

## Club Captain – Jon Lewis

October has been another wet month, we've experienced torrential downpours with the month being one of the wettest October's on record! The large volume of rain has really put the work that has recently been undertaken on our greens to the test, and I think you'll agree that the course has handled the rain extremely well.

I'm sure you will have noticed that the new 9<sup>th</sup> tee box has been covered with turf, over the winter and spring months the box will develop into a really challenging hole that will test all golfing abilities, with the hope of incorporating the new development into the score card in late spring. The slope rating of the course will obviously change with the Stoke Index of various holes also

changing. The long term aim is to incorporate more alternative tee boxes to give a variation on the historical repeated 9 identical tee boxes. We do not wish to radically change the layout of our fantastic James Braid designed course, but simply make it more varied and in turn enhance the enjoyment of playing our great course.

In late September Archie Hodgson organised the R & P charity day, many Ryston members along with guests enjoyed a great day's golf followed by refreshments (drank the bar dry!). The day raised the magnificent sum of £600, with Archie choosing to support my captains years charity of the Swan Youth Project. The money raised will help support the youth community and their families within the Downham area, and improve their lives during these difficult times.

Congratulations to October's competition winners, Tom Brand (monthly Medal), Robert Simmonds (midweek Medal) and Joel Wagg (midweek Stableford).

Many of the years male competition winners gathered to enjoy the annual "Sausage Supper" presentation evening hosted by our President Paul Allen. If you've never attended the evening, it's well worth adding it to your diary for next year to celebrate the achievements of our colleagues. Nobody challenged the record of

eating 34 sausages but there is always next year!!

Please continue to use the suggestion box located in the clubhouse foyer as your suggestions help drive the clubs progression.

Please enjoy the forthcoming month of golf and let's hope for far less rain.....! Please be respectful of the course and our staff.




SMALL QUIZ  
win a round of  
drinks for your  
table

# Pub Night

Lots of  
prizes to  
be won

Nov  
10th

7pm for 7.30pm

Selection of your favourite pub food  
Only £15 for two courses  
Rollover now worth £150!

## Pam has brook no rules!



Pam Brooke recently assisted at a rules evening at Royal Norwich, hosted by Mike Rees. Pam is a highly qualified and regarded rules official and regularly referees around the region at various top events.



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## Ladies Captain – Janet Coles



Yet another month has passed and we seem to have had more than our fair share of rain although I am sure that Tiff and Peter will suggest that it arrived at exactly the right time! Certainly the course is looking really good and is a great credit to our greenkeepers.

We played our last Friendly of the year against Ely City and I think that all concerned thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Certainly the ladies from Ely said that they were very much looking forward to coming back to Ryston to play in our Mixed Friendly on 26th November. This is our first Christmas fixture (somewhat early) and is usually a very sociable occasion. I know that Ely want to bring 10 pairs so I hope that we can provide sufficient numbers to match that.

We held our first social golf morning on 25th with a Halloween theme. The photos will speak for themselves but a lot of effort went into some of the costumes. Pat Blyth won the prize for best outfit - she had turned up in what I hope was her second best cassock (it will certainly never be the same again) and played the full 9 holes dressed in her ghostly outfit. Well done Pat!!

Good luck to the Winter League team who will be playing their first match of the 2023/24 season against King's Lynn on Friday 3rd November. I am sure they will appreciate support from anyone who is available.



## Seniors Captain – Michael Brown



As another season of friendly matches come to an end I would like to thank all the members who played in most of them and to those of you who stepped in at the last minute to help out as required.

On the 5th we hosted the first winter alliance matches. The four teams taking part all ended with halved results. A good start to the alliance matches. All the teams had good comments on the course and all enjoyed playing it. Afterwards, sausages and mash was provided by Tonya and served by Paige, my thanks to them for the excellent meal. Also thanks to Peter and Tiff for maintaining the course in good Condition. We played the first round of the Hodds Salvagers against Fakenham away on the 19th and after a closely fought game we came out the winners by one hole!

My thanks go to Eric Savage, J Alan Law, Andrew Hodges, Paul Gill, Mike Reed, Chris Chapman and Roger March for taking part and we look forward to the next round. Our roll ups continue to be well attended and some good scores coming in especially Ian Palfrey who came in with 41pts, well done Ian. As the nights pull in and with the clocks changed our roll ups will now start at 8.00am due to the dark mornings.



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Golf Club

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The Secretary – Andy Ware

## The 'Sausage Supper'



Well done to all the Trophy winners for the 2023 season.  
Silver polish for Christmas!

## Results

**October Medal** David Leake 66

**Midweek Medal** Robert Simmonds 66

**Midweek Stab** Joel Wagg 39

**Seniors Medal** Andrew Hodges 70

**Ladies Medal** Tracy Russell 72

**Ladies Stableford**  
Susan Filby 34

**CHRISTMAS  
Am Am**

**SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER**

Teams of four – Any combination  
Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings  
Great prizes to be won

**PRESENTATION OF MIXED CUPS**

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£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

October has been the wettest month of the year with 178mm! 119mm has fallen in the last 2 weeks! Although the course is coping at the moment, this amount of rainfall before winter is not ideal as the course will struggle to dry out now we have shorter days and cooler temperatures, plus what extra will get on top. So our routine maintenance is proving challenging as we still have growth and the leaves are now starting to drop! It's now a case of weighing up the options for the best results and what to do for the good. It may be that areas are left longer or the leaves won't be blown as we don't want to create unnecessary damage while we are having this wet spell.

So now more than ever we ask that golf course etiquette is adhered to.

This includes, REPAIR PITCHMARKERS, REPLACE DIVOTS, RAKE BUNKERS, FOLLOW ROPES/HOOPS.

Buggy users please be sensible and avoid going close to the greens.

But it's not all doom and gloom, we are already thinking of next year! The new tee has been turfed and irrigation installed. This will now root in over the winter and will be in play early next year.

The few rolls of turf remaining has been used to tidy up the bunker on the 4<sup>th</sup>. This will be out of play until the turf roots.



The new drain installed on the 9<sup>th</sup> green has really been put to the test this month. Although it has not totally cured the problem, there is an improvement and water is being removed from the green.



Growth on the greens is starting to slow down and we will be increasing to winter height very soon. With all the rain and frequent footfall, we need to protect them from the wear they are going to receive. Aeration will also be frequent.

