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Golfers savour new system

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Golfers across Northamptonshire are making the most of a revolutionary club fitting process called BioMatch as they prepare for the coming season.

The new system, which was developed by Rational Golf in the USA, is being distributed across Europe by Northamptonshire-based Designer Golf.

After opening up a new fitting facility in Daventry during the autumn, the company are now matching a player's physical attributes with their swing to find the ideal set of clubs.

Designer Golf founder Andrew Ash, who helped send Charley Hull on the road to success by developing her clubs as a junior, insists this is the best thing he has seen in more than 20 years of club fitting.

He said: "I have never seen anything come close to this in all the years I have been building clubs. It's phenomenal."

Collingtree Park member Steve Low, who now runs Designer Golf, explained: "BioMatch is the first system that takes into account a golfer's biomechanical data, for example their height, weight and also their body mass.

"We also take the length, loft and lie, plus the weight, of each club.

"This info is put into an algorithm, and the result is a unique set of weights that go into the grip of each club.

"This helps get the club-head back to the point of impact with the ball in a square position, which is what we are all trying to do!

"It has been tested out on the full range of players from pros through to 85 year olds, and also now juniors.

"We have found a product which can improve the accuracy of golfers by 45-60%. It has actually had a better result than that because I have seen improvements of 80%."

For more details contact Steve Low on 01327 877922 or email clubmaker@designer-golf.co.uk.

Kingsthorpe

BRYN THOMAS, Bob Wright, Tony Atherley and Bob Lees were the team to beat in the Captain's Drive-In competition after posting a total of 87 points.

With Andy Lay striking his first shot as the new skipper, the runners-up prize went to Pete Cawley, Jamie Bull, Kieron McCrystal and Mark Downer on 85.

Cold Ashby

JAMES NEEDHAM and Lyn Thomas are the early leaders in the Men's and Ladies Gopher of the Year competitions at Cold Ashby.

Needham has a 16 point advantage from Derek Bott, with January Medal winner David Eason one of three play-



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ers a further two off the pace, while former ladies captain Thomas is 11 points ahead of Jayne Neale.

Kettering

GRACIE MURRAY, Chelsey Sharp and Ashleigh Critchley showed they are in the mood for winning more competitions during 2017 after the three youngsters combined to win a Junior Texas Scramble.

After the trio enjoyed a successful year in 2016, the 'Lexi Longball' team were in top form in the nine-hole event as they edged out Eva Johnson, Benjamin Keech and Ed Keech.

Hellidon Lakes

MALCOLM HEPPLER continued his remarkable run of form through the early part of the year as he won the 14th round of the Tigers Merit

League with an impressive 41 points.

The 14-handicapper also carded the best score in the 13th round, was runner-up on countback in the previous round, as well as finishing third and second in the first two competitions in 2017.

Wellingborough

ALAN ROBINSON enjoyed the opportunity to carry a

lighter bag as he won the Seniors Three Clubs and a Putter competition on countback from Brian Summers with 38 points.

Priors Hall

MICHAEL SAWFORD and Jim Collins won the opening competition in the Winter League Doubles League as they posted 27 points to finish one ahead of Robert Muir and Sean Aitchison.