



Ryston Park  
Golf Club

## January Newsletter

### Club Captain Richard Taylor

Well as January draws to a close no golf being played and it looks like none for February!

I had so many plans for my year to not only raise money for my charity, but to organise social functions for all of us and to try involve families as we did on my Captains weekend! Alas none of this was possible and now with a new strain (this virus has had more strains than Jamie Redknapp!), it's hard to see us opening up our course and clubhouse before mid to late March! We'll obviously keep you posted! I'll update you all next month in my final newsletter to pay thanks to all that's supported and helped me.

There will be a communication coming soon but we've been busy looking at how we can be fair to members that have missed out on playing golf and socialising with friends, and also importantly looking at the lease to ensure we can sustain our ties with Ryston Park estates.

I won't go into detail about our waterlogged course as I'll leave that to Tiff and Peter as I've only seen photo's of the 5<sup>th</sup> Fairway canal!

Stay safe everyone and spare a thought for those affected by this deadly virus.

Take care



### Lady Captain Dorothy March

Hello Ladies I hope you are all well. I know that a lot of you have had your first dose of the vaccine as have I.

As you can imagine a lot of the golfing fixtures have been postponed until later this year, the good news is that Lyn has managed to fill all the spots for the Autumn Open on 27th August. This was advertised on the 4th January and no more places were available by the 18<sup>th</sup>, when Lyn opened the reserve list, well done to her and my thanks. I am sure that you are all aware that the AGM is postponed until such date we are able to resume our normal activities. I hope we can all get together in the near future.



### Senior Captain Mike Brown

Hello all, firstly a belated Happy New Year to everyone. Not a very good start to this year for us, once again we are in lockdown due to this nasty virus. The only good thing at the minute is due to the weather and amount of rain we have had, the course would have been unplayable and at least this is giving the course a chance to recover. It would be nice to think we can at some point in the future get back to playing some golf again, all be it with certain restrictions in place. Peter and Tiff continue to work on the course ready for when we are all allowed back to play.

I hope everyone is keeping safe and well and being careful. Let's hope we can look forward in the next month or two to starting to get back to some kind of normality and out and about again on the course.

Keep Safe.



## Greenstaff Peter & Tiff

Rain! In the summer we long for it and the winter we loath it! We are never happy with the weather, but these last couple of months have been relentless! 138mm fell in December, the wettest December and the wettest year since 2002 (when records started). And we've had a further 113mm in January. There are new water hazards everywhere. Ditches and ponds are high and flowing fast. So we are always monitoring and maintaining the ditches to make sure they are free of debris and running as well as they can.



We are limited to the jobs we can do on the course with the course being so saturated, but fear not we are keeping busy. Every single post has been taken in, repaired or replaced and painted.



Trees are being pruned where needed and we managed to do a bit more leaf clearing when conditions allowed.



The cutting units have been stripped and are currently being sharpened, ready for the new season.

The bunkers will be next on the list, once they have drained of water. We look forward to seeing you all back soon, but hopefully with better conditions than below!

