



Tee to Green

Flaxby Golf Club

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE FLAXBY GOLF CLUB

SPRING 2012

UP TO DATE NEWS • VIEWS • EVENTS • COMPETITIONS

Happy New Year

...to everyone at Flaxby Golf Club from all the staff at Skelwith Leisure Ltd.

This year is going to be an exciting year at Flaxby with some major changes and developments happening down at the course. We look forward to finally getting the hotel development underway and also improving the course and driving range.

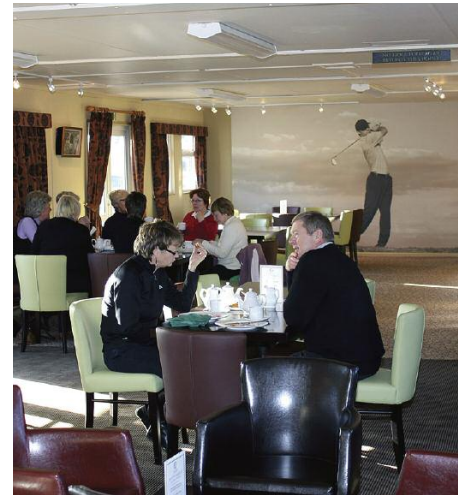
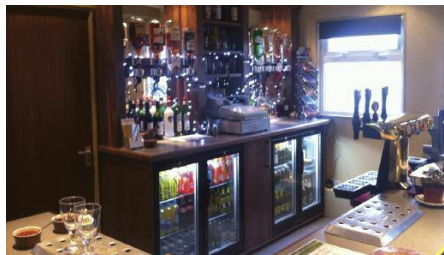
As you will have noticed by now we have changed the look of the clubhouse and added the golf reception at the back near the office. We will be stocking this area with various merchandise and golf necessities and anything else that the members feel would benefit the club.

At Skelwith Leisure we are always looking to improve our relationship with the members and become more accessible and visible down at the course. Martin Chambers, our Sales Manager will be down at the course at various times throughout the week on a regular basis now so should anybody have any questions or any grievances please feel free to make an appointment to speak with Martin, or if you see him around the clubhouse he is more than happy to discuss any points with you.



Martin Chambers

All the best for a fantastic 2012 and I hope you all continue to enjoy your golfing experience here at Flaxby Golf Club.



A message from the Club President

We have an exciting year ahead of us with a full fixture list and a good structure in place. With our splendidly refurbished clubhouse we have a facility to be proud of.



I am sure in welcoming our many guests and visitors they will be pleased with developments at Flaxby. I can assure you the course will be in great condition, I would personally like to thank Danny Burrows and his committed team for keeping the course in such good and playable condition over the winter months, having played around many courses in the region it makes me realise how lucky we are at Flaxby, great underfoot conditions and exceptional greens.

As well as the many section matches we have several open competitions when we will open the course up to visiting players from other regional clubs. We will be hosting Union Representation events and have The Flaxby Pro-Am in July.

The year 2012 is a special year for our country with the Royal celebrations and the Olympic Games, let's all make it a special year for Flaxby as well. I hope that whether you are a social golfer or a Flaxby team player you have a good golfing year and that Flaxby meets your needs and aspirations.

Flaxby Golf Club Captain 2012 Wez Dance

"My name is Wez Dance, I have been a member of Flaxby Park since it's inception back in 2004.

I have had a hand in quite a few things over the years at Flaxby and have got to know a lot of the members through competitions, away days, trips etc., but intend to get to know ALL of you in these coming months and am really looking forward to showing you all that I am up to the job.

I am greatly honoured that the members of this club have chosen me to represent them as their club captain for the coming 2012/13 season and I promise I will do all I can to make a difference taking the club forward."

PROFILE ON: WEZ DANCE CLUB CAPTAIN 2012 / 13



- NICKNAME: WEZ
- BIRTHPLACE: RIPON
- FAVOURITE HOLE AT FLAXBY: 9TH
- FAVOURITE MUSIC ARTIST: THE DOORS
- FAVOURITE TV PROGRAMME: THE BIG BANG THEORY
- FAVOURITE GOLF CLUB IN YOUR BAG: 7 IRON
- FAVOURITE GOLF CLUB VISITED: WEST COURSE, NORTH BERWICK
- WHO DO YOU MOST LIKE TO PLAY GOLF WITH: SEVE BALLESTEROS
- WHO WOULD BE YOUR 3 IDEAL DINNER GUESTS: ARYTON SENNA, STEPHEN FRY, PETER O'TOOLE

Scratch Team



James Lagan

James Lagan has agreed to Captain the Scratch Team again this year which is great news for Flaxby.

