



**Ryston Park**  
Golf Club

**March Newsletter**  
**2022**

## Lady Captain – Liz Forgan

How lovely to have a warm sunny week after all the wet weather we have had, it was a real treat to play in short sleeves, sunshine and dry fairways with daffodils in full bloom in the woods.

The ladies have begun their competitions with a Bring and Win followed by Tonya's baked potatoes with different fillings.

Our first friendly match was played against March, we just lost but everyone was enthusiastic and seemed happy. Thank you, Janet, for taking the match.

Well done Tiff and Ann for winning the first round of the Daily Mail Foursomes at Middleton, now they have a bye into the third round, we wish them well as they progress.



## Club Captain – Dave Stennett

We started this March with some very wet weather which led to unavoidable disruption to some people's golf. I would like to thank members who abided by the rules and protected the course. The second half of March has been very nice to us with some very sunny days which has helped dry the course out, it is now looking great for the summer.



March is always a little unsettled with some members deciding to look for greener grass and move clubs or moving house near another golf club, whatever their reason for moving I would like to thank them for their support in the past and wish them well at the new club. But we also have new members who want to join Ryston, the best 9hole course in Norfolk so please help welcome these new members to our club.

Not all our members leave, we have sadly lost some friends this month with Andy Simms from our bar staff at the start of the month and Kevin Barnes this last week who was a regular player on Saturday morning, our thoughts are with their families at these sad times.

On a much brighter note we had some great news this month for one of our green keepers who has been selected by the British and International Golf Greenkeepers' Association to volunteer to help the support team for the 150th Open at St Andrews, what a great achievement by Tiffany Mills.

The March monthly medal saw 43 people enter the competition. The winner the was David Leake with a Nett score of 70 and our Midweek medal was won by Scott Wright with 70. Well done to both players.



## Senior Captain – Eric Savage

At last the weather is starting to improve, and the course looks lovely now, thanks to the Greenstaff's hard work.

Mike Brown had his last Charity Day to celebrate St Patrick's day on 15th March, with Steven Ambrose and John Ireland winning with 45 points, 2nd were David Weeds and Paul Gill with 44 points, 3rd were Eric Savage and Mike Window with 40 points.

Big congratulations go to Mike for all the charity events and managing to raise £900 for Macmillan Cancer charity,



At last the Seniors friendlies have started, with us playing Ely City at home, everyone had a great time. And to make it even better we got off to a winning start with a 5 games to 1 victory.

I would like to pass my condolences to the family of Kevin Barnes, a member of our club and very good friend who will be missed by everyone that knew and played with him.

## Committee

The draws for the Campbell Cup and the Eva New Bowl will take place on Monday 11th April, please enter via the Howdidido app under Knockouts, or write your name on the sign in sheet on the notice board.

The RNLi competition is taking place over the Easter weekend. You can enter each day from Friday to Monday, £2 per entry. It will be a non-qualifying Stableford competition, but any score 37 and above will be entered for handicap. Prizes for best Men's and best Ladies score over the 4 days.

Starting from April 1st the Men's Monthly Stableford will resume. Enter up to 4 rounds per month with your best round counting. Units for 1st, 2nd and 3rd (if sufficient entries.)

## Sub Committees

### Social Committee

1. Tracy Russell (Chair)
2. Maggie Ward
3. Paul Allen
4. Grahame Mizen
5. Leon Fleming
6. Mike Brown

### Handicap Committee

1. Pat Holman (Chair)
2. Maggie Ward
3. Leon Fleming
4. Roger March
5. Andy Ware

### Finance Committee

1. Tam Payne (Chair)
2. Jon Lewis
3. Roger Sloper
4. Tracy Russell
5. Julie Johnson

### House & Bar Committee

1. Jon Lewis (Chair)
2. Tom Brand
3. Roger Sloper
4. Tracy Russell
5. Eric Savage

### Greens Committee

1. Roger Sloper (Chair)
2. Mike Brown
3. Tam Payne
4. Eric Savage
5. Jon Lewis

## Results

### March Medal

David Leake	70
Lee Osler	71

### Seniors Medal

Ian Buttle	70
Roger March	70
Mike Brown	70

### Daily Mail Foursomes (Men)

Robert Parker & Mike Window  
Lost 2/1 at Ely

### Midweek Medal

Scott Wright	71
Shane Fitt	72
Ken Newman	72

### Ladies Medal

Dang Kittisak	73
Tiff Mills	74

### (Ladies)

Tiff Mills & Ann Fletcher  
Won 7/5 at Middleton

# Pub Night

## Friday 29th April

### Sign up in the Clubhouse

## Golf Lessons Available

Peter Lunt is a fully qualified PGA professional of 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](mailto:Plunt79@gmail.com) to book.



## Greenstaff – Peter & Tiff

At last, warmer, drier conditions to really kick off the season. We are now seeing signs of growth! This is always a tricky time to plan for as the weather still could change its' mind at any moment (as we write this snow is forecast). But like you, we are happy to see the back of all the hoops and ropes. Thank you for following the restrictions during the winter months. With the recent warmer temperatures however, the Bent grass on the greens has started to grow more rapidly, while the Poa grass continues to be dormant. This is creating the uneven surface and causing the greens to be a touch bumpy at the moment. Height of cut has recently been lowered by half a millimetre (doesn't sound a lot we know), but we will continue to lower the height gradually and cut and roll more frequently over the next few weeks to try to counteract this. Overnight temperatures continue to be low and so growth is not yet steady enough to put the greens under the stress of cutting them too short and too often just yet. We are preparing for the warmer temperatures though with the sprinklers around the greens all been raised, new nozzles fitted and set ready to go. Big thank you to Mr Captain himself and to quote Delboy, has been down more holes than Tony Jacklin this past winter!



On Wednesday we took delivery of a new fairway mower. Although looks brand new, it is actually ex-leased with very few hours on the clock. Our old one was over 15 years old and so the cutting units were nearly at the end of their life and repairs were becoming more frequent. We should see an improved quality of cut to the fairways this season.



With cost of fuel rising we have been trialling a new rough cutter. Cheap to run, low maintenance and so far is producing better stripes than the usual rough cutter! Downsides include lack of obedience, strange noises and occasional leaking.

