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What do you like to be called – or rather, how do you like emails that you receive to start? The usual way to start a written communication is to use some sort of greeting. For example “Dear Oscar”. Now that is particularly useful if your name is actually Oscar, but you get what I mean, I’m sure. However, like sealing wax, the use of “Dear” is vanishing but how does one replace it?

Some emailers have done away altogether with any salutation leaving just the forename, which rests uneasily on my eyes as it looks far too abrupt and demands usually unwarranted immediate attention. Little do the emailers know which word crosses my mind when I receive emails starting so curtly. Like many British correspondents, I have never been entirely comfortable with “Hi”. It sounds a bit American and squeaky. “Hello” sounds pofaced, drab and mimsy. Very occasionally you might come across “Salutations” which sounds rather pompous to my ear. “Good Morning” is altogether time-specific. “Hey, Dennis” is perhaps on this side of the Atlantic, and the somewhat middle-England “What ho” or the “Oi” greeting might mirror the English class divide.

One thing is certain. The formal salutation with which any missive starts has a very practical purpose as well as a ceremonial one. It tags the communication, right at the top, with the name of the intended addressee. As for the ending “Yours sincerely”, this is also going the way of sealing wax. I favour “Regards” or, if a need arises to show more sincerity, “Kind regards”. But, please, never ever “Cheers” unless it’s your turn to get them in.

Talking about emails, Chris Groom has asked if mention could be made in *Links* about the advantages of being on the Club email database. Despite actually having banged on about this for years, a mention again would not be out of place. Each month a General Manager’s Newsletter is emailed to all registered members (that means to those on the email list). Additionally, if there is a special meeting called or a particular piece of information, then email is the method of communication. Now, if you don’t have a computer there’s a problem, but come on, this is the 21st century, telephones work but computers entertain, inform and educate in a much more efficient manner. And the local libraries all have PCs for public use too.

On April 25 1891 some forward-thinking locals decided to create a nine-hole golf course in some old gravel pits in Northwood. A little over 120 years later it was thought a novel idea to invite the public to come and play those

same first nine holes again. What a great idea to celebrate 120 years of NGC being a members’ club with its traditions, ethics and touch of style in this turbulent world. Turn to page 7 for more details.

An interesting item has come onto the *Links* news desk. NGC’s Professional Chris Holdsworth has grasped the nettle and has his own website www.chrisholdsworthpgapro.co.uk. The buying group, of which Chris is an enthusiastic and active member, has created this website for Chris and it’s a pleasure to see our Pro keeping up with, and now leading, the competition.

The bar is a grand place to chew the fat and exchange ideas. One that came up the other day (interestingly from a past Captain) was for a new responsibility to be created on the Board – that of Communications Director. His or her duties could include maintaining local press contact; disseminating Government legislation and its implications; telling members what is concerning the Board and vice versa and disseminating Board information that is “above the line” and can be told. Quite a job but obviously very important and worthwhile.

At a recent Club members’ meeting it was revealed by a valuable contributor to *Links* that he had apparently thrown his toys out of the pram because his articles for *Links* were continually corrected, albeit with consultation. He refused to submit any more articles and he complained of “editorial interference” at the members’ meeting. Of course, the accusation was totally true. But, if it had been me, I would have kept my head down as his remarkably brief articles were always full of inaccuracies, unclear English and indiscreet revelations. Luckily all other *Links* contributors are well aware that the Editor always edits with a most kindly and careful hand, and only then, when clarity is needed or a contradiction is apparent.

Nevertheless, page 5 has a full article from Chairman David Leedham that members would be well advised to peruse. David carefully portrays a wide sweeping appraisal of where he thinks the Club is in financial and golfing terms. After reading it, I wonder if the same feeling will arise in readers hearts as did in mine. All is not doom and gloom, nettles are being grasped and the Board “has started the ball rolling on initiatives that will improve our future prospects”.

Dennis Sare

Editor



Norman Bennington

Club Captain

Let's lighten up and enjoy our Club

Firstly, I would like to start by thanking various Sections for their generosity: the Ladies, the Northwoodians, Wednesday Four Ballers, Friday Fivers, Stags, Rabbits and Foxes, all of whom have contributed to the Captains' charities (and to my weight!).

With the advent of Spring perhaps we shall probably see a few more smiles around the course and the club house. Golf is still only a game after all, so perhaps we should keep those features with which we disagree in perspective. Let's lighten up, be grateful for what we have got and enjoy the various events that are organised.

In March Chris Jaggs was the ever-competent Quiz Master again at the always fully booked Quiz Night. Shortly after that, to celebrate St Patrick's Day there was a very large number playing in the competition and enjoying the dinner that followed, complete with a folk band and caller. Mothering Sunday was a sell-out as usual, where Julie and her team looked after everyone so well.

Members will, I hope, be pleased to note that the teams for the first two mixed matches have been posted on the Captain's Notice Board in the main entrance hallway. These events are great fun so if you would like to be included in the draw for teams please add your name to the list.

As usual, we have a full Easter programme of golf. This is the weekend that members can shrug off the cold of winter play and look forward to a season of warm weather golf.

In June we celebrate the 120th anniversary of Northwood Golf Club – do turn to page 7 to read Cornelius Bohane's article in celebration of this event.

The May fixtures include the Severn Centenary Salver, Wednesday Four Ball Spring Meeting, the George Albutt Trophy and the Ken Whitaker Cup. Events during the early summer include:

Sunday 22 May - Our new President's day.

Sunday 12 June - Captains' Prize Day .

Saturday 18 June - Club Championship & Barbecue
This event deserves all the support the Membership can give as this really is the Blue Riband event of our golfing year.

Saturday 2 July - Our Golf Club Day – one of the

highlights of our golfing calendar when everyone can join in, no matter what their handicap

My thanks again must go to all the Staff and also to the Committees who give their time, unceasingly, on behalf of all the members. And finally, I would like to wish Steve Derbyshire well in his new post at Berkhamsted Golf Club. Enjoy your golf and our Club.

Norman's Quickfire

Couldn't get through the day without? Waking up!

Favourite food? Sardines cooked over a wood fire - preferably on a beach in Portugal

And wine? Marques de Murrieta Rioja - on the same beach if possible

Peggy Lee or Lady Gaga? Peggy Lee, of course

Soap opera or real opera? Real

What book are you currently reading? Michael Caine's autobiography *The Elephant to Hollywood*

New Year Resolution? None – if I don't make them then I can't break them

Best holiday ever? Australia 2000

Home cooked or takeaway? Home cooked

Most disliked modern word? Innit – text speak

If you could be in a previous time when would that be? When I was young – it was always better

What skill would you like to have that you don't have at present? IT skills

What would you still like to do? Kneel.
After a knee replacement I am can't to do that anymore

What would you like as your epitaph?
Here lies Norman Bennington. He was a gentle man.

