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The sales of belts in the stores have gone through the roof, with every buyer asking the salesman for ones that can be tightened that little bit more. We're in tough times indeed but the trick is to see where opportunities exist to exploit and benefit from the downturn, while at the same time having a laugh, even when someone tells you something which is not, on the surface, laughable.

For example, my son in Barcelona heard the latest joke from an Irish stand-up comic. Addressing the audience the comic said he had a message from the Irish people to the Spanish - "You're next!" And they still laughed too.

Bearing in mind this column's title I chanced upon an article by the Times writer Matthew Parris, who has discovered that there is now a more effective way for marketing professionals to promote a product. Knowing that the client is already aware of the good points, they try to establish what is considered a weakness of the client's product. Then they actually promote that weakness as a positive feature. For example, "sherry which is thought of as a fusty tippie is marketed as cool. Instant coffee, which is naff, is advertised as classy. Even a political party, whose core philosophy is self-help, rabbit on about compassion".

This technique might be useful to NGC perhaps. We have an absolutely unique product to sell; nowhere else can it be enjoyed or used; there is only one Northwood Golf Club. Interestingly some NGC members have discovered that visitors actually want to "bathe" in the history of NGC and that they really enjoy all the visible history around them - and that includes Honours Boards too. It won't tax the mind too much to establish our major weakness and the trick is to turn that weakness into a strength. Tradition is what the Brits are rather good at. Carpe diem, we celebrate our 120th anniversary next year.

Over the last twelve months a lot has happened at NGC - or not depending on your view point. The wonderful idea of a practice shelter gifted by Jim Thorpe more than 12 months ago now seems to be bogged down somewhere. The outside of the Clubhouse has received some extensive decoration attention thought to be unachievable this year, but a long-term financial plan came in very useful. The new car park security kicked-in with very gratifying results. Debenture holders

suddenly became a little more reluctantly cash-rich when they were repaid. The editor dropped a clanger when he used a barely disguised word - which no one actually commented upon. Phew, breathe again! A new activity was started and we now have a thriving Book Club. An Equality Act has crept up on us. Some things did happen but should remain a secret. Perhaps discretion is the better part of valour.

Sometimes, when among friends one of them will say, "careful, he (meaning me) might put that in *Links*". Funnily enough, I withhold a lot from print. Indeed it has been known to advise a Board member that he is saying too much. And, indeed, some things should be not said. On the other hand, some things should be said and *Links* is the forum for members to voice their opinions. If they want to keep a low profile they sometimes ask the Editor to make a comment in *Links*. This was interestingly done in the last edition and did the sparks fly? Yes sir, they sure did. And was my informant right? Yes sir, he sure was.

Christmas is the time when grown men quake in their socks at a visit to the beauty counter. At the last minute usually, they rush out with the speed of alarmed gazelles to buy something perfumed for their beloved without implying that she is (a) old, (b) ugly or (c) in need of a bath. Oh dear, there must be an easier way to buy her a present.

This is the time of year for reflection and for recognition of efforts made. Thanks must be heaped upon all the contributors to *Links*, whether from permanent contributors like Section Captains or from ad hoc contributors who come up with an article, without even being asked sometimes. That is wonderful to an Editor. Special thanks go to Dave Bradshaw for his photographic and imaging skills on the front cover of this issue. My continual thanks go to Erin Dors aka Ros for all the proof reading (here you are, *Links* with no errors, I say to her, and two days later she says the same to me except she substitutes "200" for the word "no". But most of all, my thanks to all the readers without whom I would be twiddling my thumbs.

Peaceful and happy Seasonal Greetings to you all.

Dennis Sare Editor



Captain's Drive was the Golden One

Norman Bennington
Club Captain

At my Captain's Drive-In I struck an awful drive which became the golden shot raising over one hundred pounds for charity - I thank all those who contributed. A very successful and enjoyable Drive-In lunch followed with 125 Members in attendance. The feeling of goodwill and friendship on both days, at the AGM and Drive-In, was most gratifying.



Captain Norman amazed at the distance of his drive

My thanks to all past captains who have been most helpful with their words of wisdom. My thanks must also go to past Captains Alan Vass and Marion Lloyd on a job well done. They have both been extremely helpful to me in my 'apprenticeship' year.

Congratulations to our new President, Peter Harvey and also to Phillipa Fernandez on her appointment as Lady Captain and also to Elaine Goulding and Gordon Wilson on their appointments as Vice Captains. I very much look forward to working alongside them all in the coming year.

My main objective for the forthcoming year will be **Communication** - from members with me, the Board and Committees – rather than via “Chinese Whispers” which invariably malign Northwood Golf Club.

In keeping with tradition, a list will be displayed on the Captain's Notice Board for the monthly Captain's Sunday lunch, when Tina and I will be delighted to supply the wine for our table. Please enter your names on the list – should you wish to join us.

As in the past, a notice will be displayed for Mixed Matches – all those who wish to play are invited to enter their names – even singletons can enter as they will be paired up nearer the playing date.

I am proposing to support the following Charities this year: Firstly, along with Phillipa, will be to continue our support for Grangewood School.

Secondly, I would like to introduce a “Project Fund” for Northwood Golf Club, ie the main entrance Hallway. There are many facets of a good golf club – and whilst the course may be wet, dry or snowbound it is always the Club entrance hallway that will project the initial image of the Club.

Lastly, Diabetes Research – I understand that within the Club, along with my wife Tina, we have a few insulin and non-insulin dependent diabetics

It was pleasing to see several Members on Remembrance Sunday who accompanied me at the annual wreath-laying ceremony on behalf of Northwood Golf Club.

Following on from the Rock 'n Roll evening, several events were scheduled to take place which included

the traditional Club Turkey Trot; the Wednesday Fourball and the Northwoodians Christmas Matches and lunches; the Nooners and Weekend Ladies Turkey Trots -something for everyone. To top all this there will be the quickly-sold-out New Year's Eve Party.

The list is in the entrance hallway for the Winter Mixed Knock-Out where everyone is invited to sign up for this competition that is a highly enjoyable winter activity.



