

Ryston Park Newsletter

September 2019

by Pam Taylor



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Club Captain Nigel Wagg

Autumn is here and so the leaves are changing colour and falling from the trees, I always like the appearance of the course at this time of year, but sadly with it comes shorter days, as well as the problem of finding the ball in the middle of the fairway under the blanket of leaves!

The rain seems to have arrived in earnest so the ponds will be filling up which is a good thing, it will also make the course play longer as there will be less run when the ball lands. It seems the timing of winter rules is perfect. Thanks to all of you who supported the Captains weekend, it was great to see so many entrants. The winner was Andrew Hodges with 39 points, with Ian Storey, and Nick Chase close behind. Steve Harvey also scored 38 points, but lost out on count back (Well done for the eagle on the 9th hole). The prizes will be handed out at the Sausage Supper on the 25th October, which is not far away and always a good evening. Make sure you put your name down!

There is some work happening on the course, particularly the 3rd fairway which is being over-seeded. Therefore there will be compulsory teeing up in the affected areas. I think this is important work and will keep the course good for the future so please bear with us. Thanks to all of you who have been helping, it is much appreciated.

The 18 hole Winter Eclectic Competition commences 1st October. Rules are displayed on the Men's Notice Board.

Summer is over, and with it probably the best of the golf, but I hope to see you down the course when the weather allows.

Happy golfing!

Nigel Wagg



Ladies Captain Pat Blyth

With all the serious golf out of the way, sunny September was a sociable for the ladies. We started with a match against the "Wednesday Men", in which, due to some mathematical acrobatics, the ladies achieved a draw. Thank you to Maggie Ward for managing the fixture - and next year, please see if you can arrange an outright win! Thanks to Maggie for also organising the "Play the Course Backwards" event on 30th September.

On Friday 13th, we threw superstition to the winds and enjoyed a picnic at Hovenden on a beautiful sunny day, attended by 8 ladies and won by Susan Filby with 31 points; later in the month and Away Day at Tydd St Giles was attended by 17 ladies. The weather was not so good this time, but we managed to dodge the worst of the showers and had an enjoyable day. Individual winner was Dang Kittisak with 32 points and her team with Maggie Ward & Marlene Simmonds also took the team prize on count back from Susan Filby, Patsy Parker & Melanie Martin. This was some consolation for Dang, who just missed out in the play-off of the Handicap Salver Trophy with nett 76, beaten by Susan with nett 74. Many thanks to Mai Osborn for help with organising both days. The Autumn Foursomes was quite thinly attended as it coincided with the England Golf County Finals week, in which a strong Norfolk team including Tiff Mills played at Delamere Forest Golf Club in Cheshire. So many ladies went to support Tiff that Ryston Park Golf Club even had a personal mention in the EDP report of the week! Sadly Norfolk didn't do as well as the other finalists, but Tiff herself put in an exceptional performance. She must have put a terrific strain on her caddy, however, who had to go straight to hospital for surgery once she was home! We all wish Ann Fletcher a speedy recovery from her operation.

The outcome of the Autumn Foursomes was a win for Ruth Mountain & Liz Harvey. This was a very pleasing result as Liz is leaving the club to join Newmarket, so a nice way to finish her time at Ryston. We wish Liz the best of luck in her new home, and will miss her very much.

Our last event of the month on 30th September was Past Captains Day, which had been postponed from earlier in the month. This time we just about got round in the dry! 9 ladies played, plus Boo who played half the course with great credit, and Mary Hunt who joined us for a wonderful afternoon tea. Lady President Janet Coles took "Nearest the Pin" while Tracy Russell took the main prize with 31 points.

October should be less busy, hopefully!



Seniors Captain: Ian Buttle

The September Medal was won by Roger March with a 70. He was followed by John Ireland (71), Eric Savage (72) and Doug Jefferson (73).

