

RYSTON PARK GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2017



A Red Kite which can often be seen above the course.
They have a wingspan of 175-179cm (69-70 inches) and are 60-70
cm (24-28 inches) long.

Not much to report as I come to the end of my first six months as Captain.

Most cups have now been played for. Congratulations to all winners and I look forward to seeing all of the men's winners at the Sausage Supper when the cups will be presented.

The entry sheet is up in the clubhouse for the Stewards Cup which is being played on 10th September.

On Monday 4th September we start to lay the astro turf. I apologise in advance for any disruption this may cause.

Happy Golfing.

Roger Sloper

Club Captain Roger Sloper



Senior's Section

The Senior Captain's Day took place early in the month. The main competition was a Pairs Stableford won by Graham Warren & Barry Moull with a very good joint score of 74 points and both received bottles of whisky for their efforts.

Nearest the Pin on the 4th was won by Robert Parker and on the 7th by Charlie Savage. Nearest the Pin into on the 9th went to Roger Sloper and the Straightest Drive on the 2nd to John Rice. A most enjoyable day was rounded off by prize giving followed by chips and sandwiches.

The August medal was well attended but scoring generally reflected the difficult conditions. The exception was Ted Filby who came in with an excellent 68 (93-25). He was followed by John Emmerson with 73 (100-25) and Tony Emery with 76 (94-18).

Friendly matches have taken place this month against Marham (A) and Fakenham (H) which both resulted in 4-2 losses and Tied St Giles (A) which we won convincingly. Thanks to all those who take part in these matches.

This month also saw another staging of the C (Child) and B (Bishop) Cup. This was won by Tony Emery and Barry Marks with a joint score of 69 points, on count back from Pat Holman & Bill Scragg. Mick Window and Peter Williams were third with 65 points. All the winners received cash prizes. Nearest the Pin were Roger March on the 4th and Ian Buttle on the 7th. Nearest the Pin on the 9th went to Mick Window (just). Another enjoyable day in the Senior's Calendar.



Ladies Captain - Maggie Ward

Although August has been a great month for golf, this beautiful bonefish from the stunning Bahamian Island of Andross takes some beating !

The knockout trophies have been decided, well done to the winners and we are almost through an exhausting series of cup competitions and matches. All of these have been well supported and we seem to be playing an awful lot of golf! I am enormously grateful to the small group of ladies who continue to play league, friendly and mixed matches as well as other competitions and social events. Who needs a life outside Ryston Park ?

Unfortunately the league team has been relegated to Division 3 but the "Friendly" team continues to do well.... and the Scratch team has won the league and will be promoted to Division 1. This is a magnificent achievement, congratulations to the team and thanks to Janet Cole who has been a loyal supporter.

Invitation Day saw the ladies welcome friends from all over the area. It was great fun, as always, and the clubhouse remained full until quite late as we all caught up with each other's news. Team Tonya provided us with an excellent buffet and it was a thoroughly enjoyable day.

The Autumn Open was hugely successful and proved to be another great advertisement for our club. We certainly know how to stage an event! Visitors are very well looked after at Ryston and many ladies return twice every year. My thanks to all who helped on the day.

Maggie



Ladies Section

The Autumn Open was greeted by a beautiful, warm and sunny day. 60 ladies contested the event playing a four ball betterball with both scoring on the fourth hole. Coffee and biscuits were served on arrival and the clubhouse was soon buzzing to the sound of old friends meeting up from clubs as far afield as Felixstowe, Brancaster, Newmarket and March.

It proved rather difficult to encourage the ladies to leave the delicious halfway house to complete their rounds and I would like to thank those Ryston Ladies who provided the excellent spread.

Team Tonya excelled with the fantastic buffet served after the golf, I have never heard so many compliments and we are becoming well known for the quality of our catering, no wonder so many ladies come back twice a year to support the Opens.

There were some brilliant scores which was no surprise as the course was in excellent condition, and my thanks go to Peter & Tiff for their hard work.

In third place were Ryston regulars, Ann Tucker & Nicky Monk from Middleton with 42 points. Jan Mansfield and Yarda Adams from Newmarket were second on countback. The winners were again regular Ryston Open attendees, Susan Wybar and Karen Bugg from Eaton with a magnificent 48 points!

The Straightest Drive was also won on count back (!!) by Rosie Ashton from Ely who took a great photo of her ball sitting beautifully in the middle of the line! Julie Proctor and Joan Gill won Nearest the Pins.

This was another hugely successful event for the Ladies Section and Lyn Kirk deserves the highest praise for her meticulous organisation.

(Maggie Ward - Ladies Captan)

On Friday 18th August I had the pleasure of watching our Ladies Scratch Team (Tiff, Ann & Tracy) playing their away fixture at Thetford. They all played magnificently and came away with a 3/0 win. This means that although they still have one match to play they are in an unassailable position and will be promoted to Division 1 for 2018 season.

Considering the size of our ladies section at Ryston Park this is a remarkable achievement and we should all be very proud of our team. Well done !

(Janet Coles - Ladies President)

Play the Course Backwards

A popular event in the club calendar won by team members: Liz Forgan, Dick Johnson and Janet Rice.

Organised by Maggie Ward & Susan Filby with help from Tiff Mills & Ann Fletcher who organised the tee changes etc.



Ladies Lee Bennett KO Cup

Ann Fletcher beat Pam Taylor in the final of the Lee Bennett KO Matchplay.

Ann played some awesome golf in the final to win the trophy 3/2



Campbell Cup

Danny Kew challenged Steve Cobbin in the 36 hole matchplay final .

