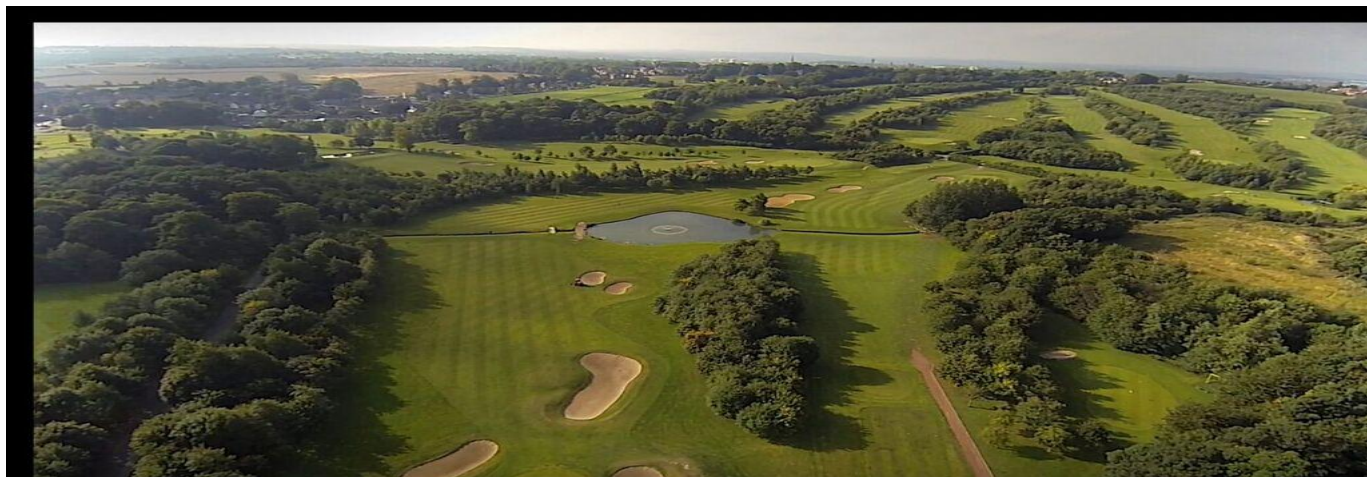




NORMY NEWS

September 2026

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AGM - Thursday 17th September

The Club recently held its Annual General Meeting. This is an important event in the Club's Calendar as it is an opportunity for the Directors to give feedback to its members about a) How the Club did last year financially, b) The General well-being of the Club and c) What the future holds for the Club in terms of direction, together with any projects to be undertaken.

Financially the Club is in a much healthier position than the previous reported year, turning a £31k loss into a £10k profit, which is a turnaround of over £40k. Clearly the brilliant summer of last year helped the turnover, which saw visitor/society/simulator income increase by over £54k a 47% improvement on the previous year.

Andy Bell gave his Greens Report which itemised many of the improvements to the course over the winter (too many to list) but because of the exceptionally dry conditions throughout spring/summer it has been a case of trying to preserve the course rather than significantly improve it. Andy listed the course projects that have been identified for 26/27 covering; greens and fringes, fairways, bunkers, tee boxes and practice nets.

Gary Varley gave his Membership presentation which showed a total membership of just over 600, some 74 more than 2 years ago. The introduction of more flexible membership packages has been a success and Gary stated that retention rather than recruitment was his priority. A table was produced illustrating where NGC was in comparison to the other local Golf Clubs in

the area. This showed only Pontefract and Low Laithes to be slightly cheaper than us but Woodthorpe, Waterton, Howley and Selby to be considerably dearer.

There were also some slides showing key topics since the last AGM covering Golf and House issues, improvement and projects, together with areas to focus on.

Emlyn Pickup, the Club's new Governance Director gave a comprehensive Governance Report illustrating some of the good work done so far by previous Governance Directors, together with the programme of policies, issues, etc. that he intends to review in the future.

The initial results of the 2026 Club Survey were shown with a response by 186 members, 35% of those invited and 1,493 comments received. However, this Newsletter won't go into the specific outcomes as this will be communicated by the Club in the near future.

The evening finished with a list of many of the improvements that has happened at the Club in 25/26.

Inter-Section Challenge Trophy

The annual inter-section challenge was held on 12th Sep. 7 teams played; Captains, Ladies, Juniors, Seniors, Tigers, Rabbits, and for this first time a Nett team.

Winners were the Nett team, with a total score of 137, closely followed by the Juniors on 131 and third place the captain's team with 122. Dave Roberts won the individual cup with 39 points. Junior player Jacob Wood carded an impressive 37 playing in this mixed format.

Andy Hall, the organiser, would particularly like to thank, Steve Gordon for stepping in at 30 mins notice, for a no show, Carl Hope (starter) who also did a great job at short notice and Tina and her staff who looked after everyone as usual with before and after catering.

A totally fun day with friendly, but good golf and a prize for the winners was enjoyed by everyone. A fitting event to draw towards an end of season gathering.





Rich Law winning again!

Our coaching professional, Rich Law, won another competition recently when he was victorious in the PGA Dewsbury Pro-Am Competition. Congratulations Rich!



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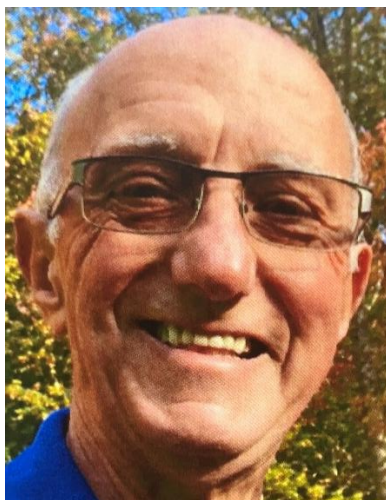
Andy meets Royalty

One of our members, Andy Sellars, was lucky enough to meet and talk to HRH the Prince of Wales this week down at Wakefield Trinity’s stadium, as part of meeting Sir Kevin Sinfield when he stopped off at stage 5 in his 7/7 marathons in aid of the MND Charity. Andy was there as one of the key fund raisers in the Wakefield Area for MND and has just launched his campaign for this year for MND again.



