



Ryston Park November Newsletter Golf Club 2022

Club Captain – Dave Stennett

It's been a busy month with preparations for all the events leading up to the Christmas period. We have seen a considerable amount of rainfall over the last month which is making the course very wet in places, the greens staff are doing everything possible to keep areas open, please help by keeping to the edges of the fairways where at all possible.

We are now welcoming back our travelling green keeper, Tiffany Mills, what a great experience she seems to have had, hopefully she will bring some more experience back to work. We must thank the people who have helped us over the last three weeks during her travels, especially Roger Sloper, Robin Mills, Tam Payne and of course our other resident greenkeeper Peter.

We have placed the order and paid for the new furniture for the club house which should be with us in a few weeks, so that's all coming along nicely, our new greens mower should now be delivered in the next week which completes some of our financial spend for the year, helping improve your golfing experience within our small friendly club.

The social committee are still working hard organising events like the recent quiz night by Alan Clarke who we must thank for doing such a wonderful job and raising considerable funds for Children in Need.

We have organised events around some of the World Cup football games so you can enjoy that in the clubhouse of an evening.

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and hope you enjoy all the events organised over the next few weeks. Please support your club, all events are advertised on the notice boards and by email.



Lady Captain – Liz Forgan

We are now coming up to Christmas and anticipating Tonya's lovely meals that she provides this time of the year, It was nice to see Tiff out on the tractor, clearing fallen leaves, when we played our 9-hole competition this morning. Very different to what she has been doing in the last 3 weeks!

The ladies have begun the County Inter Club Winter League by beating Thetford away 3.5 - 1.5 and also Eaton at home 4 - 1. Hopefully their successful run will continue when they play Bawburgh at Ryston on Friday December 2nd.



Last Sunday we had our annual Christmas match at Ryston against Ely, always an enjoyable day. On Sunday December 4th is the Christmas Am-Am, followed by Christmas meal and prize giving of mixed cups.

I was very pleased that Ava, the youngest member of the Ladies Section, played in the mixed match against Ely. Ava has had a very successful year with the County girls winning the Norfolk Girls Junior Handicap Challenge Trophy for reducing her handicap from 40.0 to 22.4, a reduction of 17.6 in one year.

Well done Ava!



Please Repair Pitchmarks

Senior Captain – Eric Savage

We have had a quieter month, with only one friendly match against March Golf Club at home, which we managed to win three and a half to two and a half. We had an American Foursomes competition on 15th November, but sadly had to make it a nine-hole competition as it was raining quite hard, It resulted in Pat Holman and Ian Palfrey winning with 19 points, equal second were Robert Parker and myself, and Cliff Norgate and Paul Garner with 18 points.

The greens are playing very well at the moment thanks to the work by the greens staff, but the course is starting to get a bit sticky, especially on the first. This cannot be helped with all the rain we have had. Just please all buggies stay to the rough.

Looking forward to the Seniors Christmas Dinner and Prizegiving, so anyone not signed up for it yet, can you please put your name down as soon as possible.



