



Ryston Park  
Golf Club

## March Newsletter

### Club Captain Tracy Russell

My second newsletter and not a golf ball hit! Not long now, thank heavens.

I'm happy to announce the kind gentlemen who will be looking after the various teams for this year.

Scratch league and Myhil will be Scott Wright.

Cullington is Richard Taylor.

Barnard is Dave Weeds.

Handicap league is Dave Stennett and Andy Ware.

Mike Brown has kindly offered to help with organising the mixed matches.

Please support the teams and make yourselves available if required.

Tonya is organising some theme nights and barbecues so watch out for emails giving the dates and again please try to support her this year.

Please remember, when we resume our golf, to keep socially distanced and don't congregate in large groups on the first tee.

Enjoy yourselves and look forward to seeing you on the course.



### Lady Captain Dang Kittisak

I'm looking forward to my year as Lady Captain and I am delighted that Katie Hatley has agreed to be my Vice Captain. I have decided to support Tapping House alongside Tracy for this year's charity.

I hope to see as many ladies (socially distanced of course) on the 31<sup>st</sup> for the social golf, kindly organised by Pat Blyth.

Competitions will be back on the 7<sup>th</sup> April with the Spring Foursomes and the first cup competition a week later on the 14<sup>th</sup>. The inter-club league then starts on the 19<sup>th</sup> April, where our first match is at Home against Sheringham.



Thank you to everybody who is helping organise matches. Joy and I look forward to seeing you on the course very soon.

### Seniors Captain Mike Brown

Hello to everyone, I hope you have all kept well and safe in these unprecedented times. After what has seemed an eternity we are at last going to get back on the course and be able to play golf again although with Covid still in place. It will be so good to meet up with all our members and catch up and get back into some sort of routine again.

Pat has been busy sorting out matches and rearranging other fixtures to be played later in the year. My thanks go to him for enabling some of our matches both home and away to be played, which we all missed last year. It will be nice to catch up with our friends from other clubs once again. When we start to play our roll ups on Tuesday we will go out in three balls until further notice and please adhere to the Covid rules in place and observing the one way system and no more than six people gathering. Some of the members in our section are moving to other clubs and I wish them well in their new clubs. As some leave we welcome some new members who have joined us and I look forward to playing with them throughout the season. I would like to make a mention to George Bell, Tony Downing, and Peter Greenfield who after many years as members have decided to hang up their golf shoes gracefully. I would like to thank them for all the help and support they have given the club over many years and hope they will join us now and again socially both on and off the course.

Our first match [at long last!!!] is away at March on the 7<sup>th</sup> April. I have had a lot of interest from those of you who would like to play and are keen and raring to go! I still need four more players please. We look forward to playing our first home match on 13<sup>th</sup> April against Middleton with outside meal which Tonya will cater for us and later, as Covid rules allow, we will be getting back to inside the clubhouse and normal match meals. This will be a welcome return to the clubhouse being used regularly again and bringing in revenue for the bar and to Tonya for her catering. Please keep an eye on the notice board for fixtures and matches and up and coming events.



Finally I thank you for allowing me to be the Seniors Captain again for this year. I hope this year we will be able to play more matches and some of the various competitions and events I had planned for last year. My chosen charity this year is Macmillan. I look forward to working with the new Captains this year and wish them well in which I hope will be a better year all round.

See you all soon on the course, take good care and keep safe and well.

## Upcoming Competitions for the next two weeks

### March

Tues 30 <sup>th</sup>	Seniors Roll Up	7.45am <b>BOTH</b> tees
Weds 31 <sup>st</sup>	Ladies Social Golf	9.30am

### April

Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Non Qualifying RNLI Stableford	
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Open to all	
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	No limit on entries	

Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	Seniors Roll Up	7.45am <b>BOTH</b> tees
	Mens Midweek Medal	

Weds 7 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies Spring Foursomes	9.10am
	Mens Midweek Medal	

Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	Seniors Roll Up	7.45am <b>BOTH</b> tees
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	Mens Medal	
	Ladies Medal	

Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	Mens Medal	
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Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	Seniors vs Middleton	8.30am <b>BOTH</b> tees
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Weds 14 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies Silver Cup	T. Res 9.10 – 10.00am
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Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>	Seniors Medal	7.45am <b>BOTH</b> tees
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Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>	Forgan Salvors	
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Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	Forgan Salvors	
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## Greenstaff Peter & Tiff

The course has really come together this week, nearly every part of the course has been cut and is ready for play once again. Thank you to the volunteers who came and helped clear debris around the course, we really appreciated it.

The greens are still at the usual winter height of 5mm for the moment, but once the temperatures start to increase and with more daylight hours on the way, we will soon be bringing the height down once again for the season ahead.

### Restrictions

We have taken down nearly all of the roped off areas and hoops, apart from between the 6<sup>th</sup> green and 7<sup>th</sup> tee as this area is still quite soft underfoot. Buggy restrictions are now lifted, but we ask where the new drain is on the 1<sup>st</sup>, to avoid that area for the time being. There are also places on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> which are also still soft and these areas will be hooped and GUR.

### New Tees

Although the new turf is taking well we have still got to give the roots time to properly knit with the soil before it can take the wear. We are aiming to open them up for the start of May so the May medal can be played from them. In the mean time, on the 1<sup>st</sup>, markers will be to the left hand side and on the 9<sup>th</sup> they will be from the winter tee, the ladies will be in front of the existing tee.

### Putting Green

Unfortunately, half the putting green is still unusable. It is very compacted 6 inches below the surface which is stopping any water draining away. We have purchased much longer tines for the verti-draener to increase the depth penetrated. We are going to keep verti-draining (spike) the green as much as possible and over-seed the bare areas very soon.

### Leatherjackets

The 6<sup>th</sup> tee and 4<sup>th</sup> apron in particular, have suffered from leatherjackets this winter. Which is very annoying to us as the 4<sup>th</sup> apron had just recovered and had got good growth once again! What usually happens is

the crows do the damage by ripping the turf to get to the larvae, which although not ideal, is easy enough to repair, which is mainly what has happened to the 6<sup>th</sup> tee. However it seems on the 4<sup>th</sup> apron, the larvae themselves are causing the damage by eating the roots of the grass, thus killing it off. There is very little we can do about this unfortunately due to the chemicals being banned or restricted. So all we can do for now is repair once again. Once growing conditions pick up it may be that it rejuvenates and we won't have to repair extensively that can cause disruption to play.

We both forgot to take many photo's of the course this week so it will just have to be a surprise. We hope you enjoy the course on your return.



During Lockdown Peter's Labrador, which is sometimes seen on the course, gave birth to five puppies. They are nearly 3 weeks old now and will be looking for homes. See Peter if interested.