Between two evils, I always pick the one I never tried before *Mae West*



Phillipa Fernandez
Lady Captain

Won two and then a hiccup

SPRING is here, isn't it GREAT? Another chance to get it right. This year, I'll have some golf lessons, this year, I'll be ready, this year, will be different, I'm going to break into the Silver division and stay there for longer than a fortnight!.....I'll get back with an update in the Autumn *Links!* Thank you to all those Ladies who signed the Christmas Card and made a donation, we managed to raise £92 for our charities. Well done!

Well, we are off, the Season has begun. At the time of writing, we have just had the Ladies lunch, 41 attended this year, and we managed, through sales of homemade produce, a "guess the number of sweets in a jar" and the bottle Tombola, to raise £275 which will be divided between the Grangewood School and Michael Sobell House Lady Captain's charities. Well done to all those who made this possible. Next up will be the Pearsons Trophy; we have already played and won our first two games back in November against Crews Hill (away) and Stanmore (home) – we won't mention the third game away to Sudbury! Just a little hiccup! Good luck to Linda Baker (Pearson Capt) and the whole squad for the coming matches.

We are hoping to have two "Away Days" again this year. Following on from the popularity of last year's "Away Day" at Dyrham Park; we have decided to go there again on Monday 12 September. Nadia Geller is in charge of this one and the sign-up sheet is already on the board. The other one, earlier in the season, will be organised by Linda Baker and is in the negotiation phase, so please watch the notice board for further information.

There has been a bit of muttering in the locker room recently regarding the loss of one of our Invitation Days, so please let me attempt to clarify this issue. Last year the Committee felt we were spreading ourselves too thinly across the three Invitation days and we voted to lose the Tuesday, 18 Hole but keep the Tuesday, 32 Hole Invitation Day (this year on 5 July) and to make it non qualifying by having an individual 2BBB in the morning and either a Team Greensome or Texas Scramble in the afternoon .

The McCrea Bowl will be presented to the winning Member or Guest of the morning competition but will remain in the Club House. We decided to keep the 18 Hole on a Saturday (this year 20 August) to encourage our Weekend Ladies to invite friends to play. This is not "set in stone" and can be changed back to three Invitation Days if the desire is there in the future.

Enjoy your golf and have a fantastic summer!

Finally, thought for the day...why is it the slow golfers are always in front of you and the fast ones behind you?

Phillipa's Quickfire

Can't get through the day without? A Cappuccino

Naughtiest indulgence? As if I would tell you

Worst thing you ever bought?
Gym membership, never went - what a waste!

Best film ever? *La Vita e Bella* ((Life is beautiful)

Favourite book you would read again and again?
I never ever read a book twice.

New Year Resolution?
Not to make any more New Year Resolutions.

Sicily or Sydney? Bella Sicily, full of history, great food and wine.

Favourite restaurant? *Caldesi in Campagna* in Bray.

Favourite item of clothing? Anything I can fit into in the morning, such a relief!

What would you still like to do?
Grow up - still have a way to go.

What skill would you like to have that you don't have at present? To be able to play golf.

The house is on fire – save only one item – what? My Diary... can't rely on my memory after that chip pan.

What would you like as your epitaph?
Here lies Phillipa Fernandez, Lady President of Northwood Golf Club. I'm joking, I'm joking!

A glimpse of NGC in 1901

equivalent today to

Subscriptions: £5 5s	£474 p.a.
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Cook hired @ £24 per year	£2,169 p.a.

Take care to get what you like or you will be forced to like what you get *George Bernard Shaw*



A Tale of Twenty Pounds

Annual income twenty pounds; annual expenditure nineteen pounds nineteen shillings and sixpence; result happiness. Annual income twenty pounds; annual expenditure twenty pounds ought and six; result misery
Mr Micawber Charles Dickens' David Copperfield

Unfortunately following the global financial crisis and its impact on our lives and businesses most, if not all, golf clubs are struggling for members. In recent years there has been a move away from the aspiration to be a club member and towards the peripatetic golfer. The latest EGU survey suggests that the average English golf club has 65 vacancies. We at NGC have suffered the impact of these pressures with the additional difficulty of an aging membership profile.

Hence, with falling numbers and increasing costs, we must face the reality of changing our business model in challenging times. For the time being we continue to meet our operating costs but with precious little surplus for capital expenditure such as replacement fixtures, equipment, fittings and course machinery.

This latter requires continuing investment, not only to maintain the upkeep of the course, but to reduce maintenance and resource downtime. We have slowed down investment in our ageing clubhouse but unexpected replacement expenditures do occur from time to time without the ability to implement continuing improvements.

We made some tough decisions in 2010. We continued with a wage freeze for our staff and this is not easy when we have loyal people. We cut back on some items we considered non-essential, such as the much vaunted towels. We reduced labour costs by redundancies in course staff and not replacing people in catering. These items will contribute in no small measure to our Profit & Loss account and help with capital investment, particularly for the course and greens. The operations we believe are now structured economically and effectively. The Bar and Catering function continues to find new business and makes a good contribution to the bottom line.

Meanwhile, some good news for members. Despite forecasts of continuing upward inflation trends this year the Board is maintaining subscriptions for playing members at 2010 levels (although we will be asking for an extra £20 on your card top-up). We feel that there is at least a twofold benefit. We wish to thank loyal members who have stayed with us while we are seeking to improve the condition of the greens. There is an article relating to those efforts on page 15. Secondly we wish to remain as competitive as possible in the declining market for members. We are also addressing the small matter of rationalising the two existing categories of social and non-playing membership into one, with a modest price increase.

