

Ryston Park Golf Club Newsletter

October 2019
by Pam Taylor



Claude opens his birthday gift !

Club Captain: Nigel Wagg

Hi Golfers,

Another month has raced by and the newly seeded grass on the 3rd fairway has started growing - and it is looking good. The fairway is back in play, but please use the 2 club lengths of relief (more if needed for social games) to avoid playing on new grass to give it as good a chance as possible.

The weather has certainly turned colder, it's been very wet, and the clocks have been put back. Nonetheless, the greens are still running true and are very receptive, so we should all make the most of the course before any snow arrives. On that note, the winter eclectic is well under way and I recommend you all to take part. It's a bit of fun in the colder season and just adds a bit more interest to the game. Make sure you record a score for all holes on your first card, subsequent rounds only need to show improved scores.

The sausage supper was a good evening, but it would have been nice to see more members attending, I know we are all busy people and have things to do and places to be...

Keep checking on the notice boards and sign up if you are interested in the handicap or scratch league for next year.

Thanks to all the staff and volunteers for all their work during the year, without you we would not have a course to play on.

Look forward to seeing you all on the course.

Nigel Wagg
Club Captain.



Ladies Captain: Pat Blyth

Rain stopped play in October – well, almost!

The last competition of the year was held on 2nd October and was the Daily Mail foursomes; thanks to my partner Janet Rice who had a wonderful round, she and I squeezed a win, and are looking forward to hearing where we might be heading for the next stage in early 2020.

On the 9th October the ladies held the annual presentation of trophies; thank you to Club Secretary Pam for getting everything prepared. It was nice to see a wide range of winners, and particular congratulations to Trish, who picked up three awards in a late season ‘purple patch’; and to Tiff, who took the Most Improved Player award – not an easy thing to achieve when you are playing off a very low handicap already. A full list of winners appears elsewhere in this newsletter.

We managed to squeeze in a friendly against Eaton, away, which we lost 3/1, but the final end-of-season friendly against Ely had to be cancelled due to the weather. Despite a fortnight of rain, we finally managed our postponed fixture with the Senior Men, won by Pam Taylor and Pat Holman – a big thank you to Ian Buttle for organising the day, and to those men who were ‘honorary ladies’ for the occasion, hope you enjoyed it!

While it is a shame not to be playing golf in Autumn sunshine as usual, the rain has been very welcome as the course, particularly the fairways, was very thirsty! Thank you to the greens staff, to Roger Sloper, and also to Tracy Russell and some of the other club members for their efforts to improve the course whilst weather conditions are favourable. Personally it is quite a relief to know there are no more qualifiers this year, and I am looking forward to some fun golf to pass the winter. I hope all the ladies will continue to turn up on Wednesdays and support both the organised social golf and the roll-ups – see you there! Pat.



Seniors Captain: Ian Buttle

The Captain v Vice Captain fixture took place on the 1st October. This resulted in a combined Stableford score of 262 for each side and thus an honourable draw. Individual highest points scorers were Paul Garner (34), followed by Ian Buttle (33), Mike Brown (33) and Ian Palfrey (32).

Our friendly matches came to an end with away losses to Dereham, Girton and Wensum Valley. The latter two were first time fixtures and it was a pleasure to play at two new venues. It was also good to be able to play the re-arranged Seniors / Ladies match, detailed elsewhere in the newsletter.

Seniors teams represented the club in the first round of the Hodd Trophy (foursomes), away at Swaffham, where we were beaten by 3 holes. Also in the 9 Hole Alliance Winter League, where we had been used to success, but this time losing 2½ - 1½ to Feltwell. Finally in the Norfolk 9's at West Runcton in a competition won by Searles.

It has been a good month for Eric Savage in weekly roll-ups with scores of 40 and 41 points earning him a 'coveted' El Bandito ball marker. Well done Eric!

Report by Barry Marks



Ladies Presentation Day

Trophies were presented
by the Ladies President Janet Coles.





Sue Ward



Ann Fletcher



Tiff Mills



Tracy Russell



Susan Filby



Caroline Cotterell



Anne Emmerson



Pat Blyth



Pam Taylor
Janet Rice



Patsy Parker
Liz Forgan
Tracy Russell

Winners 2019



Sunday 13th October

20 golfers braved the weather to play in the competition and all enjoyed themselves despite the weather.

Winning Team 44 points: Richard Taylor, James Hately & Janet Coles.

2nd: Joel Wagg, Tracy Russell & Michael Glynn 43 points

Nearest the Pin:
Scott Wright

Closest the Line:
Susan Filby



Greenkeepers Revenge

Thanks to Peter & Tiff - great fun

Clubhouse



The clubhouse prepared for a 90th birthday party.

We hire the clubhouse for private functions
enquire with the Club Secretary.



