

Ryston Park GC Newsletter

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by Pam Taylor



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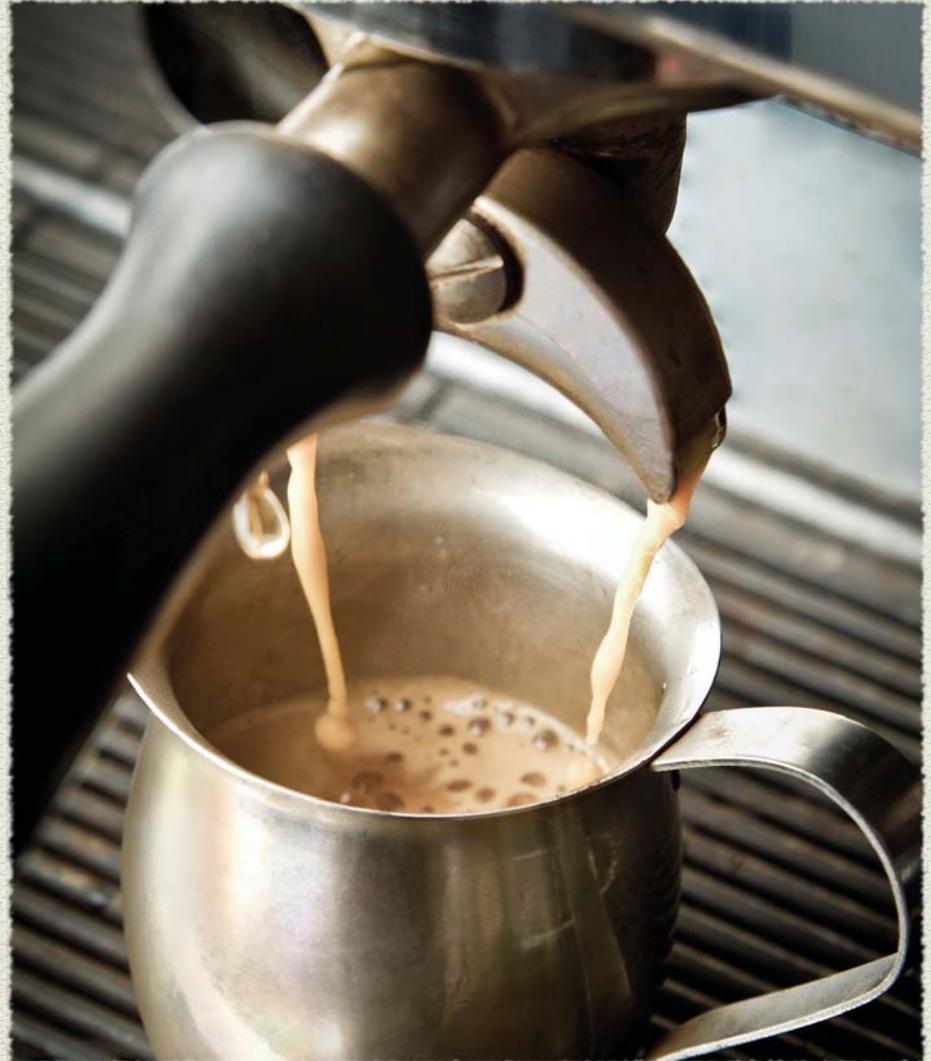
Club Captain: Nigel Wagg

I hope you all have had an enjoyable summer. The weather has mostly been good for golf and has suited the course well with some nice days and occasional rain. On that note, I'd like to remind everyone that we all need to make sure all pitch marks are repaired and divots replaced where possible. The ponds are all getting very low, but the wet season is not far away - do not go onto the mud as it can trap you!

Unfortunately, the sprinklers came on during the Newton Scratch cup competition. I hope this did not spoil your rounds too much. Well done to Danny Kew for your win. The sprinkler system is due to be replaced soon so hopefully this sort of thing will not happen again.

On a personal note, I have been away to Scotland (2 cars, all electric!), managing to play another James Braid course at Buchanan Castle which was nice, and then got a round in at the Carrick Golf course at Cameron House. The course is on the banks of Loch Lomond, and I would highly recommend it. A big difference was just how wet the ground was (it was Scotland after all!) and there was no run at all when the ball hit the ground. I am just about half way through my year as captain and will be having the Captains Weekend in a couple of weeks, so hope to see a lot of people come and play. The competition will be a relaxed non-qualifying Stableford - so no excuses for not taking part! I will be providing the prizes so all entry fees can go to charity.

