



Ryston Park
Golf Club

Newsletter

May 2023

Club Captain – Jon Lewis

The month of May has seen temperatures rise and with the longer daylight hours, we are having sustained grass growth throughout the course and in particular our greens.

I hope you have all taken the time to read the additional greens reports that have been sent out, and that you can appreciate the hard work our greens staff are doing to return the greens to their usual high standard. It is a slow process but as you can see, they are improving every day.

As you will have all seen, the solar panels are up and operational, thank you for your patience and understanding regarding the scaffolding. Early indications show the panels are performing very well. We will keep you informed of the

systems performance and cost saving once it has been running for a while.

I would like to thank Paul Schade for kindly donating the Hornbeam hedging that you will see alongside the Nissen hut and will shortly see around the irrigation pump shed, once grown it will act as an attractive screen from the ageing structures.

Congratulations go to the Ladies Gillieson Cup team following an impressive win away to Heacham Manor, Mundesley will be welcomed to Ryston Park in round 2, so the best of luck to them.

Unfortunately, the Scratch Handicap team narrowly lost to Sprowston Manor, along with the Cullington team losing at a very windy Caister & Gt Yarmouth. Despite the results, everyone enjoyed themselves. The Handicap League team will face both Bawburgh and Sprowston Manor later this month, so good luck to all those representing our club in the Ladies and Gentlemen's fixtures.

Most weekends now hold the opportunity to win trophies, so good luck in the forthcoming weeks and congratulations go to May's winners, Nigel Wagg (Pratt Cup), David Weeds (Don Rowell Stableford), Roger Sloper (Midweek Medal), Dean Rackley & Kenny Newman (Gibb Cup) and Michael Window (Trevor Nurse Trophy). Some great scores being submitted.

My Captain's charity day will soon be here (17th), I hope you can join me in raising as much money as possible for the Swan Youth Project through the auction, taking part in the golf, joining in with the evening entertainment or the purchasing of raffle tickets. Every pound raised can make a real difference to young lives in the local area. If any of you wish to donate a prize for the raffle it would be gratefully received, just give them to the bar staff or Andy in the office with a note of your name so I can thank you personally.

Details of auction items will soon be sent out to allow those unable to attend the auction to submit sealed bids, so good luck on your bidding and I thank you all in advance for your generous support.

Best regards, Jon.