As well as being an exceptionally good golfer James is an excellent ambassador for the club. James has led our Scratch team

with distinction over the past 3 years, getting promoted in our first year in the York Union to Division one, stabilising our position in the Premier League in year two and last year we came runner up to Fulford Golf Club. We lost the League Championship on a technicality which was a bitter pill to swallow. We reluctantly accepted our fate but this year we will come out fighting in the true Flaxby style.

Our achievements in the York Union Scratch League have been exceptional to date especially bearing in mind the very small team of low handicap golfers James has had to choose from. It would be nice to increase the pool of players available for selection this year and hopefully this can happen but I am sure in any event we will be doing our very best with the players available. We wish James and his team continued success.

The Scratch team will again compete in Division 6 of the Yorkshire League this year.

Flaxby Rabbits



Terry Reed

Firstly, a very big thank you to the outgoing Captain Roy Huddart, who stamped his character on the role as Captain in 2011. It was a fun year which was not even spoilt by Roy's repertoire of after dinner jokes.

This year Terry Read takes on the Captaincy, with Graham Coverdale as his Vice Captain and (Colonel) John Parker as the Rabbits Secretary, a formidable team with a challenging season ahead of them.

This year we have 14 friendly matches planned with other clubs, all for the cost of the meal. Any new players will be made most welcome by Terry and his team. We

will also be playing competitive golf in the Harrogate Rabbits League. The Harrogate League is a pair's event with one Hcp player 16 to 21 and one Hcp player 22 to 28 playing together in a home and away match (summer and Winter League). We need a minimum of 14 players to play in these events and any interested players should contact Terry or any of his team.

Rabbits Golf accommodates any player with a handicap between 16 and 28 and it forms an important part of the club's structure. If you fall into that handicap category, if you have not already tried Rabbits Golf why not give it a go, you will not regret it.

The Rabbits have their own notice board in the clubhouse, please make sure you look at it regularly. The Rabbits also have their own website (details on the notice board) John Parker is the Webmaster on the website you will see as much information as you need about matches, competitions etc.

We are planning a pre season event on the 25th of March so that everyone has the opportunity to meet. Keep your eye on the Notice Board/Website for further information and the Rabbits team contact details.

Joining the Rabbits couldn't be simpler – if you are available to play midweek through the summer (usually 4.00pm) just forward your name, telephone no, & email address to the Secretary, John Parker.



www.theflaxbyrabbits.co.uk

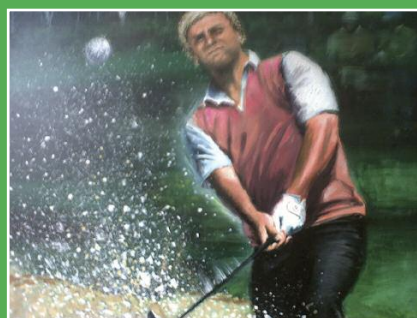
Open Days at Flaxby 2012

Junior – Adult Open Day
Friday 13th of April
Betterball Stableford £30 per pair

Gents Open
Monday 21st May
Individual Stableford £20 per player

Ladies Open
Monday 18th June
4 Ball Betterball Stableford £60 per team

The Flaxby Pro-Am
Thursday 26th July
In conjunction with the Y.P.G.A.



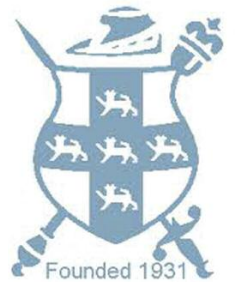
This picture which is hanging in the Flaxby Golf Reception area was painted by one of our talented member's, Vic Garside from Knaresborough.

