



Ryston Park
Golf Club

July Newsletter

Club Captain Tracy Russell

I can't believe how quickly July has passed us by!

My Captain's weekend was wonderful, despite the heavy downpours which some of you got caught up in. I think Marlene should have been awarded a prize for most wet golfer!

Your support and generosity was amazing and I thank you all from the bottom of my heart. We raised lots of money for the Norfolk Hospice Tapping House, which will be much appreciated by them.

Congratulations to the winners. 18 holes men George Dickson, 18 holes ladies Ann Fletcher, 9 holes men Martyn Walton, 9 holes ladies Marlene Simmonds, longest drive Jonny Spinks (incredible), straightest drive Dorothy March, nearest the pin 4th/13th Andy Ware and nearest the pin 7th/16th Ruth Mountain.

Stephen Graham from Norwich City football club (centre) and his 2 friends Chris and Bob, came to Ryston for 9 holes with me recently and thoroughly enjoyed the course. We had a great time and I would like to thank Stephen for donating a tour of the club for the auction at my Captain's weekend.



Past Captain's was a most enjoyable afternoon and evening, great food and company, and was won by Dick Martin and nearest the pin by Paul Allen. I'm looking forward to next year already!

The Italian night was a great success and enjoyed by all. The 3 club competition was great fun and won by Dave Stennett with 20 points! I think we'll be looking at his handicap (only joking Dave). The food after was lovely.

The scratch knockout team were unfortunately defeated at Bawburgh and I would like to thank Scott Wright for being captain for me.

The handicap league team is going great guns and judging by the WhatsApp group, they're really having fun. Good luck against King's Lynn on the 1st of August.

The mixed match against Dereham at home was a draw and against Ely away we lost. Thank you for playing.

On Wednesday, Michael and I helped Tiff to get the course ready for the county boys match Norfolk v Cambridgeshire.

After rain overnight, my dear husband raked the bunkers which were quite solid and has a lovely blister to show for it. He said afterwards that he didn't realise the physical effort of the greenkeepers and he's done a hard manual job all of his life. My job was ironing the greens and after



expert instructions from Tiff I think I just about mastered it. I certainly found muscles in my hands and arms that I didn't know existed! A lovely full English breakfast from Tonya helped ease our aches and pains. Apparently the comments from the players and organisers were very favourable so we may even get the call to help again. I certainly didn't realise the work that goes into getting the course to such a good standard.

Finally, our AGM for 2020 is to be held on August 19th at 7pm. If anyone would like to stand for a place on the committee, now's your chance and if we have any volunteers to help with the garden, it would be much appreciated. Here's to a fun August and lots of good golf.

Lady Captain Dang Kittisak

It's been another successful month for the ladies section. The Diamond Team won away at Cromer and are through to the semi-finals, where we shall face either Dunston Hall or Bawburgh. The league team are currently sitting in the middle of the division with one match left to play.

The Gillieson team also had a great result after beating Royal Norwich away and are also through to the semi-finals. For a small section we certainly know how to compete! I recently organised a trip to Hovenden Park. It was a very enjoyable day and thank you to all that came along.



Seniors Captain Mike Brown

Hello all. After the last few months at long last we can now take the pins out and get back to using the rakes in the bunkers and using the changing room facilities. Once more the weather has been ideal growing conditions for the grass which is very lush. We have had a busy month with our fixtures getting back on track. We have played four matches, Swaffham at home match won, Thetford at home match won, Swaffham away match halved and Thetford away match won. A good set of results for Ryston Park. My thanks go to all the members who played in the matches and to Tonya and her team for the excellent meals at the home matches. We played the Ryston Snipe which was won by Dave Weeds. We also played the Ryston Shield which was won by Mike Window, well done to both of you.



One of our newest members Chris Chapman (left) got a hole in one on the 13th in our roll up on the 27th, a great achievement! Nice one Chris, hope your bar bill wasn't too large!!

The course continues to play well and is being well maintained in the current conditions, the rough is being cut at least twice a week and more as required. Peter and Tiff are doing a good job keeping it well maintained.

On the 29th of this month I held my Seniors Captains, day 34 members played in it and the weather was nice and sunny apart from the wind. After a Ploughmans lunch supplied by Tonya the winner with 38points was J Alan Law, 2nd on countback with 36points was Roger March and third also with 36points was Mike Window. The putting contest was also won by Mike Window. Nearest the pin on the 4th was won by Chris Chapman, nearest the pin on the 7th was won by Eric Savage and nearest the pin in two on the 9th was won by John Rice. Congratulations to all of you. After a successful Raffle



which raised £215 and the entrance fees and putting competition fees a total of £471 was raised which will go to my chosen charity Macmillan. A really big thank you to all the members who took part and supported my day and for their generosity. A big thank you to Julie who made the sausage rolls for the halfway house, Tonya, Paige and Ryan for the ploughman's lunch and keeping the drinks flowing. Also a big thank you to Ian and Eric for sorting out the cards and scores.

It's good to see a large turnout at our roll-ups and some good scores coming in. The new handicap system has been a bit of a challenge when sorting out the handicaps with the matches but we have now got it sorted and my thanks go to Ian Buttle for doing them. I hope you all keep safe take care and enjoy your golf.

Greenstaff Peter & Tiff

Well, football didn't come home, but the course furniture did! The course is finally back to normal! Pins can be taken out, ball washes, scoops and rakes are all back out once again. But please remember now to use the rakes, as we are still seeing unraked areas. The course is still very lush for this time of year, even after the brief hot spell a couple of weeks ago. The hot spell did cause some dry patches on the aprons, but with the recent heavy rain and burst of growth again, they should recover. We had 41mm of rain in 4 days last week and with the rain coming in quick heavy bursts it caused the bunkers to become solid! We realised before the rain that they needed topping up with sand and we have since taken delivery of 20tonne of new sand. We have so far topped up 13 bunkers since Monday, so only another 19 to go!

The height of cut on the greens has just (Tuesday) been lowered to 3.75mm.

Thanks to Mike who continues to cut the rough and set aside.

Thanks to Tracy and Michael for their big help getting the course setup for the County Boys match last Wednesday. Ryston does not get to host these events often, so it was a great opportunity to show off the course and hopefully put us on the map to host more of these competitions.



Results

July Medal

Kieran Cave	64
Ken Newman	66
Dave Stennett	67

Trevor Nurse Trophy

Barry Ward	70
Bert Emery	71
Joel Wagg	71

Ryston Shield

Mike Window	70
David Weeds	71
Robert Parker	71

Seniors Snipe

David Weeds	69
David Stennett	70
Dai Nicol	72

Copper Jug

S. Filby/ V. Mellish	32pts	} Play-off
J. Coles/ E. Forgan	32pts	
A. Fletcher/ C. Cotterell	32pts	

Brownlow Bowl (flag)

Katie Hatley – in 18th hole

Midweek Medal

Derek Hodgson	65
Tam Payne	69
Jeffrey Alan Fitt	70

Ruston Cup

Leon Fleming	41pts
Bert Emery	39pts
Derek Hodgson	39pts
Lee Osler	39pts

Midweek Stableford

Ken Newman	36pts
Liam West	34pts
Paul Allen	34pts
Gary Rider	34pts

Newton Scratch Cup

Scott Wright	76
Bert Emery	77
Daniel Russell	77

Lessons Available

Peter Lunt is fully qualified PGA of 35 years.

Lesson fees are:

£15 for half an hour

£25 5 hole playing lesson

All other lesson options negotiable

Contact Peter on 07568318390 or Plunt79@gmail.com to book.



Play the course backwards

Friday 13th Aug @ 4pm