

## Message from the Management Committee

As we continue to look to improve our communication with members, we have decided to start a monthly Newsletter. This will be produced in the middle of the month after the Committee Meetings to give you the up-to-date information of

what is happening at the Golf Club. You will receive announcements on any future events the club is hosting, news on the numerous on course improvements from Geoff and the team, Competition Results and news from the Clubs Captains.

## Treasurers Report – by Kevin McCormick

The club remains in a good position.

The flat is almost finished and the Estate Agent will give us rental advice this week. We spent extra rendering the front of the flat as it was absorbing water and the plaster was falling off.

We will have other spending on maintaining the building as some bits are starting to look dated.

New golf buggy's have been ordered; no delivery date has been confirmed but they have provided cover until they arrive.

## Men's Captains Report – by Rufus Ayre

As we moved into from January to February, I think I was premature last month in saying the weather seemed to be mild. February bit back with what seemed like a month of storms, and we have subsequently missed a couple of weeks of golf. However, I played on the last Sunday of February, and I must say for the weather we have had the course is again in fantastic condition and very dry considering. Again, this is no doubt down the excellent drainage work carried out throughout last winter.

On Friday 25th as planned the NDL team travelled up to Washington to the Joe Fraser Golf Academy for bonding session and to dust of the clubs. The event was a great success with a good turn out from the majority of the team. Hopefully we can continue from a successful year last year and hit the ground running this year.



Picture: NDL members at Joe Fraser Golf Academy

The NDL Team kit order is in, and I would like to thank Peter for his assistance with this and both Wear Valley Renewable and S&A (Andrew Howard) for their continued support.

## Lady Captains Report – by Margaret Winter

There is very little to report since the last meeting. We continue with our Winter League competitions as the weather and conditions permit.

I have decided that the Lady Captain's Charity this year will be Raise your hands. This an organisation that supports small charities. The charities they help, fund groups that deal with children's and young people's mental health

issues of bullying and children caught up in domestic violence among others. They are involved with education around these issues and tend to help charities that do not receive funding from elsewhere.

We are looking forward to the Summer and as part of this Margaret Kelly has arranged our away day for Friday 15th June at Castle Eden

# Seniors Captains Report – by Paul Kelly

Thank you to all the senior members who have expressed their desire to represent the Senior team in this year's forthcoming matches. I will be contacting individuals to establish which venues they are available for, with the preference being that they are available for both Home & Away games against any one team. E.g., Woodham Home & Away. I can then rotate names to ensure all fixtures are supported.

## Away Day – Stocksfield

All 24 places taken up, however there has been additional interest, in the form of two more participants. If we can generate interest from another two members, I can progress with arranging an additional tee time, however, this needs to be confirmed by the Mon 28th March.

Thank you for your support, to date.... It's really appreciated

## Professionals Report – by Peter William Hartley

### Away Day – Appleby



Picture: Our Professional Peter with the Away Day Winners

A massive thank you to everyone who took part in this week's Professionals away day at Appleby GC.

These events are for the members and memorable because of you (the members) so a massive thank you to everyone who supported the event!

Also, I would like to say a thank you to Helen Swaby at Appleby for helping organise the day and Ian and Karen for the hospitality the course was in great conditions and the members had a great time. Well done to all the winners:

- 1st Place - Reed, Healer, Longthorn and Parvin.
- 2nd Place – Welsh, Welsh, Harrison and Wright.
- Nearest The Pin 4th Hole - George Longthorn.
- Nearest The Pin 15th Hole - Liam Hutton.
- Longest Drive 18th - Mark Parvin.

I am looking forward to more away days to come over the coming season.

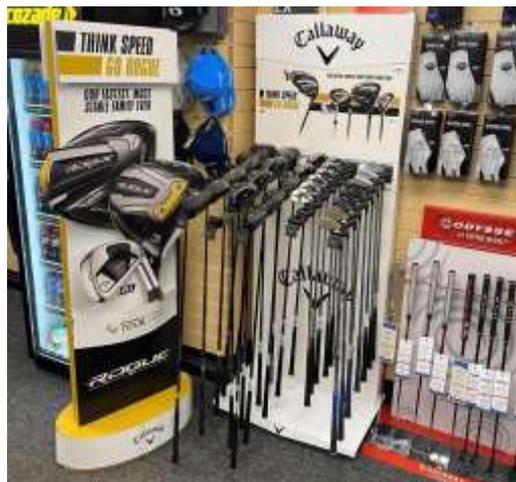
### **New Stock**

As I have announced via my social media pages, I am pleased to announce new stock has been arriving in store over the last few weeks.

The new Callaway Rogue ST family of woods and irons are also now in stock and available in store. As well as Callaway I now stock Ping and can offer custom fitting across the Ping range.

New clothing lines are also in store, ready for the start of the new season!

Call in store to check out what's on offer!



Picture: New range of Callaway Stock

### **Junior Academy**

The Junior Academy here at Crook Golf Club will be launching back up again on the 4th April 2022 and will run Monday thru Friday at 5 pm each day for a six-week course!

