

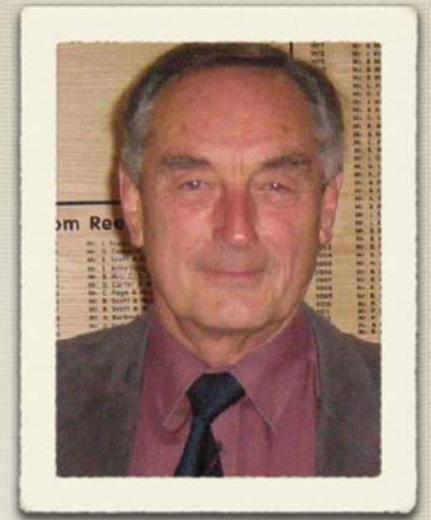
Ryston Park Golf Club Newsletter

January 2018



Male Kestrel
by
Pam Taylor

Club Captain Roger Sloper



Well this is my final newsletter. It only seems like yesterday I was sitting scratching my head wondering what to write. It has been a reasonably easy year - no major crisis to deal with.

The course is holding up well during the winter, buggy owners are also doing their best to look after the course - my thanks to them. The winds have brought one or two trees down along with many dead branches. A lot have been cleared away but it is very time consuming. Last year a small group of members walked the course filling sacks. If any members would like to help please contact myself, Peter or the Office.

Thanks to the hard work of our greens staff the bunkers are looking good with more consistent sand cover.

There have been some members who have donated money to the Club for shrubs for the garden and also our tee markers. I know you wish to remain anonymous but thank you on behalf of all members for your generosity .

My thanks to all those who have supported me over my year. I now need to turn my attention to writing my end of office speech for the AGM.

Happy golfing

Roger

Ladies Captain Maggie Ward

Final picture...Signing off, I'm outa here!! Lots more beautiful places to go and more time to fish and sew. As this is my last newsletter I would like to thank everyone at Ryston Park for their support during the year.

I have enjoyed working with Roger although I think I have exasperated him at times! Unfortunately I haven't been able to control the weather but actually couldn't control the ladies either. As Alan says, both are naturally forceful phenomena, impossible to tame!

However, as I expected, it has been a privilege to serve as Captain and it has certainly been an interesting experience. On the personal positive side I have played so much golf that my handicap has plummeted, on the negative, I miss having double shot holes. As you all know, I do like my golf to be fun and I think we have had some really enjoyable events. The Hovenden Picnic was one highlight for me. Some of your faces on arrival were a treat! I hope we do that again sometime. Even the Committee match was fun in spite of the somewhat unusual tactics employed by the men! The friendly and mixed matches are always played in good spirit and I do urge you all to support them again next year.

I believe that the Ladies section is a real strength of our club, small but perfectly formed! The Committee is ably supported by other members who willingly give their time and expertise when there is work to be done. Ryston Ladies certainly know how to host an event! We are supportive to the main club and try to encourage all sections to work and play together even though this is not always met with unbridled enthusiasm!

Roger and I have worked very well together although I think I have exasperated him at times! I am thrilled that we have raised over seven hundred pounds for our charity. The presentation to a "CRY" representative is currently being arranged. Thank you all who have contributed.

Boo has been a great supporter as my Vice Captain and has bailed me out on many occasions, as have Lyn and Janet. I wish Boo and Pat every success when they take over in February.

Good luck and best wishes to you all in 2018.

Maggie



Acting Seniors Captain Pat Holman

Report by Barry Marks



The Seniors AGM took place rather earlier than usual this year, on Tuesday 16th January. Graham Child, who has been Seniors Captain for the last two years, was warmly thanked for all his hard work on our behalf. All this was achieved without a Vice-Captain. With no volunteers to take on the role of Captain this year Pat Holman said he would do it, along with a team of Match Managers who will take charge of their particular match days. This approach will involve a greater sharing of responsibilities than is normal but was willingly embraced. The Seniors Committee will comprise Pat, Joe Flogdell, Graham Kingham and Roger March. The full Minutes of the meeting can be read on the noticeboard.

