



Ryston Park Golf Club December Newsletter 2022

Lady Captain – Liz Forgan



We had a successful Am-Am but the weather was very cold. Forty people took part and the winning team was Johnny Spinks's team with my team in second place. My team all enjoyed playing and had all travelled a long way, they were all good golfers and were impressed with our lovely greens. The temperature dropped considerably during the day and unfortunately the central heating in the Clubhouse was faulty so many people were cold. However, the fault was repaired the following week. Our Christmas Lunch and Bring and Win was its usual success. Unfortunately I was unable to play but my Vice-Captain, Janet Coles, took over. Thank you Janet once again. The Ladies Cups were presented before lunch and the Most Improved Golfer was Ava Singleton who has had a very successful year. Susan Filby won the Best Four Medals and will represent the club at the Area Final next year.

Club Captain – Dave Stennett



It's December my captain's year is nearly over end it's become very cold playing golf; bet you've been enjoying no festive season with many events in the clubhouse I would like to thank everyone for supporting the social events which have been organised by the many volunteers within the club.

We have now started planning for next year 2023 with the fixtures list filling out nicely and plans have been made for the AGM in February, which I hope gets the full support from all our members.

We have made a great start with plans for change in both the clubhouse and on the course which I hope gets this a full support off members we need to keep evolving at Ryston to Keep all our members happy, I would like to thank the army of volunteers like Roger Sloper and Tam Payne who work tirelessly supporting the club with New Projects like our new 18th TEE. So that leave me with only one more thing to say and that's I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Winners of the Christmas Am-Am

**Jonny Spinks
Liam West
George Dixon
Jack Gould**



Golf has been put on hold for the last two weeks as the course has been closed. The Christmas Pudding competition was abandoned for this year as it was due to be played on Wednesday 21st December, but instead the Ladies all enjoyed a chat and a mince-pie. I wish everyone a Very Happy Christmas.

Senior Captain – Eric Savage

We have had a quieter month, with only the rollups and a Texas Scramble, which every one enjoyed. The winners were Chris Chapman, Paul Garner and Graham Kingham. 2nd was David Weeds, Paul Gill and Roger Sykes, 3rd was Andrew Hodges, Roger Sloper and Kenny Prior.



We had our Christmas Dinner on 6th December, with a lovely meal thanks to Tonya and her helpers followed by prize giving of the trophies. I would like to thank everyone for all their support i have had

throughout the year, especially Pat Holman for planning all the fixtures throughout the year. To Ian Buttle and Paul Gill for helping with the cards and team sheets in all the friendly matches, and last but not least, Mike Brown for doing all the rollups, and his continuous help and support throughout the year, From all the seniors i would like to thank Tiff and Peter for all the work they do to keep the course in such a lovely condition. I wish all the people at Ryston Golf Club a wonderful Christmas a Happy New Year.

Seniors Dinner & Presentation



The Donny Rowell
Terry Russell



The Millennium Cup
Ian Palfrey



Results

December Medal

Nigel Wagg	69
Joel Wagg	71
Richard Taylor	71

Midweek Medal

Gary Rider	76
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Golf Lessons Available

Peter Lunt is a fully qualified PGA professional of 35 years.

Lesson fees are:
£15 for half an hour.
£25 for 5 hole playing lesson.

All other lesson options negotiable.

Contact Peter on 07568318390
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Greenstaff – Peter & Tiff

Unfortunately, December has brought course closures. Consistent hard frosts with no thaw during the day meant a build up not only to the surface but deep into the ground. We then went to mild conditions very quickly which caused a rapid thaw. A further 8mm of rain on top resulted in saturated greens, as the water struggled to drain through the frost layer deep into the ground.

If we allowed play to carry on, the soft surface has a lot of movement so with every footprint it will compress, move with the momentum of your walk and as the ground below is still hard or frozen it will cause the roots to shear as they are anchored to the frozen layer. Compressing the surface with footfall will only compress the ground further and restrict space for air that's needed to keep the grass alive! Roots live in air so the more space you take away the harder the plant has to work. At the moment, this space is being taken up by water and we need to allow time for it to percolate through the soil.

They have now firmed up enough to allow play and we will monitor them closely. Please be patient during the winter months as we do not know what the weather will bring.

We have finally taken delivery of the new greens mower, which we have unfortunately not been able to use yet for obvious reasons.

We wish you all a Happy Christmas and we hope the new year isn't as challenging as this one.



Christmas Raffle Winners

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Gary Collins

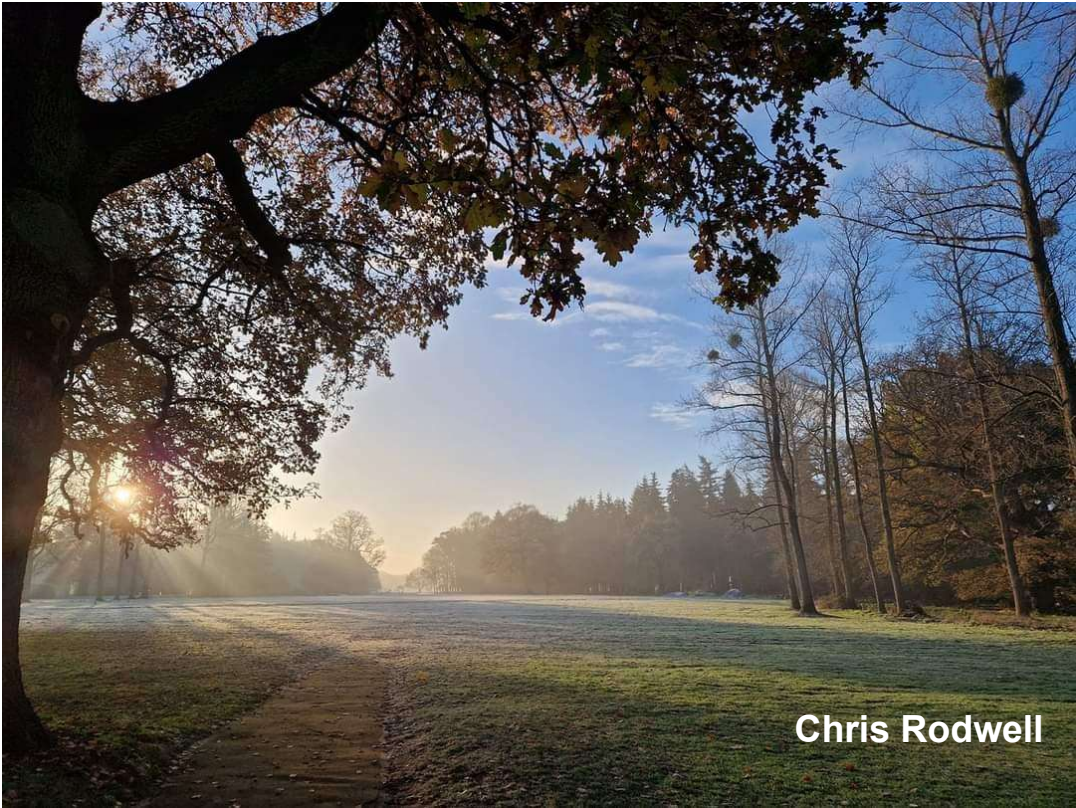
Sweet Hamper
Lee Amor

Other Prizes
Eric Savage
Wendy Holeman
Graham Mizen



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Steven Harrowing



Chris Rodwell



Peter Hubbard