



Newsletter

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Club Captain – Gary Ryder



Hello members of Ryston Park. Firstly I would again like to thank Jon Lewis for all his hard work in his year as Captain and for asking me to be his Vice Captain, giving me the honour to be your Captain for 2024. My vice captain for the year will be Derek Hodgson also known as Archie.

I am looking forward to another year working and learning with the committee who put in a tremendous amount of their time trying to keep the club on a steady footing and also improving it. Also a big thank you to all the volunteers who help around the club and course.

The county club competitions will soon be upon us so the sign up sheets and team captains will be on the notice board as soon as possible. Please put your names up for selection. If you don't already know the Barnard is for the over 55's, the Myhill is for under 10 handicap and the Cullington 10-18 handicap. There is also a new senior scratch k/o competition.

I am just reiterating what others have said but please look after your course by replacing divots and repairing pitch marks, this definitely helps our greenstaff. As you can see when you are out on the course Tiff and Peter are putting in a tremendous amount of work with the drainage.

I would also like to thank my good friend Paul Allen for his 3 years as President, Janet Coles for her year as Lady Captain and say good luck to Ann Fletcher for this year.

Lastly lets try and get more people entering the club competitions, signing up for any matches that we have and also supporting the social committee in their efforts.

As I finish this report it is raining again, so hope to see you out on the course asap.

Good golfing, Gary



QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY
22nd
MARCH

7pm Start

- Teams of four
- £10 per team
- Sandwich Platters to order



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Ladies Captain – Ann Fletcher

Hi, well this is my first newsletter and so chuffed to be asked to be Lady Captain for the second time.

Janet has been a fantastic captain and will be a hard act to follow.

On a very sad note we lost Suzy Martin. Personally, I shall always remember her when I played my very first League match at Bawburgh, I was tail end Charlie and very nervous, Suzy was playing in front of me and kindly attempted to settle my nerves, not sure it worked but she was a great laugh, and will be sadly missed.

Our hearts and thoughts go out to her family.



My first piece of proud news was our 3rd match in the Winter League, we played King's Lynn away and the team did magnificently, coming away with a 4-1 win. Our final match, against Thetford will be played on Monday 4th March.

Congratulations to Pat Blyth on being presented with the Gwen Watts Salver at the Norfolk Veteran Ladies Society AGM, on Monday. Pat won this at the division 1 meeting at Wensum Valley, back in June 2023.

With the weather hampering golf it didn't stop the ladies celebrating Janet Rice's special birthday in the clubhouse with indoor putting and darts.

Hopefully, now, the weather gods will realise that we have had enough rain, and we can all get back to a full programme of fixtures.



Seniors Captain – Eric Savage

I would like to thank Mike Brown, who has worked hard throughout his year as Seniors Captain.

The weather has sadly put a hold on most of the golf so far this month, with just 2 rollups, but hopefully things will soon improve.

I look forward to the coming season with all the friendlies we have, starting with our first match against Ely on 14th March at home.

Many thanks to the greenstaff that has been working very hard to try and get the water away, with new drainage on the 6th hole.

Can I remind the seniors that Graham Kingham's funeral is at Mintlyn Crematorium at 11.30 am on 14th March and after at the clubhouse.

We will be playing our roll up on Monday 13th instead.



It was with great sadness that we lost current member Doug Carter earlier this month. He will be greatly missed on the course.



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The Secretary – Andy Ware

Knockout Competitions

Entry is now open for the Men's Campbell cup and the Eva new mixed. You can enter via the howdidido app in knockouts or sign up on the notice boards. Closing date is 7th April.

This Years Club Competitions

Any Member wishing to enter this year's Ryston Park Competitions (including knockouts) must have played 4 Ryston Park competitions (Medal, Stableford and/or cup competitions) during the previous club year.

The next new WHS rule change explained.

5.0 Expected Scoring

What it is?

A change in the method used to up-scale 9-hole scores and any holes not played during a round. The new method provides a more accurate reflection of what the player would have scored on those holes (using player equations rather than net par) and should, therefore, result in a more accurate Handicap Index®.

If the hole is not played for a valid reason (due to course maintenance, weather, fading light etc) or other invalid reasoning (player walks off), WHS still requires values to calculate a score differential for these holes not played and will use expected scoring method.

How it works?

The calculation of an expected score is automated and is used to attribute a statistical value against any hole or holes not played within an acceptable 9-hole or 18-hole round so that a 9-hole or 18-hole Score Differential can be calculated, subject to other provisions set out within the Rules of Handicapping. The procedure for calculating a Score Differential using an expected score can be summarised as follows:

1. An expected Score Differential for the hole or holes not played is calculated, based on a given Handicap Index and a course of standard difficulty.
2. A Score Differential for the holes played is calculated using the player's actual scores and the rating value of the holes played.
3. The Score Differential from the holes played is combined with the expected Score Differential to produce either a 9-hole or 18-hole Score Differential.
4. For 9-hole rounds - An 18-hole Score Differential is created by combining the 9-hole Score Differential for the 9 holes played with the player's expected score over 9 holes. Note – expected scoring is a closed calculation which is generated by computer precision software.

If a player, starts a hole and does not finish, the normal procedure of Nett Double Bogey being applied to the adjusted gross score.

Benefits

A more precise calculation for 9-hole up-scaling to an 18-hole score differential ensuring a more reflective and accurate Handicap Index® compared to a player's demonstrated ability.

Golf Lessons Available

Peter Lunt has been a fully qualified PGA Professional for over 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

Plunt79@gmail.com to book.



Greenstaff

We regret the course has been closed so much over the last month. A total years rainfall has fallen on the course within 5 months making the ground saturated in areas and unplayable. However the greens are holding up and look strong going into the Spring. The warm weather has created unusual growth for February and the fairways were cut at the start of the month and now require another cut when we feel the ground is suitable for machinery.

The new drainage in front of the 4th and along the 6th hole was installed to help drain the 6th fairway and to provide a quicker escape route to the 3rd ditch and away from the course.



These areas will be tidied up and seeded when conditions allow as the soil is still far too wet to compact. Please treat these areas as GUR.

Future plans are being made to upgrade the drainage on the course as well as jetting existing drains.



New vs Old Pipe



Many thanks to Tam, Eric and Roger for their help completing the work within a few days.



We can only hope that we don't see much more rain for March and the course can have a chance to dry out and play can resume as usual.

We don't like to see the course closed but then again we don't want to see it damaged for the season ahead that will soon be here.

We can only ask for your patience and understanding if there are restrictions.

Spring will soon be here!!!