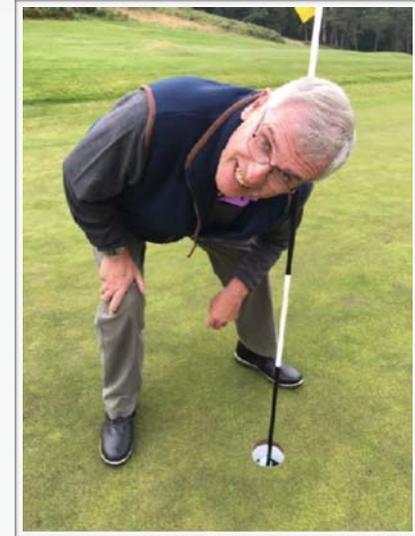
The Autumn Trophy was won by John Ireland with 32 stableford points, on countback from Peter Williams and Pat Holman.

The Millennium Cup saw Pat Holman in first place with 32 points, winning on countback from John Rice. Next were Barry Marks and Graham Warren with 31.

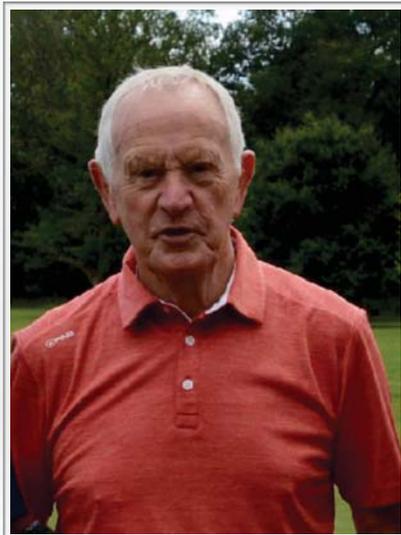
That completes this years cup competitions and the trophies will be presented at the Annual Seniors Christmas Dinner, a format that was used for the first time last year.

Friendly matches this month were a win against Feltwell (H) and losses to March (H) and Sutton Bridge (A). There are two remaining friendlies to be played in October as well as starting our matches in the 9 Hole Alliance Winter League and competing in the first round of the Hodd Trophy (foursomes) against Swaffham.

An El Bandito ball marker goes to Chris Taylor for his 40 points in a roll-up. And mention should also be made of Senior Captain Ian Buttle's hole in one at the Dunkel and Birnam Golf Club in Scotland. This memorable event followed a good week watching the Solheim Cup. Well done Ian !



Ian Buttle



Roger March



John Ireland



Pat Holman



Chris Taylor



STEWARDS CUP

1st: Pam Taylor & Tam Payne 40 points
2nd: Susan Filby & Jim Marsh 37 points
3rd: Melanie Martin & Richard Allen 35 points



Three Club Competition

A fantastic turn out for this competition with Janet Rice coming in with an amazing score to take 1st place, 2nd went to Craig Bigwood and 3rd place Jack Gould. Nearest the Pin: Danny Kew.



Pat Blyth hosted the Ladies Past Captains Competition. Pat played well and came in with the winning score of the day but the competition was won by Tracy Russell with 31 points. Ladies President Janet Coles won Nearest the Pin. After the match the caterers served a very lovely afternoon tea which was presented very well and tasted as good as it looked.

Ladies Past Captains 2019



Lyn Kirk was given a raucous rendition of “Happy Birthday” following tea at the Ladies Past Captain’s Match. Tracy Russell thanked Pat Blyth for her speech and on behalf of the Ladies congratulated her as she felt Pat has been a great Ladies Captain and had worked hard especially her Captains Day which was enjoyed by all.

