



Ryston Park
Golf Club

December Newsletter

Club Captain Tracy Russell

Happy New year to you all. Let's hope and pray for good health above everything else. A few good scores would be helpful though!

December was a month of highs and lows. A very high point was Michael and I being invited to the senior's dinner.(even though we got the time wrong and were late!). We received a very warm welcome and had a great evening with lovely food courtesy of Tonya and her team. We can't remember laughing so much especially when Mike did his awards ceremony to various seniors for their achievements during the year. The most memorable being the seagull award to Grahame Mizen.

A first, I'm sure for Ryston Park, was the gift Peter and Tiff gave Mike. I believe AT Johnson has done very well on puncture repair kits.

A low point was having to cancel the Christmas Am Am due to the prospect of heavy rain which didn't really arrive.

We have rearranged for Sunday 9th of January and I hope you are all able to attend in your original teams. I'm sure we'll make up for the disappointment of December, weather and Covid permitting.

December has been a very wet month, especially over the Christmas period. We have been very lucky for our course to remain open as many around have been closed.

Here's to a great 2022 for all of us at Ryston Park.



Lady Captain Dang Kittisak



Happy new year to you all.

Not much to report this month as we're now into social golf. Thank you to all the ladies who organise each week and come up with different formats to play.

On the 8th December was the Christmas Bring & Win followed by a lovely Christmas dinner. The winner was Anne Emmerson with 16 points and got first choice of the prizes. Thank you to Tonya, Julie, Paige, Charlotte and Ryan for looking after us all year. The winter league will resume on the 28th January where we face Thetford at home. Good luck team.

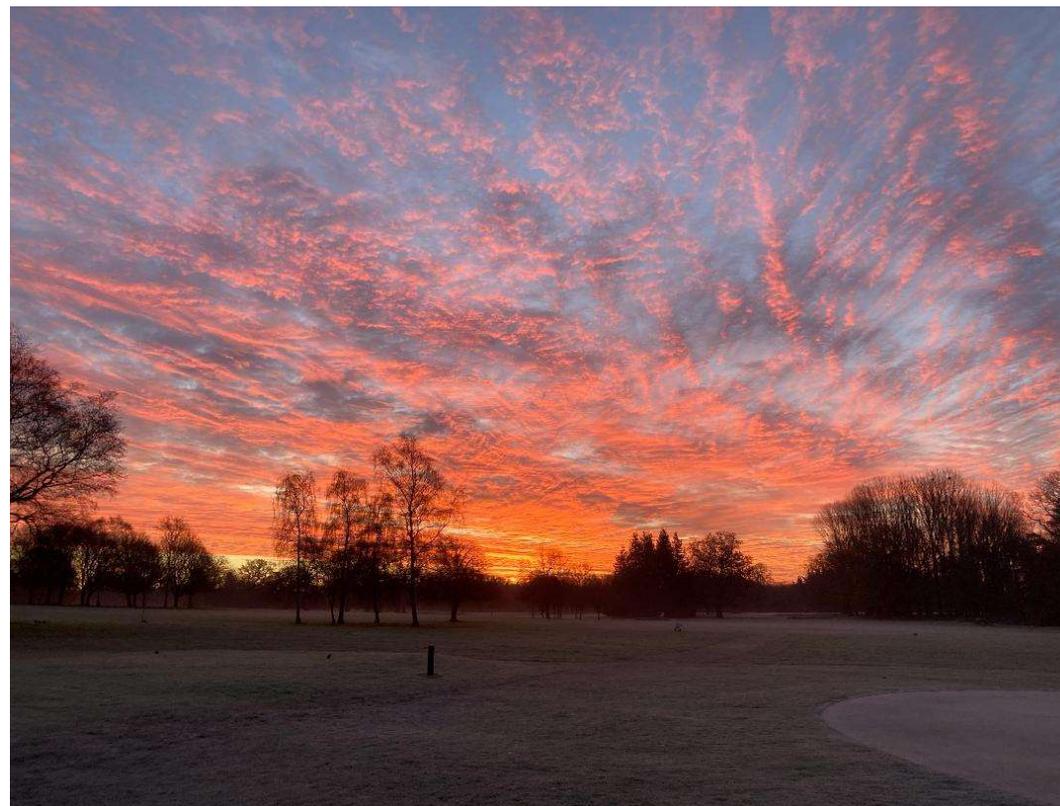


Photo taken by Dave Weeds

Seniors Captain Mike Brown

Firstly I hope you all had a merry Christmas. This month apart from the roll ups we did a Texas scramble with 33 members playing. The winning team on count back was George Lawrence Arthur Lomas and David Weeds. 2nd on count back was Barry Marks, Bill Scragg and Mark Orwell. 3rd was Eric Savage, Grahame Mizen and Mike Brown. Afterwards we enjoyed burger and chips supplied and served up by Tonya and her team and everyone said they had a good day.

