

# Welcome to all Rabbit Golfers



I am pleased to welcome you to another season of competitive golf both at Sand Moor and at neighbouring courses. This is my fourth season as a member at Sand Moor and I remember the warm and friendly welcome I received in my first year, due in no small part to the Rabbits Section. I am mindful of this function as a conduit for new members to the Club and will endeavour to uphold this fine tradition.

## **Howard Scurr**

**Rabbits Captain 2011**

### **Sand Moor Rabbits Section aim to:**

- foster the playing of golf for the 16-28 handicap player
- organise matches, competitions and social events
- encourage friendly association with neighbouring clubs
- promote competition between players of similar ability
- encourage Rabbits to take pride in their active participation in both the competitive and social life of Sand Moor
- uphold the traditions and standards of the Game of Golf and The Sand Moor Golf Club.

### **Why you should join the Rabbits:**

- **Internal competitions:** The Rabbits organise 4 Saturday and 4 midweek competitions. These competitions are the only official ones off the yellow tees, and you will be playing against members of similar ability, thereby giving you a greater chance of winning a trophy. We also have our own prize presentation night when these trophies are presented, together with a cup for the best aggregate from any 3 of the 4 Saturday competitions - giving all 16-plus handicappers the chance to win the 'Saturday Rabbit of the Year Award'.
- **District & County competitions:** Sand Moor Rabbits are members of both the Leeds & District and Yorkshire Rabbits organisations. We put single player and two man teams in knock out and league competitions. This gives members of the Rabbits section the chance to play other clubs in competitive matches. In 2010, Sand Moor finished in second place in the Premier Division of the Leeds & District competition.
- **Internal knock out competition:** The Rabbits Greensomes runs throughout the season for teams of two, which gives each pair the chance to win through to the final.
- **Team Competition:** We compete in the Millennium Trophy on a Sunday each year with a team of 12 against Scarcroft, Garforth and Wetherby.
- **Social matches** are organised each year to take place mid week in the late afternoon. Teams of 12 play against seven other clubs in the area on a home and away basis, giving members the chance to play a variety of courses in a friendly but competitive environment.
- **The Rabbits Captain's away day** allows members to play on another course for our own Sowden Trophy. It is a popular occasion and although the golf is taken seriously, the rest of the day is also most enjoyable!
- **Social events** include the Christmas dance and the Christmas lunch and we manage one of Sand Moor's Open Days.

### **Membership Fee 2011**

There is a nominal fee of £5 per person for annual membership. Payment can be made to the Rabbits Treasurer or any member of the Committee or in the Pro's Shop before you play in your first Rabbits competition of the year.

## OTHER ORGANISATIONS & EVENTS

### Leeds & District and Yorkshire Golf Associations

These Associations help us promote the name of Sand Moor with other clubs in the Region. Players have the opportunity to play in a competitive environment, often on other courses – but you have to be a fully paid-up member of our section. Details of fixtures and entry lists are on the Rabbits notice board

### Leeds and District Rabbit Golf Association

This comprises 22 clubs split into 3 divisions for matches throughout the season. Sand Moor is in the Premier Division, having been promoted from the lower leagues 3 years ago. For the 2011 season, we play two-man matches (both home and away) against Headingley, Mid Yorkshire, Moor Allerton, Howley Hall, South Leeds and Normanton. The format is 4-ball better ball.

Other competitions include:

- **Taylor Trophy:** 4-ball better ball knock-out competition split into two sections. Sand Moor are past winners and were section runners-up last year.
- **Pinder Trophy:** Played on one day – Stableford for single players (up to two per club)
- **Tom Howard Trophy:** Played on one day : 4-ball better ball
- **Team Championship Competition:** Aggregate net score of a three-man team, played on one day.
- **Individual Match Play Competition:** Up to six members from each club can enter. This is a knock out competition played on dates arranged by the players to suit themselves.

### Yorkshire Rabbit Golf Association

This association comprises over 100 clubs. The two main competitions are:

- **Fowler Trophy:** A two-section knockout competition, playing foursomes off scratch.
- **Thornton Trophy:** Aggregate net score of a two-man team. This year it was played on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at Sandhill Golf Club, Little Houghton, Barnsley.

