



Ryston Park  
Golf Club

# Newsletter

September 2023

## Club Captain – Jon Lewis

I'd like to thank you all for your patience following the essential greens maintenance earlier in the month. The greens have recovered remarkably quickly and already we are starting to see the drainage benefits, particularly on the 9<sup>th</sup> following some torrential downpours. Although inconvenient, this work is vital in maintaining our fantastic greens for the forthcoming year. Along with the core removal, we will also be installing new drains under the 9<sup>th</sup> green, which again will cause disruption but will give a long term benefit.

I would also like to thank Jim Marsh for giving his time to paint the new buggy sheds, Jim has done a fantastic job in helping to ensure the sheds will last for many years to come.



Our committee member Pat Holman is currently captain of Norfolk Past Captains and on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September he hosted an event with over 50 past captains attending, not only from Norfolk but from all over the Anglia region. The event was a great advert for our club with fantastic compliments being given to the course and club.

Ryston's Handicap League team has successfully maintained it's position in division 2 following the last fixture, away at Bawburgh. The league is becoming a very competitive County competition, so remaining in division 2 is a great achievement. Thanks to all those that represented Ryston this year with special thanks going to the Handicap League captains, Jonny Spinks and Simon Bird. They have done a great job in organising each fixture throughout the year.

Congratulations to the winners of September's competitions; Bob Ives (Monthly Medal), Robbie Mills (idweek Medal & midweek Stableford), Eric Savage & Lyn Kirk (Stewards Cup), Lee Osler and myself look forward to representing Ryston next year following our success in winning the Daily Mail foursomes.

We have our race night fast approaching so please put your name down if you wish to attend, sponsor a race, be a horse owner or jockey. It will be an entertaining evening hosted by our President Paul, so please join us.

Please enjoy what golf you can in these daylight reduced Autumn days, and please be respectful of the course and the staff.

## Sunday Carvery

Only £12.50

DESERTS  
AVAILABLE

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>  
October



## A NIGHT AT THE RACES



Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW



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## Ladies Captain – Janet Coles

We are really getting into Autumn now - chilly mornings with a lot of dew on the grass – summer shoes are being put away ready for next year!

Our Autumn Foursomes was played on 20th and was won by Val Mellish and Melanie Martin with Pat Blyth and Janet Rice in very close second place. We sat down to a very enjoyable jacket potato lunch and were even joined by Michael Russell and Peter our greenkeeper.

Unfortunately our friendly match with Sutton Bridge had to be cancelled due to lack of support but it did come in a week when we had a lot of commitments. Conversely we were able to field 14 ladies to play with the Seniors on 21st and I think that everyone thoroughly enjoyed the occasion. Many thanks to Eric Savage and Ian Buttle for organising the morning which went without a hitch. Marlene Simmonds won Nearest the Pin and was the overall winner with her partner Mike Reid. We followed our match with a superb “ploughman’s” -



many thanks to Tonya and Paige for providing such a feast.

Our final event of the month was the Daily Mail Foursomes which was won by Tiffany Mills and Ann Fletcher who will go on to represent the Club in the 2024 knockout event. Once again Pat Blyth and Janet Rice came second - obviously destined to be the bridesmaids!!

I would like to congratulate the green staff and all their helpers for managing the greens maintenance so efficiently. I would commend all members to look at the short video that Tiff put on Facebook which showed in detail exactly what went on. The fact that the greens recovered so quickly was amazing. Admittedly they were rather slower than usual at first but in view of the amount of work that had been done on them they were amazing. Congratulations and many thanks to all involved.



## Seniors Captain – Michael Brown

As the days get shorter we are now coming to the last two friendly matches of the season. This month we played our monthly Medal which was won by Pat Holman with a nett 66. We played Richmond Park away winning the match 4 – 2.

The Autumn Trophy was played and the winner on the day was Brian Downs with 38 Points. We also played Feltwell at home. Another good result for us winning 5 – 1. March played us at home and they came out the winners on the day by 3.5 – 2.5. On the 21st we played a mixed match with the ladies. With some good pairings the winners were Marlene Simmons and Mike Reed with 71 points on count back from Pat Blyth and Pat Holman and in third place were Ann Fletcher and Eric Savage with 69 points. Afterwards a ploughman’s lunch was enjoyed by everyone, prepared by Tonya and Paige.

We went to Girton to play the return match which was won by Girton, 3.5 – 2.5. On the 28th we played a Texas scramble which are proving to be very popular. 33 players took part and the winners with 61 points on count back were Peter Barker, Phil Scotney and Ted Filby from 2nd placed team Mike Reed, John Rice and Geoff Marshall and 3rd place team, Ian Buttle, Brian Downs and George Lawrence. Nearest the pin was won by Pat Holman. Afterwards we enjoyed ham eggs and chips prepared by Tonya and served by Paige. I would like to give a big thank you to Ian Buttle for all his hard work he puts in to preparing all the score cards and handicaps for all the matches and competitions we take part in and checking all the score cards. The greens are recovering well after the work carried out on them and the course is playing well all thanks to Tiff and Peter for all the hard work they do on the course.







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## The Secretary – Andy Ware

### Sausage Supper

The annual Sausage Supper and Men's prize giving is being held on **Friday 27th October** at 7.30 pm.

Please enter your name on the list on the Men's notice board.

Cost of the evening is £15.

### Campbell Cup

Well done to Nigel Wagg for winning the Campbell Cup.

He defeated Mike Reed in a close 36 hole final coming back from behind to clinch victory.

Unlucky to Mike , great effort.



## Results

**August Medal** Bob Ives 63  
Kyle Richardson 63

**Midweek Medal** Robbie Mills 71

**Midweek Stab** Robbie Mills 38

**Seniors Autumn Trophy**  
Patrick Downs 38

**Stewards Cup** E.Savage/L.Kirk 42

**Autumn Foursomes**  
V. Mellish/ M.Martin 32

**Daily Mail Foursomes**  
Men - J/Lewis/ L.Osler 64  
Women - A.Fletcher/ T.Mills 71



Thank you to Jim Marsh (left) for painting the buggy sheds and Andy Ware (right) for cleaning the guttering and fascias on the clubhouse.

## 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](mailto:Plunt79@gmail.com) to book.





## Greenstaff

The greens were successfully hollow-cored and top dressed earlier in the month and have recovered very well thanks to the weather and fertiliser.

Thank you to Andy, Roger and Chris Chapman for their help getting the work done on time.



The height of cut on the greens have been raised to 4.6mm, but the greens are still being cut nearly every day as there is still a lot of growth. However in the next few weeks we shall gradually reduce the frequency of cutting. A strong, healthy sward is needed as we now enter the high disease period. Dewey mornings, shorter days, the leaf stays damper for longer, making it ideal conditions for disease to establish. So to try and combat this we will be aerating once a month.

The 9<sup>th</sup> green is having additional drains added to help prevent it becoming water – logged during the Winter. Other options were looked into but at a cost of £8000 - £10 000 and would have been more aggressive to the entire green. The Committee and us decided this option would be a more cost affective option at present.

The gap between the ditches on 3<sup>rd</sup> hole has been over-seeded as this is a high traffic area.

Now we have preferred lies, the fairways will be chain harrowed, which will help remove any thatched areas and will also encourage the grass to grow denser. They will also be slit for aeration.



## Preferred Lies