



Ryston Park
Golf Club

Newsletter

January 2023



Club Captain – Dave Stennett

Well, it's a new season so Happy New Year, these months been busy in the office getting ready for the AGM on Wednesday 15th February 2022 at 7 pm, please support your committee by attending the meeting, its your club as members and this is the night to have your say and show your support for the club.

We have now refurnished the club house and the new dining/dance floor area will be replaced at the start of February, we continue with improvements on and off the golf course. We have also ordered a new gator which is the work horse for the greens staff. This is part of our continued improvement in the green's machinery. We have also replaced all the tiled area of the kitchen in white wall uPVC following our annual inspection by the Environmental Health Officer.

We will continue with improvements and some of the suggestions we continue to explore are Solo PV to help reduce our energy costs. We have been keeping the old practice ground area cut to possibly build a driving range and we are continuing to develop the new 18th Tee.

The Staff and Committee work hard behind the scenes for the golf club so I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all the members of our Staff and Committee for their support in my year as Captain.

AGM

Wednesday 15th

February

7.00pm

Dinner & Dance Night

Saturday
11th February



2 course meal and live band CockneyJock
Tickets £25



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Ladies Captain – Liz Forgan

This is my last newsletter before I hand over to Janet Coles who will take over from me after the A.G.M. The weather has deteriorated since Christmas and some of us have spent more time in the club house drinking coffee than going out on the course! Our weekly nine hole roll-up has proved very popular, it is a good way of getting together.

We have a Bridge match against Richmond Park this coming week we haven't played since before Covid so it will be lovely to meet up with the ladies once again.

We are still playing our Winter League matches, the latest one was against Eaton away which unfortunately we lost by 3 games to 2. I am very grateful to Pat Blyth and her team for playing in these matches which have sometimes been in very difficult conditions.

Now shall look forward to taking a back seat and leaving the Ladies section in the capable hands of Janet.



Seniors Captain – Eric Savage

January has been a very quiet month, with just a few rollups, especially as the frost has hit the course and it had to be closed for a few days.

My year of being Seniors Captain is coming to an end, and I have thoroughly enjoyed it.

A big thank you to all the seniors for supporting me throughout the year, and without the Seniors Committee it would have been a harder time organising everything.

Our AGM is on Tuesday 7th February, and I hope most of the seniors can be present. I am sure you will all support the new Seniors Captain as you did me.



I would like to thank Tonya, Paige, Ryan and Julie for all their help throughout the year. Also Tiff and Pete, for all the hard work they do.

David Weeds (left) receiving the sombrero hat as a result of his 40 points in the roll up on the 5th January.

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



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The Committee

9 hole Competitions

You may have noticed that there are now Men's 9 hole Medals and Stablefords in the fixtures.

These competitions will be qualifying, with the playing handicap allowance set at 95% of your 9 hole course handicap.

You can find your 9 hole course handicap on the handicap list in the changing room, on the England golf app or the psi. There is now no requirement to enter your handicap on the card as the software will sort it out.

These 9 hole competitions will count towards the 4 competition cards needed to play in this year's club competitions.

You can use the 9 hole competition card as part of an 18 hole round, although the 9 hole competition round cannot be used twice for handicap purposes.

Cheers, Andy.

A new bench has kindly been donated by the late former member Keven Bishop's family.

It is situated behind the 8th green.



Results

January Medal

Lewis Tighe	68
Richard Allen	72
Jonathan Spinks	73

Ladies Winter League

Eaton Away lost 3-2

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 to book.



Greenstaff

January has seen the return of the hard frosts which unfortunately has resulted in course closures as the course thawed out.

The putting green has been closed off due to being scorched with fertiliser and it being too wet. Roughly 6 inches below the surface of the putting green there is what's called a 'hardpan'. This is a compacted layer of soil that struggles to allow water to pass through. We have now used a machine called an Oxyspot (right), which is a single spike that reaches a depth of 50cm and injects compressed air into the ground, breaking up this compacted layer.



This will hopefully now allow the putting green to drain and we have since opened half the green for use. We have also used the Oxyspot on other greens that do not drain as well, or have compacted areas, such as walk off points. We then back filled the holes with top-dressing sand which will also act as drainage channel.

All the ditches are now clear to allow the water to be removed from the course as freely and quickly as possible to help keep the course dry.

We hope we've seen the last of the heavy frosts but as usual, we can't control the weather, so we shall see what February has in store for us. Please read emails or follow the Facebook page for updates.



Before



After

PLEASE REPAIR PITCHMARKS

The photo on the right shows the amount of unrepaired pitchmarks to just the front of the 1st green!

The greens are taking a beating at the moment and unrepaired pitchmarks will only add to their recovery time, which could so easily be avoided.