Alan Vass presents the Captain's Green Jacket to Norman Bennington

The Captain and Pro Challenge and the Vice Captain and Assistant Pro Challenge lists are on the notice board in the Pro Shop lobby. Chris Holdsworth, our Professional, is running a raffle with a top prize of custom-fit golf clubs and many other prizes. Who knows, for a small 'wager' one could obtain an early Christmas present – and the Captain's charities will benefit from your generosity too.

I would like to finish by thanking all the Staff, the Office and the Pro Shop for all the help extended to me and to wish all my fellow Members a peaceful and enjoyable Festive Season and a successful golfing New Year.

Listen to your sibling's point of view. That's the art of getting on with them. Because you know they are wrong.

Ray Davies



Phillipa Fernandez
Lady Captain

No need to panic yet

Hello Ladies and any Gentlemen who may have strayed onto this page. I am really looking forward to being your Captain, that's just for the Ladies, no need to panic yet Gentlemen, we are only just getting used to the new equality laws! Could be days before one of us stands for Club Captain!



Drive-In Day for Lady Captain Phillipa

Moving swiftly on, may I congratulate Marion Lloyd and Ros Sare for looking after the Ladies section so well this past year; they were both thrown in at the deep end and did a great job. I am pleased to say, I have surrounded myself with an excellent Committee, I was so relieved when Margaret Barkwith agreed to come back as Secretary, good to know that anyone messing with me messes with my Secretary Margaret and she knows a thing or two about Golf! (sorry M).

There is only one other change to last year's Committee. Gwen Tutty has come back, having had a short break from Committee, and the other members of equal importance are, Elaine Goulding – Vice Captain, Linda Baker, Margaret Batchelor, Beth Heritage, Liz Foster, Nadia Geller and

Marion Lloyd – Ex Officio. Thanks also to the following Ladies who have agreed to run various competitions, namely, Melanie Roberts – Weekend Ladies events, Linda Baker – Pearson Captain, Penny Dark - Middlesex Knockout Cup, Brenda Goldie – 5-a-Side Scratch, Julia Ginger – Mail on Sunday.

This year we had a short delay in naming the winner of the Centenary Bowl, the Lady Golfer of the Year Trophy. Two ladies, Carol Monro and Sallie Bowen, both with 22 points had to take part in a play-off. The winner, by one shot, was Sallie Bowen, well done Sallie and commiserations to Carol.....“sick” and “parrot” come to mind Carol!

For my charity this year I have decided to continue supporting Grangewood School as it really is a worthwhile cause. This year the efforts of Marion Lloyd and Alan Vass made a huge contribution to the new Sensory Room, which was much appreciated by Grangewood School. Next year, our new Club Captain, Norman Bennington and myself will be doing our very best to help with funding towards a new project to provide an Adventure Playground for the children. Additionally, I have decided to support Michael Sobell Hospice at Mount Vernon which I am doing for personal reasons after a request from a friend.

At the Drive-In this year we played 14 holes 3 BBB in the morning. The weather was wet and miserable but the stoic Ladies of NGC went off with big smiles... on the outside anyway! The winners were Carol Monro, Denise Crouch and Brenda Goldie who came in with 56 points! Congratulations to them. My drive was not too bad, thank goodness. It went past the right hand bunker and it was picked up by Genie Kim - well done Genie.

Thanks to all who turned up to cheer me on and a special thank you to our out-going President and Club Captain respectively, Bill Bowley and Alan Vass and to our new Club Captain, Norman Bennington, for braving the weather and escorting me to the First Tee. I would like to wish Norman a happy and successful year and to let him know he can count on my full support. I wish everyone a brilliant and healthy New Year and finally..... concentrate on your short game, I'm told it helps.....



Lady Captain Phillipa and Club Captain Norman relaxing together at the Captain's Drive In lunch

If you have no enemies in life you have never stood up for anything *Winston Churchill*



All change - or very nearly

Chris Groom
House Chairman

Well, it's almost all change on the House Committee and for me it is a change from House Committee member to House Committee Chairman.

Firstly and most importantly a big thank you to Ted Gray for all his hard work over a number of years on House matters. He has now stood down as Chairman of the House Committee and from the committee itself, but I'm sure he will still play a major role in entertainments.

Unfortunately during the last year David Wakefield stood down from the committee despite us having "dirty times" crawling about under the clubhouse floors; his practical knowledge will be missed. We also shared part of this same "experience" with Jim Thorpe. Also thanks to Gordon Wilson for his help last year. He stands down for elevation to higher things.

New faces on the House Committee are Alistair Anderson and Terry Turner who are most welcome. They both seem very keen, we hope it will last - I'm sure it will. I said it was almost all change but the one stalwart is, of course, Nadia Geller who brings her own special presence to House.

Having last year completed projects which were required to meet disabilities requirements, i.e. disabled toilet, chair lift in the lobby, etc plus the financial "no-brainer" of improvements to the car park and the extensive refurbishment of the outside of the clubhouse we can't, in the current financial climate, promise any major new projects in the coming year unless we win the lottery. However, if you have ideas for improvements you think should be carried out in the club house and its environs let us know and we will investigate. We don't know what you want if you don't tell us!



A suitable joke for the festive season?

A young man and a priest are playing together. At a short par-3 the priest asks, "What are you going to use on this hole, my son?"

The young man says, "An 8-iron, father. How about you?" The priest says, "I'm going to hit a soft seven and pray."

The young man hits his 8-iron and puts the ball on the green. The priest tops his 7-iron and dribbles the ball out a few yards.

The young man says, "I don't know about you, father, but in my church, when we pray, we keep our head down."

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Hedgehogs - why can't they just share the hedge Dan Antopolski



Peter Emery
Foxes Secretary

Jobsworth knew his regulations

I am delighted to report that the Foxes have completed their season on a winning note. In fact, we recorded our first ever victory over South Herts in the final inter-club game, albeit by the narrowest of margins. And following that match we were asked if we could change the fixture to a home and away basis starting next season – needless to say, we agreed. Perhaps, in these troubled times with our course, it also is useful to remember that people from outside the club still find this an attractive place to play.

