



# Newsletter

February 2023

## Club Captain – Jon Lewis

Firstly, I would like to start by thanking our immediate past Captain Dave Stennett for his year in office. Doing a great job throughout his tenure and keeping the club progressing on the right track. He has put in a huge amount of effort and has always put the interests of the Club first. I really enjoyed being Dave's Vice Captain, it was great fun, educational...! And I will take away many happy memories.

Thank you for the honour & privilege of being your captain of Ryston Park Golf Club. I very much look forward to working with everyone at Ryston Park, I will give my full commitment and do my very best with all decisions made with the interest and benefit of our club in mind.

Thanks to all the previous Captains whose names are on our honour's boards, without their service and dedication to the club there would be no Ryston Park Golf Club, I would also like to thank the past and present committee members for volunteering their time and efforts in taking the club forward and making it the best, if not one of the best 9-hole golf clubs in the Anglia region.

Personally, I have always loved and enjoyed playing for Ryston Park in every Interclub competition I have been fortunate enough to be selected for, It has improved my golf, has built relationships within Ryston and other clubs and it also gives its participants a sense of team moral and a feeling of being part of something other than your own golf. If you wish to be part of this years interclub competitions, be it the Barnard (over 55 years of age), the Cullington (10 – 18 handicaps) or the Myhill (under 10 handicap), please place your names on the sign up sheets on the notice board and the specific captains will consider your selection.

Gary Rider has accepted my invitation to be my vice-captain, Gary is a popular member of Ryston with many years of experience in representing Ryston Park in many events, so please help and support Gary as he helps and supports myself!

Finally, I ask of you, the members..... I wish to ask and encourage you to give a little bit back to your club. Whether it's replacing your divots, litter picking, repairing pitch marks, raking bunkers, recovering broken tee's or attending at least one social event through the year. The clubs success is directly influenced by its members, everyone working together and supporting the club makes a huge difference. Thank you for this honour, Jon

## Chinese Night



24th March  
From 7pm

ALL YOU CAN  
EAT BUFFET

£15pp



Vice – Captain  
Gary Rider

## Ladies Captain – Janet Coles

At our AGM on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February I was voted in as Lady Captain for this year. This is not a new experience for me but once again I feel very honoured to be invited. I am delighted to report that Ann Fletcher has agreed to be my Vice Captain. Janet Rice finished her three year term as Lady President and has handed over to Lyn Kirk. Additionally, Lyn has agreed to take over as Ladies' Secretary from Ann. I am sure that we can rely upon Lyn to deal with wearing two hats in her usual efficient manner.



From left to right . Ladies Vice-Captain Ann Fletcher, Lady President Lyn Kirk, Ladies Captain Janet Coles

Our Winter League team played their final match on 20<sup>th</sup> February and tied with Thetford after some very tight games. The final results are now in and Ryston Park came third but judging by the total games won and lost (+14.5, -15.5) there were some very close matches. Many thanks to Pat Blyth for organising our team and to all the ladies who represented the Club. Winter League is not the most popular event – I am sure that most of us do not relish playing in the cold, wet and muddy conditions that sometimes prevail at this time of year.

March sees the beginning of our golf year proper. We shall have our Bring and Win on 15<sup>th</sup> March and our first Friendly against March GC on 23<sup>rd</sup>. Additionally, the first round of the Diamond League will be played on 27<sup>th</sup> and Ann & Tiff will be representing the Club in the Daily Mail Foursomes against Middleton Hall on 11<sup>th</sup>. Good luck to all the players in these matches.

## Seniors Captain – Michael Brown

Hello everyone. I am very pleased to be elected the seniors captain for this year and thank the members for their support and I look forward to this seasons matches and competitions. My chosen charity for the year is Prostate Cancer UK.

With the course fresh from the winter frosts we look forward to playing our first match against Ely on the 16th March at home.



Congratulations go to Nigel Wagg (left) for getting over 40 points in our roll up. Well done Nigel, bandit of the week !

With the clubhouse refurbished it would be nice to see the social events well attended. With Tonya and her team in the clubhouse doing the catering and bar and Tiff and Peter doing an excellent job on the course keeping it in good condition. I wish you all a good years golf in the matches, competitions and the social golf.



Senior roll ups are every Tuesday and Thursday mornings teeing off at 7.45am from the 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> tee.



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## The Committee

### Fixtures

The fixture list has now been sent out via email. There will be hard copies available when they come back from the printers and they are on the website. You may have noticed that they are also available to download via a QR code on the notice boards. Just open the camera on your phone and point it at the code. A symbol will appear on your phone, tap this and save it to your phone. Easy! There will be other notices with QR codes which you can also download.

### 9 hole competitions

There are now 9 hole competitions set up alongside the 18 hole competitions both weekends and weekdays. This should give everybody a chance to get their 4 competition cards in before the start of the club competitions.

### Subscriptions

Everybody should have received their bill for subscriptions, if you haven't please contact the office. If you choose to pay the full amount payment is due on or before 1st April. If you choose to pay half yearly, payments are due 1st April and 1st September. If paying monthly please make 9 payments via a standing order with your first payment on or before 1st April.

### Knockout competitions

Entry is now open for the Campbell cup and the Eva new mixed. You can enter via the howdidido app in knockouts or sign up on the notice boards.

### County inter club competitions

There is a list up on the Men's notice board for players who would like to be considered for selection in the Myhill, Cullington, Bernard and Scratch knockout. Please enter your name if you are interested.

## Results

### February Medal

Gary Hooker	66
Andy Ware	66

### 9 Hole Medal

Johnny Clements	37
Gary Collins	38

### Ladies Winter League

Ryston vs Thetford
2.5 - 2.5

## 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](mailto:Plunt79@gmail.com) to book.





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## Greenstaff

February has been very kind to us weather wise. Very little rain meaning the fairways have had a brush and cut to bring back the definition.

Buggy restrictions have now been but please be sensible where you drive. Please don't drive close to greens or tee boxes and if you can still drive in the rough to get to your ball, all the better.

The 4<sup>th</sup> tee will be back in play for the March Medal.

Last week we took delivery of a new refurbished Gator. We have been very lucky this last year with the club investing in new machinery.

You may have noticed the holes being dug around the course. All of the tee sprinklers have been raised, heads changed or nozzles. We hope to see a big improvement as we have with the greens.



On Tuesday we both attended a meeting at Swaffham Golf Club. This was to discuss water management and how wetting agents help move it through the profile. A very interesting morning whilst also making connections with local head greenkeepers.

The new 9<sup>th</sup> tee will be sorted out soon. Properly levelled, irrigation installed and a path leading to it. Ideally we could use a mini digger so if anyone has one we could use for a couple of days, please get in touch, we'd really appreciate it.

We hope we will soon see better growing conditions but we know we're not there yet and things can turn very quickly. Snow is forecast next week but hopefully not like we saw in 2018!



# 1st March 2018

