



Newsletter

March 2023

Club Captain – Jon Lewis

My first full month as captain and it's rained almost every day! Unfortunately March has seen over 100mm of rain so far, this large volume of rain highlights the fantastic job Tiff and Peter have done in keeping the course in such good condition with all tee boxes and 8 greens remaining open throughout. Hopefully April will be a warm and dryer month so we can expect to start seeing significant grass growth.

The clubs competitions soon begin with the RNLI giving the first opportunity to get your name on the honours board, please be reminded that the competition is open Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday with multiple entries permitted. All proceeds from the competitions entry fee's go to this amazing charity.

Good luck to the handicap league team that begin this years inter-club competitions in division 2, with a home match against Sprowston Manor on April 2nd. Also, best of luck to the Myhill and Cullington teams that have both been drawn away to Easton and Richmond park, with the Barnard trophy team playing at home to Heacham Manor on Wednesday the 26th, I'm sure all teams would be grateful of any support you can offer. Or, if you wish to represent the club in these competitions the sign up sheets are still on the notice board, along with sheets for the mixed matches against Kings Lynn, Ely and Newmarket.

My chosen charity for the year is the Swan youth project based locally in Downham Market, the charity offers support to young people and their families in Downham and the surrounding areas, so please support the captains day on June the 17th (more details to follow) and if you are unfortunate enough to find yourself in this years charity bunker, please make a donation to the collection box and help this wonderful charity.

Please continue to use the suggestion box located in the clubhouse foyer for any ideas that you feel will benefit the club or please don't hesitate to contact myself directly.

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



An advertisement for Sunday Carvery. It features a central image of a roast dinner with turkey, ham, and vegetables. Overlaid on the image is text in various colors and fonts. At the top, 'Sunday 2nd April' is written in large yellow letters. Below that, 'Monthly carvery from 1pm' is in white on a dark background. 'SUNDAY CARVERY' is written in large white letters. 'one course £12.50' is in yellow on a black background. 'Children's £6' is in white on a black background. 'Dessert available' is in white on a black background. The background of the ad shows a dining table with a knife and fork, and a plate of food.



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Ladies Captain – Janet Coles

Another month passed and we are now well into Spring although the weather doesn't support that theory! We have started working through our annual programme and are all trying to get "match fit", playing 18 holes instead of our Winter 9!

We had our first Friendly Match against March GC arranged for March but the weather got in the way. When I discovered that both buggies and trolleys were banned on the course it was decided that carrying for 18 holes was definitely not friendly! It has been a very long time since trolleys were banned on our course – we sometimes forget how lucky we are.

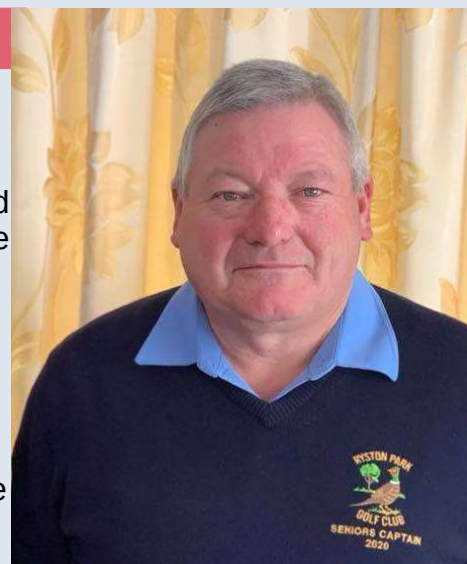


Tiff and Ann played their first round Daily Mail Foursomes match against Middleton Hall and unfortunately found that giving 16 strokes was just a bridge too far. Our ladies team played their first round Diamond League match against Eaton and despite putting up a really good challenge finally came second!

Lastly, I would like to congratulate Tiff and Peter on managing to keep the course in really good condition despite the weather conspiring against them. Now that the weather is due to get a little warmer the grass will begin to grow more and things will only get even better.

Seniors Captain – Michael Brown

Hello everyone, how quickly this month has gone by. It's now getting lighter nights now the clocks has changed, a good sign hopefully that better weather is on the way. Our weekly roll ups continue to be well attended with some good scores coming in despite the rather wet conditions we have encountered during the month. I would like to thank Robert Parker for his help in getting the Macmillan money raised during my previous term as captain. We eventually sent off a cheque for £860 after trying to get a representative to come to the club to collect it, but as the local branch closed down and previous covid restrictions in place this was not possible.



We played our first match of the season against Ely City at home and won the Match 5 -1, a good result and it was nice to get the first one in the bag. A big thank you to all who played in the team. Also my thanks to Tonya and Paige for the excellent roast we all enjoyed after the match. Our next two matches this month are away at Feltwell and March.

We continue to get new members joining the seniors section and enjoying the camaraderie on the course and afterwards the social side in the clubhouse.

Tiff and Peter continue to keep the course well maintained and in good order. Hopefully the rain will soon stop and we can look forward to some good golf this season and some more wins in our matches.



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The Committee

Campbell Cup & Eva New

Entries close on Sunday 9th April

Starting your round from the 6th Tee

When starting your round from the 6th Tee the sequence of holes for your card is

6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,1,2,3,4,5

If a Countback is needed to decide a competition winner, it will be:

- Best last 9 holes on the card, then
- Best last 6 holes on the card, then
- Best last 3 holes on the card, then
- Best last hole on the card

RNLI 7th – 10th April

Maximum 1 Entry per day.

£2 per Entry

Prize for lowest Man & lowest Lady

All Entry fees going to RNLI

Notice-Boards

There has recently been an instance of names being crossed out on the notice board. If anybody is seen doing this again they will be subject to disciplinary action.

Grievances

If any member has any grievances with club or staff, please report it to the office and not confront staff behind the bar or in the kitchen.

Results

March Medal

George Dickson	67
Johnny Clements	70
David Leake	70

Midweek Medal

Gary Rider	70
Martyn Wiles	71

9 Hole Medal

Simon Minns	36
Lee Amor	38
Johnny Clements	38

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.

Italian Night

May 13th

**BE THERE – for the chance to win
£100!**



Greenstaff

Well March has been very wet with only 8 days without rain and we have also seen snow! Regrettably this has made the 9th green extremely wet and soft and a temporary green has had to be in use. Thankfully now the clocks have now changed which means longer daylight hours for it to dry out.

We are planning to do a light top dress to all the greens next week, we are aiming for Monday 3rd (weather depending). This may result in the course being closed for a few hours that afternoon while we carry out the work (you will be given notice before this happens).

Although this hasn't been done in the Spring for a few years, as it usually clashes with fixtures, we feel given the Winter we've had, the greens would really benefit. Sand in the top layer will help break down the thatch that is accumulating and firm up the surfaces which will result in smoother and faster greens for the season ahead. If the weather is kind you should not notice after a week.



A new bridge is going to be constructed over the ditch on the 3rd. You may have noticed the rather large pipe. This is to help reduce the wear between the ditches and means we can repair that area and divert traffic as it recovers. Thank you to Gary Collins who has donated 60 tonnes of soil to allow us to widen the new 9th tee and fill in the area for the bridge.



Last year's Captains, Dave Stennett and Liz Forgan handed over a cheque for £2095.96 to East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH).

Thank you to all members who contributed towards this amazing charity.



Peter and Tiff (greenstaff) are your first aiders at the golf club. A defibrillator is also located in the clubhouse.