Less gloriously, we failed to raise enough interest to allow the annual fixture against the Rabbits to be played!! Shame on all those who could have played but who did not make their interest known by signing the sheet on the notice board. By way of apology, we have agreed to raise a side in the Spring to play a practice match for

the Rabbits Stanley West side prior to their opening match in the competition. At least nine singles will be required and I look forward to being able to offer opportunities for their full side and reserves to enjoy the practice.

Finally, we did get a 16-man side out to play the Ladies section and we managed a convincing victory to ensure that we became the first holders of the new Rose Bowl Trophy.

In late November we brought our season to a formal close with a splendid celebration dinner. Everyone seemed to enjoy an excellent meal, the presentation of prizes for the year, and an unexpected entertainment from joint captains Stephen Lee and David Leedham. Stephen announced that he would not be telling his usual jokes as there were ladies present, but instead would give a seasonal rendition of

a few Carols – he actually has a pretty good voice, folks! But sadly his rendition of four Carols were all interrupted after just one verse by “Jobsworth Dave”, representative of several august bodies, including Health and Safety, the RSPCA and the European Union, who pointed out that “the regulations” made the continuation of that particular Carol inappropriate. Anyone who heard it will remember it for some time, and those who weren’t there missed a real treat. Great stuff guys.

Finally, a formal thanks to Stephen, who steps down as a joint captain at the AGM on December 8th. He has done a splendid job for us and will be a hard act to follow. His replacement captain will be decided at the AGM. David Leedham will continue for another season, as agreed last year.



An excellent, and well attended, meeting in October with Anne Berry author of *The Hungry Ghosts* giving us an insight into writing, and how to get a book published. Her second book, *The Water Children*, is due to be published in the Spring, and she has started her third one! We did not, however, actually review the book!

Northwood GC Book Club

In November we read *The Time Traveller’s Wife* by Audrey Niffenegger, which was very well reviewed by Jennifer Buckmaster.

We have selected the next three books.

- January: *The Slap* by Christos Tsoilkas
- February: *The Secret River* by Kate Grenville
- March: *The Finkler Question* by Howard Jacobson, winner of the Man Booker Prize

However, we did not decide on reviewers for these titles, so please

let me know if you wish to volunteer.

We also discussed the possibility of choosing books from different styles; i.e., crime, historic, classic, espionage, romance, biography. Please bring your ideas to our next meeting.

We continue to meet on the second Wednesday of each month. **But there will not be a meeting in December.**

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY 12th JANUARY 2011 at 7.30pm.

Nadia Geller

I picked up a hitchhiker. You gotta when you hit them. *Emo Phillips*



Cornelius Bohane
Green Chairman

New agronomist is already making a difference

A year ago I stated my aim was to make Northwood "consistently the best presented course our members play on".

After a harsh and late winter, during the summer the course was presented in good condition with noticeable improvements in definition and acceptable greens. A particular highlight was the Men's Club Championship which was a great success, both in terms of the course and, above all, because two of our best young golfers produced an exciting finish.

Some progress has been made. Yet, as we head into winter, the greens remain a long way short of the standard we must aspire to. Improvement has to be quicker than we have seen so far.

Peter Jones has started to work as the Club's agronomist and his initial recommendations, keenly focussed on preparing the best possible surfaces this winter, have already been implemented. Peter will provide a programme for the greens that will be presented to members in March.

Wesley Walker has been appointed acting Head Green Keeper. He has been the number two since 2004 and lives in one of the cottages at the 12th. His experience includes spells at Gleneagles and the PGA championship course at Sawgrass. He has worked at several tournaments including the 2007 US Open and the 2010 BMW Championship at Wentworth. I hope members will agree Wes has made a good start and will join me in wishing him well.

I would like to thank all the members who are careful with their trolleys and buggies and scrupulous in replacing divots and repairing pitch marks. Your consideration makes Northwood a better course.

It is clear we all have the same aim for our golf club. It has to become the best we play on.



House of Lords to get 54 new members including NGC member Stanley Fink

It is with pleasure that we offer our congratulations and best wishes to NGC member Stanley Fink who has been informed that it is the Queen's intention to confer a life peerage upon him. He will continue in his role as the Tory party's Joint Treasurer.

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I've just been on a once-in-a-lifetime holiday. I'll tell you what, never again *Tim Vine*



Atlantis Golf Club, Florida

Summer, sun and golf -what a combination!

Feel like playing golf in the sun and want an abundance of great courses where the greens are like carpet? Then South Florida is the place to go. I recently embarked on a three-month trip with the single goal of seeing how much I could improve at this game we all love. I was attracted to Florida by the guaranteed weather and great facilities that many courses have. After a little bit of internet research, I drew up a short list of clubs to join as a summer member. Many offer such programs as a way to generate extra revenue in the months when many of the local annual members leave to go to other homes or find it too hot to play.

One of the main reasons that I chose
**a great golf mini-tour
operates here**

Atlantis Golf Club (www.atlantisgolf.org), just south of West Palm Beach as a place to go was that there is a great golf "mini tour" that operates there (www.theminorleaguegolftour.com). It is a tour that plays 18-hole events usually about 3 times a week on different courses. The standard is high, and there are many past players who have gone on to the PGA tour. It also allows amateurs

to compete, which was great for me as it meant that I could gain some valuable experience, playing with better golfers and learning what makes them able to go out and shoot under par on a regular basis.

I played in four events and, although I didn't score particularly well, I really enjoyed them and learnt a lot. I knew that I could hit the ball just as well as any of the players, but it's about doing it every single time. Also I wouldn't consider myself a short driver of the ball, but I often found myself twenty to thirty yards behind my playing partners. That certainly makes a big difference if you can hit a short iron into a green and make your birdie chance that much shorter every time.

Another big observation was about the short game and putting. Playing competitive golf, I believe, is one of the best ways to improve and test yourself. It's easy to stand on practice ground and hit perfect shot after perfect shot, but if you can't do it in a pressurised environment, then they count for very little.