### Rabbits Friendly Matches 2011

Weds 4 May	v Headingley (A) 4.00 pm
Thur 12 May	v Garforth (A) 3.30 pm
Tues 17 May	v Horsforth (H) 4.00 pm
Tues 31 May	v Bradford (H) 4.00 pm
Tues 7 June	v Leeds Cobble Hall (A) 3.30 pm
Thur 16 June	v Knaresborough (A) 4.30 pm
Thur 30 June	v Garforth (H) 4.00 pm
Tues 5 July	v Horsforth (A) 4.00 pm
Tues 12 July	v Harrogate (A) 4.00 pm
Sun 24 July	Millennium Trophy at Garforth 1.00 pm
Tues 26 July	v Harrogate (H) 4.00 pm
Tues 2 Aug	v Headingley (H) 3.30 pm
Weds 10 Aug	v Knaresborough (H) 3.30 pm
Tues 16 Aug	v Bradford (A) 3.30 pm
Tues 30 Aug	v Leeds Cobble Hall (H) 3.30 pm

To play in any of the above friendly matches, please look out for notices on the Rabbits notice board, inviting you to sign up and play. Teams comprise 12 players and as many different people as possible will be invited to play during the season.

### Eclectic Competition

An individual competition that takes place through summer (in 2011 from April 17<sup>th</sup> to October 16<sup>th</sup>). Each participant can enter up to 5 cards for rounds played at Sand Moor, with the best net score for each hole counting towards the individual's best aggregate net score for 18 holes. Contact Joe Cole for more detail. There is a nominal entry fee of £3 per player.

### The Millennium Trophy

The Millennium Trophy is a 12-man team event between Sand Moor, Garforth, Scarcroft and Wetherby. The venue rotates between the clubs. This year's Millennium Trophy takes place at Garforth on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July.

### More Golf on Other Courses

There are a host of opportunities available at Rabbit Open Days held at other Clubs throughout Yorkshire and details can be found on the notice board or at [www.yrga.co.uk](http://www.yrga.co.uk)

## **Rabbits Committee 2011**

The Committee is elected by the Rabbits Section members at the AGM each year. The AGM of the Rabbits section took place on 25<sup>th</sup> March. The following were elected

President::	Robin Frost	Tel: 0113 266 5589
Captain:	Howard Scurr	Tel: 0113 253 3467
Vice-Captain	Barry Knight	Tel: 01423 544 549
Retiring Captain:	Ian Hague	Tel: 0113 269 8585
Hon. Secretary:	John Hallas	Tel: 0113 268 0707
Hon. Treasurer:	Nigel Wainman	Tel: 01937 572 240
Leeds & District:	Ron Walker	Tel: 0113 264 1373
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	Les Lee	Tel: 01943 874105
	Eric Snowden	Tel: 01977 640931
	Mel Welch	Tel: 01423 780970

(Past Rabbits Captains are ex-officio members of committee)

## **Rabbits Captain's Outing**

The Rabbits' Captain's putting took place on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June at Bedale Golf Club.

- · 9 hole morning team competition with prizes.
- · 18 hole individual afternoon competition for the Sowden Trophy.
- · Individual prizes plus longest drive and nearest pin

## **Sand Moor Rabbits: Competitions & Events 2011**

Sat 26 March	Richardson Trophy
Mon 11 April	Rabbits v Ladies (10.30 am)
Wed 27 April	Midweek Trophy
Sat 14 May	Rabbits Putter
Wed 8 June	Veterans Trophy (age 60 plus)
Mon 13 June	Captain's Away Day to Bedale G.C.
Sat 16 July	Siddall Trophy
Wed 20 July	Townend Trophy
Sun 24 July	Millennium Trophy at Garforth
Sat 13 Aug	Rabbits Trophy
Mon 12 Sept	Cookson Trophy (Rabbits Past Captains)
Mon 26 Sept	Ladies v Rabbits (10.30am)
Mon 3 October	Graham Phillips Salver
Sat 3 Dec	Rabbits Annual Dinner Dance