Nigel Wagg
Club Captain



Ladies Captain: Pat Blyth

August has been a wonderful month for the Ladies Section.

Our Scratch League team are top of the County Division 1. Despite losing 2/1 away to Royal Norwich, they obtained the one match necessary to clinch the top spot. Congratulations to Tiff, Tracy and Ann on a fantastic season, and what a month it has been for Trish McManus, who as well as steering the team to victory, has herself won both the Lee Bennett and Irene Mott knock-out trophies, and become the new Ladies' Club Champion 2019.

The regular League team has also finished the season just one point behind the leaders in Division 3, after securing wins away to Sheringham (4/3), and Thetford (also 4/3). While we have missed out on promotion, we are not at all unhappy to have held on to our place in Division 3, where next year we will be visiting some beautiful courses including Cromer and the new Royal Norwich in addition to playing fellow survivors Sheringham and Dereham.

These achievements have made up for the disappointment of missing out in the semi-final of the Diamond League to eventual winners Eaton, and well done to all who have played in any of the League teams either regularly, or in vital occasional appearances: Pam Brooke, Patsy Parker, among others, please note!

Club competition winners of trophies include Anne Emmerson who comfortably won the Amy Goddard with 39 points, Caroline Cotterell picking up the Kitty Gillies – which she says is the first trophy she has won for ages! - and Ann Fletcher who won the Doris Ball with an excellent nett 72. Susan Filby, who was runner-up in the Doris Ball, is in a play-off with Dang Kittisak for the Handicap plate – both ladies playing off 19 completed 36 holes on championship day with creditable nett scores of 150. For some reason they didn't want to take on a 'sudden death' 37th hole on the day!

The Autumn Open was another successful occasion much enjoyed by visitors to the club; many thanks to Lyn and her helpers for their organising efforts. But the highlight of the month for me was Madame President Janet Coles' third and final Lady President's Day on Sunday 11th August. Despite some rain, nearly every lady member turned out and had a thoroughly enjoyable game followed by an excellent meal. The delightful garden-themed prizes were won by Melanie Martin in the higher handicap section, and Ann Fletcher, yet again, in the lower handicap section. Thank you, Janet, on behalf of everyone, for a lovely day, and for all your enthusiastic support during your presidency, we will miss you!

Pat Blyth
Ladies Captain



Seniors Section

Captain Ian Buttle

The Senior Captain's Day took place on 1st August with 25 golfers competing for prizes. The stableford competition was won by Pat Holman with 37 points, followed by Steve Ambrose (36), Chris Taylor (35) and Mike Brown (35), who all took cash prizes. Nearest the pin winners were Bill Scragg on the 4th/13th and Dai Nicol on the 7th/ 16th. Both received bottles of wine. The 'most use of the course prize' was claimed by Ken Prior. It was a thoroughly enjoyable morning rounded off with a lunch of sausage, egg and chips.

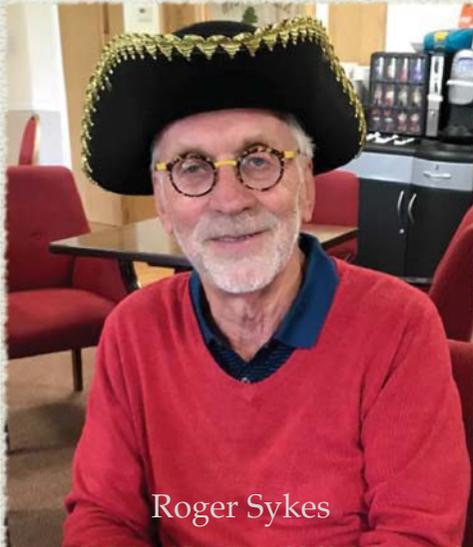
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Held more recently was the C (Child) and B (Bishop) Cup competition which was won by Ian Palfrey and Len Candlish with a combined 67 Stableford points. The runners-up were Mike Brown and Richard Warren with 60. Third place went to Nick Howes and Doug Carter with 55. Thanks go to Graham and Keven for their continuing organisation of this event.

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Friendly matches this month have comprised away games at Tydd St Giles and Richmond Park which both resulted in losses, and a drawn home game against Fakenham.

Finally the weekly roll-up produced an excellent score of 43 points for new member Roger Sykes, who collected an El Bandito ball marker. A recent very good score of 39 points by Graham Kingham is also worthy of mention. Well done both.



Roger Sykes





Seniors Captain Day Winners





Winners: Ian Palfrey & Len
Candlish.