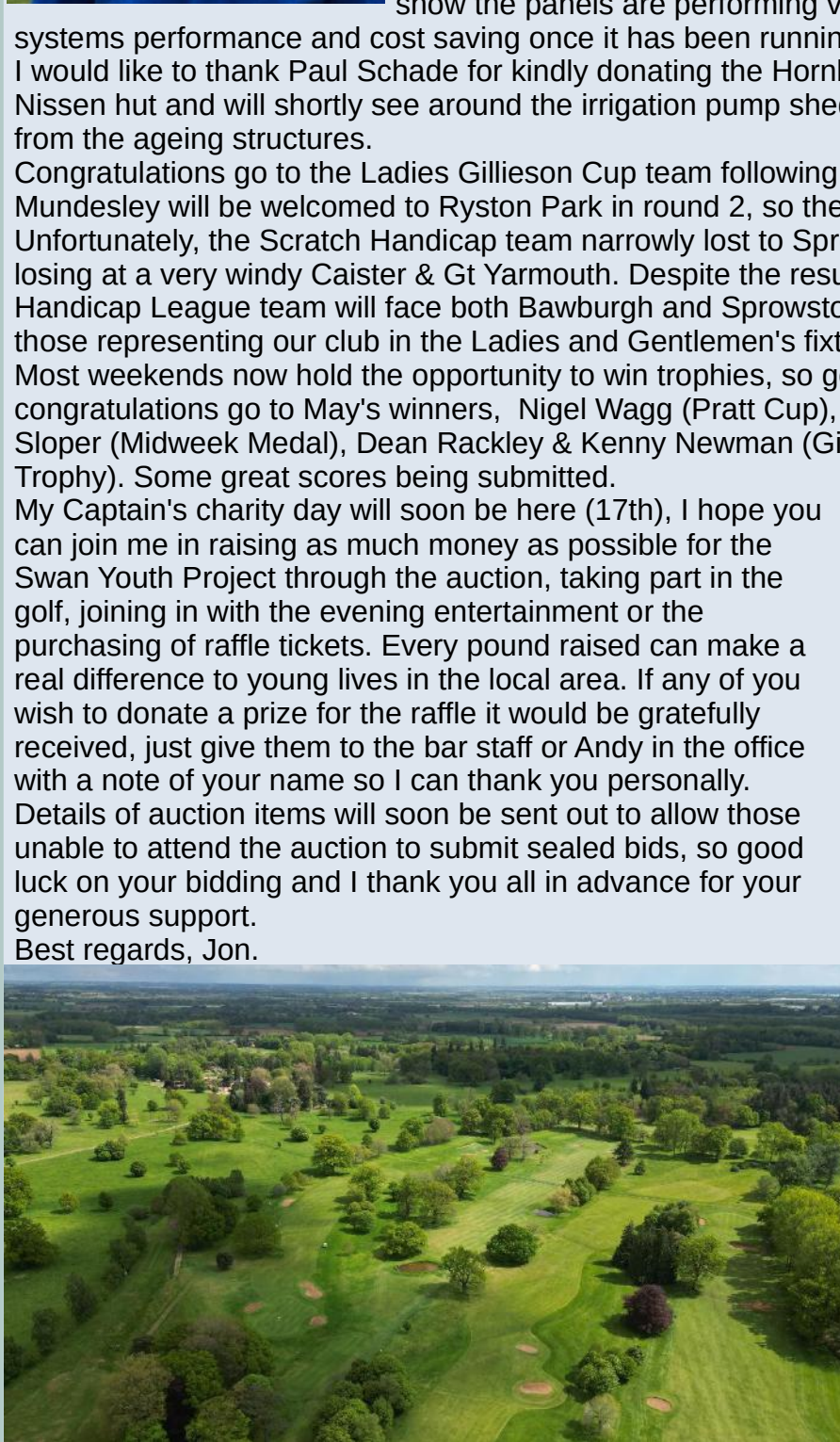
Captain's Day 17th June

Your support is kindly requested to join us for captain's day, in aid of The Swan Youth Project.

Supporting young people and their families in the Downham Market area.

- **Best round wins a meal for 2, including wine or prosecco at Jacks at Woodlakes**
- **Prizes for nearest the pin, longest drive, & nearest the pin in 2**
- **Putting competition**
- **Raffle**
- **BBQ**
- **Charity auction**
- **Live entertainment from local band "Martha's Wood"**

This event is kindly being sponsored by Jacks at Woodlakes





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Ladies Captain – Janet Coles



At last the weather is improving and we are able to enjoy some sunshine. The course is reflecting this and the rough is proving more and more difficult to get out of! Nevertheless it is so nice to be able to go out without being wrapped in “winter woollies”!

Our league team has played two matches, King’s Lynn away and Sprowston at home. Unfortunately we have yet to score a win. We are finding it difficult to compete with some of the high handicapped players we come across. When you are giving multiple shots it is hard to accept that these players can hit the ball as far as you do!!



Sunday 21st May saw our Gillieson Cup team playing at Heacham Manor. The weather was bright but the wind was punishing and despite two of our pairs having to give 12 shots we came home the winners 2-1. Our next round will be played against Mundesley at home.

Now to the brilliant news – Tiffany went off to play in the County Golf Championship at Gt Yarmouth & Caister on the weekend of 12th – 14th. She had an amazing first day winning both the Scratch and Handicap trophies. Over the weekend she played three Match Play Knock-Out rounds only succumbing in the semi-final to the final winner. We are very proud to have Tiffany representing Ryston Park. We have had one Friendly Match during the month when we played Richmond Park at home. The match was played in the best of spirits and finished in an honourable half.