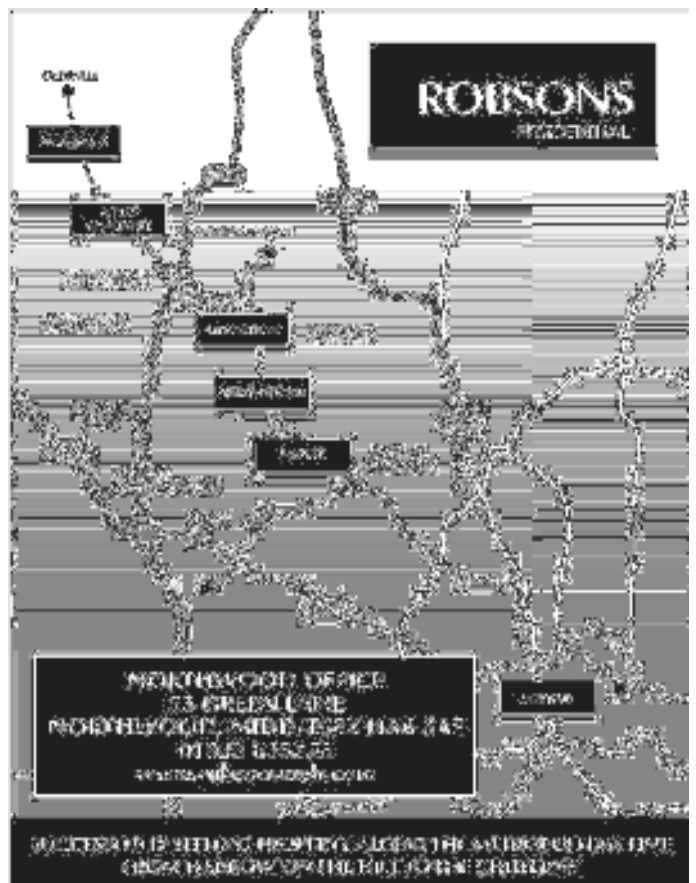
Our income is falling towards 'nineteen and sixpence while costs have been driven down to nineteen and five pence'. Our

membership accounts for 80% of our income, we want more members and we need to keep the pressure on costs. Unless there is an upturn in membership and income we will undoubtedly find it necessary seriously to consider the sale of a property in the next year or two if further levies or substantial subscription increases are to be avoided. There are also some positive initiatives at embryonic stage relating to property related developments from ideas that were created in the Blue Sky working parties. Should these developments prove to be feasible they will generate income.

We are coming into a new golf season with optimism that we have made changes and started the ball rolling on initiatives that will improve our future prospects.

We are looking for a replacement Finance Director. If you have financial experience (or even if you don't but are willing to learn) and would like to support your club please contact me with a view to standing for the Board at the AGM in October. Meanwhile, Ted Hodgson continues in a co-opted role to provide temporary support to the Board providing Management Accounts and researching financial projects.

David Leedham
Chairman





NGC Book Club

The NGC Book Club is going from strength to strength, with meetings well attended. In February, however, we were a small, but beautifully formed group! We had read *The Secret River* by Kate Grenville, which most of us seemed to have enjoyed.

A prolific reviewer, Julia Flyte, loved this book. She wrote that she had read it very quickly because it was so hard to put down. The story is about William Thornhill who is sentenced to life as a convict in Australia in the early 19th century. The first part of the book concerns his life in Georgian England. He is born into abject poverty and although he tries to make an honest go of it, circumstances lead him into crime. He is convicted of theft and his sentence is to be transported to New South Wales for the term of his natural life. His wife and child accompany him. This part of the book is a little slow, but the momentum picks up once they get to Australia, about 75 pages in.

In Australia, Thornhill discovers that the new country represents a blank slate where he can re-invent himself and break out of the cycle of poverty and crime that he has come from. He quickly wins his freedom and seizes the opportunity to get his own land and create his own farm, staking a claim to 100 seemingly vacant acres of land. However this brings him directly into contact (and potentially into conflict) with the native Aboriginal people.

The book is beautifully written. It really takes you into the world of early colonial Australia and gives you a

sense of how difficult a life the early settlers had. The tension builds and builds as it becomes obvious that some kind of conflict between Thornhill's family and the Aborigines is inevitable. It made me understand the way that good people can be conflicted about what is the right thing to do. Different settlers in the area make different decisions and as you read the book, it is hard to wonder how you would have acted in the same circumstances. But aside from the moral dilemmas, it's just a good story: a man trying to create a new and better life for himself and his family, overcoming many hurdles and setbacks, and gradually realizing that the biggest threat of all is right in front of him.

After some lively discussion about the book we then went on to decide on our titles for the next 2 months.

April ***Ice Cream Girls*** by Dorothy Koomson – reviewer Sophia O'Brien

May ***Sister*** by Rosamund Lupton – reviewer Nadia Geller.

We are keen to welcome new members – don't feel you have to come to every meeting, or indeed read every book! We would love to see you – 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm in the Bar!

Please contact me on 01895 821612 or email nadia.geller@gmail.com (**note new email address**) if you would like any further information.

Nadia Geller

Introduction of new computer software

Active / Inactive handicaps and Supplementary Scores are administered as part of the Club's competition and handicapping software. We have recently replaced this along with a complete (enforced) change of all our software – our membership system, bar and server tills, members' swipe cards and competition and handicapping are all now provided by one supplier and suite of programmes which, significantly, will interface with each other and our website.

The functionality of the competition and handicapping system is being introduced in stages:

- Initially we will get to grips with it in the office.
- Then, members will use the system themselves, to enter competitions, enter their competition scores, access handicap information and view leader boards on the Clubhouse screens.
- Initially these processes will involve members providing data to the system via touch screens. Once we are all happy with this, members will be able to use their swipe cards to enter competitions and scores and then have the competition entry fees paid at the same time by the swipe of their card.

The system is linked to the Club's website which allows members to access competition results, handicap details, print their own handicap certificates and ultimately, enter competitions on-line. At the time of writing this functionality is being tested on the newly constructed website.

I will endeavour to have all this in place before I leave you at the end of April but I think that it is important that we fully test the system at each stage by introducing it in bite-sized chunks rather than going for the BIG BANG.

Steve Derbyshire

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Harry Vardon

The Day The World's Greatest Golfers Played At Northwood

This year Northwood Golf Club celebrates the 120th Anniversary of its founding. To celebrate and to promote Northwood to golfers in the area, an Open Day with a difference is being planned on June 5 with a 9-hole competition over the original course. The main aim will be to attract new members. Members will also be invited to take part and will be asked to bring a guest – or a prospective member.

The golf will not be too serious, it will be about having a bit of fun. There will be a small exhibition about the early days of the Club and a rare chance to play with hickory clubs. After the golf, members, visitors and guests will receive refreshments in the clubhouse.