During my trip, I developed a slight back injury and the lady treating it mentioned that as she once had met Jack Nicklaus. She thought it would be a good idea if I

sent him a hand written letter, telling him about my wish to improve and asking him for any advice he may have. With nothing to lose, I hand wrote a letter.



The Big Bear Jack Nicklaus was so kind to me

Three days before my return home to the UK, I received a reply, signed by the great man himself. It was a great way to end my trip, and a memento that will be framed and treasured.

Thinking of a golf break? I would highly recommend Southern Florida for your next one.

Tony Lee

Women's Libido - - a viewpoint from France



PARIS: Women make better politicians than men because they are not prisoners of their libido, France's Finance Minister says. Christine Lagarde said her 30-year career as a lawyer and then Finance Minister had convinced her that men's ego made them prone to reacting to decisions personally and humiliating people. Most women, on the other hand, were less ruled by their sex drive and thus able to make more cool-headed judgments.

"Women inject less libido and less testosterone into the equation," said Mrs Lagarde, interviewed by the US ABC network in Washington, where she was attending International Monetary Fund and World Bank meetings.

"It helps in the sense that we don't necessarily project our own egos into cutting

a deal, putting our point across, convincing people, reducing them to a partner that has lost in the process.

"It's probably over-generalised what I'm saying and I'm sure there are women who operate exactly like men. But in the main ... I believe that the majority of women in such positions approach power ... in a slightly different manner."

Mrs Lagarde, 54, made no mention of her boss, Nicolas Sarkozy, often described as an alpha male President. The Finance Minister is noted for her self-control. She gets up at 6am every day for a yoga session, and does not drink, smoke or eat meat. She took a huge salary cut when left her law firm to join the French government.

What can be asserted without evidence can also be dismissed without evidence *Christopher Hitchens*



Brian Young
Membership & Marketing

Great to continue the good momentum

As I commented in the last edition of *Links*, the economic climate for Members golf clubs has been challenging for the last few years. Many golf club members, across the country, have either not renewed or down-sized their subscriptions this year. A recent survey by the English Golf Union has supported this. Over 1,000 clubs took part in their survey and, not surprisingly, 60% claimed to have lost members and 95% have vacancies for members.

Against this backdrop, it is encouraging that our Winter membership scheme has got off to a good start, with a number of prospective new members in the pipeline. This scheme has in the two previous years proved an excellent way to try NGC at low cost, prior to

Winter membership scheme has got off to a good start

taking out full membership at renewal time. This year, golf can be enjoyed through until the spring for only £450. While we are advertising this locally, via *Optima* for example, please tell friends and acquaintances about Winter membership, as it will be great to continue the good momentum that has started to build.

As well as the Membership side, we are now also looking closely at other sources of revenue for NGC. We need to grow these, in order to keep our future subscriptions competitive while still covering our costs and making allowances for future capital spends. These other sources of income include Society events and individual green fees - both members' guests and other visitors.

At the moment we generate well over £50,000 per year from these areas and plan to grow them further. In some ways, this objective may not be as challenging as growing Membership numbers, because the golf market for nomadic golfers has been growing for some time, and therefore we need to ensure we are getting our fair share of visitor revenues. Over the past two years, our casual green fee income has grown 9%, so we will look to continue this revenue growth in 2011.

For Societies, the main trend is for their organisers to book events 6 to 12 months in advance so, to reflect this, we ran a Society Organisers' event on Thursday 28 October, inviting all those who had run events at Northwood in the recent past, plus others who we know may also be interested. This proved to be very successful and, in particular, I would like to thank all those who attended or brought guests and Alastair Todd who acted as our host and starter. This event will certainly generate extra Society revenue in 2011 and has encouraged us to run another such event early in the new year, aimed at those who book late summer and autumn events. If you are considering running a Society event in 2011, please get in touch with Steve Derbyshire or myself and we will be delighted to tailor an event to your requirements and budget!

For guests of our members, we ran a 'Ryder Cup Special' from 1 to 3 October – featuring guest green fees of only £15 per person. This proved very popular with some 50 green fees generated. Whilst many may have got wet on the course, the Ryder Cup result proved that all's well that ends well! The success of this event means that, by the time this is read, we will have run a similar event on the weekend of 27-28 November, again with £15 guest green fees and the opportunity to watch

the Springboks - and not just the rugby, but the Race to Dubai as well. Finally on the topic of members' guests, we are running two Winter Green fee vouchers this year - 4 guest green fee vouchers for £72, or pay £54 for a member and 3 guests. Please ask in the office or pay in the Pro Shop.

As always your Marketing and Membership team – Jennifer Buckmaster, Allan Davis and Geoff Douglass - will be looking to keep the flow of membership enquiries healthy, but we will still need members' help and support in publicising our Club - members are the best advertisement for NGC so please tell all your friends about us! Please support us if you are planning a Society or Corporate event and if you have any suggestions for making our membership and marketing campaigns more effective, please contact me via pigeonhole at NGC, by phone on 07802 821741, or by email to brian_young1@hotmail.com

OPEN DAY
15 May 2011

Members may be interested to learn that 2011 marks the Club's 120th anniversary. Club Captain Norman Bennington has kindly supported celebration of this landmark with an "open" day when members and visitors can play the original nine holes.

More details about the day, planned for 15 May, will be published nearer the time.

If God hadn't been in such a rush to create the world in six days, maybe He could have done something about nettles. And the French. *Ardal O'Hanlon*



Last of the Summer Drives

Just one week into his Captain's year, Ian Seely allowed me the privilege of leading our team for the delayed annual match with the Ladies. On a bright morning Dennis Knowles and I had a very enjoyable match with Captain Marion Lloyd and Georgi Rigby, who both demonstrated the very best of Ladies' golf. Both teams enjoyed a buffet lunch afterwards and the keen competition all day was more than matched by the friendliest of atmospheres, although whether the Rabbits will be allowed to play off the yellow tees again next year remains to be seen!