Finally, the Carrick Cup – Tiffany and Ann represented Ryston Park and played away at Dereham on 27th. They were 4 down with 5 to play and finally succumbed to the opposition on 18th hole! Hard luck to you both – a valiant recovery that almost saved the day!

Seniors Captain – Michael Brown



Hello all, yet another month has been and gone. This month we welcomed a new member to our section, Alick Mackenzie who made his debut in a match against Fakenham with J Alan Law and they won their game by 2 holes, well done Alick and we won the match and look forward to you playing in future Matches. We also played Richmond Park but lost 4 and 2. Away at Wensum Valley which we halved a very good result especially playing the Wensum course. Plenty of water around the second 9 holes. Home to Middleton which we Lost.

On Monday the 22nd some of our members played in the Landlords Charity Day with the winners on the day being our own Ian Buttle and Eric Savage, a total of £1500 being raised for the Swan Youth Project in Downham Market. A very special trophy made by and presented by James Bagge to the winners on the Day.



Looking ahead to next month we are hosting our Open Pair’s competition and look forward to welcoming the participants to Ryston Park on the 16th of the month. The course is coming on now. The grass is growing well and is lush ideal weather for the grass and the greens are recovering well. We continue to have excellent meals on our match days, thanks to Tonya and Paige the visiting teams have commented how good they are. My thanks to Tiff and Peter for their excellent work on the course. On the Roll ups they continue to be well attended with some good scores coming in each week. My thanks to Ian Buttle for doing the match cards and handicaps for me.

Photo – Donny Rowell (right) presenting the Don Rowell Trophy to Dave Weeds with a score of 36 points.



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The Committee

Single players

If you are a single player please do not play more than one ball, especially when other players are directly in front of behind you.

Please be aware that we will be carrying out random checks on the course to make sure players are either members or visitors that have paid. Please don't be offended if your membership is checked.

£1500 raised for the Swan Youth Project



36 guests and members took part in the annual Landlord's Charity Day on the 22nd May, organised by James Bagge (middle). The charity is located in Downham Market which supports young people and their families with a whole variety of needs. A fantastic total of £1500 was raised on the day. Winners were

Eric Savage (left) and Ian Buttle (right).

Greek Night

Friday 23rd June

3 course Greek Style buffet
To include a free Greek Cocktail
Only £18
Plus a chance to win £150!

Member feedback: By Peter and Teresa Barker
"Attended the Italian night meal at the club on Saturday 13th May and wanted to thank Julie, Tonya and Paige for a really enjoyable evening. The food was very Italian, very varied and very good. There was enough food to sink a battleship, and it was great value for money. About 30 attended which is a pity, given that we have over 300 members at the Club. These functions, I imagine, take a lot of organising and preparation, and need our support. so thank you again ladies."

Results

May Medal	Jon Lewis	67
Pratt Cup	Nigel Wagg	+3
Midweek Medal	Roger Sloper	70
Trevor Nurse	Mike Window	66
Don Rowell	David weeds	36
Australian Spoons	Anne/Emmerson & Melanie Martin	
PING 4BBB	Pam Taylor & Patsy Parker 38pts	

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

May has seen ideal growing conditions and has boosted recovery to the greens. Germination of the over-seeded areas is happening and we should see continued improvement throughout the weeks as more seed germinates and eventually fill in the gaps. Although, we have not seen any significant rainfall for 3 weeks now, so we are relying on our irrigation to keep moisture levels where they need to be. The Poa grass on the greens is seeding which is causing them to play a little slow. We are stuck in the middle at the moment as we want to lower the height of cut to increase speed but doing so will slightly hamper the rate of recovery. Our agronomist continues to visit us weekly to advise and get us through this difficult time.



6th April



18th May



Due to a mechanical fault with the greens mower, the greens were cut by hand earlier this month. (4 hours to cut greens = not practical)



There have been a number of bee swarms spotted around the course lately. Despite looking aggressive they are simply having a pit stop and will move on in their own time. Please do not approach if you see any however.



Rake Bunkers!

Pam Taylor represented the club in the England Golf Race to Woodhall Spa at Rookery Par, finishing 8th with 34 points.