The results of the annual Birdie Competition were announced at the AGM. The lower handicap category was won by Mick Window with 32, followed by Roger March with 21. Graham Child won the 15-28 category with 8, followed by Richard Warren with 6. Both Mick and Graham received bottles of Whisky.

Ryston Park hosted the 9 Hole Alliance Winter League this month. Dereham defeated Feltwell and Searles drew with Fakenham. Searles retained their lead in the competition and the day was rounded off with an enjoyable lunch.

Results

Men's January Medal

Alan Clarke	70
Ian Osler	71
Robert Ives	73
Charlie Rains	74
Steve Harvey	74

Men's January Midweek Medal

Gary Rider	81-12=69
Jeff Fitt	92-19=73
Shane Fitt	105-28=77

Ladies January 18 Hole Stableford

Sue Ward	24 points
Tracy Russell	18 points

Ladies January 9 Hole Stableford

Dorothy March	10 points
Liz Harvey	7 points
Janet Coles	6 points

Dates for your Diary

AGM - Thursday 22nd February

Myhill - Competition - Bye in First Round

Cullington (Home) v Swaffham Sunday 22nd April

Barnard (Away) v Mundesley Wednesday 25th April

Societies Booked

Sunday 28th January 10.30 4 x 4 balls from Mildenhall

Sunday 11th February 9.30 4 x 4 balls Fenland Society

Ladies County Matches

Ladies Diamond League v Middleton (A) - 1st Round

Date: TBA (to be played by 1st April)

Gillieson Cup v Sprowston Manor (A) - 1st Round

May 20th

Carrick Cup v Wensum Valley (H) - 2nd Round

June 24th

Scratch League - Div 1 - Ryston will play Home & Away

Eaton, Royal Norwich & Hunstanton

Interclub League Div 3 - Ryston will play Home & Away

Eaton 1, Eaton 2, Sheringham 2, Thetford 1.

Wednesday 10th January 2018

The weather probably put off some ladies but the bravest turned out to play a Texas Scramble organised by the Ladies President Janet Coles with help from Janet Rice.

Although it turned wet for the last few holes there was a good atmosphere in the clubhouse afterwards.

Winner of the Nearest Pin went to Dorothy March and the winning team of Patsy Parker, Marlene Simmonds, Ann Fletcher and Ladies Vice Captain Boo Moore.

Ladies Social Golf on Wednesday 24th Jan - 9 ladies braved the weather for a 5 hole team competition with Team: Janet Rice, Janet Coles, Maggie Ward winning on count back. Maggie won the individual on count back with 9 points, 2nd Marlene with 9 points and Pam T this with 8 points. The ladies were too wet for a photo but all were smiling.



BBC Countryside Magazine



Taken at Santon
Downham, Norfolk.

Early morning mist
with the sun peeping
through.

I was awarded
“Photo of the Day”
in the
BBC Countryfile
Magazine
on the 8th January
2018.

(Pam Taylor Photography)

Our Clubhouse Cleaner Shirley Brittain (with husband Mick)
& Greenkeeper Peter Hubbard dress up for New Year.
Well done both.



Seen in the Daily Mail - drawn by Andy Ward
(son of Mick & Sue Ward)



Press Report

Ryston team move up to top division

By Chris Mayes

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GOLF: Ryston Park ladies scratch team have been promoted to Division One of the Norfolk Ladies County Golf Association

It follows a fantastic season that saw the team of Tracy Russell, Ann Fletcher, Trish McManus and Tiff Mills score 12 points from their six games to top the Division Two table.

The promotion will see the Ryston Park team up against Eaton, Royal Norwich and Hunstanton in the 2018 season.

Elsewhere at the club, Ann Fletcher scored the best four medals this season with a minus-two score to go forward in the Chase The Dream competition.

She received her medal from competition secretary Marlene Simmonds.



Ladies president Janet Coles presented Val Mellish with the Presidents Cup, and she also handed over the RNLI Trophy

to Dang Kittisak after she won the individual stableford competition against male and female club members.

Ryston Park winners, clockwise from top left: Tracy Russell, Ann Fletcher, Trish McManus and Tiff Mills; Ann Fletcher and Marlene Simmonds; and Janet Coles with Dang Kittisak and Val Mellish.

Proceeds of the competition were sent to the local branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.