The inter-club matches we undertake are excellent opportunities not only to sample other clubs' courses and

clubhouses but to discuss and watch how the High Handicap or Rabbits sections are run and managed elsewhere. It is not uncommon to find some Clubs having officers, such as Secretaries, in place for a number of years, Captains elected for two to three year periods and for individual members being given responsibility for a match each during the course of the year. This is an option considered from time to time as an alternative to our long-established programme of a 'three year period of service': a year each as Treasurer, Secretary and Captain.

At that time, knowing relatively few of my fellow members, our present

system suited me very well. Within a year of collecting subs, listing members and putting names to faces, I soon gained a better working knowledge of our Club, its membership and how the other Sections work. The year as Secretary developed a good working relationship with the other Clubs we meet, which can be so valuable in promoting NGC and its activities, and the twelve months as Captain and host brought the three years together as a very enjoyable experience. I am sure you will all join me in hoping that our three new officers, Ian Seely, Geoff Douglass and Mike O'Brien gain as much enjoyment and satisfaction as I have.



Rabbits Golf Day a test of endurance

Ian Seely New Rabbits Captain

My first report for Links follows an extremely wet Rabbits Golf Day on 1 October 2010 which was followed by the AGM when I was elected Captain of the Rabbits Section.

Congratulations to all who played in the Golf Day that had to be reduced to 9 holes. It was a test of endurance and in conditions in which the section would not normally have played.

At the AGM Geoff Douglass was elected Secretary of the section and he will keep Rabbits Section members informed of future matches. Talk to him nicely and you may be selected to play in one of the matches. Mike O'Brien was elected Treasurer and will be after any monies due.

A very successful and enjoyable dinner followed the AGM with prizes for the various competitions held during the year were awarded. The main prize, not previously reported in *Links*, was for the Angora Cup. won this year by Peter Harvey who beat John Moore on the last green. John won the Peter Reynolds Cup as runner up and Peter Harvey went on to represent Northwood in the Super Rabbits competition held this year at Hendon. The evening had great atmosphere and showed that there was a tremendous Club spirit in the room - an evening to remember.

I must also thank Bob Baker for his year as Captain of the Rabbits. Apart from having three secretaries and two

treasurers in his year, he has had an enjoyable year and has guided me in what to expect. I hope I can emulate him.

Six morning matches are arranged this winter: home and away against Ealing, Wyke Green and Chorleywood. The first of these against Ealing resulted in a halved match and was played, as always, in a very friendly inter-club manner. Unfortunately, due to the weather, the match against Wyke Green had to be called off. Nevertheless we still enjoyed a hearty breakfast. We look forward to the return at Ealing and Wyke Green in the New Year.

Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it everywhere, diagnosing it incorrectly and applying all the wrong remedies

Groucho Marx



Tony Allright
Retiring Stags Captain

I have had a thoroughly enjoyable year and believe that I shall rather miss being at the helm next year. We played 20 matches at home and away and won 16, drew 2 and lost 2 (I think that if we played in a league we may well have won it!) I must thank and congratulate all the members who played for Northwood Stags, both for their company and the enthusiasm shown in the matches.

Sadly, we have not had dear Arthur Stratton's help and guidance and it took some time for the Committee to truly get in the swing of things. My special thanks go to the other Committee members: Secretary Alistair Anderson, Treasurer Stephen Lee, Vice-Captain Chris Groom and, of course, Peter Harvey (who has helped me no end, printing the team sheets, chasing up players and also making numerous phone calls on my behalf) for their help in formulating outline guidance rules for future

Stag committee members. Also a big thank you to Julie and her team for looking after us all at the home matches.

Congratulations go to Tony Walters for winning the Stags Summer Knock beating John Wilson in the final and Dennis Knowles for winning the Arthur Stratton Trophy at the Annual Stags Day. Some of our members attended Senior Open days at other clubs and I would urge all Stags to consider these again next year. We did put a representative 4 ball team in The James Braid Trophy for the 80th Anniversary held at Finchley and I am pleased to report that the team finished runners-up.

I hope that all section players over the age of 59 years will put their names down for next year's matches and Knockout competitions and support the new Stags Captain Chris Groom.

Stags may have won the league - if there ever was one!



Tony Walters - winner of the Stags Summer Knock Out



As if one job wasn't enough

Chris Groom
New Stags Captain

Well done Tony, was it a record winning year? Every team throughout the year was personally selected by Tony. Is he good or lucky? Did he back the right horses? Almost none failed to start or fell at the fences. Put your money on this man. What a result 16 wins, 2 draws and only 2 losses.

For this year after the very sad passing of "Uncle Arthur" Stratton we have some new Committee arrangements. Apart from myself, we have Alistair Anderson as Secretary, Stephen Lee as Treasurer and that ever popular Great Stag John Hill as Vice Captain.

Let's all hope we have some good results again next year but whatever we do I'm sure we will all have great fun and some exciting games of golf.

I repeat Tony's plea - section players over 59 are invited to sign up in the spring for some, or all, of our games, home and away; everyone is welcome, whatever their handicap.



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Never attribute to malice what can adequately be explained by stupidity Anon



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

Having passed the required examinations and become a qualified Club 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 A player puts his ball on the tee, makes a stroke at the ball but misses his ball, he thinks his tee is too low and wishes to raise it. Any penalty?

A Yes, When a player makes a stroke on the tee the ball becomes ball-in-play. If he raises the tee he touches purposely/moves the ball-in-play, consequently the player incurs a penalty of one stroke (Rule 18-2a: Ball at Rest Moved by Player) and is required to replace the ball. If the player makes a stroke without replacing it he is deemed to have played under the Stroke and Distance (Rule 27-1a) and incurs penalty of one stroke. However, in this circumstance, the Rule 27-1a overrides the Rule 18-2a, and therefore the player will incur only one stroke penalty fortunately.

NB: Rule 18-2a: Ball at Rest Moved by Player, Partner, Caddie, or Equipment.

Definition of Stroke: Forward movement of the Club made with the intention of striking at and moving the ball

2 Q In a Mixed Foursome competition, a male partner tees off but his ball goes Out of bounds, say, near the Practice net on our first fairway, so his female partner is required to tee off, so she walks to female tee to tee off. Is it right to do?