Results

November Medal

Lee Osler	68
Bob Ives	68

Midweek Medal

Dave Stennett	70
Andrew Hodges	72
David Leake	72

Winter Stableford

Lee Osler	39pts
Tam Payne	39pts
Nigel Wagg	36pts

Winter Stableford

Nigel Wagg	38pts
David Leake	37pts

Midweek Stableford

Stuart Murphy	32pts
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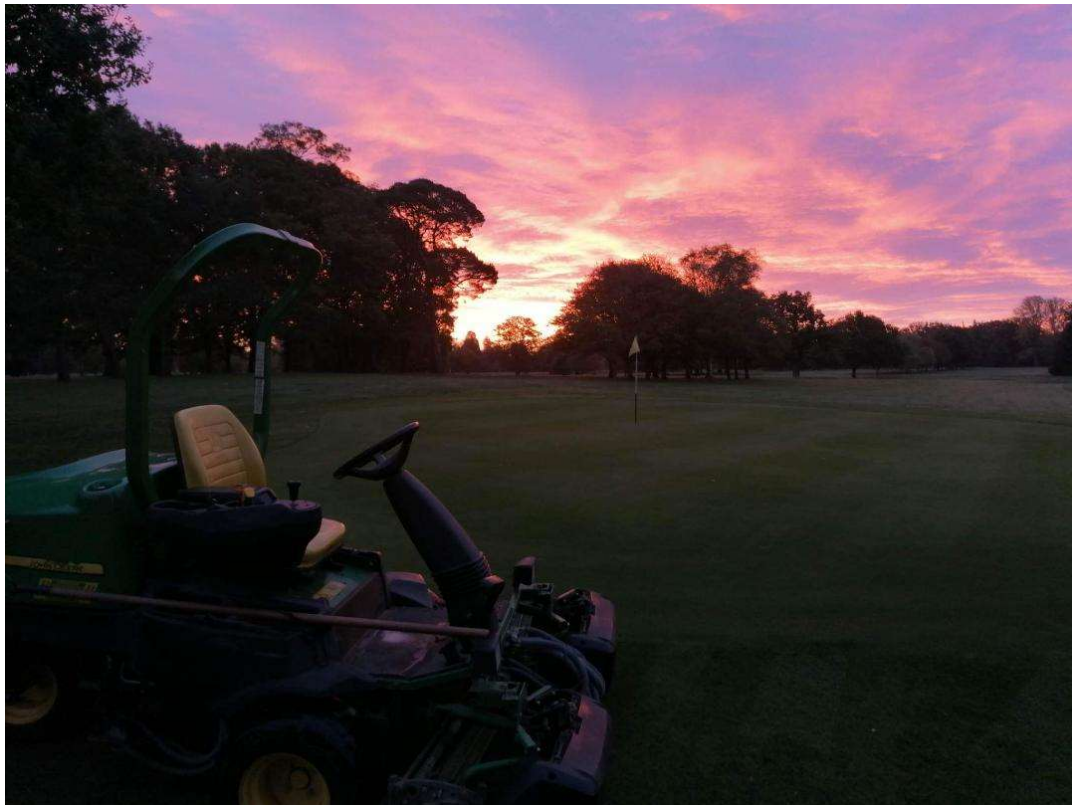
Golf Lessons Available

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 to book.



The Committee

Please remember to get your qualifying rounds played to allow you to be eligible for cup competitions next season. The minimum is 4 qualifying competitions either Medal or Stableford at Ryston. If you are unsure as to how many you have played contact the office on ryston1933@gmail.com. Exemptions can be applied at the discretion of the Committee. If you need to be considered for exemption, please apply in writing via the office.

Next season the Men's Club Championship will be 36 holes played over two consecutive Sundays (9th July & 16th July). There will be a cut after the first round of the top 20 players in both scratch & handicap. Food will be available on both days.

The date for the AGM has been set for Wednesday 15th February at 7pm. Nomination forms for any vacant positions on the Committee will be on the main Notice Board and need to be handed to the Secretary before 1st February 2023.

If any member has anything to raise in Any Other Business this needs to be communicated to the Secretary before 1st February 2023.



Greenstaff – Peter & Tiff

Not a lot to report this month apart from the obvious. Due to the relentless rain over the last few weeks the course is becoming wet. You will now start to notice hoops and rope out to guide you around the course to keep you off areas that receive the most wear and protect certain areas. Please try to avoid hugging the hoops and rope to help try spread the wear as much as possible. Buggy users – it is now very important to avoid certain areas and stick to the rough as much as possible. It will be monitored closely to see how much damage is being caused.

The plastic rings in the holes are there to prevent the holes collapsing now the greens have become softer. Please **DO NOT** retrieve your ball out of the hole using the flagstick or your putter. This will cause the ring to lift or come out and then will not be at the correct depth for the group behind (or you on your back 9).

The club has very recently purchased a new hole changer due to the old one being worn.

Greens will be spiked next week to help with the recent rainfall to try keep them firm.

The forecast is looking very cold over the next couple of weeks so height of cut on the greens will be raised to winter height of 5mm to help protect them during the frosts and cutting will be reduced.

Winter tees are now in operation and we ask that players only use the white tees if playing in a Competition. These tees are smaller and won't recover during the Winter months.