PROFILE ON: TERRY READ RABBITS CAPTAIN 2012/13



NICKNAME: SWOT'S BROTHER
BIRTHPLACE: HAVERFORDWEST
FAVOURITE HOLE AT FLAXBY: 5TH
FAVOURITE MUSIC ARTIST: PETULA CLARK
FAVOURITE TV PROGRAMME: ONEDIN LINE
FAVOURITE GOLF CLUB IN YOUR BAG: 6 IRON
FAVOURITE GOLF CLUB VISITED: THE OLD COURSE, VILAMOURA
WHO DO YOU MOST LIKE TO PLAY GOLF WITH: JACK NICKLAUS
WHO WOULD BE YOUR 3 IDEAL DINNER GUESTS: KEN LIVINGSTONE, THERESA MAY, JANET STREET PORTER

Flaxby's York Union Representative



Ian Straker

Ian Straker our Vice Captain for this year is also the Clubs Representative for the York Union of Golf Clubs.

Ian co-ordinates all entries for Union Events and needs the support of all competition entrants to ensure we can fulfil our obligations. The Club is hosting its First Union event for 2012 on the 19th of February.

Ian needs to be contacted if for any reason players cannot play in planned events.

His Mobile number is 07807 384954

Anything to report for the next issue of 'Tee to Green'? ...then let us know about it.

Ladies Section



Liz Baker

Its farewell to Ann Wood the outgoing Ladies Captain with congratulations for a job well done. The Ladies Captain for Season 2012 – 2013 is Liz Baker. Liz is taking on her Captaincy year with a busy and challenging schedule ahead of her.

The Ladies are playing 6 YLPGA Division A matches, 6 Friendly Matches and will also play in The Yorkshire Ladies County Golf Association

Inter Club Championship (A.D.P. Section) Rachel Nicholls will Captain the A.D.P. Team. We wish all of the ladies good luck for the forthcoming season.

The Ladies will once again be hosting the 2nd Flaxby Ladies Open on Monday the 8th of June. This competition is already well subscribed with entries which reflect the resounding success of last year's event.

The York Union will be hosting several events for Ladies this season with some new events added. It is hoped that some of the Flaxby Ladies will play in these events and hopefully with distinction as they have in the past.

The Flaxby Ladies will also be registering to allow them to play in the Yorkshire Ladies Veteran Association this year (details to follow soon) It's hard to believe that the Flaxby Ladies are old enough to compete in such an event!!

That quote should get the President some Brownie points



Seniors Section



Jeff Birrell

It's thanks to Doug Barden for leading the Flaxby Seniors during 2011. A splendid job Doug, well done.

Jeffery Birrell has been nominated as Seniors Captain in 2012 and is therefore Captain Designate until the Seniors A.G.M. is held in March when

nominations will be finalised. Jeff is looking forward to the challenge and hopes to maintain the high standards set by his predecessors. The Flaxby Seniors are defying their years by playing 20 Friendly matches again this year as well as the many in-house senior's competitions. The seniors are a very strong section in the club. They are however always looking for more members and everyone will be made welcome. The only qualifications are 55 years of age or over. The seniors have a small additional membership fee but they provide subsidised benefits to the senior members who join. They meet every Tuesday morning, best to be there by 08.30am to get in the draw for the weekly competition.

The Seniors are planning a pre season away day at Thirsk and Northallerton Golf Club on Friday 23rd of March 2012. The preferential green fees are dependent on getting enough players so get your name on the Seniors notice board as soon as possible.

Spring Fixtures 2012

March

25th Sunday Rabbits Home & Away Invitational

April

1st Sunday	Kitching Trophy YUGC - Forest of Galtres
7th Saturday	April Medal (Q)
11th Wednesday	Mid Week Medal (Q)
12th Thursday	Seniors Away Catterick
13th Friday	Junior - Senior Open Day
15th Sunday	Captains Drive - Wez Dance & Liz Baker
16th Monday	Ladies v Aldwark (Home)
17th Tuesday	Mid Week Stableford
17th Tuesday	Seniors Away Forest Park
18th Wednesday	Gents Friendly Pike Hills (Away)
22nd Sunday	Flaxby Cup 1st Qualifier (Q)
24th Tuesday	Seniors Home Mid Yorkshire
29th Sunday	April Stableford (Q)

2012 Pro-Am Tournament

In association with the Yorkshire PGA, Flaxby Golf Club are pleased to announce the Pro-Am 2012 18 hole tournament will take place on the **26th July 2012** this year. Teams should consist of 1 Professional and 3 Amateurs; mens, ladies, juniors or mixed teams are welcome.