A No, She must play from the man's tee, because that's from where the last stroke was played (Rule 20-5:

Making Next Stroke from where Previous Stroke Made). If the female partner makes a stroke from the female tee she, and her partner would be incur a loss of the hole in Match play or penalty of 2 strokes in Stroke play, under breach of the Rule 20-5. She, however, may play anywhere within the male teeing ground and may tee up her ball.

3 Q A player asks his fellow-competitor on a fairway to move his ball as his ball would interfere with his play, the fellow-competitor politely says OK, he marks his ball and lifts it, and whilst the player makes stroke, the fellow-competitor notices mud on his ball, he cleans it off, any penalty?

A Yes, The player incurs a penalty of one stroke because anywhere on the course, other than on putting green, the ball, when lifted, **must not** be cleaned in following circumstances:

1. To determine if the ball is unfit for play (Rule 5-3)
2. To identify the ball, in which case it may be cleaned only to the extent necessary for identification (Rule 12-2)
3. If his ball is assisting or interfering with play (Rule 22-1, 22-2)

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Letter to The Editor

Dear Sir,

There has been a major impact on our subscriptions and society-day income in recent years, arguably due to our poor USGA greens. As a consequence the Club has a current unhealthy financial position, as revealed by the resigning Finance Director at the recent AGM. He went on to casually mention, that among other initiatives under investigation to improve the Club's financial position, the Board is revisiting the perceived financial advantage, through reduced Council Tax, of admitting the Club to "CASC" (Community Amateur Sports Clubs).

As I stated at the recent AGM, this subject was discussed in great depth in 2005-2006 and was abandoned (to use the words of the then Chairman of the Board, David Wild in his letter dated 30th March 2006 to members);

"I hope you will by now have learnt that the Board have decided, at short notice, not to proceed with the Special Resolution to amend our Memorandum and Articles of Association to enable the Club to apply for CASC status and to cancel the EGM. This is because we have been alerted over the

last few days to a serious Capital Gains Tax (CGT) liability that will be incurred by any CASC club that is de-registered by the Inland Revenue. This letter.....is to explain the CGT issue and why the Board have decided to abandon the proposals at the eleventh hour."

I would ask the Board of Directors what changes in the legislation have made the prospect of CASC registration more of an acceptable risk?

The Finance Act of 2002, would, in the event of the Club being deregistered whether voluntarily or compulsory, present the Club with a capital gains liability that it would find impossible to pay. Should this outcome become a reality, the Northwood Golf Club Ltd may have to go into administration and cease to operate. CASC regulations state:

"If a CASC ceases to operate, its assets would have to be passed on in accordance with the legislation to another CASC, a registered charity or the governing body of an eligible sport for use in related community sport".

Should the current Board of Directors consider the benefit of short term financial benefits from a reduction in Council Tax outweighs the potential penalties in the event of deregistration, then I presume that before any decision is made to proceed for CASC registration that an EGM is called so that the subject is fully discussed, both for and against registration. In this way the membership can make a considered judgement on whether they wish to sign away their future rights over the ownership and running of the Club. I am reminded of the legend of Dr Johann Faust.

Hopefully the recent agronomist's survey and his recommendations for the way forward will see the greens reach a standard that members expected several years ago and will result in an influx of new members and thereby alleviate the current deficiency in membership subscriptions. With acceptable, if not good, greens our course layout is a match for any course in the area.

Brian Evans

A member since 1975,
who cares about our Club.



Tom Dunn, a prolific course architect, laid out Northwood Golf Club

Researching the Club's archive for information, Cornelius Bohane discovered minutes from AGMs in the 1920s and 1930s. The story of troubled times that they tell sounds familiar.

Reading the minutes of the 1932 AGM seemed like a record – albeit more stylish in tone – of some of our own recent gatherings: The Chairman “*regretted the strained atmosphere...and trusts that members realise some of the difficulties of the Committee and they will do all in their power to assist the Committee in increasing the comfort and amenities of the Club.*” It was a challenging time, yet what struck me is how resilient an institution Northwood Golf Club proved to be after it faced the challenge of the Great Depression.

In the first 30 years, our Club enjoyed a high reputation among a small number of London courses and some generous early benefactors. “*...before the War (1914-1918), the Club...carried on from*

...cheerfully ignoring debts of £19,000

hand to mouth, always with a large waiting list and very little competition”, reported the Chairman in 1927. No surprise then, at the 1927 AGM, that

Researcher discovers some history repeats itself

the Chairman, cheerfully ignoring debts of £19,000 (about 4 times the Club's annual income), stated: “*... the club house and course are in first rate condition and the outlook is distinctly promising.*”

Meanwhile a perfect storm was gathering. Soap magnate, Lord Leverhulme, founder of the conglomerate known now as Unilever, had commissioned Harry Colt to build three courses at Moor Park. What really grabbed the attention of Northwood members was a new watering system for the greens. It's always the greens!

NGC members demanded better greens also that could be played in the summer and, in 1928, greens watering was installed at a cost of nearly £2,000, funded mostly by members, who donated £1,500. A borehole was sunk at the time (and, interestingly, was re-opened a couple of years ago). Everyone was thrilled. Again, the Chairman, in 1929: “*...it would be difficult to imagine the condition of the Greens had water not been available...The Greens are now rapidly recovering and there is every prospect of having them in first rate condition for next year.*” Why is it always next year?

From this distance, it seems unlikely that simply improving the greens would be enough to fend off the challenge from a well-heeled commercial operator. The Club had rarely produced a surplus and was increasingly reliant on beneficent bankers. 1929 saw the Wall Street Crash, the credit crunch of the day. Within a couple of years it was disclosed “*the Club's Bankers are now pressing for settlement of the overdraft.*” The bank was owed the equivalent of a year's subscription income!