During this month on the roll ups we have had some good scores coming in, 36 points plus and the best one last week was Graham Warren coming in with a magnificent 41 points! Well done Graham, the card has gone in!!



Also this month, for the first time one of the roll up draws picked four left handed golfers in one group. Graham Warren, Mike Reed, Mark Orwell and Terry Russell. (pic left) I think this is the first time it has happened.

On the 10th we held our annual seniors dinner. We had a good turn out and we invited club captain Tracy and her husband Michael and Peter and Tiff our green keepers. After an excellent meal supplied and served up by Tonya and her team, Pat did the cup competitions results for the year and the presentations were made by Tracy. Well done and congratulations to all our winners this year. I then gave a speech and summing up the past year with some notable achievements and interesting incidents that occurred throughout the year. The main recipients of a memento were Chris Chapman for his hole in one. Ken Prior for the



Giraffes at Watlington. Grahame Mizen's ball hitting a seagull and trying to claim it as an albatross. John Ireland for his excellent time keeping, unfortunately in the wrong time zone! And Ian Buttle for working out the handicap differences. The winner of the annual birdie competition was won by David Weeds with 40 being recorded. At this point Tiff and Peter then got up and proceeded to present me with, as they put it, a companion!! I will say no more as I am expecting them to elaborate more about it.



Speaking about Tiff and Peter, I would just like to thank them for all the work and effort they have both put in to keeping the course in excellent condition throughout the year and of late the never ending task of collecting the leaves.

My thanks go to Julie, Tonya, Paige and Ryan for all the help and meals served to us throughout the year in our matches and competitions and for their help and support they have given me during my year as seniors captain.

Finally I would like to wish you all a happy and prosperous new year take care and keep safe.

Greenstaff Peter & Tiff

The recent wet weather is starting to take its toll on the course and is now becoming wetter and wetter. There has only been 10 days in December where it hasn't rained! We don't take the decision lightly about closing the course and we will do our best to try keep it open, but for health and safety and protecting your course for the coming season, sometimes it's necessary. Please make sure you check emails before travelling in case of a course closure or restrictions. Especially if there's been heavy rain. Along with the rain, we've also seen unusually high temperatures for December. This has suddenly made the grass wake up and start growing thinking it's March! Which does present us with a challenge when the ground is too saturated to cut. However we shall attempt to cut the perimeter of each fairway so definition can be seen again, but that's as far as we may push it for now until ground conditions improve. With the warm and damp conditions, disease pressure is seriously high at the moment, so please, more than ever remember to repair pitchmarks. Remember it's not a race to get round the golf course, so avoid taking the racing line around the hoops and ropes, help try and spread the wear.



We believe the leaves are finally down for another year. So we shall be giving the course a good tidy up and clearing out the ditches. Our small red tractor is currently being repaired so we shall be doing this mainly by hand.

Finally, we'd like to say thank you to all the members who have given us such lovely positive comments throughout the year. We shall see what mother nature has to throw at us throughout the Winter and then look forward to presenting the course to the highest standard we can achieve throughout the summer.

(Which will look like this again soon!)



There's also a few people we must thank who do jobs behind the scenes. Brownie, for making the tea (even though he puts the milk in first!) and Roger for making sure our sheds are full of stuff he won't throw away!

Results

December Medal

David Leake	71
Lee Osler	71
Stuart Murphy	73

Midweek Medal

Matthew Chalk	72
Scott Wright	73

“Christmas” Am Am

Sunday 9th January

Still time to enter a team

Christmas dinner

Raffle & Presentation of Mixed Cups

Lessons Available

Peter Lunt is fully qualified PGA of 35 years.

Lesson fees are:

£15 for half an hour

£25 5 hole playing lesson

All other lesson options negotiable

Contact Peter on 07568318390 or

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Seniors Dinner