The match was all square after the first 18 holes but the second 18 holes was a different game as Danny shot 1 under through 8 holes leaving himself 7 up after nine and won the 10th where the match was conceded.

A good start for Dany Kew in his second year at Ryston Park.



Amy Goddard Trophy

On Wednesday 16th August 25 ladies played a Stableford Competition for the Amy Goddard Trophy.

Maggie Ward & Liz Harvey both scored 40 points resulting in their handicaps being cut and taking them into a play off for the trophy. Ann Emmerson was third with 39 points and also had her handicap cut.

In the play off Maggie Ward scored 37 points (with an amazing 24 points on the front nine) and Liz Harvey was a very close second with 36 points.



Doris Ball & EWGA

A play off for the trophy between Pam Taylor & Tracy Russell after both had their handicaps cut following the competition. Tracy Russell won the play off with nett 73.

Pam Taylor 87-16=71 (new handicap 15.1)

Tracy Russell 84-13=71 (new handicap 12.0)

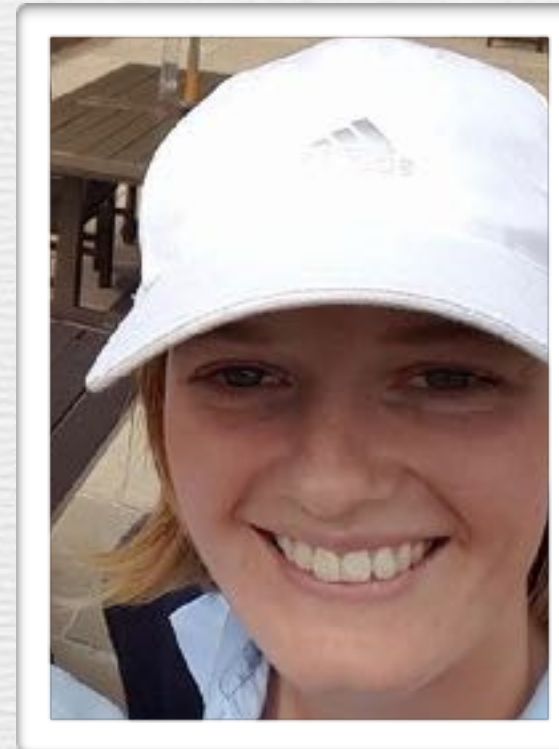


Ladies Championship Scratch & Handicap Winner

Tiff Mills proved she is the best lady golfer at Ryston Park winning both the scratch and handicap competition.

77-3=74 76-3=73

A deserved winner playing off a 3 handicap and of course she will now know every nook and cranny on the course !! LOL.



Men's August Medal

Owen Mills 68
David Weeds 70
Gordon Carter 70
Patrick Gould 71
John Alflatt 72
Robert Ives 72
Robbie Mills 73
Richard Cave 73

Owen Mills
rejoined the club this year after
a long break. He is seen at the
club every day practising on the
putting green and on the
practice ground. The proof of
his dedication is in the results
and his low handicap.
Well done Owen.



Irene Mott Trophy

This competition starts as a medal competition with the top eight ladies going through to a matchplay situation.

Liz Forgan (70) Pam Taylor (72) Pat Blyth (72) Trish McManus (73)
Liz Tyler (76) Maggie Ward (78) Tracy Russell (78) Jane Martin (80)

Ladies Captain Maggie Ward won the final from Tracy Russell which goes to show her lessons with Peter Lunt have worked as her handicap has been cut from 20 to 18 and she has a handful of silver to collect this year.



Editors Notes

- Doesn't the fountain look much better now the ugly blue ropes have disappeared. Thanks very much to whoever helped with this. Now maybe the shed could be hidden with new fence panels as it is an utter eyesore.
- Interested in Antiques or Recycled Furniture? Visit Suzy Martin at her shop on The Green at East Rudham. Suzy is a former member of Ryston Park Ladies Section and I'm sure she would be pleased to see you. The shop is open 11 am to 4 pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and from 1pm to 4pm on Thursdays and 12 noon to 4 pm on Saturdays.
- Whilst playing other courses I notice they have small bags, containing grass seed mixed with soil, to hang on your trollies. Members can then fill divots, tees etc where necessary. I have a sample bag - maybe one of our ladies could make some and we start using them on our course!!
- The tee markers need replacing. I have a sample which can be made with white, yellow and red backgrounds with our motif of the pheasant. These look very attractive and can be attached to the existing spiked markers. They cost four pounds each making a total of around 250.00 incl VAT. (80.00 red, 80.00 yellow, 80.00 white). **We need someone to sponsor these please.** Otherwise - maybe the Seniors could collect 80.00 from their section, the Ladies 80.00 and the balance from the Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday players. Your support would be most welcome.
- The new fence panels have tidied up the roadside view along the A10. Perhaps we could get a work group together to clear the area where the tree has been felled and remove the old trollies that have been left there. Another eyesore that needs attention. Any volunteers ?
- Sad to hear the passing of Tony Rains on Monday 21st August. He had been a member at Ryston Park for many years, as a player, Chair of Greens and Trustee, giving of much of his time to the club.
- **Tonya is organising a Christmas Fair to be held in the clubhouse on Thursday 23rd November from 3 pm - 7 pm. If you would like to have a stall, know someone who sells craft items, cakes, tapestry, woodwork, decorations, cards, paintings etc... then please let them know. Five pounds pitch - goes to club funds. One pound entrance - goes to Charity. All enquiries to Tonya. More information nearer the time. Book your stall space now.**