- 18 hole tournament
- Teams consist of 1 Pro and 3 Amateurs
- Men's, Ladies, Juniors or mixed
- Best 2 scores out of 4 to count-strokeplay
- Prizes for the first 6 teams
- Nearest pin and long drive
- £210.00 per team
- Provide your own Pro or he PGA will supply one for you



Entry forms available from
www.yorkshirepga.com



Sponsors for the event are welcome and should contact us for details.



THE FLAXBY DRIVING RANGE

Martin Padgett Flaxby's PGA Professional

Martin Padgett is Flaxby's Y.P.G.A Professional and has been with the club for the past 4 years, Martin is from a well known Yorkshire golfing family and his father David is the Professional at Pannal Golf Club in Harrogate.

Martin will be much more visible to the Flaxby member's as he is now based in the golf reception area in the Clubhouse when he is not teaching on the range. Martin will be selling a new range golfing accessories from that area, they include "Titleist" balls and accessories, "Footjoy" shoes and gloves, a large range of tees, ball markers and pitch repairers as well as a selection of "Glenmuir" clothing with the Flaxby logo.

Martin will be happy offer advice to any members who need help, please feel free to ask for his assistance. If you need any guidance on the Rules of Golf Martin is your man.

Martin is offering a wide range of Lessons at Flaxby, whether you are a junior a beginner or just need some help in correcting some aspect of your game then talk to Martin who will be happy to assist.

Martin offers some attractive teaching packages throughout the year so keep a watch on the notice boards in the clubhouse for the latest deals.

Watch out for the notices for the "Power Hour" during February and March when Martin will be giving free tips and advice to users of the Driving Range during a selected hour slot.

STOP PRESS – The Driving Range is being refitted with new mats, best new balls and the automated tees will be fully serviced and operational.



Golf Course News

I have been looking forward to introducing myself and my team and to all members. I have been with the club prior to the opening in 2004 and have built a strong team, eager to provide the members with a golf course that they can be proud of.

During the winter we have been concentrating on the bunkers which are a focal point of our course. We have redefined the edges, dispersed the sand evenly and removed any grass or unwanted weeds.

We have also thinned a section of the woodland on the right hand side of the 1st green to provide some much needed airflow, which will improve grass sward development at the rear of the green.

We are currently undertaking our annual pruning scheme which helps the specimen trees and plantations continue to develop into mature trees.

The ponds on the 8th and 27th are also being cleared of reeds to improve visibility of the green so you can clearly see if you have landed on the green or come up short in the water.

These improvements are all being undertaken whilst still continuing to provide routine maintenance to the course itself e.g. Mowing, Raking Bunkers, Changing holes etc...

I look forward to seeing new and existing members on the course and please don't hesitate to contact me should you require any additional information.

Daniel Burrows

Golf Course Superintendent

PROFILE ON: DANIEL BURROWS GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT



NICKNAME: DANNY
BIRTHPLACE: MASTERTON, NEW ZEALAND
FAVOURITE HOLE AT FLAXBY: 8TH (WHEN THE HOLE IS IN A EASY SPOT!)
FAVOURITE MUSIC ARTIST: AC/DC
FAVOURITE TV PROGRAMME: 24
FAVOURITE GOLF CLUB IN YOUR BAG: 5 WOOD
FAVOURITE GOLF CLUB VISITED: PEBBLE BEACH OR CAPE KIDNAPPERS
WHO DO YOU MOST LIKE TO PLAY GOLF WITH: TIGER WOODS (WITH BIRDIES IN TOW)
WHO WOULD BE YOUR 3 IDEAL DINNER GUESTS: RICHIE McCAW (ALL BLACK CAPTAIN) OZZY OSBOURNE, RUSSELL CROWE

Future Newsletters

If any members wish to have anything published in future newsletter's or have any new ideas then please speak to the Club, and we will do our best to include them in future issues.



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