To give a flavour of golf at Northwood over 100 years ago the following may be of interest. Imagine the crowds if Louis Oosthuizen, Sir Nick Faldo, Martin Kaymer, Lee Westwood and others from the world's top ten were to play a 36-hole challenge at Northwood. Yet, that's exactly what happened on an exciting day in May 1902. Four of the greatest golf champions played two rounds at Northwood over the newly-extended 18 hole course. Going back to that big day in 1902, the winning scores over the 36 holes were:
Alex Herd 146, James Braid 149, Harry Vardon 150.

To put this game into perspective, just a couple of months later Herd won the Open Championship at Hoylake, with Braid and Vardon the runners up!

Harry Vardon (see photo above) won the Open Championship 6 times and also won the US Open in 1920. Yet his game at Northwood was setting for "the best shot" of his life:

"It was with a niblick that I played the best shot of my life. The occasion was a tournament at Northwood a few years ago. At the eighteenth hole, I sliced my second shot. The ball lay within about four feet of the club house, which was now between me and the hole. As you can imagine, it was a pretty big stymie, and for a while I hardly knew how to

tackle it except by playing out to the left. At last I decided to try and carry the building, and reach the green.

The people on the veranda looked rather surprised when I asked them to stand aside in case I should strike them. I used a niblick for the shot. The ball flew up, moving forward no more than a yard until it was about thirty feet in the air; then it went on, carried the clubhouse, and stopped a yard from the hole. And then I missed the putt.

That was a wretched finish; but the shot from directly behind the building was the best I ever played, and I am frankly and boyishly proud of it."

It seems unlikely that we will attract golfers of such calibre in June but I would be grateful for members' support as we try to show local golfers they can play their own best shot at Northwood.

Cornelius Bohane



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Many clubs were founded in the same year as Northwood and we have been invited to join an 1891 club, with reciprocal playing rights offered at clubs from the same vintage. More on this, with hope, in the next issue.

C B

Those who have succeeded at anything, and don't mention luck, are kidding themselves Larry King



Active or Inactive - that is the question

At the request of the Editor, and to be his parting shot, Steve Derbyshire was asked to clarify some of the confusion regarding Inactive Handicaps and also Supplementary Scores.

Despite being in operation for over a year now these concepts still appear to be confusing to some members. I will try and explain them in simple terms.

To have an Active Handicap all men and women members must submit at least three qualifying scores during a calendar year. These can be in either in a Qualifying Competition or by submitting a Supplementary Score (see below). Those members that do not, will have an Inactive Handicap, denoted in the Handicap Lists with the suffix (i).

It must be stressed that an inactive handicap is still an official CONGU handicap. It can still be used for social golf and those competitions for which an active handicap is not an entry condition.

The Club has decided that, whilst members with inactive handicaps must be able to play in Club Stablefords & Medals (in order to have the opportunity to submit qualifying scores), they cannot win prizes in these competitions. With effect from 1st January 2011 scores from players with inactive handicaps will not be used in the calculation of a CSS when they participate in Qualifying Competitions.

Members with inactive handicaps are not able to enter Club Knockout and Honours Board Competitions. It is up to the individual sections within the Club how they deal with members with inactive handicaps in respect of section- specific competitions and their matches against sections from other clubs.

An Inactive handicap will become Active on the return of 3 qualifying

scores during the calendar year. NR's will be accepted as part of the 3 qualifying scores unless the Club's handicap committee are of the opinion that they have been returned deliberately in order to gain an Active handicap.

The Club may decide to exempt players from an inactive handicap due to an injury or illness that has prevented them from achieving the required number of qualifying scores during a calendar year. Players transferring membership from one Club to another will also be exempt provided that they have submitted enough qualifying scores at another Club. Golfers being allocated a handicap for the first time will be active for 12 months from the date of allocation.

Qualifying scores cannot be carried over to the next year. From the being of each year, 3 qualifying scores must be submitted in order for a handicap to be active for the following year.

Supplementary Scores are a means of allowing members who find that they are unable to return sufficient qualifying scores to maintain a handicap that reasonably reflects their current playing ability and to either prevent their handicap becoming inactive or indeed making it active once again. The following conditions apply (these vary from the conditions previously advised, as the EGU have revised them in the last 12 months):

- To return a Supplementary Score a member must signify his intention to do so prior to commencement of play by completing the Supplementary Scores book in the Pro's shop.
- An acceptable Supplementary Score is one properly authenticated over 18 holes of a Measured Course. The format may be Stroke Play or Stableford.

- Up to 10 Supplementary Scores may be returned in the period between Annual Reviews and a member is limited to submitting only one per week.
- Any handicap adjustment necessary as a result of a Supplementary Score will be made in relation to the SSS as opposed to a CSS.
- A 0.1 increase will be applied to a player's handicap if having registered for a Supplementary Score a card is not returned.
- A Supplementary Score may only be returned at a player's home club.
- From 1st January 2011 Supplementary scores may be submitted by all players including those in category 1.

Letter to The Editor

My Wife Jane has no interest in golf or, for that matter, NGC, other than to support and accompany me to a range of social events over the past years.

I was therefore delighted that she chose to drop a line to Julie Thompson and thank her for what she considered to be a splendid birthday party held at the Club on 15 January.

When we seem to spend so much time moaning and groaning about so many issues related to the Club, I found it refreshing that Jane and our family had only good things to say about the organisation, the food and even the cost of a party. It was held in the Gallery Restaurant, catering for a group ranging from a six year old to those in their 70s – and not a complaint in sight.

I would reinforce Jane's recommendation for anyone to have a party such as ours – it was great.

Alistair Anderson

A gentleman should never do anything that he cannot talk about at dinner *Oscar Wilde*



Brian Young

Membership & Marketing

The latest survey by the English Golf Union, which you may have seen in March's *Golf World* magazine, did not make happy reading, although if you are looking for positives, Middlesex and Hertfordshire fared best among the English counties, with 'only' 81% of clubs reporting that they are actively seeking members. Everywhere else it's closer to, or at, 100%, with the average club being about 65 members short of target.

This situation will inevitably take time to improve and at Northwood we are in a position that many others would envy – we own our course and clubhouse, we have an excellent course layout, and a strong plan to keep improving the greens, as detailed elsewhere in *Links*. Our investment on the course is rightly our top priority and from the Marketing & Membership side we need to keep the revenues coming in, in order to fund those investments.