Class sizes will be limited to six golfers per day at a cost of £5 per class. If you would like to sign your child up, please contact the professional shop on 01388 768145 and supply the name of your child & a contact number

We are exploring avenues to also include a Junior 9 & 18 hole competition on Saturday afternoons which would commence around lunchtime each week (TBC)

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# Greens Report – by Geoffrey Morgan

As usual I start my report about the recent weather, we have experienced at Crook golf Club over the past 6 weeks. Total of 5 storms have passed through us since 29th January. This brought a huge amount of rainfall but the most damaging was the winds. I'm sure most members would have seen the damage to trees around the course in the aftermath. Several large trees were either snapped or unrooted, along with debris scattered all over the course. This was a big task in clearing all debris and making the course safe for members and as of this week there are only a few logs lying about which will be collected and then hope future storms are a little less breezy.

Last week before the heavy rain arrived, all greens were verti-drained to a depth of 9 inches, this is to aid with drainage of surface water. This makes course closure due to heavy rain less frequent and increases the use of normal greens during winter golf.

Greens have also been giving an application of liquid nitrogen fertiliser as temperatures are looking better for the next week so hopefully start getting the grass to grow to get a good coverage ready for greens maintenance.

Greens maintenance will be carried out once temperatures rise and the grass starts to grow, and I know this is disruptive to golfers, but it is one of the most important procedures we can do to keep the greens healthy. certainly, seeing the benefits as we have had to use the winter greens very little this winter and some none, but these will be used once we start the greens maintenance so we can get them done and back in play as quickly as possible.

After the turn of the year, the weather was fantastic and there was no rainfall for 4 weeks. This gave us the chance to get as much work done as possible while the weather allows.



Picture: 9<sup>th</sup> Green

9th green is almost done apart from a few little jobs such as topdressing the green and filling the bunkers

with sand. We reused all the old turf from original green and apron and this saved a considerable amount to the finance of completing the green, members must understand that this is a long-term improvement and expect the green to take time to settle properly so don't expect the green to be like the other 17 come the start of the season. We will do our best to get the green up to the standard that we aim for but please have some patience till we do.

10th and 14th tees were levelled and again used old turf, these are completed and have had an application of fertiliser to aid with the recovery ready for the season. Once the roots have grabbed hold, we will be cutting these and top dressing them to finish them off. The 17th tee has fallen behind schedule due to storms and heavy rainfall, but this week has seen weather improve and will be completely ready to be seeded. This won't take long for grass seed to germinate and cover the tee once temperatures rise. When working on this tee we came across a drainage pipe running along the top of the tee. Once we inspected the pipe and noticed there were blockages in several areas, we decided to remove the old pipe and replace it with new. This added unwanted work to the job but will sort out the wet area in front of this tee moving forward.



Picture: 17<sup>th</sup> Tee drainage pipe

Ladies' 14th tee has been turfed and the 9th and 17th will also be seeded this week. The 8th tee has been cut and again this will get top dressed and repaired as a few holes have been dug out by rabbits.

Par 3 course is starting to take shape now, all 6 greens have been landscaped and soil has been placed next to greens ready to be landscaped. As of writing this report we have landscaped 2 greens and with others getting done in the next week and hopefully be in play as soon as possible. Target greens left hand side have been landscaped and a total of 7 target greens have been constructed. These

range from 35yds to 210 yds so plenty of variations to zone in the distances of your clubs. Chipping green in the car park has been constructed and soil landscaped with a practice bunker to go with it. All have been seeded and fertilised and will start growing once temperatures rise. This will be set up to only be able to hit towards the field away from the car park to keep the cars safe from damage. A camera will be put up pointing towards the green to make sure members use this chipping green correctly. Driving nets have been repaired after damage from the storm and are now back in use.



Picture: New Chipping Green

Lastly, a massive thanks must go to Thomas and Jamie for their hard work this winter in completing the jobs we have undertaken. They really do enjoy doing what they are doing and working at the club and that is reflected in the amount of work we are able to take on and complete.

Can I please remind members there is no practising allowed on the course at all times, anyone found practising will be reported to the committee.

Enjoy the last month of the winter league and fingers crossed we are in for great spring weather and a good start to the season.

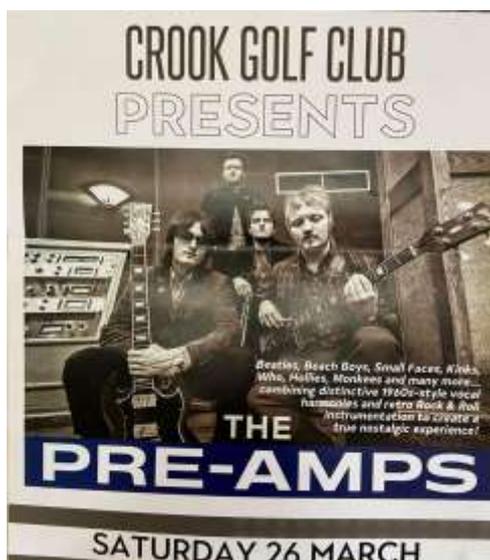
## House Report – by Anita Mould

Our Sunday lunches, both sit in and take away are continuing to be well supported.

