



Ryston Park Golf Club September Newsletter

Club Captain Tracy Russell

What a lovely month September has been, better than the summer!

One of the highlights must have been the Greenkeeper's revenge. A great turnout to support Peter and Tiff followed by a lovely meal courtesy of Tonya. I especially liked the boat on the 7th advertising Brownie's Budget Cruises (another side line Mike?).

The winners were Robbie Mills, Susan Filby and Barry Marks.

Nearest the pin was won by Ann Fletcher. Many thanks to Peter and Tiff for all their hard work.

The mixed match at Ryston v King's Lynn was won by Ryston 4 1/2 to 1 1/2. Thanks to all of those who played.

Good luck to the ladies Gilleson team who are through to the final at Eaton on the 3rd of October and will be playing Thetford. I believe this may be the first time Ryston ladies have reached the final which is an amazing achievement for our small section.

Well done to Pat Blyth who was among the prizes at the county medal at Hunstanton.

Also, congratulations to Scott Wright who won recently at Swaffham, Anthony Reeves who was 3rd and Andy Ware who won the handicap prize. I would like to thank Janet Coles for her hard work redesigning the garden by the office. I was very impressed that she raked 2 tonnes of gravel onto the membrane (kindly supplied by John and Anne Emmerson) without breaking into a sweat! How much better that area looks now.

Enjoy your golf in October and let's hope the weather Gods are with us.



Lady Captain Dang Kittisak

We have had some good results in the friendly matches with wins against King's Lynn and Eaton. Sad to say we lost our Diamond league Semi-final match against Bawburgh. However, we got our revenge in the Gillieson to make it through to the final! The final is being played this coming Sunday at Eaton against Thetford. The team is Ann F & Tiff, Tracy & Pat, Pam T and Fran.

The Cup competitions have come to an end and prize giving is on the 6th October.

Well done to Pat Blyth on coming 4th in the County Medal at Hunstanton last Sunday.

Greenkeepers revenge was great fun and thanks go to Peter and Tiff for providing the challenge.

Social mornings will now be starting up again and I hope to see you there.



Seniors Captain Mike Brown

Hello everyone another month has gone by and the nights are now pulling in early. Firstly, one of our long serving members Tony Emery sadly passed away. For many years Tony kept our accounts in order and played in many matches and competitions, a sad loss to us all.

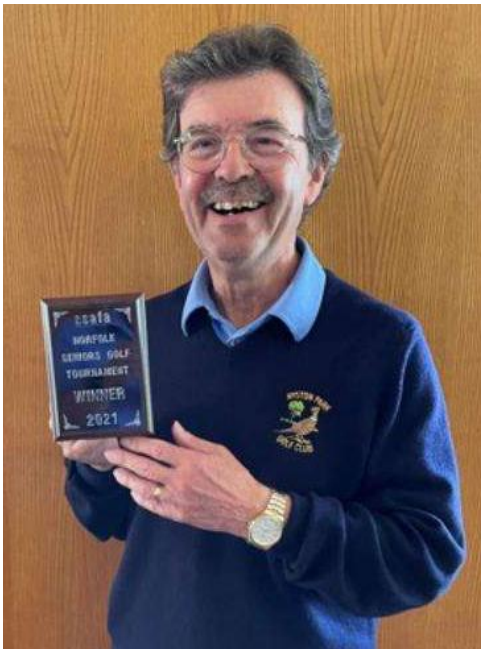
This month has been a busy month within the Seniors section. At the beginning of the month we played Sutton Bridge away on a challenging course with a dry dock running through it. We played the SSAFA qualifying round which was won by Ian Storey with 38pts. We also played Richmond Park away. The medal played on the 9th was won by Ted Filby with a nett, well done Ted. The Autumn Trophy was won by Gordon Carter who came in with 42pts, nice to see Gordon back playing after a spell off with a bad shoulder and getting back to his winning ways. We played a home match against March which resulted in an honourable draw. An excellent meal was served afterwards by Tonya and Paige and the members of March commented on the course and said how much they enjoyed playing on and were impressed with the greens.



On the 22nd we had an away day at Thorpe Wood which was well attended, the winner on the day was Mike Reed (pic right) who won with 37pts on count back from Eric Savage second also on 37pts and Pat Holman third also on 37pts. A good day was had by all.