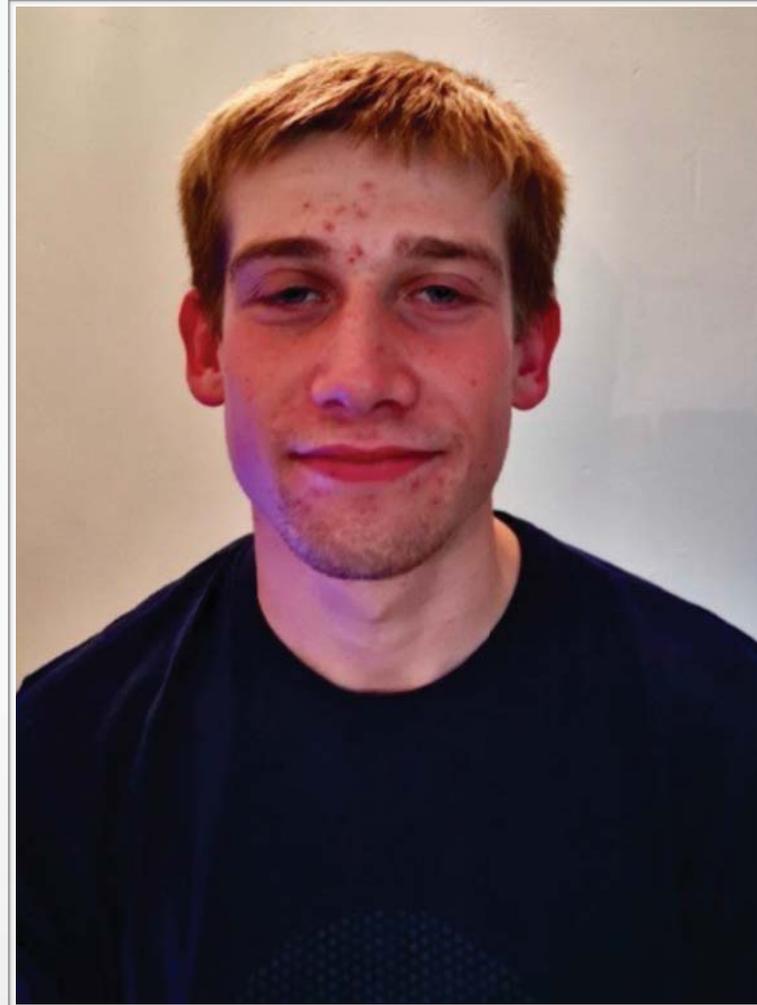
Ladies Adcock Cup

1. A Fletcher 64.30
2. A Emmerson 66.0
3. S Ward 66.30
4. M Simmonds 67.0
5. T Russell 68.30



Men's September Medal

K Cave	65
P Allen	68
D Green	68
A Clarke	69
A Hodges	69
L Osler	70
D King	71
R Cave	71
D Weeds	71



- Ladies Friendly v Sutton Bridge (A)
Lost 2/1
- Ladies Friendly v Dereham (A)
The match was halved.
- Ladies League v Thetford (A)
Lost 4/3
- Ladies Autumn Foursomes was won by Ruth Mountain & Liz Harvey. Liz Harvey also won Nearest the Pin. As it was Liz's last appearance as a club member she supplied wine at the ladies lunch. (Sorry no photo was taken)
- Ladies Away Day at Tydd GC was won by Dang Kittisak with 32 points.



The wedding of Sarah & James Diggle held at Ryston Park on Monday 2nd September was a great success. The clubhouse looked lovely dressed for the occasion and the staff and caterers were praised for the work put in to make it a great day for the lovely couple and their families.

Paige made the wedding cake.



If any member is interested in booking the clubhouse for a private function - please contact the Secretary.

Daily Mail Foursomes for Men

- N Chase & K Wymer 72.5
- D Kew & K Barnes 72.5

There will be a play off to decide the winners who will go through to the area competition.



Ladies Handicap Salver

Following a play off
Susan Filby '74
Dang Kittisak '76



Daily Mail Foursomes for Ladies

1. Janet Rice & Pat Blyth
74.0

2. Ann Emmerson & Dang
Kittisak 75.5

3. Pam Taylor & Tracy Russell
76.0

4. Janet Coles & Sue Ward
81.0



Tiff 's Solheim Experience

I arrived on the Saturday before the main competition after a 7 hour drive and much to my surprise it was brilliant sunshine! I was soon shown to where I'd be staying for the next 8 nights and was a little horrified to be shown to what can only be described as portacabins 6ft x 6ft and slept 2 people! Fair to say it was cosy.

Then it all started, 4.30am briefings, ready to be out on the course by 5am! I was assigned to the King's course Monday – Wednesday and appointed to the fairway team! If anybody has played the King's course they will know they are not flat fairways!

I also learnt how to rake bunkers in different styles and I had to use three different tools to finish one bunker! And I knew this was a different league when one afternoon it was the job for two people to go round and hand water the SAND in the bunkers!

I was lucky enough to get the opportunity to match rake 2 games and typically Suzanne Petterson put her opening tee shot into the bunker and failed to get out first time! It took all my focus not to trip out of the bunker in front of thousands of people!

