



Ryston Park December Newsletter

Golf Club

Club Captain Richard Taylor

Well the last newsletter of 2020 and a strange end to a strange year! We've seen the course close, the country close, then all re-opened under new rules! Boris then shut us all again only to re-open with tiered rules??

However I have to say well done to all for following all these changes and keeping our friends and family safe!

Back to December! Well we opened after another month locked down and we have to say the weather then turned against us! We kept playing but then the Greens committee had to close us (think Roger was proving anything Boris can do so can he!), when the weather allowed us back we still had to abide by the rules.

Christmas is now just about here and the fat bloke in the red coat is about to throw some magic at us! Hopefully he'll bring some winter sunshine and we can keep open, if Boris allows us back to normal, and we can finally enjoy a pint without having a substantial meal....

(I did say I was hoping he'd bring some magic...)

Although no medal this month, we have got the Monthly Stableford and the winter eclectic to at least give us a challenge and something to aim at so good luck with that! (I'll leave the course update to Tiff n Pete).

Before I finish I have to say under the conditions and all elements being thrown at the course I wanted to just say a big well done to the greens staff! The greens especially look and play extremely well and I know this takes a lot of time and effort they've done an excellent job so a big thank you to Pete and Tiff!

Lastly and by no means least

A very merry (unusual too) Christmas, stay safe be happy and hope to see you all on the course in 2021!

Best regards



Lady Captain Dorothy March

This month we have had to contend with snow and rain which closed the course. Unfortunately we had to postpone our Winter League match against King's Lynn due to snow on the course however our ladies did us proud at home against Bawburgh ladies which they won 4 games to 1 and my thanks to Ann Fletcher for Captaining the side. We were able to have tea and cakes in the clubhouse after the match, social distancing of course. Just a reminder that the Winter Eclectic is now up and running. My thanks go to Peter and Tiff for trying, under adverse conditions, to keep the course open although buggies should keep to the paths designated.

May I wish you a very Happy New Year 2021 despite Covid which may see us in another lockdown situation after the festivities.

See you all next year Dorothy x



Senior Captain Mike Brown

Hello all. How quickly these last two weeks have flown by and Christmas is almost upon us. There have been some good scores coming in on the roll ups with Dai Nicol getting 41 points which is a very good result bearing in mind the course conditions for the time of the year. With all the uncertainty regarding Covid it has been a very difficult year all round, I just hope next year at some point we can get back to some sort of normality and play a few matches with other clubs. I think we have all missed playing our Seniors matches this year and the meals afterwards with all the friendly banter amongst our colleagues. Peter and Tiff continue to keep the course in good order bearing in mind how wet it has been. _we did not have a Seniors meal this month, I am hoping in the early part of the New Year we will have a few more competitions and a presentation of this year's cup winners with a meal afterwards. I would like to thank you all for your support this year, we continue to get more new members joining our section and they are getting to know most of the seniors. Also thanks to Julie, Ryan



and Tonya for their help and support throughout the year. To Eric my Vice-Captain to Pat our Secretary and to Ian Past Captain for all the work and support they have done during the year. Finally I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and hope you all keep safe and well during these trying times and hope we all have a better year in 2021.

Greenstaff Peter & Tiff

Well it wouldn't be 2020 without snow falling straight after a lockdown! And with the continuing rainfall the course is now starting to suffer. So we have to ask that we all work together to protect the course during this winter, whatever it may throw at us! So keeping to the routes we have laid out through rope and hoops and by remembering to repair pitchmarks, will help the course no end. All buggy users **MUST** keep to the rough and their designated routes at all times. The practice putting green continues to cause us issues and we are sorry to have had to close it for a while. With it being so saturated, we are unable to mow it without spinning and causing damage to the turf. We are looking into ways of trying to resolve or help the issue.



The last stubborn Oak trees have now shed their leaves, so we shall be giving the course a good tidy up, with ditches being cleared in the New Year.

Thank you to those who have given their time to help on the course this year, we do very much appreciate it.

We wish everybody a Happy Christmas and a good golfing New Year.



Recent work carried out on the bunkers on the 4th. Please do not play from or stand on the newly laid turf.

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