Iona qualified for the Northern Area final by winning the U19's East Yorkshire event played at Hull in horrendous conditions. Also in horrible conditions, Iona, Alice Mottram and Etta Cotton battled bravely in the Yorkshire County girl's competition finishing 6th (Div1), 6th and 14th (Div2) respectively.





Open Days at NGC

The below events are open to all golfers with an official handicap and are a member at an affiliated club.

- **LADIES SUMMER OPEN. Thursday 11th June 2026** - 4 person Team 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). £80 per team of four,
- **MENS SENIOR (EGGS) OPEN DAY. Tuesday June 16 2026** - 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. Entrants must have submitted 6 qualifying cards in the last 12 months. £40 per pair, includes free light refreshments at the half way house and free entry into a 'twos' competition. Generous Prize Fund including nearest the pin winners.
- **SUMMER OPEN DAY. Saturday July 4th 2026** - Better-Ball Stableford, 85% handicap. Maximum shot allowance is 28 (Men) & 36 (Ladies) £25 per player (non member price) Significant Prizes!
- **MENS SENIOR (EGGS) AUTUMN OPEN DAY. Tuesday September 8th 2026** - 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. Entrants must have submitted 6 qualifying cards in the last 12 months £40 per pair, includes free light refreshments at the half way house and free entry into a 2's competition. Good Prize Fund incl. nearest the pin.
- **LADIES AUTUMN OPEN. Thursday 1st October 2026** - 4 person Team Texas Scramble. Course Handicap limit 36 (Higher handicap players are welcome to play but will be capped to 36 Course Handicap). £70 per team of four.

NGC Social Events

The Club is always trying to involve members as much as possible. And a great way of getting to know other members is to get involved with our Social events. These have usually been initiated by the Ladies Section in the past but we now have a Mixed Social Committee who organise the events. Socials to include food, games and prizes, costs will be confirmed on the posters advertising the event. 2 events coming up very shortly, are;

The Easter Bunny Hop.

This event is on 9th April and is £10 a ticket which includes food after the golf and prizes, see flyer below.



The 2nd event is the **Country and Western Evening** Be quick as there's Only a few tickets left!

Country & Western
Night

WANTED! - Cowboys & Cowgirls!

Come join us for a night filled with fun –
music, line dancing, games and food

Friday 10th April 2026
Doors open 7:00pm
Fun starts 7:30pm
Last stagecoach book by 11:30pm

Tickets £15 per person to include food
Tickets are limited so get yours before we're sold out!

Minimum age 14 accompanied by adult

Dress to impress, leave your horse at the door and
your guns at home!

Join us at:
The Hatfeild Saloon, Normanton Golf Club,
Aberford Road, Stanley, Wakefield WF3 4JP

Get your tickets from Hatfeild Hall Office or
call: 01924 200900, select option 3 or call
07769 177731

Some other events on the Horizon, are;

- Thursday 25th June - Midsummer Madness
- Thursday 30th July - Yorkshire Day
- Thursday 29th October - Halloween Special

The Dick & Liddle Competition will take place as normal on Bank Holiday Monday, 25th May.

Watch out for confirmation of the mixed social day away at Woodsome (dates being considered are Wednesday 12th or Thursday 13th August or Wednesday 19th August). Posters will go up on the notice boards approximately 4 weeks before the event, so watch out and don't delay in adding your name if you'd like to play.

NGC Simulator



Fine tune your skills 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. All this in the comfort of a purpose-built modern building.

The building also includes a teaching academy. Book a lesson with one of our Coaching team (Rich Law and Callum Gaughan), and you can benefit from their expertise using the very latest 'Flightscope' technology, giving them and you the ability to get immediate feedback on your 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.

NGC Tee Sponsorship



Tee and Buggy Sponsorship

Do you own or work for a company who would be interested in advertising by sponsoring our Tee Signage or Buggies?

**If so, please contact our Office
office@normantongolf.co.uk
or ring 01924-377943 (opt 2)**



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MEMBERS MEAL DEAL *Halfway House*

Sandwich and a Hot Drink
PLUS
Chocolate Bar OR Crisps

for just £5 **BUY NOW**

Please support your Club as much as possible

A reminder to all members that frequent use of the bars, function rooms and pro shop, are absolutely critical to the future success of NGC and Hatfeild Hall.

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