The AGM of 1931 was difficult for the Committee, who proposed to increase the annual subscription from 10 to 12 guineas. Opposing the increase, a Mr Bartley “*dwelt at considerable length on the Club's activities and said various economies could be introduced...*”

... subscription to increase from 10 to 12 guineas

Steps were taken to address the crisis and today's members might enjoy a paragraph from 1931. Measures included familiar themes, “*paper serviettes, the dismissal of one indoor servant and reduction of the outdoor staff*”. The Chairman also stated the “*Secretary had very generously offered a reduction of his own salary by £50 per annum.*”

The crisis was not short-lived. In 1932 membership was down by 48 and “*The economy effected has reached the maximum and the Club must look to a larger revenue and it is hoped all members will assist...by introducing new members and bringing visitors to the Club.*” Same problems, same solutions.

As we all know, Northwood went on to prosper. Thousands of new homes in the suburbs brought new members and for several decades after the crisis of 1931 the Club's membership and finances were extremely healthy. No morals to this tale, no lessons to be learned from history.

It's just strange how it all feels so familiar.

Cornelius Bohane

A reply to Brian Evans' letter on page 12

Dear Editor,

Brian is not alone in caring passionately about the Club. However his opening premise is flawed. We are in the second year of a severe economic recession coupled with golfers' changing needs (Brian Young's current article). Over the past four years our surveys indicate that only six members who left gave the greens as their reason for leaving.

The Board felt that a further evaluation of CASC was justified reflecting changes in the Club's position, any changes in legislation and especially the experiences of the 4,850 sports clubs who have registered (including 440 Golf Clubs). CASC registered clubs have benefited to the tune of at least £76m since joining.

“*You never step in the same river twice.*” A calm considered evaluation is required. I cannot predict what the outcome of the review will be before we have concluded the research but we are gathering the facts and are talking to clubs that have already gone the CASC route to understand their perspectives based on experience.

Should the Board conclude that CASC is viable proposition then members will be consulted preparatory to a full EGM to approve a formal proposal.

David Leedham, Board Chairman



90 years on Bill Jackson still speaks for himself

A rare event happened in the Clubhouse recently when friends and relatives of Bill Jackson celebrated his 90th birthday. Famous for his well-known direct (some say blunt) ideas and clear thinking, Bill can still raise some eyebrows sometimes.

Born in Barrow-in-Furness on 20 October 1920, Bill Jackson progressed through his education admitting that it was without many major achievements until he left the confines of the local grammar school, eschewing the doubtful benefits of Matriculation. At the age of 15, he joined his father as an Apprentice Fitter (earning the title of "Snotty Nosed Apprentice"!) at Vickers Armstrong, working on general engineering and submarines and achieving the required qualifications after five years. By this time the Second World War had broken out and Bill was fully employed fitting out submarines supporting the war effort.

It was while he was at Vickers, having a Reserved Occupation, that he was sent to Greenock where the navy had towed back a German U-Boat. Engaged in battle by British warships off Iceland, the German crew prepared to scuttle the boat by opening the sea cocks. They then jumped overboard. Seeing their prize



A U-Boat similar to the one that Bill helped to re-commission to fight on the Allies side in WW2

sinking before their eyes, some British sailors bravely scrambled aboard and went down to the bilges of the, by then, rapidly sinking sub and turned off the sea cocks. The U-Boat was then towed back, half submerged to Greenock. Bill and

two colleagues re-commissioned the engines and the submarine went to sea again where it fought on the Allies' side for a long time before eventually being sunk.

After the war Bill was in the Vickers drawing office working on general armaments, including Bofors 40mm guns, and then he moved to ICI in Huddersfield before being recruited by Glaxo, with whom he remained until 1980. In 1949 he met and married Doris Ridley and they set up home in Ulverston where Bill worked in the Glaxo drawing office. Glaxo persuaded him to move all over the world, to places such as Kenya and Australia, and he was soon to become Engineer in Charge of all new laboratory building with projects exceeding £50m.

Life was beginning to look up now for our Bill and his eye fell on joining a golf club and it was Northwood's good fortune that he joined in 1967. It wasn't long before he became a member of the House Committee under the chairmanship of Ken Whitaker. Bill was commissioned with turning the upstairs card room into a dining room with a panoramic view of the course; the results of his work are still enjoyed today. In time his skills were employed in other Club buildings that included some listed property, each of which had its own unique problems.

In 1980, after he had retired, Bill was headhunted by the DHS to take control of the building of a blood fractionation unit at Aldenham. In the same year Bill became Vice Captain and followed Bill Bowley into the captaincy. During this time Doris well remembers that in those days she was frequently Bill Bowley's driver (hard to imagine that today).

Doris achieved stardom too, as she became Lady Captain *twice*, in 1976 and again in 1995. Captains in those days, says Bill, did not receive any allowance to assist in carrying out their duties and they even had to pay for their own "green Captain's jacket". He doesn't grumble about that as he thought that this was, and still should be, the way a Captain should be a Captain.

Bill stopped playing golf in 2006 (when he was 86) and now looks after his wife Doris – some say "who looks after who?"

In 2007, in appreciation of all the work he had put in over 40 years, Northwood Golf Club awarded Bill Life Membership of the Club.

Now, basking in the twilight of his years, perhaps a nonagenarian can be allowed a few views that those younger might think incautious.

...it's people through the front door that bring in the cash

Asked what he would wish *hadn't* happened, Bill regretted the rapid spending of the Ransome Bequest with an acerbic comment "It seems to me that they wanted to spend the money for the sake of spending it". And what would Bill like to see done today? "Capitalise on what we have – use the facilities to promote income – it's people through the front door, whether members or visitors, that bring in the cash". And what about inside the Clubhouse – what then? "I would like to see everyone socialise more, particularly some Board and Committee members who you never seem to see in the bar any more at weekends. How can they learn what members want if they hide away?". Indeed, Bill has never been shy about coming forward and stating his opinions publicly – many remember his pithy advice an EGM discussing the funding of the new greens project – "If you ain't got it, don't spend it".

Quietly living with Doris in a delightful bungalow in Rickmansworth, they enjoy the visiting company of his two daughters Carol and Lynn, as well as Lynn's two children and, although not actively playing golf now, both take a lively interest in all the happenings and progress of their beloved Northwood Golf Club.