But the highlight of my week was on Wednesday I was asked if I would go and hand mow the approaches on the King's course. I thought I better fess up and say I'd never hand mown before, so not sure it would be a good idea. He was surprised and asked me if I'd like the opportunity to learn. So the next day I was taught how to cut tee's and approaches with a hand mower on the 'wee' course.

Saturday afternoon I was then asked if I'd like to go out and observe the greens cutting team on the PGA course (Solheim course). Of course I said yes. We got to the 3rd green and that's when I was told I would be cutting this green! So having never cut greens with a hand mower before, they let me loose on the competition greens at my first attempt! No pressure!

Sunday 4.30am, the final day! My name was called, "Tiffany you will be double cutting the front 9 greens of the PGA course!" I had to pinch myself when I was cutting the 1st green under floodlight and ask myself, "how did this happen?!"

There were a total of 100 Greenkeepers for the event, 50 permanent staff and 50 volunteers from around the world, which included 8 females.

I've gained so much from this experience and I am grateful to all the members for allowing me to have this opportunity.

Look out for some subtle changes to the course in the future!

Tiff Mills



Scratch Team Celebration



Ann, Tiff & Tracy with Captain Trish

Returning from my holiday I was sorry to hear news of Ann Fletcher & Terry Carver. I texted Ann Fletcher as soon as I heard of her close to life threatening experience and I am pleased to say she is now home but won't be playing golf for the rest of this year. Terry Carver is in Addenbrooks Hospital following a fall from a tree in his garden. I spoke to Terry as soon as I heard and he hopes to be moved to King's Lynn QE shortly. He has trouble with his breathing and is in considerable pain as he has several injuries. He won't be playing golf for some time and I will visit him in the near future and keep you updated.

Frank Reid - another long serving member spent time in hospital this month with a collapsed lung. I spoke to Frank before I left for my holiday and hopefully he is at home and improving.

Our Vice Captain Richard Taylor has recently survived a heart attack and spent time in Papworth where he had two stents fitted. He will return to Papworth on 23rd October for either further stents or a bypass.

My best wishes also to Barry Moull who has recently spent time in hospital and will not be playing golf in the near future.

This month Past Captains Liz & Steve Harvey have moved house to Newmarket and joined the Links GC. On behalf of you all I wish them good luck and happiness in their new home.

(Club Secretary)



PROSTATE CANCER CHARITY DAY

Richard Garner organised the day which was a great success and will be organised again next year. £3170.00 raised for the Charity and a further 1130.00 to the golf club funds for green fees and bar takings.

September Monthly Stableford

Winner:

Kev Wymer

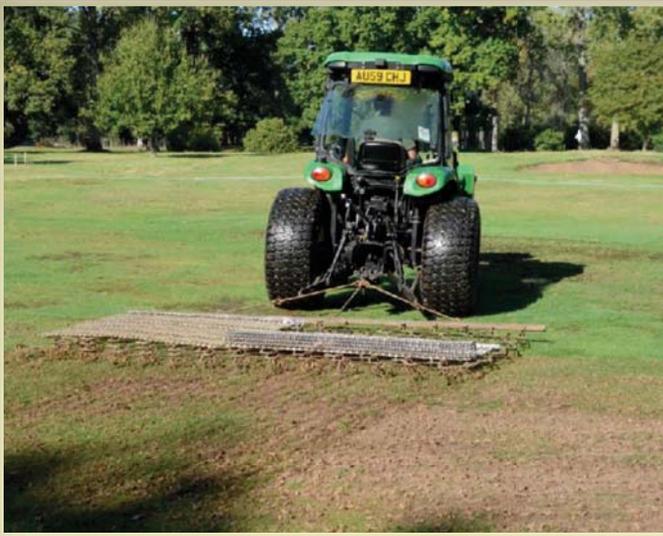


September Midweek Medal

Winner:

Dave Green





Work has begun on the 3rd fairway and after a hard day's graft and a trip to Beeston to collect the grass seed it was all completed in one day. Reseeded before the rain started. Thanks to Roger Sloper, Tam Payne and our wonderful greens staff Peter Hubbard and Tiff Mills. The 3rd is a very short Par 4 until further notice - which will give many a good score in swindles.