TREVOR JONES

As most of you will be aware the Club lost one of its most loyal members when Trevor passed away the other month. Well, typical Trevor, he arranged for some significant donations to be made to NGC, namely £250 to Captain Bob's Charity, Heart Research, £200 to the EGGS Section and £50 to the Ladies Social Section. What a generous and thoughtful man.



SECTION NEWS

Rabbits Section

The Rabbits won the Rocks Decanter Trophy match against Tadcaster GC, overturning a lead by Tadcaster, before coming to Hatfeild. Below is the victorious team, (Henry Rocks looking glum far left).



The final of the Wakefield Rabbit's prestigious Graham Wood Trophy was played at Silkstone with Normanton reaching the final playing against a very strong team from Woolley GC. Unfortunately, Woolley proved too strong on the day and won the Trophy with a 2 games to 1 result.

The Rabbits Singles Knockout progressed to the final and congratulations to the Rabbits Captain Andy Weighll who beat Simon Waite 3&1. Also, to the pairs ko winners Gary Wilcock & Chris Rowley, who beat Martin and Andrew Sellers by 1up.

Eggs Section

Once again, the EGGS held a successful Autumn Open day with 168 golfers participating. The weather provided differing conditions for golf – later starters had to contend with winds which increased in strength during the day and the occasional shower – however some excellent scores were returned. Many compliments were expressed about the condition of the course and the way it was presented by the Ground Staff especially after the recent drought conditions.

The Ladies Section provided their usual friendly hospitality with complimentary refreshments at the Half Way House which were enjoyed by all - especially the cream scones!!

The event winners were:

1. J Parsons/P Davis Normanton GC 46 points
2. G Bolton/K Cummings Penwortham GC 45 points
3. R McTiffin/ S Pfirsch Normanton GC 43 points
4. J Ineson/N Clough Hanging Heaton GC 42 points back 9 countback
5. S Sharpe Normanton GC/ D Yates Braintree GC 42 points back 9 countback

The organising Committee wish to thank all those who attended and hope that they had an enjoyable day. The Collection for the Royal British Legion- raised £259. 78p

Anyone remember these two characters from NGC in the early 2000's who used to sweep all Rabbit Open Days before them, regularly scoring 46 points. Namely Jarvis (chief Bandit) with his apprentice Pete, shown below.



Well guess what? Fast forward 20 years and this evergreen couple now qualify for Senior Opens, and are sweeping all before them. Here they are receiving their cheques and medals after winning the recent EGGs Open Day with 46 points (who says your game deteriorates when you get older). Seriously fellows, well done!



The EGGs held their last major of the year, the Victory Trophy, and the winners were:

- 1st: Tony Griffiths
- 2nd: John Flockton
- 3rd: Steve Moorhouse

Friendly Team Matches

The EGGs representative team played its final (rearranged) fixture away to Oulton Hall this week and unfortunately finished the year with a 3–2 loss. This year, 31 players represented the EGGs over 12 matches. Their final season tally was W5, D3, L4. Well done to everyone who has played this season.

Captain's Team Trophy.

This season we introduced the Captain's Team Trophy to reward players who played in the team matches. Points were awarded for representation and results. The first ever winner was Jonathan Kuhnel, beating Lee Adamson into 2nd place. Steve Moorhouse was 3rd. Jonathan's tally this year was an impressive P11 W7 H2. He was awarded the Trophy after our final match at Oulton Hall.

Our Leeds and District 3man senior's team of Graham Hall, Phil Turner and John Flockton, beat Oulton Hall in the semi-finals to go through to the final played at Headingley golf club. Unfortunately, they lost 2games to 1 against a strong team from Scarcroft GC, but well played guys in reaching the final!



Junior Section

This month has seen the delayed Junior Captain's Day, with Iona hosting a Greensomes competition. The Comp was won by Noah Lloyd and Max Smith, second was Ben Perkins and third was Jacob Wood and Pranav Nair. The latest round of the Andrew Moralee was won by Euan Chisem, leaving just two players in the running to lift the prestigious major. The last round of the medal series was won by Jacob Wood, with a nett 73.

There's still a lot to play for before the season ends, with the Andrew Moralee, Reduced club comp and Junior Matchplay all to be completed, as well as the multi-format end of season Championship to be played.



Ladies Section

The Ladies Major and Knockout competitions have completed this month with some excellent golf being played:

LADIES SHIELD MEDAL, the final Major of the season, was played over a weekend with the winner Kay England on a Nett 71 closely followed by Yvonne Gordon on a Nett 73.

JUBILEE KNOCKOUT the Pairs Final was contested by Gina Kershaw/Judith Gall and Kay England/Yvonne Gordon with Gina & Judith being eventual victors retaining the trophy.

WEST GARTH KNOCKOUT, the Singles Final, was contested by Yvonne Gordon and Judith Gall with Judith winning the match retaining the trophy for the third year.

INTERSECTION CHALLENGE the team entered by the Ladies Section, although not victorious, enjoyed the day and camaraderie of the competition...Next year will be our year!



Future Events

There's a spooky event coming on Thursday 29th October...Halloween...look out for details and get your name down!

There is also a Country and Western night planned for Friday 13th November.

Please look out for further social events and information on the Notice Boards.

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