On the 24th Ian Storey (pic below) went to Middleton golf club as our qualifying member in the SSAFA and on the day Ian won the final, a really great achievement for Ian who has played in many matches and is an asset to the Seniors. Congratulations Ian from all the Seniors and a great day for Ryston Park Golf Club to have an excellent winner of this competition representing our club, well done Ian. Also, one of our group, Andrew Hodges, won the Campbell Cup, nice one Andrew. A nice result as well to Robert Parker and Mike Window for winning the Daily Mail foursomes, a very good month for the members of the Seniors, nice one



you two. The last match of this month was away at Girton with some heavy rain for a while and some strong winds and finally some sunshine, a match with three of the four seasons thrown in and also myself and Chris Chapman, my playing partner, both saw our golf balls being carried off by crows swooping down on the green. I lost three balls on the day to the crows this is the first time I have encountered incidents like this, but was told it was a daily occurrence there!! Our course is still playing well and the grass still continues to grow at this time. Peter and Tiff continue to maintain it and keep it looking good. Having helped on the course I see just how

hard they both work to keep it in such good condition and the Seniors are always commenting on how good it is and thanks go to both of them. The roll ups are still well attended and this month we welcome two new members, Arthur Lomas and Jim Carpenter to our section and wish them well. My thanks go to Ian Buttle Eric and Pat for helping organise the matches and forthcoming competitions. It's good we are getting back in the old routine and able to socialise after the roll ups and matches. I hope you all keep well and keep safe.



I am writing this with some trepidation because I don't like being preached at and I am conscious that most people feel the same. So, I hope you will agree that it is in all our interests to keep the course in the best possible state.

Litter is a problem that we all face, and in most cases, for a variety of reasons, we can do little about it but I believe that our golf course is not one those situations.

Out on the course we have collected used drink cans and beer bottles which should have been either put in the litter bins on the course or, even better, taken home and disposed of correctly.

I have also noticed things like banana skins and apple cores which I accept are biodegradable but leaving them to biodegrade on the fairway is not helping anyone, least of all our hard-working green-staff. Again, take them home or toss them into the undergrowth.

I hope you will agree that our green staff do a fantastic job and I think we are quite right to be proud of what they achieve. Please do your best to support them.

Greenstaff Peter & Tiff

Well it had been a relatively dry September until 57mm fell during one day leaving greens underwater.

Height of cut on the greens is slowly being raised for the cooler months ahead. They are currently at 4mm and will slowly be increased to 5mm by November.

They are still being cut nearly every day as a granular fertiliser went down just before the rain and so is producing a fair bit of growth at the moment.

The greens, tees and aprons have recently been verti-drained (spiked) and during the month of October will be done fairly regularly (possibly once a week). Although this is not ideal for play, it is extremely important we carry it out in preparation for spraying for leather jackets (daddy long legs/ Crane fly larvae). Leather jackets are causing problems all over the country and we have also suffered over the year on tees/ aprons and fairways. We have had little trouble on the greens, but that does not mean to say we won't next year, and so we must do everything we can to make sure they do not invade the greens! You may have noticed a lot of daddy long legs about and this is because the leather jackets are now hatching. They only survive a few days and their sole purpose is to mate and lay eggs! Each daddy long leg is capable of laying up to 300 eggs. If we do nothing we risk not only damage from the crows getting to them but a leather jackets preferred source of food is grass roots. Which obviously will have a detrimental impact on the quality of the turf and you can see this on some of our aprons now.(see pic)

We will be spraying an insecticide which has been



emergency approved for use, so once applied we shan't aerate, as this will in effect break the barrier.

On recommendation from our agronomist we recently chain harrowed the fairways. This is affectively a way of scarifying to rid the thatch and help the grass thicken up while growth is still good. It also made the grass stand up for a cleaner cut. We apologise for the disruption to the surface it caused.



You may have noticed a couple of open holes by the 5th green and 6th tee. These are exposed sprinklers as the plan is to raise all the sprinklers to turf level. We only have 71 more to dig!

There are a few bags filled with soil and seed under the table outside the office window for anybody who would like to help out and fill in divots on the fairways on their way round.

Please return the bag to the same place after you've finished.

Thank you to Mike (Brownie) who has helped so much by cutting the rough throughout year, his L plates MAY soon be replaced for P's!

We'd finally just like to say thank you to all who took part in Greenkeepers Revenge. It's becoming a real challenge now to think of new ideas!



Results

September Medal

Kieran Cave	65
Dave Martin	66
Gary Rider	66
Richard Taylor	66

Midweek Stableford

Dave Martin	37pts
Jeffrey Alan Fitt	35pts

Seniors Sept Medal

Ted Filby	71
Ian Storey	72
Robert Parker	72

Daily Mail Foursomes

A. Fletcher/ T. Mills	71
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Midweek Medal

Andrew Muskett	70
Anthony Reeve	71

Daily Mail Foursomes

M. Window/ R. Parker	71
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Seniors Autumn Trophy

Gordon Carter	42pts
Stephen Ambrose	41pts
Barry Marks	37pts

Stewards Cup

S. Filby/ J. Marsh	43pts
A. Fletcher/ G.Collins	40pts

Campbell Cup winner Andrew Hodges



Eva New winners Pam Taylor & Anthony Reeve



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