Club Member Simon Bird not only plays golf but Captains Downham Town FC team. Simon showed his skills against Diss Town by scoring the winning goal to win 2/1. Jack Gould, another Ryston golfer, scored twice in the match with Wisbech St Mary to win 5/1. 14 of the Downham squad went to Downham High School so let's hope more of them will take up golf.

Ladies Social Golf

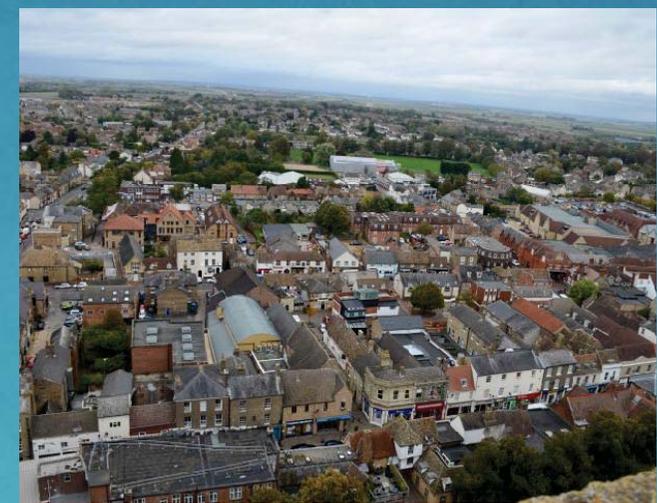


Winners of the 9H Waltz Team Competition were
Dang Kittisak, Liz Tyler, Marlene Simmonds 33 points
2nd on count back: Tracy Russell, Maggie Ward & Janet Rice 31 points
From: Pam Taylor, Lyn Kirk & Patsy Parker with 31 points

Prostate Cancer Day

- **Morning 9 Hole Competition:
Steve Rush 22 points**
- **Afternoon Yellow Ball Team
Winners:
Michael Moore's team 35 points**
- **Longest Drive Winner: Mark
Horton**
- **Nearest the Pin Winner: Andy
Bowen**

Ely Cathedral



Ladies Captain Pat and Husband Tony Blyth donated a prize in a pairs competition earlier in the year. With our winning ticket we were given permission to climb to the top of the cathedral, visit the stained glass museum followed by dinner at their house. A wonderful experience.

Thanks very much Tony & Pat.

It was Tony's last working week at the Cathedral. During his singing career Tony has sung at The White House, The Vatican, The Albert Hall and many well known Cathedral venues.

Away Day at Girton Golf Club 30/8/19

Organised by Andy Ware.

Winner: Gordon Carter

Other winners:

Roger Sloper

Dave Stennett

Andy Ware



Saturday Morning Golfers

GREENKEEPER INTERNATIONAL OCTOBER 2019

Our greenkeeper Tiff Mills was mentioned in the October issue of the International Greenkeepers Magazine for her time spent at the Solheim Cup.

Tiff stated: This is just a completely new experience for me. It's out of my comfort zone and I wanted to push myself further. I've done little bit of everything including raking bunkers in different ways that I haven't done before. I cut the fairways on the King's course and learnt how to hand mow, which is the best thing I learned during the week.



Ryston's Own Superstar !



Winning Team:

John Rice, Roger March, Janet Coles, Mike Brown.

2nd: Richard Taylor, Maggie Ward, Roger Sloper & Pam Brooke

Committee Match

Welcome New Members



Steve Hales



Mark Smith



Scott Wright



Aaron Shackcloth



Stephen Clarke



Peter Berendt

Ryston Park welcomes this month's new members.
Please take time to introduce yourself to them.



**Men's Daily Mail Foursomes
Winners: Kev Whymer & Nick Chase**

Ladies & Seniors Competition



Captains Ian Buttle & Pat Blyth organised a lovely mornings golf. Pat Holman was rewarded with a bottle of wine for his Nearest the Pin and a bottle of whisky for being part of the winning pairing with Pam Taylor who won a bottle of Gin. Pat & Pam scored 66 points with Dang Kittisak & Eric Savage winning wine for their score of 62 points. Susan Filby & Roger Sykes took third place with 60 points. A well organised match followed by a roast pork lunch. Thanks to the organisers and to the golfers who played in the match.

Memories of other years !!

PREVIOUS
SAUSAGE
SUPPERS



LADIES SECTION MEMORIES



MORE MEMORIES FROM THE PAST



MEMORIES FROM THE PAST







MEMORIES

Sausage Supper



Kieran Cave



Richard Allen



Phil Jones

Men's Sausage Supper 2019



Men's Sausage Supper 2019









Above image: This male kingfisher came and sat on the ledge in front of my camera. You can see my black lens hood just behind its head.

Right Image: I won an award this month with this image of a male kingfisher caught with a dragonfly in its mouth.



PJT Photography



Little Owl



Many thanks Frank Reid for giving me the location. :-)
apologies for the poor image but it was at the back of a barn and away from the road.