



# Ryston Park January Newsletter Golf Club 2022

## Club Captain - Tracy Russell

Well this is my penultimate newsletter! I can't believe how quickly my Captain's year has gone. January has mostly been extremely dry which is a welcome change as looking back on last January, the course was waterlogged. The Christmas Am-Am was finally played although it was touch and go as it poured with rain the day before. It was a very successful day and enjoyed by all. The food was excellent and thanks go to Tonya and her team as always. First prize went to Tiff and Robbie Mills and Ann and Richard Fletcher (a nice welcome back for Richard).



Second was Mike Brown, Eric Savage, Grahame Mizen and myself. Third went to Kyle and his guests. Nearest the pin ladies was won by Ann Fletcher and for the men it was Sam Forgan. Lovely to see Liz's grandsons who love coming back to Ryston.



The prize table looked beautiful, courtesy of Maggie, ably assisted by Susan and myself.

We raised over £400 for Tapping House Hospice with a raffle, heads and tails and an auction. Thank you for your generosity.

Scott Wright bought the most expensive tub of Roses you could possibly imagine especially as he thought he was bidding for 4 tubs! Impaired by the wine I think, Scotty. (and Dang).

It was lovely to see the club house full and the sound of laughter.

We're hoping to arrange a summer competition in a similar format.

It's nice to hear that the Handicap League matches are being arranged for 2022. There's lots of enthusiasm and the camaraderie is amazing. Well done Andy for organising it.

Let's hope the weather stays fine for a good deal longer and gives our new tee boxes a chance to flourish. Jon Lewis was showing a good rake action last week on the 5th!

Happy golfing.

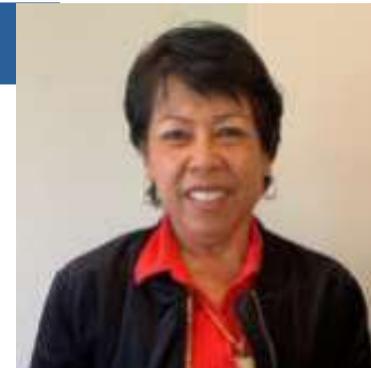
## Lady Captain - Dang Kittisak

Our AGM is only a couple of weeks away and so this will be my last newsletter.

Our Winter league team recently had a good win at home against Thetford, winning 3-2.

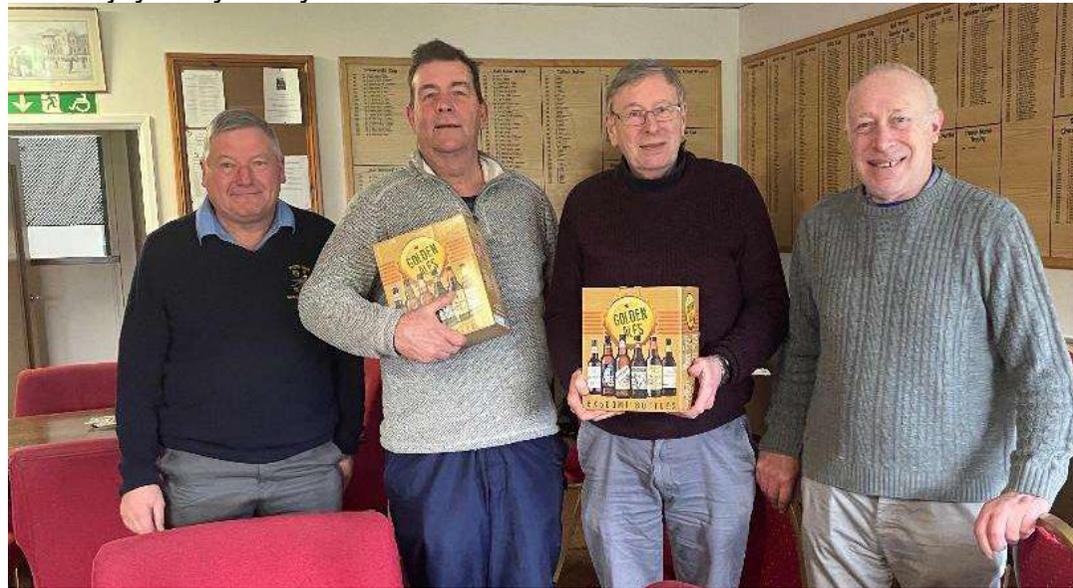
I'd like to thank all the ladies who have supported me over the year. The team Captains who helped in team selection and taking the matches, when I wasn't available. And thank you to all who took part in matches and competitions.