2nd: Richard Warren & Mike
Brown

3rd on Countback: Nick
Howes & Doug Carter



Winners of Nearest the Pins:

Mike Brown
Roger March
Tony Downing

Seniors C & B Trophy Winners

Ladies Invitation Day

A most enjoyable day was had by members and their guests on Ladies Invitation Day the 2nd of August. Thankfully the weather was pleasant and non-threatening which heralded some very good golf with the winners Liz Harvey and Janet Readman from Newmarket posting 42 points; in 2nd place Tracy Russell and Mary Wilson from King's Lynn with 41 points and the 3rd place with 39 points going to Anne Emmerson and Val Miller from Costessey Park.

In a slight change of format this year both guest and member were rewarded for the straightest drives from our President Janet Coles and Janet Readman from Newmarket. Also, the nearest the pin on the 7th/16th went to Sue Ward and Heather Clements from Dereham.

Ladies Captain Pat rewarded birdies with birdie pins to three of our guests although Sue Ward received 2 pins for 2 birdies in her round.

Rather than a raffle, there was a sock draw which proved popular and table games at the afterwards organised by Tracy. The halfway house and the buffet provided by Tonya was enjoyed by everyone.



GIBB CUP

Winners of the Gibb Cup:

Roger Sloper & Bert Emery+6

2nd Place on count back:

Matthew Parkes & Jonny Parkes +5

3rd: Tony Cowell & Richard Allen +5



Ladies President Day

Lady President's Day – 11th August

It was my great pleasure to entertain the Ladies on my third and final President's Day.

I would like to thank everyone for the array of cards and gifts that I received – all very much appreciated. The day dawned clear and bright but unfortunately we had a really heavy downpour whilst play was taking place. Nevertheless almost all players completed their rounds and the ladies showed great fortitude in the face of adversity!

Pimm's and light refreshments were provided halfway round before the rain started – everyone was very cheerful and unaware of what was to come!

I had a "gardening" theme on my prize table and the winners of the hand-made Sussex trugs were Ann Fletcher and Melanie Martin. Tracy Russell and Pam Taylor won the de-luxe gardening gloves for being nearest the pin on the 4th & 7th.

Tonya had provided us with an excellent buffet supper that was thoroughly enjoyed by all. I had a really great day and I do hope that everyone who attended enjoyed themselves as much as I did.

Janet Coles
Ladies President

Janet has been an excellent President. She has attended league matches, scratch matches, county matches and will be a hard act to follow. She has been very supportive throughout her 3 years and on behalf of the Ladies section - a huge thank you. (Editor)



Ladies County Vets were represented by Ryston

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Members:-

Ann Fletcher

Tracy Russell

Trish McManus



The Ryston Ladies
SCRATCH team played
their last match at Royal
Norwich and have won
Division 1.

Congratulations
Excellent achievement.



Ryston Ladies Scratch Team.

Norfolk Ladies' Scratch League

The County Scratch League consists of four divisions, each containing four teams of three members. The games are match play off scratch so you can imagine that each club selects its best three available players and the matches are generally of the highest standard. Ryston Park, following great success in previous years is now in the first division and plays against Royal Norwich, Hunstanton and Royal Cromer

I had the pleasure of following our ladies at Royal Norwich on Sunday 18th August whilst they were playing their final match of 2019. The situation was very tense – Ryston Park needed just one win out of the three games in order to attain the top place in Division One and to win the prestigious County Trophy!

I am delighted to say that they did it and will be receiving the coveted Trophy in due course.

I would like to congratulate our three players – Tiffany Mills, Tracy Russell and Ann Fletcher, all of whom have achieved amazing results throughout the course of the competition. Also, congratulations to the Team Captain, Trish McManus, who has been a great encouragement to them and has also regularly provided homemade cookies for them to eat during their rounds. This has obviously had an amazing effect – I wonder if Gareth Southgate and Eddie Jones have considered similar tactics!

Janet Coles
Ladies President

Amy
Goddard
Trophy

Winner

Anne Emerson

39 points





Eva New Trophy
Winners
Liz Tyler & Robin
Huggins

Runners Up:
Danny Kew & Pam Taylor

Mens Friendly v Ely City

T Payne / I Buttle won 3 / 2

M Brown / J Wagg won 4 / 2

E Savage / D Nicol won 2 up

W Viner / I Palfrey won 1 up

Men's Medal - August 2019

R Cave 82-16=66

D Kew 73-4=69

B Marks 82-13=69



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