

## Club Captain – Jon Lewis

Last month I talked about how dry June had been, with very little rainfall, but July has been a complete opposite! We have not had many dry days through the month which have made playing the game we love somewhat difficult, but has enabled the course to remain in a fantastic green condition, with the greens being very receptive. July's rain should maintain the high standards of the course for the remainder of summer.

The recent solar panel installation has been in place for two months now and we're now in a position to give you, the members more details. We have spent £22,000 on the installation and in the TWO months we have had them they have generated 6000kw in a cloudier than normal summer. We expect a full payback

by the end of 2027; thereafter, we will be saving approximately £5000 per year, with the panels having a 20 year warranty. There are added advantages in that we are using less oil to heat our hot water, and we have saved one tonne of CO2 emissions. Had we not made the investment our electricity import would be nearly 20,000kw higher every year, which could threaten the future viability of the club. Possible future savings could also be made with an export tariff, and an investment in batteries.

Congratulations to the winners of the months competitions; Kenny Newman (July Medal), Martyn Wiles (midweek Medal & midweek Stableford), Robbie Mills & Trish McManus (Eva New) and finally Jonny Spinks has had a remarkable month by achieving wins in the Newton Scratch Cup and becoming the new Club Champion in both the gross and net competitions with scores of 138 gross and 134 net.

This years Club Championship took place with a different format of being over two weekends, with the intention of making the competition more appealing to all members. We had an increased number of entrants but would appreciate your feedback on the event. Please use the comments forms situated on the bar to give your ideas and opinions on this and also on all aspects of the club. We are a members clubs with everyone's opinions are given consideration to improve our club.

Can I please remind you all that I host a 9-hole roll up on a Thursday evening, the intention of which is to enable new and existing members to meet and play with others. We tee off at 6 o'clock so arrive for 5:45. May I wish you all a very enjoyable August, and hope the sun returns to enable us to play and enjoy our fantastic golf course.

## Past Captains of Ryston



Back row left to right: Mick Ward 2014, Dick Martin 1977, Gary Rider (vice), Nigel Wagg 2019, Jon Lewis 2023, Richard Taylor 2020, Tam Payne 2015, Dick Johnson 2013, Paul Allen 2004 & 2009, Roger Sloper 2017.

Front row left to right: Pam Taylor 2016, Alan Clarke 2003, Tracy Russell 2021, Joe Flogdell 1991, John Rice 2002, Roger Means 2005, John Wake 1998, Steve Harvey 2001, Barry Scott 1974 & 1997.



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## Ladies Captain – Janet Coles



July began with County Week which was held this year at Wensum Valley. Norfolk Ladies played against Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, Essex, Suffolk and Cambs & Hunts. I was privileged to attend on the second day together with Janet Rice, Tracy Russell and Trish McManus. We had a great day watching Tiff playi Suffolk in the morning singles and Bedfordshire in the afternoon singles. She won both her matches in a resounding fashion and helped Norfolk Ladies to come second overall, beaten only by Essex. The format of this competition is excellent and I was disappointed that the team did not get better support bearing in mind that they were playing on the doorstep of many of our Norfolk clubs.

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July the County Division 3 Championship was held at Ryston Park and we received excellent feedback both from the players and the organisers. They were very complimentary about the course and I was told by one of the County Officials that she was surprised at how tricky our course can be to play – we could, of course, all told her that!

On the social side we enjoyed the 3 Club Competition and played the Course Backwards. I am sure that these events will be reported elsewhere but I would like to say how delighted I was to see how well they were supported. Adverse weather forecasts lead to the postponement of the Early Riser but we look forward to that taking place in August.

The Brownlow Bowl in its new format as a Stableford was won by Patsy Parker and the Copper Jugs were won by Anne Mitchell and yours truly! We had an excellent Lady President's Day but I will leave Lyn to give a detailed report on this. I will, however, say how much we enjoyed her hospitality!

## Lady President's Day

My 1st Presidents day and the weather couldn't be faulted, particularly after all the rain we've endured recently. 25 ladies played a non-qualifying Stableford from 12 noon, interspersed by a very welcome halfway house provided by Tonya and Paige. The prize winners were Ellen Kerbey 1st; Anne Mitchell in second place and June Norgate winning the 9 hole prize with nearest the pin going to Susan Filby. We enjoyed a delicious 2 course buffet afterwards in 'posh frocks' as is the custom and plenty of chatter and banter. Tracy's poem went down a storm! Thanks to you all for being there to make for a most enjoyable day and my thanks for the many cards and gifts, truly a day to remember.