Finally, I would like to wish Liz Forgan a successful year.



## Senior Captain - Mike Brown

Hello everyone. Once again the end of the month is upon us and this will be my last newsletter as Seniors Captain. At the beginning of the month we did a Greensomes competition which was well supported and the weather was kind to us, keeping dry. The winners on the day were Robert Parker and Mike Reed with 41 points second were David Weeds and Ted Filby with 35 points and third on count back Graham Warren and Mike Brown with 34 points. Afterwards we enjoyed a meal of sausage, egg and chips cooked by Tonya and her team. A good day's golf and plenty of banter was enjoyed by everyone.



We also hosted the Nine Hole Alliance matches on the 6th of January. The four clubs playing were Feltwell, Searles, Dereham and Fakenham and afterwards a meal was served by Tonya and Paige and all the teams said they were impressed with the course and especially the greens and all enjoyed the food on the day. On the 20th of this month the Alliance team went to play at Fakenham against Dereham all of our four pairs won their matches and we got the maximum 10 points from our win. We play our last Alliance match next month at Searles and we are playing Feltwell on the day.

Our roll ups continue to be well attended and we are getting more playing each week now the light is improving in the mornings. I would just like to

give a special mention to one of our long standing members, Cliff Norgate who celebrates his 90th birthday on the 30th of January and I gave him a birthday card signed by the members. A very happy birthday Cliff from all the Seniors and it good to see you still playing and enjoying your golf.



Finally, I would just like to say a few thanks firstly to Tiff and Peter for all the hard work they put in to keep the course in excellent condition throughout the year. I expect I will still get a load of stick and some surprises from them throughout the year judging by the last year and as demonstrated at the Senior's Dinner!! I have

no idea what they will get up to this year but will have to be on my guard (as usual). A big thank you to Julie, Tonya, Paige and Ryan for all their help and support they have given me throughout the year and the excellent meals served up in the matches and the competitions. To Ian Buttle for doing the handicaps and cards for the matches and competitions. To Pat Holman for all the work he has put in as secretary with organising the fixtures and matches and cup competitions.

Lastly my thanks go to Eric for being my Vice Captain and all the help and support he has given me over the last year with the matches and other competitions and Alliance matches and all the paperwork. I hope Eric you have a very good year as the Seniors captain and you enjoy it as much as I have throughout the year. It has been an honour and a privilege to be your Captain and I thank each and every one for your continued support to me and for all the competitions and matches you took part in during the year. Gentlemen thank you for a wonderful year.



## Greenstaff – Peter & Tiff

It's been a very dry January with only 21mm rainfall. Warm and damp conditions at the start of the month caused fusarium to rear its ugly head again and regrettably we've had some scarring on the greens. However, with our tractor now back in use we are able to spray again. The greens mower has recently been sent away for sharpening and so greens won't be cut for at least a couple of weeks. But if we continue to see low temperatures, growth will be minimal and we shall be rolling in the meantime.

The tees mower has also been sent away for refurbishing due to the cylinder blades being at the end of their life.

We have kept busy during January. The 5<sup>th</sup> tee was stripped of turf, levelled and then new turf was laid. The whites will be done at a later date so as not to disturb the start-up of competitions.

The 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> red tees are also being prepared to be levelled and either turfed with the turf that was removed or new turf.



We are making use of the old turf by tidying bunker edges or any bare areas on the course.

Although course conditions are favourable at the moment, let's not forget we're only at the start of February and the weather is very changeable. Please continue to follow all hoops and ropes and remember to repair pitchmarks and divots. We're not quite in Spring yet!

## Results

### January Medal

Lee Amor	65
Richard Cave	72
Nigel Wagg	73

### Midweek Medal

Kenny Newman	68
Robbie Mills	73
Tony Freear	74

# Club AGM

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February

7.00pm

Any other business  
deadline 10<sup>th</sup> February

# Mixed Cups



**Eva New  
Pam Taylor  
&  
Anthony Reeve**



**Stewards Cup  
Susan Filby & Jim Marsh**



**Tom Reed  
Leon Fleming & Tiffany Mills**

**Keith  
Handscomb  
Pam Taylor  
&  
Richard Taylor**



**Jim Russell  
Richard Taylor & Tracy Russell**