It is pleasing to see a steady flow of new members joining us over the last few months and, as in previous years, our Winter Membership offer has been very effective, despite the prolonged snowy weather. As may be recalled, we offered a membership from November to March for £450, and in effect free April membership if converted to Full or 5 Day membership at the end of the winter period. The positive outcome from this scheme means we will almost certainly

We need to get more into the digital world

run it again later this year. As well as new members, we also need to generate our fair share of revenue from visitors and from Societies, and in my view both these areas are likely to pick-up faster than membership numbers as we gradually emerge from recession. In terms of Society events, we ran a Society Organisers' day in October aimed at generating bookings for this year and we now have a reasonable level of 2011 bookings. We will hold a further Organisers' Day on Thursday 31 March so if you, or anyone you know, is involved with a Society looking to hold an event in 2011, please get in touch! We will be as flexible as possible with regard to day of the week, competition format, catering and any other facilities required to make your event a success.

We are also seeing visitor numbers improve along with the weather and the next date for your diary is Sunday 5 June when we will be holding a 'showcase' event over 9 holes, to celebrate our 120th anniversary. Please invite a guest to this event and look out for further details as we get nearer the time.

Another vital asset we have is our website. This recent quote says it all: "Going forward, we need to get more into the digital world" says a BMW sales manager. Online sales will become much more important for us too and, with this in mind, we are shortly to update our website with redesigned and new

content making it easier to see what we offer. My thanks to Allan Davis, Dennis Sare and Steve Derbyshire for all their help with this major task.

Meanwhile, the rest of us on the Marketing and Membership team – Allan Davis, Jennifer Buckmaster and Geoff Douglass – will be looking to keep the flow of membership enquiries healthy and to keep developing other revenue-generating activities. Looking ahead to what will, with hope, be a sunny and warm summer, we still need members' help and support in publicising our Club. Members are the best advertisement for NGC, so please tell all friends about us! Please support us if you are planning a Society or Corporate event this year, and if you have any suggestions for making our membership and marketing campaigns more effective, please contact me via my pigeonhole at NGC, on 07802 821741, or by email: brian_young1@hotmail.com

Finally, a huge 'Thank You' to Steve Derbyshire, who has been of immense help in bringing our various activities to fruition. I for one did not realise the large number of items that hit the in-tray of a General Manager. For Steve to be able to devote significant time to the Marketing side and chase progress so effectively on our behalf, has been most impressive! Steve will be missed.



Ian Hendrie, Juniors Organiser encourages budding golfers

Although we had to cancel another event due to low numbers, I am pleased to say that the generosity of other local clubs and Northwood members has provided much needed funds to the Junior Section. As members will have seen we ran a blind auction for a Four Ball at The Grove this summer - a fantastic prize. Many thanks to all bidders and congratulations to Jamie Bruce for his winning bid. For the other prizes that made up the raffle I am pleased to advise the following winners and the location of their Four Ball prize:
Peter Harvey - Pinner Hill, David Wild - Batchworth Park, Dennis Luckett - Sudbury and John Wilson - West Herts

With limited activity within the Junior Section over 2010 we only had two junior prize winners this year with William Bragg and Adam Blakeley picking up the Queen Mother and George Walker Trophies respectively - well done again on your efforts.

Richard's Sunday Session Richard Grun continues to attract a good number of the younger members on a Sunday afternoon and it is hoped that we will be able to run some events during the season to encourage and improve these budding golfers. Richard and I are always open to suggestions.

Wednesday Golf during school holidays As in previous years we will continue to offer all juniors the chance to play against each other during the school holidays on a

Wednesday morning (8.30). There will be a list in the Junior changing room. We will make these Stableford competitions at this stage.

Junior Lockers We recently undertook a review of the Junior lockers and with a small number available please speak to Richard to see if one can be allocated.

Friendly Matches v Batchworth Please look out for the notices. These are a great opportunity to play golf against other youngsters and we can be very flexible on how they are run so all Juniors may be included.

Communication. Will all Juniors ensure that I am provided with an email address - simply drop me a line to:

ian.hendrie@btinternet.com



Rabbits looking forward to kinder weather

Ian Seely Rabbits Captain

At this time of year there is not an awful lot to report. However, despite the snow and ice recently, the Winter Greensome knockout competition has at last got underway, although our Secretary Geoff Douglass has had to revise the dates that the rounds have to be played by. Good luck to those still involved. Sadly, I am already out.

It seems a long time ago, last year in fact, that we played the third of our winter matches, this time away against Chorleywood, the result of which was halved. Recently we played at Wyke Green that resulted in a win for the home team; incidentally the Wyke Green course was in excellent condition, especially the greens. We have also played our home match against Chorleywood. As I was unable

to play, Geoff Douglass captained the day which resulted a win for Northwood.

We have just played the last of our winter matches, away at Ealing. Come April we shall start our summer schedule of matches against other local clubs, with hope, played in kinder weather.

All these interclub matches are played in great spirit and friendliness and I would urge all members of the Rabbits Section to indicate their availability to play on the list on the Rabbit's board in the foyer outside the Pro's shop. Secretary Geoff will try to ensure all those who have indicated their availability have an opportunity to play in these matches.

You will see from Steve Derbyshire's article in this edition of *Links* (page 8) that the active/inactive handicap situation is now explained and a list of all NGC members without an active handicap was published in January. Many of us, including myself, were unaware of the full implications and how the current handicap situation was established.

Apart from this year's Winter Greensome competition, when handicap status were not known at the time of the draw, for all future knockout competitions players must have an active handicap. This will also apply to the Stanley West matches but not to 'friendly' interclub matches, as many other clubs operate this way.

Bill McKersie notches up 60 years with NGC

Northwood Golf Club can, this year, celebrate an anniversary that very rarely happens. This year Bill McKersie notches up 60 years as a full member of the Club. and I am sure we will all wish him many more years playing with us. Those who have been fortunate enough to have played with him will recount, with pleasure, his skills if he was on their side. Those who were drawn against him very often learnt to their cost that he is still a very talented player. You had better look out if Bill, when putting out, totally spins round immediately after hitting his ball. That is a sure sign that he knows the ball will go straight into the hole – and he doesn't need to watch it go in!

Bill McKersie very kindly forwarded to *Links* a photo of the players in the annual Scotland against The Rest in 1955. Sitting in the centre is Captain J S Hewitt and on his left is Cameron Anderson, whose name is eponymous with the hollow on the 7th. He is wearing the Black Watch

Regimental Officers' Balmoral with the distinctive Red Hackle. On Hewitt's right is Sir Frank Shires (see bench on the course today in his memory) cradling his driver. Seated on the left of the picture is Bob Elder, father of Ian and Jim. Others in the photo are, in no particular order, George Walker, J Bell, Martin Burnside, J Ritchies, Tom King, Frank Felce, Jim Davis, Doug Riddle, Frank Simpson and Brian Walsh. On the extreme right is D.G Biffa, owner of the eponymous waste disposal business and creator of the

September Bowl Mixed competition. The youngest in the picture is Langdale junior who is seventh from the left. He was the son of W R Langdale who presented the Club with the salver that bears his name. Bill McKersie, is on the extreme left of the photo. *Links* was informed that, although also a member of the Black Watch during his war service, Bill was only allowed to wear a Tam o'Shanter, being one of the less fashionable Other Ranks – but he still wore the Red Hackle.



