

Club Captain – Jon Lewis

April has been an unusually cold month, but thankfully we are now starting to see warmer temperatures and some much needed grass growth, particularly on our greens.

We have had a busy month with inter-club competitions, two mixed friendlies against Ely and King's Lynn resulting in two narrow defeats, my thanks go to those that supported these two matches. The Handicap League team took a very credible draw against Sprowston Manor at the beginning of the month, but sadly the Myhill and Barnard teams narrowly lost their ties by only 2 holes each to Heacham Manor and Richmond Park. Ryston Park will be represented in the second round of the Cullington Cup, following a 9-hole victory over Eaton G C.

All teams toughly enjoyed the days and the golf was played in great spirit.

The clubs cup competitions are now coming thick and fast, with congratulations going to Simon Minns (RNLI), Tam Payne (Ruston Cup) and Andrew Hodges & Joel Wagg (Forgan Salvors).

On Monday the 22nd of May the course will be closed until 5pm for the annual Landlord's Charity Day, this as always gives us a good opportunity to socialise with our Landlord, to discuss all things Ryston and to showcase our wonderful club.

Forthcoming events for your diary are, the 3-club challenge followed by an evening meal on Friday the 5th, the Italian themed evening on Saturday the 13th and next month, my Captains' Charity Day in support of the Swan Project on June the 17th.

With the warmer weather and lighter evenings, I will be looking to introduce an evening 9-hole roll up, so please keep an eye out for future notices.

Please continue to use the suggestion box for any ideas that can be taken to the Club Committee, or contact myself directly.

Enjoy your golf and please be respectful of the course and the staff.

Captain's Day 17th June

Your support is kindly requested to join us for captain's day, in aid of The Swan Youth Project.

Supporting young people and their families in the Downham Market area.

- *Best round wins a meal for 2, including wine or prosecco at Jacks at Woodlakes*
- Prizes for nearest the pin, longest drive, & nearest the pin in 2
- Putting competition
- Raffle
- BBQ
- Charity auction
- Live entertainment from local band "Martha's Wood"

This event is kindly being sponsored by Jacks at Woodlakes



Cullington team win 9up away to Eaton

Left to right: Robbie Mills, Paul Harrod, Gary Collins, Gary Rider, James Goude, Lee Amor, Jon Lewis and Mathew Bussens.

Ladies Captain – Janet Coles



May has seen the ladies' section really get into the swing of the season. From a personal point of view, we started the month by enjoying one of Tonya's Sunday lunches – really good meal and no cooking for us ladies!

On the golfing front we played our Spring Foursomes which is always a good social occasion with pairs being drawn on a high/low handicap basis. The event was won by Anne Emmerson and Maie Osborn with Dang Kittisak and Val Mellish in second place. The Silver Cup for the over 60's (unfortunately most of us!) was won by Sue Ward and we followed that up with a Friendly Match at King's Lynn where we were made extremely welcome and all thoroughly enjoyed their course. In a particularly friendly manner we halved the match!

The Coronation Foursomes was won by Sue Ward and Anne Emmerson who will now go forward to represent the Club at the Regional Finals. The League Team played Dunston Hall on 21st April and despite putting up a valiant effort lost the match 4/3 but the Scratch League Team had an excellent win against Eaton. Maggie Ward took the Friendly Match away against Hunstanton on 24th and I wish to sincerely thank the team who battled through a hailstorm on the course. Hunstanton is a great course to play but not, I think in inclement weather! This match finished 2 ½ to 1 ½ in favour of Hunstanton.

The final competition in April was the Irene Mott Cup when Ann Fletcher came first but remarkably the first 8 competitors finished within 2 points of each other. These eight players now go forward to a knockout competition to decide the eventual cup winner.

One event that deserves a special mention is the Ruston Cup, a mixed event, when Tiffany Mills finished 2nd, a great result for someone from the Ladies' Section although we know that Tiff can keep up with any of the men!!



Finally, on a personal note, I have had a severe problem in the latter part of the month and I would like to thank all the ladies for the support that they have given me at this very difficult time.

Seniors Captain – Michael Brown



Hello everyone. This month has seen some better weather and longer days. The course is beginning to recover slowly and it's good to see the 9th green back in play. We have welcomed two new members to our section, David Mitchell and Mark Featherstone.

There continues to be some good scores coming in on the roll ups and we are seeing more members playing in the roll ups as the season progresses. Our monthly medal was won by Dave Stennett with a nett 69, well played Dave.

We played four friendly matches this month, March and Middleton away, which were both lost and Dereham and Girton at home, both these matches we won.