Lyn Kirk







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## Seniors Captain – Michael Brown



Hello all, another busy month for the seniors. The first week of the month saw the Ryston Snipe Trophy played. The winner with a nett Medal score of 65 was Eric Savage, well done Eric. We also did a Texas Scramble competition and the winning team were Geoff Marshall, Andrew Hodges, Graham Kingham and Malcolm Martin. Afterwards we enjoyed a meal, my thanks go to Tonya and Paige for the excellent catering. We also played for the Ryston Shield and the winner on the day was J Alan Law with a nett score of 69, well played Alan. The one match we played this month was the home match against Swaffham with Ryston Winning 4.5 to 1.5 and also on the day Mark Featherstone got an eagle on the 18<sup>th</sup>.



On the Roll up on Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> Ian Storey (left) came in with 40 points and got to wear the bandits hat and was presented with a bandit marker, nice one Ian.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> I held my Captains Day, the rain during the night cleared up and everyone stayed dry. With a halfway house and a ploughman's lunch afterwards. The winners on the day were:

Team winners: 1st Roger Sloper, Ali Reeve, and Ian Storey with 99 points 2nd Ian Palfrey, Paul Garner, and John Moss with 97 points and 3rd Roger March, Graham Warren, and Geoff Marshall with 95 points.

The individual winners:

- 1st Roger Sloper with 38 points
- 2nd Mark Orwell on count back with 36 points
- 3rd Steve Ambrose 36 points
- Nearest the pins
- 4<sup>th</sup> hole Mike Window
- 7<sup>th</sup> hole J Alan Law
- Nearest the pin in two on the 9<sup>th</sup> Mike Reed.



My thanks go to Ian Buttle for doing all the cards, not only on the day but also for all the match cards. Also to Eric Savage for help doing the cards, as scores needed to be checked. Once again a big thanks to Tonya and Paige for the ploughman's lunch which everyone enjoyed. Also my thanks to Peter and Tiff for all the work they do on the course, it's looking really good all round. This reflects on the high scores coming in on our roll ups which are well attended.







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## Early Riser

Sunday 20th August

6.00am Shotgun start

18 holes



## Jonny is Club Champion

Jonny Spinks took home the Scratch and Handicap titles in the Men's Club Championship with a pair of 69's. Beating his closest rival, Richard Allen by 11 shots.



## Results

<b>July Medal</b>	Ken Newman	64
	Ali Reeve	64
<b>Midweek Medal</b>	Martyn Wiles	69
<b>Midweek Stab</b>	Martyn Wiles	38
<b>Newton Scratch</b>	Jonny Spinks	76
<b>Bill Nurse</b>	J. Lewis/ J.Clements	45
<b>Seniors Snipe</b>	Eric Savage	65
<b>Seniors Ryston Shield</b>	J-Alan Law	69
<b>Brownlow Bowl</b>	Patsy Parker	39
<b>Copper Jug</b>	J.Coles/A. Mitchell	37

## 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

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## Greenstaff

July 2023 couldn't be any more different than July 2022. 93mm has fallen this month, which makes it the 2<sup>nd</sup> wettest month of the year! Although not ideal weather for golf it has been good news for the course. We have not had to use the irrigation for over 4 weeks and the greens have benefited from the natural rain, which allows us to give the greens more frequent maintenance to improve trueness and speed.

Planned work – The greens have been pencilled in for hollow-coring on the 4<sup>th</sup> September (weather depending). The course will be closed for the day so we can carry out the work. For the past few years we have solid tined (pic right) and filled with sand. However this year a core will be removed and filled with sand. The recovery time will be slightly longer but this is necessary to remove thatch and keep levels as low as possible. This is a time consuming job as the cores have to be removed from the green by hand, so if anyone is available on the 4<sup>th</sup> September, we'd love the extra pair of hands.

The 9<sup>th</sup> green is also being discussed for possible drainage solutions to prevent it from becoming water-logged like earlier in the year. A decision will be made in the next couple of weeks and work would be carried out middle – late September. You will be informed of any decisions made prior to any work being carried out.

The new 9<sup>th</sup> tee has not been forgotten about. The course and the recovery of the greens have been our priority. But we will now start to get the final shape ready and levelled for turfing soon.



## Sunday Carvery

13<sup>th</sup>  
August

only £12.50

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