

Club Captain – Jon Lewis

June has been a hot and busy month with very little rainfall on the course. Despite the lack of rain, I think you'll all agree that the course is looking very good with the greens making a steady return to their usual high standard. Unfortunately our ladies Gillieson team narrowly lost to Mundesley 2-1, while our Handicap League team scored a credible 2-2 draw with Bawburgh. Congratulations to Joel Wagg for achieving a fantastic hole-in-one on the 4th hole during the monthly Medal, Joel used a 6-iron to obtain his first ace. Congratulations also go to the winners of June's competitions..... Sue & Michael Ward (Jim Russell Grand Prix), Paul Allen (June medal), Tracy Russell & Archie

Hodgson (Tom Reed Trophy), Tom Brand (Kisby Cup), Gordon Carter (Ryston Oak), Archibald Hodgson (June Midweek Medal), Barry Marks (Pratt Senior Cup) and Paul Harrod (Captain's prize).

I would like to thank all of you that helped make my Captain's Charity Day a resounding success. The generosity shown through the purchasing of raffle tickets, the donation of prizes and auction items, entering the golfing competition or attending the evening event was truly humbling. Thanks again go to Jack's of Woodlakes for the donation of the captain's prize. Entry fees for the days competition raised £172, the auction £1400 and the raffle/putting competition £780. Giving a total of £2352.

The money raised through your generosity will make a real difference to the life's of young people and families living in the Downham area.

Please keep an eye out for forthcoming social and golf events, these are always great fun and give the opportunity to meet and socialise with like minded golfers.

Enjoy your golf and please be respectful of the course and the staff.





Ryston Park
Golf Club

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Ladies Captain – Janet Coles



Yet another month is over and suddenly we are half way through the summer. We have even passed the summer solstice so the nights will be drawing in! Don't worry, it will be some time before we resort to "winter woollies"!

Our League Team continues to struggle with their matches. Despite strenuous efforts they cannot overcome playing opposition with much higher handicaps than we have. We have now decided that we should continue playing qualifying competitions throughout the winter in order to take advantage of the new handicapping system. If you can't beat them then you have to join them!!

The Scratch League, however, continues to have success winning both home matches against Thetford and Dunston Hall. Perhaps we should play all our league matches off scratch!

Our Gillieson team played their second round match against Mundesley on Sunday 25th on what was almost certainly the hottest day of the summer so far. The match was very close and in fact went to the final putt on the final hole! Couldn't get much closer than that but unfortunately we finished on the losing side. Many thanks to the ladies who worked their socks off in the intense heat. We have had two Friendlies against Swaffham and Newmarket, both away and both finishing in halves – all very friendly! Many thanks to the ladies who have supported these matches.

On 7th June I held my Captain's Day and had a very full house. Many thanks to all the ladies who came along and even more thanks for all the cards and gifts I received. Sue Ward won the Division 1 prize, Ann Mitchell won Division 2 and Greta Good won the 9 hole prize. Nearest the Pin and Nearest the Line prizes were won by Val Mellish, Patsy Parker and Liz Forgan. Thanks to Liz for providing the flowers and to Tonya and her team for the delicious food both at the Halfway House and the buffet.

We have welcomed several new ladies into our section and I was delighted that Ellen Kerbey was able to join us on my Captain's Day. The other new ladies have yet to get handicaps but please remember that there are plenty of us who would be very happy to mark cards for you. Finally, Tiffany has turned up trumps again and came first in the County Division 1 Championship held at Hunstanton on 8th June. Congratulations Tiff!



Seniors Captain – Michael Brown

Another month has soon gone by and the weather has been kind to us with hardly any rain. Good for the golf but we could do with some rain on the course. This month we played Dereham away, narrowly losing 3 and a half to 2 and a half. We also played Ely away and lost 5 and a half to a half. Our Seniors Open was held on the 16th and a good day was enjoyed by all who played. The winners on the day was Mike Robinson and Paul Smith from March Golf Club. (below) A running buffet was served by Tonya and Paige and it was the right choice on a very hot day and all the players enjoyed it. Many thanks Tonya and Paige for an excellent buffet. The seniors made a contribution to the Golf Club which we do every year.



On the 20th, 17 of us went on an away day to Thorpe Wood Golf Club. The winner on the day with 39pts was Eric Savage, 2nd with 37pts was Chris Chapman and 3rd with 37pts also, was Barry Marks and Andrew Hodges. Thanks go to Pat Holman for organising the day.

We welcomed Tydd St Giles at home for a match and on this occasion Tydd asked if they could bring 7 pairs which we welcomed, and a good days golf was played. Ryston came out the winners 4 and a half to 2 and a half.

The course continues to improve and Peter and Tiff continue to keep it looking good and a lot of hard work has gone into maintaining it by them. Our roll ups continue to grow each month and some good scores are coming in. My thanks go to Ian Buttle who does all the cards for the matches and the continued support I get from all the members.



Graham Warren achieved 46points in the Seniors roll up last week off a 19 handicap!

Last years Senior Captain, Eric Savage, handing over a cheque for £423 for his charity, Shine.



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Social Events

Friday 7th July ----- 3 Club Challenge
Tee times from 5pm

Sunday 23rd July -- Early Riser
Shot gun start 6am

Friday 28th July ---- Play the course
Backwards

Results

June Medal Paul Allen 63

Kisby Cup Tom Brand 66

Midweek Medal Derek Hodgson 70

Pratt Senior Cup Barry Marks 67

Seniors Ryston Oak Gordon Carter 133

Tom Reed
T. Russell & D.Hodgson 42pts

Jim Russell Grand Prix
M. Ward/ S. Ward 40pts

Grannies Trophy Susan Filby 32pts

46 Solar Panels have recently been installed on the Clubhouse roof.

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

The greens have come on leaps and bounds over the last few weeks due to the warm temperatures. We welcomed the 15mm of rain last week which allowed us to carry out more maintenance to help with recovery of the weaker areas. Natural rain is far better than irrigation and we now hope for more in the future. Height of cut is now at 4mm and we are aiming to make them as fast as possible for the Club Championship next week. Most bunkers have been rotavated and de-stoned. The photo right is a core taken from a green which shows how the roots find air in the soil and how important aeration is. Thank you to all who attended Greenkeeper's Revenge last Friday. It could be a record attendance with 47 Playing. We hope you all enjoyed it.



Winners Pam Taylor, Joel Wagg and Simon Minns with 41 points





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