

## Welcome to Sand Moor Rabbits 2023

Welcome to the Sand Moor Rabbits, the season is fast approaching and hopefully bringing some warmer weather with it.

There is lots to look forward to in the forthcoming season. We have already organised dates for the competitions and social matches. In addition to these there is the opportunity to play competitive golf in both the Leeds and District and Yorkshire Rabbits' competitions. (Additional information and dates are included in this brochure).

This year we are particularly keen to gather a group of players who are interested in playing in the Leeds and District 2-man league. This is a series of matches played home and away and it will not be the same two players in every match. This format is very enjoyable and enables us to sample the delights of a number of different golf courses. If you are interested in playing in the 2-man league, please get in contact using our email address - [sandmoorrabbits@gmail.com](mailto:sandmoorrabbits@gmail.com).

Sand Moor Rabbits' competitions will continue to offer players the choice to play from white or yellow tees using the appropriate Course Handicap. This will give more opportunities to take part in Rabbits' Competitions.

Enough of the hard sell!!!! I'll leave you to read the information in the brochure.

If you would like any further information or if you have ideas as to how we could develop the Rabbits' section please speak to any member of the committee or contact us by email at [sandmoorrabbits@gmail.com](mailto:sandmoorrabbits@gmail.com)

Best wishes for the upcoming season and, whether you triumph or not, I hope you a great time and, most importantly, enjoy yourselves.

*Roger Frampton*  
Rabbits Captain 2023



## Rabbits' Origins

Rabbits' Golf is very much a Yorkshire 'thing', originating in 1922 at Knaresborough Golf Club. Currently, the Yorkshire Rabbits' Golf Association comprises 96 clubs of which 23 are members of the Leeds and District Rabbits' Association. The main objectives of Rabbits' golf are to enable a mix of social and competitive golf.

## SMGC Rabbit's Objectives and Benefits:

- Foster the playing of golf by 14.0+ handicap players
- Promote sociable competition between players of similar ability
- Enable friendly association with neighbouring clubs
- Encourage Rabbits to take pride in the competitive and social aspects of the club

## Membership 2023

Sand Moor Rabbits membership is open to members with a World Handicap Index of 14.0 or higher. There is a £5 annual membership fee. You must be a Rabbits' member to be eligible to enter (and potentially even win!) a competition.

**Internal competitions:** There are 4 weekend and 4 midweek individual events plus an Eclectic competition with all events using the stableford format. Play can be off white or yellow tees using the appropriate Course Handicap.

- **Greensomes:** A knockout pairs' competition which runs throughout the season.
- **Four Ball Better Ball Pairs**
- **The Rabbits' Champion** and **Rabbits' Masters** for the best aggregate of any 3 of the 4 weekend and midweek competitions respectively.

Descriptions of all competitions are in the Rabbits' folder on the ClubV1 app.

**Social matches:** We play matches with two groups of six local clubs on an annual rotation basis and also hold home and away matches with Moor Allerton. This schedule provides an opportunity to play 12 different local courses over 2 years. Please refer to the list of 2023 match dates on page two.

**Social events:** We organise a Prize Presentation evening at which all internal competition trophies are presented. We also run the Club's Christmas Dinner Dance.

**District & County competitions:** Sand Moor is a member of both the Leeds & District and Yorkshire Rabbits' organisations and we participate in all their competitions (see details on page two).

**Millennium Trophy:** An annual competition for teams of 12 between Sand Moor, Scarcroft, Garforth and Wetherby golf clubs. This year's event will be held at Scarcroft on 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

## Committee

The members of the Rabbits' Committee for 2023 are:

President:	John Mitchell
Captain:	Roger Frampton
Vice-Captain:	Mathew Bates
Retiring Captain:	Ian Potter
Secretary:	
Hon. Treasurer:	Paul Gratton
Competitions Secretary:	Barry Knight
Communications Coordinator:	
Leeds & District Representative:	Tony Darbyshire
Yorkshire Rabbits' Golf Association Representative:	
General Committee Member:	

Past Rabbits' Captains are ex-officio members of the committee.

## 2023 Events

### Competitions

Sat/Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Richardson Trophy
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Midweek Trophy
Sat/Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> /14 <sup>th</sup> May	Rabbits' Putter
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Veterans' Trophy
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> May	4 Ball Better Ball Pairs
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Corrado Cup (5 Clubs)
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Millennium Trophy-Scarcroft
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Townend Trophy
Fri/Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> August	Rabbits Rose bowl
Fri/Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> /26 <sup>th</sup> August	Siddall Trophy
30 <sup>th</sup> October	Graham Phillips Salver

### Social Matches

Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 1:30 pm home v Oakdale
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 1:30 pm away v Scarcroft
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 1:30 pm Home v Wetherby
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 1:30 pm away v Otley
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 1:30 pm home v Moor Allerton
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 1:30 pm home v Scarcroft
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 1:30 pm away v Headingley
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2 pm away v Wetherby
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> August 1:30 pm home v Headingley
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August 1:30 pm Home v Otley
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 1:30 pm away v Oakdale

To register your interest in Social Matches, please look out for emails and also postings on the Rabbits' notice board in the clubhouse. Teams comprise 12 players and we want as many people to play as possible in these friendly games during the season.

### Captain's Drive-in:

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 9.30 for coffee and bacon sandwich.

### Captain's Outing:

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July at Bingley StIves Golf Club.

Bacon sandwich, tea and coffee on arrival.

8-hole team event followed by a light lunch and an 18-hole individual Stableford competition for the Sowden Trophy (Rabbits) and Dredge Trophy (Tigers).

Evening meal.

Overall cost £60.00 per person

**Christmas Dinner Dance:** Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

**Presentation Evening:** Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024

**AGM:** 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Eclectic

An individual competition where you can nominate (before playing) any round at Sand Moor between 1st May and 8th October 2023 as one of your 5 cards to count. Your best net score for each hole counts towards your overall aggregate 18-hole net score. Contact Mel Welch/ Joe Cole or see notice board for more details. Entry fee £3.

## OTHER EVENTS

### Leeds and District Rabbits' Golf Association (LDRGA)

The association organises a number of competitions between local club members. All the dates and venues will be confirmed by LDRGA in due course Details including 'expression of interest' sheets will be posted on the notice board.

**Two-Man League:** 23 clubs split into 3 divisions.

**Team Championship:** Aggregate net score of a three-man team.

**Taylor Trophy:** 4 Ball Better Ball Pairs knock-out.

**Pinder Trophy:** Individual Stableford - combined aggregate scores of two players from each club.

**Tom Howard Trophy:** 4 Ball Better Ball Pairs.

**Individual Match Play:** A knockout competition involving up to six players from each club.

**Yorkshire Rabbits' Golf Association (YRGA)** - comprises 96 clubs. The two main competitions are:

**Fowler Trophy:** A foursomes knock out.

**Thornton Trophy:** Two-man team, best aggregate net score.

### Golf on Other Courses

In addition to the events detailed in this brochure, many clubs hold Rabbits' Open Days offering a great value day out. Look for flyers on our notice board or visit the YRGA website: [www.yrga.co.uk](http://www.yrga.co.uk)

### Contacting Rabbits' Committee members

You can contact individual committee members via phone or send an email to [sandmoorrabbits@gmail.com](mailto:sandmoorrabbits@gmail.com)

