



Newsletter

November 2023

Club Captain – Jon Lewis

After a slow start, Autumn is now in full flow with our greens staff dedicating much of their time to blowing, sweeping, raking and collecting leaves. The leaf collecting must feel like a perpetual job, but I'm sure you'll agree that they do a fantastic job in making our searches for golf balls a far easier task. November has been another wet month but the course is in very good condition with the greens playing very well, however..... it is becoming increasingly noticeable that not all pitch marks are being repaired! Can I please encourage you all to take the time to repair all pitch marks to help maintain the high standards of the greens. Congratulations to Richard Johnson for winning the Royal British Legion monthly medal, with all the proceeds from entry fees going to support the fantastic work

the charity does in supporting military personnel and their families. Congratulations also go to David Leake (midweek medal) and John Hazle (midweek Stableford). With us now entering winter conditions, all competition wins are a great achievement.

As you will have seen, the old practice net is now disassembled and will shortly be replaced with the new, 2-bay net. Unfortunately, unforeseen circumstances have delayed the construction, but it is hoped that it will be in use in the coming days.

The Christmas AM-AM has been moved to the 17th of December, hopefully as many of you as possible can attend what will be a great a final event of 2023. There will be many prizes on offer to win, presentation of trophies to the mixed competition winners, followed by a 3-course Christmas Dinner.

Please enjoy your winter golf, and I ask you to be respectful of other golfers, our staff and our course.

I wish you all a wonderful Christmas.

Seniors Captain – Michael Brown

Another month has come and gone yet again. This month we played a friendly match Captain v Vice Captain. Eric stepped in for Ian on the day. We all enjoyed match play and the weather was kind to us. The result was 6 and a half to 2 and a half to the Vice Captain's team. Nearest the pins were won by Graham Kingham and Ian Palfrey. Well done to Eric and his team on their victory. Afterwards we enjoyed a meal provided by Tonya and Paige and my thanks go to them for once again looking after us on the day and the excellent food.

The monthly medal was played on the 14th and the winner on the day was Robert Parker coming in with a nett 67pts, well done Robert. Our roll ups continue to be well supported and some good scores still keep coming in.

On the 20th we played the second round of the Hodds Salvagers at Caldecott Hall and after a very tight match we narrowly lost by two holes. A special mention to J Alan Law, putting on the last hole off the green the ball hit pin and stayed out, a very good effort but it was just not our day. My thanks go to Eric Savage, Roger March, J Alan Law, Chris Chapman, Andrew Hodges, Ian Palfrey, and Mike Reed for taking part on the day.

My thanks go to Peter and Tiff for their hard work maintaining the course and keeping it in good condition and the never-ending task of clearing the leaves which has become a daily occurrence at this time of the year.





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Ladies Captain – Janet Coles



Well here we are approaching Christmas once again - where has the year gone?

Our Winter League team has started well with a home win against King's Lynn and an away half against Thetford - well done to everyone who played and especially to Pat who organised the matches.

The Ladies Section is well into its winter programme with various people organising social golf on Wednesday mornings. Nine holes in a social setting is just right for these chilly, damp days. We have our Christmas Bring & Win and Prizegiving scheduled for 6th December and this will be followed by a Christmas dinner. All ladies are very welcome - if you are not up to playing do come along and join us for the meal. Incidentally, the ladies who collect trophies on the day will be buying everyone a drink so that must be another incentive! On the last Wednesday before Christmas (20th) we shall be having our Christmas Pudding Social so once again, do come along and join in.

On Sunday 26th November we had our final Mixed Friendly match of the year against Ely. This is an annual event and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Ely fielded ten pairs and they all turned up in their very impressive Christmas jumpers! Our team looked equally seasonal and we even had a decorated buggy (congratulations Lyn). I was very pleased that our team included several new members for whom this was a first! I hope that they enjoyed the experience and will join in Mixed Matches again in the future. I am pleased to say that Ryston triumphed with a 6 1/2 to 3 1/2 win but that was not particularly important - what was important was the camaraderie that we have built up over the years with Ely City Golf Club. Apparently places in this match are highly sought after! With the numbers that played I think that we must seriously think about either starting earlier or having a shotgun start in future years. We were lucky with the weather but even so the teams that had to wait about on the first tee must have got pretty chilly. One last thought about the day - it was really good that Tam Payne joined us for our Christmas dinner complete with his new hip - it was good to see you looking so spry Tam! Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Properous New Year to everyone.