Greenkeepers Revenge

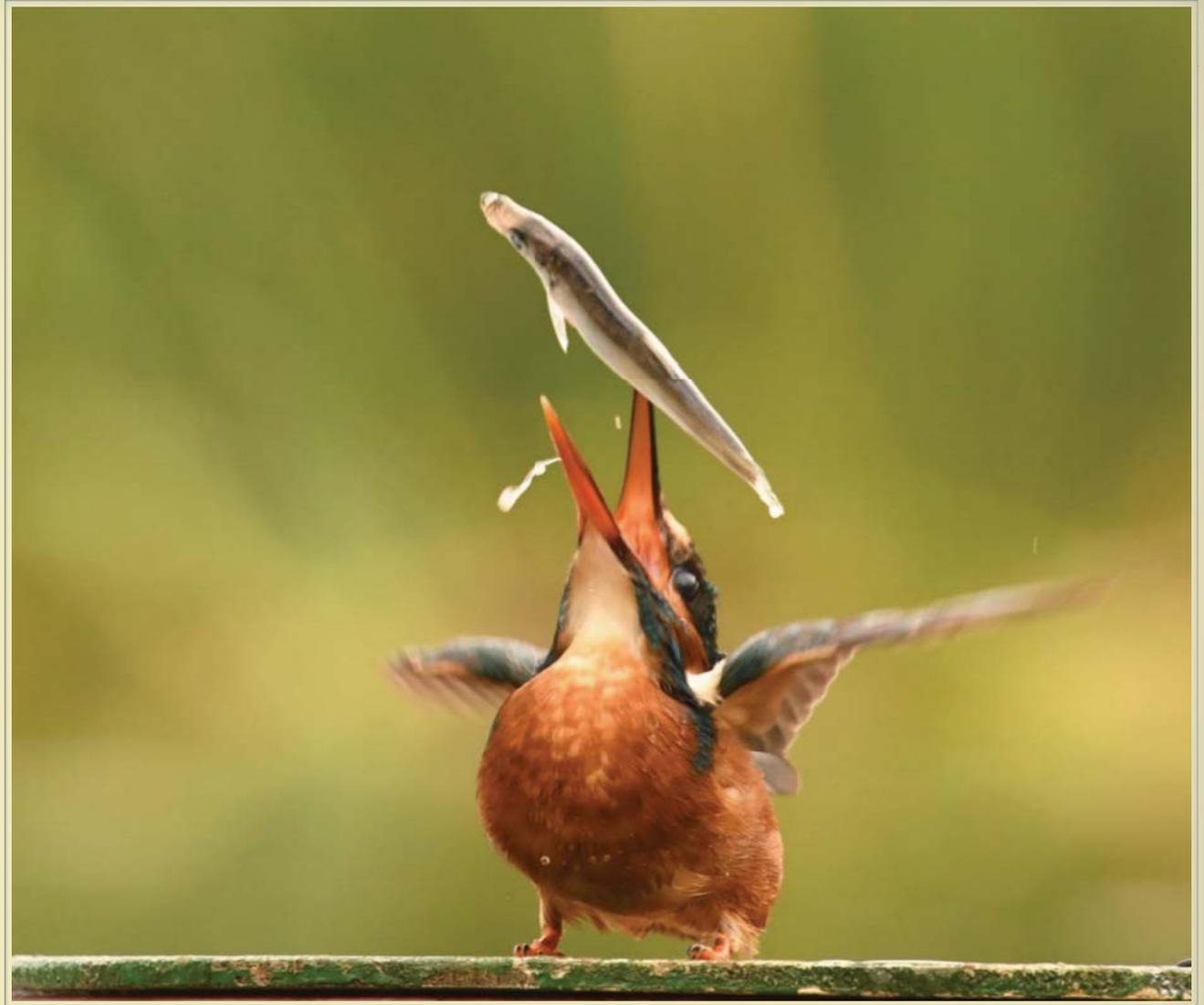
Sunday 13th October

Meet in the clubhouse for 9.00 am

Starting at 9.30 am.

9 Holes

The Greenkeepers are challenging you to play the course with obstacles to obstruct you at every point. Peter & Tiff work hard to keep the course in good condition for you to play your game - NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO REPAY THEIR EFFORTS - TURN UP AND PLAY THEIR COMPETITION.



My fascination with kingfishers continues.
Amazing little birds.