Scotland v. The Rest NGC 1955

Winning is everything. The only ones who remember you when you come second are your wife and your dog *Damon Hill*



Fair weather golfers are coming out of hibernation

Chris Groom
House Chairman

After a harsh early winter, when for weeks the clubhouse was almost empty, we hope that with the arrival of Spring the fair weather golfers are coming out of hibernation and with this we can anticipate that your golf and the club social activities will move into a higher gear. On the social side, don't forget St George's Day celebrations on 16 April; President's Day on 22 May and The Captain's Prize day on 12 June. Also keep eyes open for the advertisements for the Jazz evenings. Be in no doubt, the Jazz groups on these nights have top-notch musicians and singers of national and international renown.

Don't forget Julie's excellent Sunday lunches, especially if it's your birthday, where if you bring a party you dine free. We hope you like the new additions to the servery menus. We must be doing something right as we are now receiving a high level of bookings for outside social functions in spring and summer.

In these difficult financial times we are keeping a close eye on expenditure but with our "interesting" but aging clubhouse there are the anticipated and unanticipated equipment failures such as the main kitchen fans on the roof and boiler problems. My thanks to our handyman Les for his hard work, with endless small repairs, which head off many major repair bills. Where we can, we have made improvements such as the flagpoles and flags and improved lighting on the front of the clubhouse, as part of our marketing, to raise public awareness of our great Club. If you have any ideas of further improvements that you would like us to consider please let me know.

For anyone who missed out on getting his or her application in at the AGM please note that we have a vacancy on the House Committee. If you feel you have something to offer please contact one of the Committee Members and we can co-opt you on to the Committee – who knows, you may find you enjoy being more involved with your club.



The message is not new but neither are some of our Stags

- Are you 59+ ?
- Do you have an Active Handicap - even any handicap?
- Are you a Northwood Stag?
- **If not - why not?**

According to our records there are over 110 members eligible to be STAGS but last year only about 40 had the fun of playing in interclub matches. That means that more than 70 members missed an opportunity for some great days out.

The STAGS play 20 interclub matches each season from March to October. Half are at home and half away at some of the best Clubs in the area – and the away golf is FREE, apart from the lunch.

If you have an active handicap and want to take advantage of this fantastic offer do contact our Stags Secretary Alistair Anderson and put your name on the interclub availability list on the Stags notice board.

The season starts in March so don't delay.



- ❑ **Inheritance Tax Planning** *An avoidable tax? There are many solutions available to you in situations where your estate is likely to exceed the inheritance tax threshold on death and which would otherwise result in a 40% inheritance tax charge on the excess over that threshold.*
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For every problem there is a solution that is quick and easy and totally wrong *Alistair Cooke*



Do you know the rules? - let's find out

Having passed the required examinations and become a qualified MCG Rules Official, NGC member Khandu Mistry thought that members might like to brush up on some Rules of Golf using simple but unambiguous language.

By illustrating with real life scenarios familiar to members, he hopes this occasional series of articles may help with the understanding of some rules, their interpretation and application.

1 Q: On a lovely summer afternoon a group of players teed off from our 1st tee to approx 150 yards from the first green. A previous group was still putting out on the green. One of the waiting golfers on the fairway took out a spare ball, dropped it on the fairway, took his putter out and started putting. Can he do it?

A: No, The player was in breach of the Rule 7: Practice", because, a stroke even made casually to "kill time" is considered "Practice During Round", a breach under the Rule 7-2 he incurs a General Penalty ie a Loss of hole in Match play or 2 stroke penalty in Stroke play.

2. Q: A ball having been played by player A came to rest on the apron

between a bunker and the green, let's say on our 14th the fairway bunker. His opponent 's ball came to rest in the bunker. He played out his ball, in doing so some of the sand was deposited on and /around player A's ball on the apron. What can player A do?

A: "A player is entitled to the lie his stroke gave him", Accordingly in equity under Rule 1-4, the player, without penalty, may lift his ball after marking its position first, clean the ball, cleared the area of the sand where his ball laid, put the ball back and play his shot without penalty, Rule 13, "Ball Played as it Lies".

3. Q: After a heavy rain a player's ball came to rest in a bunker which is completely filled with water, let's say

our 10th green bunker. Can he get a relief without penalty? What are his options?

A: His options are:
a. Play the ball as it lies in the water "without a penalty",
b. Drop the ball in the bunker within one club-length, not nearer the hole, of nearest point of relief "without a penalty" where the water is least deep under Rule 25-1b (ii) (a): Relief for "Abnormal Ground Conditions",
c. Drop the ball behind the bunker "under penalty of one stroke" under Rule 25-1b (ii)(b): Relief for "Abnormal Ground Conditions", or
d. Deem the ball unplayable, and "under penalty of one stroke" proceed under the Rule 28: "Ball Unplayable"



Dual Fox Captaincy this Year

Peter Emery Foxes Secretary

As I write this piece the Forsythia in my garden is aglow with glorious yellow flowers – a sure sign that a new golfing season is barely weeks away. Indeed, I shall be posting the team for the first interclub match of 2011 in the next few days while hoping that winter will gently fade into spring without feeling the need for any last-gasp of spiteful weather.

But before we start this new season, let's congratulate Ken Lloyd who finally took the honours in a delayed final of the Reynard Trophy for 2010 when he beat Danny Brett. Both have been invited to represent the section in the Foxes Challenge trophy which will be played here at Northwood in early June. I am sure they will do us proud.

The section held its AGM in early December and a reasonable turnout led to a successful and enjoyable meeting.

Perhaps the most significant decision was the appointment of Jim Thorpe as our joint Captain alongside David Leedham and I know that we can all relax sure in the knowledge that the section is in more than capable hands for the new season. Other appointments at the meeting saw Peter Emery and Bryan Hampton unopposed to continue in the roles as Section Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

The financial results were quite sound and we are pleased to report that the match fees for all games will continue at the present level for the fifth consecutive season. We also decided that we would continue with the traditional three course dinners after matches even though some other clubs that we play have decided to change to two courses for financial reasons.