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The Secretary – Andy Ware

Don't Forget ! Any member wishing to play in any club competition next season will have to have played 4 qualifying medals/stablefords at Ryston in the previous 12 months. Please make sure that you have played in at least 4 qualifying medals/stablefords this season in order to qualify. There are monthly medals, midweek medals and midweek stablefords going on throughout the Winter as well as the monthly stableford. You can enter up to 4 cards in the monthly stableford anytime through the month playing from the white tees. Each round counts towards your handicap, with points and units awarded each month for the top scores. Check the fixtures for details.

If any member is looking for a partner, there is a roll up every Saturday morning. Be at the club before 7.40 for your name to go in the hat and then a draw takes place for groups.

Results

November Medal Richard Johnson 70

Midweek Medal David Leake 70

Midweek Stab John Hazle 39

Seniors Medal Robert Parker 67

Christmas
Am-Am
Sunday 17th December
Teams of four - any combination
Three course Christmas Dinner
Great prizes to be won
Presentation of Mixed Cups

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

Plunt79@gmail.com to book.

Greenstaff

The Summer seems a distant memory as heavy frosts have hit the course this week. Although we try to avoid closing the course for frosts, we need day time temperatures to be warm enough to thaw the overnight frost. Otherwise with the next frost it will only build and go deeper into the ground, which will then cause problems when the ground eventually thaws and when the damage is done. We obviously don't have a crystal ball so it's a case of monitoring the ground conditions on a daily basis and making the right judgement call for the course and club.



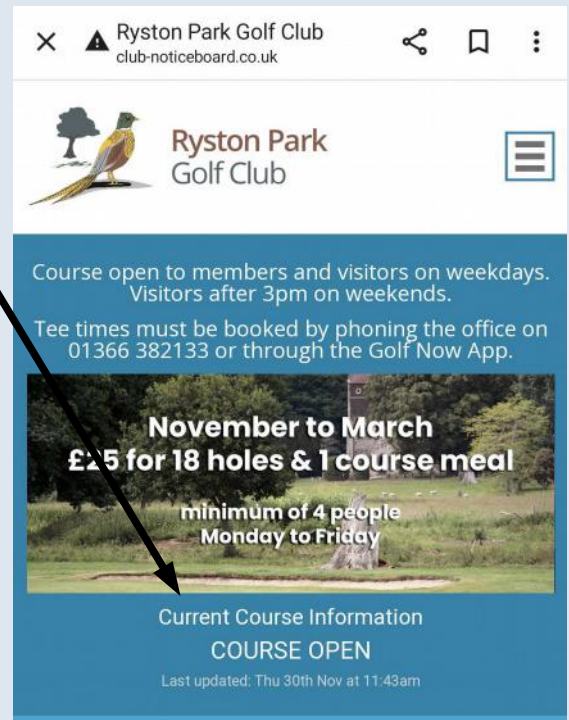
The new double practice net is slowly being built. The base now needs to be concreted, but with the heavy frosts at the moment it's not ideal conditions to do so. Please bare with us as we manage our time on this job as well as on the course. The practice ground is only 100yards away if you need to hit a few balls before starting.

With course conditions changing more often during the Winter, the website can be the easiest way to keep up to date. We now have access to change the course status on the website which means we can keep you informed more easily and quickly, especially at the weekends when it's not fair on the office staff to send an email at 6.30/7am in the morning.

Leaf collecting is still our main focus at the moment, although we can hopefully now see the end in sight.

The club have purchased new rake handles for all the rakes in the bunkers. We will start to replace these soon and add some more to the larger bunkers.

We cannot stress how much we need everyone to repair their Pitchmarks. These are not only unsightly but will of course effect the smoothness of the green and with very little recovery now, will only become worse throughout the Winter.

Ryston Park Golf Club
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Golf Club

Course open to members and visitors on weekdays.
Visitors after 3pm on weekends.

Tee times must be booked by phoning the office on
01366 382133 or through the Golf Now App.

November to March
£25 for 18 holes & 1 course meal
minimum of 4 people
Monday to Friday

Current Course Information
COURSE OPEN
Last updated: Thu 30th Nov at 11:43am

Even the Rhododendrons are confused with this weather!