

RABBITS NEWS

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RABBITS NEWS celebrates ten years of publication with it's 250th edition this month. It started with the report of the Rabbits Section AGM in January 2010 when Dave Porter took over as Rabbit Captain and has averaged twenty five editions each year reporting on the activities and news of the club's Rabbits Section. It is surprising how much of significance goes on in the Rabbits Section during the course of a year, from managing ten monthly competitions, entering teams in the two district tournaments and organising social events for the whole club, there is always something to report on in Rabbits News. The way matter has been produced has remained much the

same over the years being factual but tinged with humour and illustrated to keep everyone hoping that one day their picture will be displayed for the right reason. Rabbits News is distributed to 98 Rabbits members, past members and friends of the Rabbits. Circulation has to be kept below 100 as at 100 it can become classed as “offensive propaganda” by a Watchdog, if distributed regularly.

It has been accused of publishing “fake news” and inaccurate material but members are swift to correct the editor if this happens. Rabbits News is received in Cheshire, Dorset, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Scotland, Canada, West Indies, South Africa, Australia and Honolulu to the editor’s knowledge, where else does it get to? At the start of a new decade and following a very successful last few years, it is hoped that Doncaster Golf Club’s Rabbits Section and it’s Rabbits News will continue to prosper.



The cover of the 150th Edition in 2015

RABBITS AGM

The 2020 Rabbits AGM was held at the Club on Thursday 6th February when thirty three members attended to go through the usual business of electing a Captain and committee for the ensuing year. Last years Captain, Phil Leadbetter, gave his report on a very successful year both on the course and off the course and congratulated this year’s Captain,

Ray Smith, on his appointment and wished him luck in the year to come.

Colin Binns highlighted the successful competitions which had been held throughout the year and Dave Miller gave an upbeat financial report.



New Captain, Ray Smith, gave an address in which he promised more fun and lots of interesting events to carry on the successful formula which had attracted so many Doncaster Golf Club members to join the Rabbit Section. He welcomed new member, Colin Cowan to the Rabbits Section.

Dave Miller then awarded the “Lurker of the Year” Trophy to the Rabbit who

had appeared most often in photos in Rabbits News to Phil Leadbetter who, although not the main subject in a photo, had been pictured handing out trophies to others but had only received two himself in the last two years. It also went some way in recognising the immense amount of work he had done as Rabbit Captain.

The meeting ended with Steak (not Rabbit) Pie and Peas washed down with some ale and wine.

Ray Smith presents the “Lurker of the Year” to Phil Leadbetter who managed a further “Lurk” in the picture above.



The Rabbit Officers for 2020.

Captain
Vice-captain
Secretary
Competition Secretary
Treasurer
Committee

Ray Smith
Andy Lowe
Mike Fever
Colin Binns
Dave Miller
Phil Leadbetter, Mike Squire,
Steve Makepeace.



Ray Smith congratulates Andy Lowe on accepting the post of Rabbits Vice-captain for the year. Mike Fever, Colin Binns and Dave Miller are continuing their respective rolls for another year and Peter Hepworth was thanked for his efforts on retirement from the committee.

Phil Leadbetter's last act was to present trophies won in 2019 to winners of the Buck Rabbit, the Eclectic and Runner-up in the Peters Plate competitions.



Phil presents Tony Hobbs with The Buck Rabbit Putter and framed Buck Rabbit Plate.



Phil presents Andy Lowe with the Eclectic Salver and Glass Tumbler.



Alan Davies receives the Morrey Cup from Phil Leadbetter, for coming second in the 2019 Peters Plate, Phil beat Alan in the final back in April last year.

The cup had gone missing for two years and even the winner in 2018, Chris Carling, did not have the satisfaction of displaying the cup in his trophy cabinet.

The current Peters Plate Competition is under way and second round matches are now being played.

CHARITIES BENEFIT FROM RABBITS

Two charities received donations from Rabbits events in 2019. The Club Captain's Charity in 2019 benefitted by a collection from the Rabbits to the tune of £110 and the Yorkshire Air Ambulance received £352 from the proceeds of the Rabbit Captain's Day at Home. These wonderful efforts are only possible because Rabbits are enjoying their golf and feel it is a way of saying "Thank you".



Celebrating 10 years

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I have asked Steve Duro to write a few words on the origin of the Social Rabbits who are a part of the Doncaster Rabbits Section, Editor

THE SOCIAL RABBITS

A BRIEF HISTORY

About twelve years ago a number of Rabbits members whose handicaps fell below sixteen opted to play together generally ahead of the Rabbits on a Saturday morning but to remain in the Rabbits Section and support and enjoy the social side of life in the Rabbits.

Players' (including Ray Black, John Harbon and Alan Hessel) handicaps fell below 16, making them ineligible to play in Rabbits competitions. Initially, some players opted to join the Niblicks group, however, some were reluctant and decided to form a new group – the Social Rabbits. This group continued to play with the Rabbits on Saturday mornings, except when there was a Buck Rabbit competition, when the Social Rabbits would tee off after the Niblicks and ahead of the Rabbits competition.

Steve Duro joined the group in 2009 and having established himself within the group for two years, he suggested a more formalised approach to the group's Saturday morning rounds in 2011. Two annual competitions were introduced – The Golfer of the Year and the Eclectic – whereby scores recorded across the entire year would count towards both competitions and Steve provided trophies for both.

In 2014, when a number of Social Rabbits members' handicaps had increased to more than 16, the group's rules were formalised to permit these players to remain with the group if they so desired.

The size of the group steadily increased from 12 in 2011 to the current day maximum level of 20.

Competition Winners:

Year	Golfer of the Year	Eclectic
2011	Steve Duro	Steve Duro
2012	Stan Hayward	Stan Hayward
2013	Steve Parkinson	Steve Duro
2014	John Gegg	John Gegg
2015	Steve Duro	John Gegg
2016	Bill Worsfold	Frank Burke
2017	Steve Duro	Steve Duro
2018	Steve Duro	Brian Brimmell
2019	Steve Duro	Ian Chitty

Holes In One:

Brian Brimmell – March 17th 2018 – 11th hole

Steve Parkinson – January 12th 2019 – 4th hole