The function room is fully booked every Saturday in March, along with a superb band which is booked in for Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March, which is sold out and we have a waiting list for tickets.

Social Membership flyers will be put out on the tables to try and attract new members

Summer hours are currently being discussed by myself and the House Committee



Picture: Pre-Amps Sold Out at the Golf Club

# Competition Results – by Games & Handicap Committee

A look back at some competition results from the past month.

## Weekend 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> February

### 3 Man Texas Scramble

1<sup>st</sup> – James Melville, Thomas Hudson & Stuart Pollitt – 50 – 7 = 43

### Ladies Winter League

1<sup>st</sup> – Irene Noble – 80 – 24 = 56

### Winter League 13 – Strokeplay

1<sup>st</sup> – Craig Dixon & Steven Wanless – 45

## Weekend 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> February

### 4 Man Team Best 2 Scores - Stableford

1<sup>st</sup> – Jeff Jobson, Paul Collins, Gary Hall & Stephen Mould – 69 pts

### Ladies Winter League

1<sup>st</sup> – Karin Dawkin – 27 pts

### Winter League 14 – Stableford

1<sup>st</sup> – Trevor Healer & George Longthorn – 39 pts

## Weekend 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> February

### 4 Man Bogey – Best 3, all on Par 3's

1<sup>st</sup> – Paul Welsh, Mark Welsh, Lee Houston & Carl Dawson – 14up

### Ladies Winter League

1<sup>st</sup> Margaret Kelly – 81 – 29 = 52

## Weekend 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> February

### 3 Man Texas Scramble

1<sup>st</sup> – Andrew Pratt, Michael Clough and John Mason – 46 – 3 = 43

### Ladies Winter League

1<sup>st</sup> – Janet Jackson – 26 pts

### Winter League 16 – Strokeplay

1<sup>st</sup> – John Howarth & Peter Shaw – 43

## Weekend 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> March

### 3 Man Team Waltz

1<sup>st</sup> – Mark Parvin, Wayne Reed & Trevor Healer - 58 pts

### Ladies Winter League

1<sup>st</sup> – Denise Bunton – 81 -23 = 58

### Winter League 17 – Stableford

1<sup>st</sup> – Craig Wake & Billy Bowes – 38 pts

## Men's Winter League Standings after Week 17

POSITION	TEAM	PLAYED	BEST 10
1	Longthorn, George&Healer, Trevor	13	97
1	Wanless, Steven&Dixon, Craig John	13	97
3	Pratt, Andrew&Boughey, Marc	12	94
4	Morgan, Geoffrey&Parvin, Mark	12	90
5	Pinkney, Dennis&Greensmith, J Anthony	13	89

# NERGA – by Games & Handicap Committee

As previously emailed and advertised via BRS and on social media, the NERGA Leagues are going to be running throughout the 2022 season.

- Each team consists of 8 players with the best 7 scores counting for the team total
- NERGA / INTER points will be awarded as normal 8pts for 1st place down to 1pt for 8th place. If any game has not completed 6 holes, then the entire fixture shall be declared void.
- NERGA / INTER match starting times to be between 9.30am - 12.30pm. Starting times to be determined by the Host Club.
- NERGA matches are played off Yellow Tees in 3 balls. INTER matches are played off White Tees in 3 balls
- The entry fee is £11.00 per player which includes £1 per player fundraising levy

Fixtures are listed, and anyone eligible who wishes to be considered should contact the relevant Team Captains. Please note you don't have to be available every week.

**INTER** (7 – 15 handicap) – Sean Lauder – 07933649501

**RABBITS** (15 – 28 handicap) – Paul Welsh – 07904980422

## Inter Team

24/04 (Sunday) – Billingham – 9:00am  
 14/05 (Saturday) – Wearside – 9:00am  
 29/05 (Sunday) – Ravensworth – 10:30am  
 11/06 (Saturday) – Crook - Noon  
 19/06 (Sunday) - Hunley Hall – 11:00am  
 16/07 (Saturday) – Thirsk & Northallerton – Noon  
 23/07 (Saturday) – South Moor – 10:12am  
 07/08 (Sunday) – Darlington – 10:00am  
 20/08 (Saturday) – Catterick – 9:00am

## Rabbits Team

30/04 (Saturday) – Bishop Auckland – 9:00am  
 22/05 (Sunday) – Prudhoe – 10:00am  
 04/06 (Saturday) – Roseberry Grange – 10:00am  
 11/06 (Saturday) – Boldon – 11:30am  
 16/07 (Saturday) – Crook – 11:00am  
 31/07 (Sunday) – High Gosforth Park – Noon  
 07/08 (Sunday) – Stocksfield – Noon  
 14/08 (Sunday) – Cleveland – 11:00am