



Ryston Park
Golf Club

April Newsletter
2022

Club Captain – Dave Stennett

April's not been a kind start to our competition year with both our teams getting knocked out in the MyHill and the Cullington competitions in the first round, let's hope we do better this weekend with the Handicap league first game of the season. All is not lost with our knockout competitions, we still have the Scratch league to play in the second round and we will be looking for players so if you're interested let us know. We had a good turnout for the RNLI competition with the Ladies winner Pam Taylor and the Men's winner Alan Clark, well done to both.



Last weekend was Grazier Cup for the over 18 handicap players with Alistair Reeve winning the day with 39 points, well done. A date for your diary in May we have the Landlords Charity Day, the course will unfortunately be closed. But it will give us a good chance to play and talk to our landlords from Ryston Hall. You may or may not have noticed we now have Sky TV in the clubhouse so let us make the most of that and get some good nights organised around some major sporting events, I was playing the other evening and it was nice to see all the young players having a good time using the club. Our Social Committee are organising a number of different events to support the club so please support them by trying to attend these different events.

Just to let you all know we have moved the Captains Charity Day off the fixtures list because it was clashing with the Downham Football Tournament in which a lot of the members' children would be playing in so we have changed it to 18th June and the Bill Nurse Trophy will now be 25th /26th June.

JUBILEE Am-Am
& BBQ
Thursday 2nd June

Lady Captain – Liz Forgan

We welcome Christine and Cheryl to our Ladies section and hope to see them playing with us regularly.

My thanks go to Janet Coles, my Vice Captain for all her hard work in tidying up the garden. We will be going to the nursery again soon for more plants when the frosts are gone and it will be safe to plant them out.

The Spring foursomes was won by Lyn Kirk and Pam Taylor.

We had two friendly matches this month, the first against King's Lynn which we lost and the second against Hunstanton which we won. Thanks to you all for playing.



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Senior Captain – Eric Savage

At last the weather is getting a bit warmer, and the course is really looking good.

We have now started our friendly matches. Our match against Feltwell was called off due to the snow on the morning of the match, On 6th April we played March away, losing by 5 games to 1, We played Middleton Hall on 12th April at home, where we seemed to get a bit better with a draw.

On 19th April I had a St Georges charity day, which was very well attended, Mike Reed came first with 41 points, second was Barry Marks with 38 points, and David Weeds third with 37 points, On 21st we had a home match against Dereham, where we lost by Three and a half, to two and a half.

I would like to thank Ian Buttle and Mike Brown for all their help with the matches. Please all Seniors help support the matches by checking the board and signing up to play, as some matches we struggle to get a team for. It would be lovely if some of the newer members would sign up to play in the matches.

Lastly good luck to all the teams playing in the county competitions.



Committee

Starting from the 6th Tee

The Committee would like to remind members starting their round from the 6th tee, that they need to make sure they have time to have played their second shots before a group finishing on the 5th hole arrives on the 6th tee.

Meet & Greet Evening

There is to be a Meet & Greet evening on Monday 9th May at 6pm. Any New member or existing member wishing to know how the club works, including how to obtain a handicap or use the PSI or phone apps can attend. There will be 9 holes of golf followed by food.

Scorecards

Please remember to return your scorecard to the competitions box after you have entered a score for a competition.



Past Captain Tracy Russell and Lady President Janet Rice handing over an impressive £3000 cheque for The Norfolk Hospice.

Results

April Medal

Gordon Carter	69
Geoff Mathews	70
Ian Osler	71

Grazier Cup

Alistair Reeve	39pts
Shane Fitt	39pts
Simon Minns	37pts

Collins Salver

Barry Marks	67
Geoff Mathews	67

RNLI

Overall winner – Pam Taylor 40pts
Men's winner – Alan Clarke 39pts

Midweek Medal

Martyn Wiles	70
Bob Ives	71
Tony Freear	71

Midweek Stableford

Jeffrey Alan Fitt	38pts
John Harvey	38pts

Seniors Medal

Ted Filby	69
Ian Storey	71

Ladies Silver Cup

Liz Tyler	37pts
Ann Fletcher	35pts



The Club now has a vending machine located near to the PSI unit.

Cash and Card accepted.

Any requests, see Tonya.

Golf Lessons Available

Peter Lunt is a fully qualified PGA professional of 35 years.

Lesson fees are:
£15 for half an hour.
£25 for 5 hole playing lesson.

All other lesson options negotiable.

Contact Peter on 07568318390
Plunt79@gmail.com to book.



3 Club Competition + Pub Night

Friday 6th May from 4pm.
Sign up sheet in Clubhouse

Greenstaff – Peter & Tiff

April is yet again proving to be a cold and dry month which is not ideal for spring growth. The last recorded rain was 7th April and with the cold easterly winds the course desperately needs some rain as everything is becoming very firm and drying out.

Irrigation is on most evenings and we're even hand watering the weaker spots. We have a leak in the irrigation box at the back of the 9th green and Dave is on the case at fixing it ASAP.

We realise the greens have not been their best over the past month and believe us we do not strive for bad greens and we are trying our best to get them back to a good standard. But SOIL temperatures still continue to be low, even if the daytime air temperature feels warm, overnight temperatures drop and this is hampering recovery on the greens as they simply do not want to grow and thicken up, which would fill in weaker areas.



Frost on the 30th April.

The practice putting green has worn throughout the winter with it being so saturated and then with footfall. We have been waiting for the Oxyspot to relieve the compaction before we overseed the green. This is hopefully coming at the end of the week and then after this the green will be dressed and overseeded. By this time warmer temperatures will HOPEFULLY be with us by then for successful germination.

The storm shelter was dismantled as it was rotten.

We're seeing a lot of footprints left in bunkers so could all members please make sure they rake after taking their shot. Being a 9 hole course you may end up in that footprint on the back 9!

