



Ryston Park
Golf Club

July Newsletter
2022

Club Captain – Dave Stennett

The weather remains very unkind to our green keepers, making the course very dry and at high risk to fire damage please refrain from smoking on the course.

We are taking action to help with future water storage, this next month we are going to clean out all three water storage ponds which should help in the future with more water for the greens and tees.

We have had a number of good successes on the course over the last month with our Club championship being well supported and this was won by our old favourite Richard Allen. Well done to Richard.

We've had a number of social events well supported like playing the course backwards and our Past Captains day and it was nice to see a few old friends returning to the course. Our Handicap League team still goes from strength to strength and remain unbeaten at home with the last draw against Wensum valley. The team is away this weekend at Thetford so good luck to them.

It's very encouraging to see our competitions being well supported through the year, the last being our Trevor Nurse trophy with 53 entries in the competition being won by our own David Weeds, well done David.

The Committee is working hard on improvements within the club, we are looking at several options like improving the club house and around the course but it's your suggestions that drive these changes so thank you for your support through the suggestion box.

You may have noticed a poster advertising a trip away next year to play golf in Spain, anyone interested please let the office know, this is being organised by our social team.



Lady Captain – Liz Forgan

At the end of June, I was away on holiday and it was a great relief to come home and find my June newsletter had been written for me by my Vice Captain. Thank you Janet, it was a lovely surprise and a great help.

Now we are experiencing a real drought and at times too hot for some of us to play golf or else just play 9 holes.

The friendly matches have been very enjoyable but not too successful. League matches have been more successful. We beat Sheringham home, drew against Dunstan Hall and are yet to play Sprowston as it was postponed.

We are so pleased to have 2 junior girls come to join our section. Leilani Singleton Smith will be playing with her grandmother Cheryl in the Fowler trophy at Swaffham, Ava Singleton played in the birdie championships and came in with 23 points, playing with a handicap of 27. This is the first time we have had 2 girls playing golf in these county competitions. Well done both of you!



Par 3 Comp

Play every hole as a par 3

Friday 12th August

From 5.30pm

Senior Captain – Eric Savage

It has been another busy month for our golf teams. We played Swaffham away on June 30th, losing by 5 games to 1.

On 5th July we postponed our Snipe qualifier because of the heat. On 14th July we played at home against Thetford, beating them by 6 games to 0, a great result for the team. On 21st July we played against Swaffham at home, losing by 5 games to 1.

We played away at Thetford on 25th July, drawing the match. The course was tinder dry, with no grass anywhere except the tees and greens.

On 28th July I had my Seniors Captains Day, where 33 players turned up, playing a Stableford competition, which John Ireland won with 39 points, Ali Reeve came second with 38 points, and Ian Storey was third with 37 points, nearest the pins on 4th and 7th was won by Terry Russel and Mike Window. A putting competition was held after, with Chris Chapman winning this. A big thank you to all that took part, and a lovely day was had by all.



1st



2nd



3rd



Results

July Medal

Alan Clarke	65
Dave Weeds	69

Trevor Nurse

Dave Weeds	67
Thomas Firrell	68
Dean Nixon	68

Seniors Snipe

Mike Window	67
John Rice	69

Brownlow Bowl

Pam Taylor (winner)	38pts
Ann Fletcher	38pts

Midweek Medal

Paul Barker	69
Jeffrey Alan Fitt	70

Ruston Cup

Tom Brand	43pts
Tony Freear	42pts
Gordon Carter	40pts

Copper Jug

J. Coles/M. Martin	37pts
D.Kittisak/D.March	34pts

Club Championship

Winner Richard Allen – 78 + 68

Runner up – Jonny Spinks – 71 + 75

Eva New Final

D. March/ R. March vs L. Tyler/ R. Huggins

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
Plunt79@gmail.com to book.



Greenstaff – Peter & Tiff

Not a lot to report this month apart from stating the obvious that rain is desperately needed!!! However having seen and heard from other clubs in the area, we are quite lucky to still have some green on the fairways. Whether this will last throughout August though we shall see.



We are working our way round the bunkers, de-stoning and adding more sand.

The ponds have been cleared out by Southery & District Drainage Board. Thanks to Jon L for organising and help on the day. Also thanks to Eric and Roger. This was the ideal time of year to carry out the work as the water level is lower and the ground is firm and will cause less damage. The 7th pond has been cleared of silt (as well as a few thousand golf balls) which will allow us to hold more water during the winter months so we won't have to rely on the bore hole as much during the summer, especially if we're going to see more summers like this one.

Top dressing of the greens is still planned for Monday 5th September. The course will be closed for the day to allow us to carry out the work. However, it will be weather depending. We ideally need rain before and after, but not during! So, nearer the time, please look out for emails to see what will definitely be happening.



Cockney Jock



Tiff's Open Experience

How did I get the opportunity? - BIGGA (British & International Golf Greenkeepers Association) select 50 greenkeepers from around the world to volunteer each year at the Open. As a BIGGA member I applied last Christmas and was very lucky to have been selected for this year.



What did it involve? - After a very brief bunker raking demonstration on the eve of the Championship I was assigned a group for each competition day. This basically involved me walking inside the ropes with the players and raking the bunkers (very precisely) for any they may visit and making sure I did not trip over getting out of them!

What Groups did I have? - Thursday I had Cameron Smith (who knew), Brooks Keopka and Seamus Power. Friday – Kevin Kisner, Chris Kirk and Takumi Kanaya. Saturday I did not have a game because the cut obviously reduced the amount of games there were. But Sunday made up for it as I had the final pairing of Viktor Hovland and Rory McIlroy!

How many bunkers did I rake in total? 10 bunkers raked in total for three days, which was actually one of the most. The players visited a total of 635 bunkers for the 4 days.



What was my highlight? - Without a doubt walking with the final group on a Sunday of the Open was very special. Although Rory unfortunately didn't win, the atmosphere with the crowd cheering him on gave me goosebumps! Walking up the 18th with the crowd charging behind you was intense, but once you pass the marshals and look back, you're like, 'wow!'



I'd like to say thank you to the club for allowing me the time off to go on this amazing experience. Not only have I seen how a major tournament is prepared, I've met and spoken to lots of other greenkeepers and shared ideas of how tasks are carried out at other courses. So watch this space!