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Marriage is like a pack of cards. You start with two hearts and a diamond and perhaps finish with a club and a spade *Anon*



Ian Hendrie
Juniors Organiser

Perfect introduction to the wonderful game

A big thank-you to Richard Grun for picking up some of the younger juniors on Sunday afternoons. Richard and some of the dads recognised an opportunity and have kindly put together a programme of golf on Sunday afternoons. A gentle nine holes off the Blues tees is a perfect introduction to the wonderful game.

If any members have younger boys and girls who might be interested to try out a few holes, then please contact either Richard or myself. No better way to find out about the joys of golf - membership forms are always available for those who wish to follow up!

Whilst all the excitement was going on down at Celtic Manor during Ryder Cup weekend the George Walker Trophy was also played with limited numbers here at Northwood GC. I am pleased to

report that Adam Blakeley was the victorious Junior on the day - well done Adam.

To update on the League position, Northwood GC will not have a team in the 2011 Friern Barnet League but is certainly expecting to be back for 2012, as the potential number of players looks very good. For 2011 I will be looking to organise some friendly matches with local clubs and will continue to look to run the school holiday competitions on a Wednesday morning. The numbers involved in 2010 were very limited and I would hope that for some of the main events we could get out more than just three or four juniors.

With regard to the possibility of a Northwood Junior Open for 2011 the jury are still out" - we need around 30 names to make this worthwhile and look to the current

junior members to get their friends along to play - last year the 17 names that we had in the end were not enough. **Juniors - when would be the best date to play this event ? Please let me know as nothing is planned yet for 2011.**

Following a locker survey and an advance notice, the 'unmarked' lockers will be opened shortly and allocated to new junior players.

Finally, a note for the diary - the Junior dinner returns to the first Friday in February next year. Please see the notices to book your place or your table. There will be the usual raffle prizes so please don't be shy in either buying tickets or donating a prize! I hope that we will get a good junior turnout on the evening.

MR A H WILLIAMS

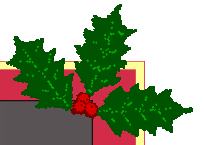
It is with regret that the death of Allen Williams is announced, who passed away on 16 November.

Joining NGC in 1990, Allen will be particularly remembered for his quiet charm and sound words. He will be sadly missed by his friends.

Links bits'n'pieces

- Unfortunately there was no financial report submitted for this edition of *Links* but no doubt this omission will be corrected for the Spring 2011 edition.
- The large number of Members who were vocal in their requests at the AGM to see again Brian Clark's letter to *Links* regarding CASC, may care to view page 17 the archived Spring 2006 copy of *Links* on the NGC website - have patience as it will take a little time to load.
- Requests in *Links* for more information has had pleasant results in that Members can now view the current summaries of Minutes of all three Committees on the Hall Notice Board. A very welcome step forward.

It's all the young can do for the old, to shock them and keep them up to date *George Bernard Shaw*



Results and Prize Winners



Past Capt. Jim Thorpe with September Bowl Winners Bryony and Nick Lines



Club Challenge Winner Mark Creedy with Capt Norman Bennington



Order of Merit Winner - Neil Moncur

Gentlemen's Results

| Competition | First | Second |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Houseman Bowl | M Capell & R Rogers | C & M Nichols |
| Ad Hoc Stableford – 22.08 | S Lee | C Bohane |
| Ad Hoc Stableford – 28.08 | S Denton | R Scibilia |
| BBC Trophy | N Moncur | S Monro |
| Ad Hoc Stableford – 11.09 | S Rooker | W Bragg |
| Sept Monthly Medal | A Miller | D Penny |
| Midweek Medal – 24.09 | A Lee | K Lloyd |
| Ad Hoc Stableford – 26.09 | C Nichols | H Matthews |
| Langdale Salver | R Scibilia | A Hopkins |
| October Medal | S Cunningham | M Nichols |
| Comber Cup | F McFarlane | K Teirney |
| Coles Cup | D Forrest & I Hendrie | M & O Ginger |
| Club Challenge | M Creedy | M Gibson |
| Midweek Stableford – 15.10 | N Lines | A Lee |
| October Stableford | J Bennett | A Lee |
| Monthly Stableford - 30.10 | J Bruce | S Turner |
| November Stableford | R Rogers | R Johnson |
| Midweek Stableford | R Johnson | L Wicks |
| Mixed Foursomes | P Jackson & M Bacon | C Rattray & D Crouch |



Rabbits Section Angora Cup Winner Peter Harvey with Alan Vass



Comber Cup Winner Francis MacFarlane



Alan Vass with Mixed Foursomes Winners Peter Jackson and Marg Bacon



The Foxes team that came a narrow second at The James Braid Trophy meeting at Finchley GC - Tony Allright, Mike Nichols, John Hawkins and Alastair Anderson

Ladies Competitions

| Competition | Winner | Runner-Up |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| Knight Cup (Bronze Div) | Denise Ashton | Dilys Welch |
| Langdale Cup (Silver Div) | Denise Crouch | Carole Monro |
| Northwood Cup (Silver & Bronze Div) | Angela Butler | Carole Monro |
| Northwood Hospital Cup (Foursomes) | Esther Gray & Joyce Hickey | Rachel Rooker & Pauline Wilson |
| Parry Scratch Cup | Carole Monro | Margaret Barkwith |
| Penny Dark Bowl (4BBB) | Sallie Bowen & Esther Gray | Jennifer Buckmaster & Melanie Roberts |
| Summer Aggregate Cup | Linda Baker | Elaine Goulding |
| Birdie Competition | | |
| Silver Division | Julia Ginger | |
| Bronze Division | Bryony Lines | |
| Centenary Bowl – Lady Golfer of the Year 2010 | Sallie Bowen | Carole Monro |
| Daily Mail Foursomes | Angela Butler & Lindy Creedy | Tracey Bohane & Bryony Lines |
| Qualifying Competitions | Silver Division | Bronze Division 1 |
| September Medal | Bridie Fitzpatrick | Ulla Hising (1 Div) |
| October Stableford | Competition void as work on greens overrun | |
| October Medal | Brenda Goldie | Angela Butler (1 Div) |
| November Medal | Carole Monro | Angela Butler (1 Div) |