Please will all Foxes ensure as soon as

possible their availability for Foxes matches by signing the Availability Sheet on the notice board. I will again make clear that we are keen to see new faces in the section teams. Even if members can only play in a few games please don't be shy, we will do our very best to ensure that everyone gets the opportunity. And don't hesitate to give me a call if it is felt that ticks on a piece of paper are not sufficient for me to understand individual circumstances. If I understand I can respond appropriately, if I don't know I can't help.

Well that's about all for now. Here's wishing all Foxes a most enjoyable season in 2011 and we look forward to seeing a lot of new names joining the 'usual suspects' in entering the section competitions when the notices go up soon. Keep a regular eye out for the notices on the Foxes section board outside the pro shop.



Where is the birdies?

“Spring has sprung, the grass is riz” (with hope) I wonder where the birdies is?” A member who is a keen bird spotter writes about what can be seen on Northwood’s course.

Well, some of them are on Northwood Golf Course. Due to the open nature of Northwood Golf Course and its proximity to open country, lakes and woodland, the Course has a good variety of birds. With the arrival of spring the birds become more visible/ colourful and noisy so it’s a good time to do a bit of bird spotting. A good “spot” of a bird in a bush might make up for a poor shot and the lack of a birdie on the greens.

Probably the commonest small bird is our chirpy but highly territorial friend the robin who in spring will be fighting (seriously) for a good spot and singing away on a prominent branch to announce to the world “this is my land”.



There are many small groups of blue tits and great tits and very often you will notice large families of 15 to 20 tiny restless long-tailed tits crossing a gap between trees in a thin erratic string of birds with their high accompanying *see see see*. We are all aware of the raucous but beautifully coloured magpies (black/white/purple green gloss) and Jays (highly variable plumage of blue/white/pinkish grey/ black speckles) which appear almost as

a brown flash as they fly away with a slow laboured rowing action of their broad wings.

A strong sign of spring is the rapid drum roll of the greater spotted woodpecker with its bright red head and nape (or is this the sound of a golfer stuck in a bunker). Another of the same family seen regularly digging holes in the fairways is the large green woodpecker, which, as its name suggests, is a very bright green, plus it has a red patch on the top of its head. Other signs of late spring are the swallows and occasional house martins swooping low at dusk and the distinctive cuckoo from the woods (has anyone ever seen one?)

Birds of prey are not too common but a look up into the sky could reveal a buzzard being mobbed by carrion crows, or one of the hovering red kites that are now moving down from the Chilterns, after successful reintroduction in 1989. At various times last year there was a continuous squealing from the woods between the 6th and 11th, which was from a family of sparrow hawks nesting there.



The main water birds are our pairs of mallard ducks and moorhens (the ones with the red forehead and bills and green feet) but if you are lucky you will

spot the brilliant bright blue flash of a kingfisher flying along the stream or perched on a branch on the seventeenth and eighteenth and, on a good day, the beautiful, white, little egrets anywhere along the stream. On special occasions a majestic and tall grey heron can be seen poised ready to strike in the pond on 10th/18th (not too many good fish here, more balls and mud) but all its grace turns to nothing as it shambles into flight. One can often be seen flying high across the course, presumably on route to or from the Lido.

The alarming screeching sound heard everywhere is the highly successfully introduced, ring-necked parakeets racing across the sky in flocks that have increased in size in recent years. We must not ignore the many flocks of feral pigeons/stock doves and woodpigeons with their constant cooing in the trees and of course there are many more everyday birds to spot such as the many types of finches, chiffchaffs, grey wagtails, jackdaws, rooks, the secretive little wrens, the thrush family, starlings, dunnocks, the not so common sparrows, gulls, who now regularly nest well inland and the ever present song of the blackbirds.



Let’s hope you all have many eagles and albatrosses. Good spotting and apologies to the twitchers.

C.Gull



Elder Statesman hits the 90s

It is with great pleasure that we can congratulate Ken Whitaker on reaching his 90th Birthday. Joining NGC in 1968 Ken has featured in an amazing number of roles including being Captain in 1974. He was then elected to the Board; became Chairman of House; was in charge of major refurbishment of the clubhouse and buildings. Eventually he became Chairman of the Board for 12 years. If that wasn’t enough, he became Club President in 1991. Even then he was to be made Captain and Chairman of the Society of London Golf Captains and its President soon after. We wish this remarkable energetic member a continued long life and many more birthdays.



“I’m giving you 10,000 free golf balls with my company’s logo on them. Since you’ll lose every one of them, it’ll be good advertising”



Peter Jackson still Serv(es) you well

In the spring of 2000, I was visiting the BMW Motorcycle dealership in Oxford and saw a display by SERV that interested me. I had not heard of SERV and was unaware of what the charity did. The fact that it involved motorcycles intrigued me and made me want to find out more. I was given some literature and found that the **Service by Emergency Rider Volunteers, (SERV)**, provided a safe, quick and professional service to local hospitals for the transport of urgent blood products, human donor milk, medical equipment, drugs and vaccines, CSF samples and Neural scans on DVD - all free of charge.

SERV OBN is a registered charity that covers Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Northamptonshire and assists NHS hospitals with the urgent transport of a range of products that are required for the treatment of hospital patients. The service is offered free of charge by volunteers and operates from 7pm until 7am, 365 days per year and 24 hour cover over weekends, for the Royal Berkshire, Wexham Park, Wycombe General, Stoke Mandeville, Amersham, Milton Keynes, Horton hospital, Amersham, Kettering and the John Radcliffe hospitals.

SERV's GMP (Good Manufacturing Procedures) trained volunteers responded to over 2,000 requests for assistance from hospitals last year. They receive no payment or expenses for their work. In OBN, the product portfolio has recently been widened to include transporting urgent human donor milk, in support of the recent expansion of the premature baby unit in the John Radcliffe hospital at Oxford. The Children's ICU here can now regularly obtain milk from donors as far afield as Swindon, Northampton, Cheltenham, Worcester, Gloucester and Bristol.

To join I had to undertake an observed ride which doubled as route training for the hospitals within the region and also train and qualify to GMP standard. The charity stipulates that all riders must drive to advanced motorcycling standards and also utilise pre-determined routes, in case there was a breakdown or accident. Delivery of the product is always urgent although we have to observe speed limits and courtesies of the road.