My thanks to all of you who played in them. Mark Featherstone made his debut playing in the Girton match. Also in the Girton match played last Thursday at Ryston Chris Chapman was nearest the pin on the 7th first time round but on the second time round he got a hole in one ! Chris put a bottle of whiskey on the bar and everyone congratulated him on his achievement, plus he did get the bottle of wine. Chris also got a hole in one two years ago well done Chris.

I did receive some very nice emails from the Dereham and Girton captains after our matches saying how much they had enjoyed coming to Ryston, the hospitality shown to them and the excellent meals and the warm welcome shown to them. It's always nice to receive good feedback and it is a credit to everyone working behind the scenes from Tiff and Peter keeping the course in order to Tonya and her team doing the catering, my thanks go to them all. With Spring now upon us I wish you all good Golf.



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Golf Club

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The Committee

Campbell cup & Eva New

Please make sure you get your knockout games played before the play by dates. There will be no extension's to the dates!

Campbell cup first round by 13th May

Eva New first round by 21st May



Myhill Team narrowly miss out on the next round by 2 holes away at Richmond Park

Team left to right: Tom Brand, Andy Ware, Jonny Spinks, Lee Osler, Jack Gould, Simon Bird, Adam Morley, Nigel Wagg



Barnard Team also have an early exit losing By 2 holes against Heacham Manor.

Left to right: Gordon Carter, Roger Sloper, David Leake, Stuart Murphy, Gary Rider, Andy Ware, Dave Weeds, Bob Ives.

Results

April Medal

Warren Butterworth 65

Ruston Cup

Tam Payne 38pts

Grazier Cup

Mick Ward 35pts

Forgan Salvors

Andrew Hodges/ Joel Wagg 71

RNLI

Simon Minns 42pts

Seniors Medal

Dave Stennett 70

Silver Cup

Sue Ward 29pts

Golf Lessons Available

Peter Lunt has been a fully qualified PGA Professional for over 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.



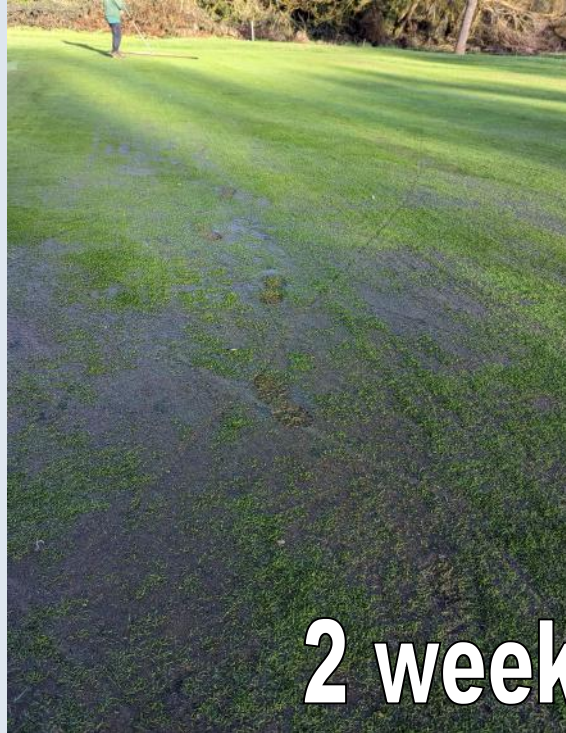


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Greenstaff

April has been a very challenging month for us. The relentless rain did not help the 9th green resulting in it being unplayable. When we finally had a break in the weather we were able to get on it to hollow-core and top dress. Since then the green has firmed up and has naturally had chance to dry out. We will be making plans to stop this happening again in the future and work will be carried out in the Autumn as not to disrupt the main golfing season.



2 weeks apart

We are aware the greens are no where near up to their usually standard. This is always a difficult time of year as we start to see some grasses performing better than others as we come out of Winter. However as we start to see warmer temperatures the greens will naturally thicken out. In the mean time we are doing everything we can to try and get them as smooth as possible. They are being cut nearly everyday as well as being rolled on the days they are not cut. Remember the greens are alive and it's not an overnight fix.

The trench that has been dug by the current 9th tee is for the irrigation to the new 9th tee. This will be filled in as soon as possible, but in the meantime, please do not jump over it. Instead, leave your trolleys at the end and take your club back to the tee (and a spare ball if you think you'll need it).

New hole cups and ferruls (ends of pin) are on their way and should be out end of this week.



Paul Harrod
(committee member)
runs first London Marathon in
4:19:03

ITALIAN NIGHT
Italian night

SATURDAY 13TH MAY
7-7:30PM

£18 3 COURSE BUFFET

VEGETARIAN OPTIONS AVAILABLE

£100 CASH PRIZE ROLLOVER

SIGN UP SHEET BELOW

3 Club Challenge
9 Holes

Friday 5th May
From 5pm

Food available
Afterwards

Sign up in the
Clubhouse