Riders are asked to give 4 or 5 duty dates each month and also be available for ad hoc calls in the event that the designated duty riders are already out. Recently, I completed two ad hoc call outs, both from Stoke Mandeville Hospital to Wycombe General Hospital. I would have done a third call out from John Radcliffe to

Wexham Park but, as the patient was bleeding profusely, a third box of blood was needed. As we are only allowed to carry two boxes on a motorcycle the call out was cancelled.

My longest run to date was 233 miles starting at 7.45pm from home to Swindon, then Stevenage to deliver some urgent medical records that had started from Bristol. I returned home at about 1am. My earliest call out has been 1.30am making it home at about 3.30am. I prefer to use my own motorcycle rather than one of the three dedicated bikes of the charity although we have to take a car if the temperatures are below 2c, or above 28c, to protect the products. To ensure continuity of the service, during extreme weather conditions, a 4 x 4 vehicle register has been set up within OBN members.

The service is given to the NHS at no cost so we have to raise sufficient funds each year to service the running of the three dedicated motorcycles. To achieve this we participate in various fund raising events throughout the year, so if you see us collecting, please give generously. The motto is "every journey saves a life".

Help us now - you might need us later!

The cure for grumpy old men

If you sit in any golf club bar for any length of time, you will hear the expert, amateur green-keepers who only have five square metres of lawn that they begrudgingly cut every week or so (on the instruction of the wife), but think they know everything about golf club greens.

Or the experts on catering, who probably couldn't boil an egg but go on and on about the poor catering at the club, even though you have never seen them at the Sunday lunch.

Then there is the young buck who you have just beaten in the knock-out who can only say that you were either lucky or a bandit and just can't bring himself to be a little polite and

just say "well done old chap" and "good luck in the next round". Of course, when he beats you he can't wait to get into the bar to tell anyone who will listen, how good he is and you are just a hacker. He goes on to tell you that, of course, he would be a Professional Golfer if he did not have to work, as he downs his fifth pint.

So I would recommend Peter Allis's book to all club golfers, *The cure for a grumpy old man*. It is very funny, has some wonderful tips on technique, history and his ideas on life.

Peter Day

It takes your enemy and your friend, working together to hurt you to the heart:

The one to slander you and the other to get the news to you

Mark Twain

New Agronomist, New Team



Agronomist Peter Jones at the Greens Forum in March

Greens Chairman Cornelius Bohane reports on the recent changes on the course and the Greens Forum, when new agronomist, Peter Jones and acting Head Greenkeeper, Wesley Walker presented their plans

So, has a corner been turned? You might expect me to extol some achievements over the last year or so, to say “don’t worry, it will all be better soon” but I am not tempted by this well-worn path. The truth is there’s immense goodwill among members, which has been sorely tested and the time for promises has passed. It’s time for the course to speak for itself and for me to confine myself to providing a digest of recent developments.

Having lost three members of staff at the end of last year, numbers are back up to five. This is the core of the team that will see us through the summer. I would like to join the many members who have remarked on the obvious efforts of Wes Walker and his team over the winter months, and particularly on improved standards of workmanship. In difficult circumstances, we have been remarkably fortunate.

There have been some machinery changes. Members may recall that last year a verti-drain unit was bought to improve aeration of the greens. Hopefully you will have noticed this machine continues to be used regularly to good effect with minimal disruption to the playing surface. This year we have added a new

spreader that will enable more frequent and quicker top dressing of the greens. Most will agree that more sand last year helped improve putting surfaces. The plan is to double the amount of sand applied, in a process largely invisible to members. A greens mower has also been replaced as part of the renewal cycle.

The Greens Forum presentation by our new agronomist, Peter Jones, provided a clear analysis of the combination of issues he has identified and is dealing with. Some are particularly technical and those minded to do so can obtain more background in his regular reports that

even reversed. In the last year, all the evidence I have seen both at Northwood and elsewhere is that this is no longer realistic nor desirable. Nature takes its own course. The ingress of poa is inevitable and it is not a fight that can be won. The unequivocal advice from Peter Jones is that the greens need to be managed to produce good quality strains of poa. At the same time, all overseeding will be with fine grasses – mostly the bent grasses introduced with the new greens. The result will be a blend of grasses and in an environment that promotes all the grass, not just some of it.



New disc sand spreader will mean a smoother putting surface

are published on the Club website and notice board. The key issue Peter and the greens staff are working on is to achieve 100% grass cover as quickly as possible, in a complete u-turn on the policy since the new greens were installed!

I, as well as others, accepted the previous advice that poa annua could be kept out of the greens, perhaps

What does it mean for golfers? Peter and Wes set out clear objectives: Smooth ball roll, good and consistent speed; gradually the mottled effect will disappear. There will be more work on the greens than last year but, with better methods and machinery, it will be less disruptive. It is time for the course – especially the greens – to speak for itself.

Cornelius Bohane

Mrs Brenda Hall

We are saddened to report the death, after a long illness, of Brenda Hall, wife of past Captain Brian Hall. A popular figure at social events, Brenda will be missed by all her friends

Results and Events

Gentlemen's Results

Competition	Winner	Runner up
Ad Hoc Stableford 5.12.10	K O'Brien	L Betterton
January Stableford	G Iversen	J Bruce
Midweek Stableford 14.01.11	M Melville	M Milward
February Medal	J Bennett	W Bragg
Midweek Stableford February	H Matthews	M Melville
Three Club Competition	N Moncur	T Wallace
February Stableford	L Betterton	S Denton
March Stableford	S Cunningham	S Lowson



A full house for the ever popular Quiz Night



Over 100 Hertfordshire Captains & Past Captains enjoying their lunch after also enjoying the course



Not too sure this didgeridoo demonstration will replace the Jazz Nights but it sounded great



Jim Thorpe constructing the all-weather driving booths that he generously donated to the Club

Ladies' Results

Competition	Winner	Runner-up	
Leigh Handicap Cup (Biggest reduction in Handicap, 30-36 band, in a year)	Jackie McHardy		
Hurst Cup	Linda Baker	Denise Crouch	
Qualifying Competitions			
	Silver Division	Bronze Division 1	Bronze Division 2
November Stableford	Brenda Goldie	Ulla Hising (One Div)	
December Medal	Cancelled		
December Stableford	Cancelled		
January Stableford	Margaret Barkwith	Tricia Ferrier (One Div)	
January Medal	Liz Foster	Bryony Lines	Tricia Ferrier
February Medal	Liz Foster	Genie Kim	Tricia Ferrier
February Stableford	Rachel Rooker	Tricia Ferrier (One Div)	
March Medal	Melanie Roberts	Beth Heritage (One Div)	