



Ryston Park September Newsletter Golf Club 2022

Lady Captain – Liz Forgan



The month began with our annual day out at Hovenden Park Golf Club, this unique, peaceful course with all the lovely trees was again really beautiful. The day was organised by Maie, we all took some very tasty picnic food and enjoyed a lovely sunny day. Melanie came in with the winning score.

Club Captain – Dave Stennett



A much quieter month but we did manage to organise a men's match against Ely which was very successful. The Ely team enjoyed the course very much after rain had made the course much greener again. I also lost my match against Robbie Mill in the final of the Campbell Cup, congratulations to Robbie, he played his normal steady game but I did manage to push him over 32 holes to secure the victory.



Our presentation night is at the Sausage Supper on 28th October, please make sure you get your name on the list if you have won any of the cups.

The construction of the new 18th tee continues, we are still collecting soil and building the box. Some of the bushes have been removed already and we will be extending the irrigation system across to the new tee soon.

Your House Committee continue to work hard on finalising the refurbishment stages of the club house and we are now organising the fixtures ready for next year.

Our Social Committee have organised a

trip abroad next year to play golf in the sunshine, if you are interested please can we have your names in the office to make this trip viable. I believe it's a good price and flights can be booked from Stansted to the resort, we need names to finalise the deal or it will be lost and the chance to play golf with friends abroad cancelled.



Ann, Tiff, Tracy and Trish

represented the club in the County Foursomes. All the Ladies matches have now been completed apart from the last friendly match against Ely on Monday 3rd October.

Our Lady President organised her final President's Day which was most successful as usual. Tonya supplied a lovely buffet meal and we all enjoyed a really good time. Val Armstrong won First prize as well as Nearest the Pin and Pam Taylor was Runner Up. Thank you



Janet, it must be a relief to have completed three years so successfully.

We finished off the month with the Green Keeper's Revenge. The Green Keepers rearrange the course in an unusual way which must have taken a long time to set up. Then they have to put it back

to normal for the golfers on the following day. It is a real challenge and we are all very grateful to Peter and Tiff for the extra work that is involved, but we golfers all enjoyed it!

Senior Captain – Eric Savage

The weather is now starting to get cooler and the sun lower in the sky, making tee-offs a bit more difficult to see in the mornings, but the course is coming on well, and I think the greens are the best they have been this year, all thanks to the Greens staff.

The Seniors have still been busy with friendly matches, playing against Richmond Park away on 8th September, where we had a resounding beating of 6 to 0.

On the 13th we played against Feltwell at home, managing to have a win of 4 to 2.

On 22nd September we had an away day to Ramsey Golf Club, the weather was very good to us, and everyone really enjoyed the day, the winner there was Chris Chapman with 39 points, 2nd was Mike Reed with 36 points, 3rd was Alan Law on countback with 35 points, and Graham Child was 4th. We would recommend anyone to go and play there, as the welcome we had was fantastic, the catering was very good too.

On 26th September we played away at Girton golf club, where we all had a lovely day, apart from the result of losing by 5 games to 1. The hosts were lovely company.

We still have 3 more friendlies to play this year, so would ask the Seniors to please put their names down for the matches, as we do struggle at times to get teams, and all the support I get to play these teams is really appreciated.



Results

September Medal

Tom Brand	63
Robbie Mills	68
Alistair Reeve	68

September Midweek Stab

Lewis Chambers	40pts
Dave Green	35pts
Nigel Wagg	35pts

Seniors Autumn Trophy

Gordon Carter	39pts
Grahame Mizen	38pts
Dave Stennett	37pts

Daily Mail Foursomes (ladies)

A.Fletcher/ T.Mills	73
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Midweek Medal

Dave Green	66
Martyn Wiles	71

Daily Mail Foursomes

G.Dixon/S.Minns	70
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Stewards Cup

T.Mills/L.Fleming	41pts
J.Rice/R.Sloper	40pts

Autumn Foursomes

P.Blyth/J.Rice	40pts
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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.



The Committee

Preferred Lies are now in force

When a player's ball lies in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less, the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball in and playing it from this relief area:

- Reference Point: Spot of the original ball
- Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point: 6 inches from the reference point, but with these limits:
- Limits on Location of Relief Area:
- Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and
- Must be in the general area.

In proceeding under this Local Rule, the player must choose a spot to place the ball and use the procedures for replacing a ball under Rules 14.2b(2) and 14.2e.

Next Years Club Competitions

Any Member wishing to enter next years Ryston Park Competitions (including knockouts) must have played 4 Ryston Park competitions (Medal, Stableford and/or cup competitions) during the previous club year. General Play cards will be accepted at the discretion of the Handicap, Competition & Rules Committee to accommodate exceptional circumstances such as illness/ injury and new membership.

**PLEASE REPAIR
PITCHMARKS**

Lady Presidents Day

My third and final President's Day was held on Sunday 11th September with the Ladies playing a Stableford Competition on a dry and sunny day. Thank you to my husband John for being The Starter, thank you also to our wonderful Greens Staff for preparing the course so well despite the difficult weather they have had to endure, and finally thank you to Tonya and her staff for a delicious halfway house and buffet supper served to nineteen ladies.

Congratulations to Val Armstrong who won the Presidents Cup with 37 points and also the prize for Nearest the Pin and to Pam Taylor in second place with 34 points.

Thank you to all the Ladies for their cards of good wishes and gifts which I received on the day.

Janet Rice, Lady President 2020-2023.



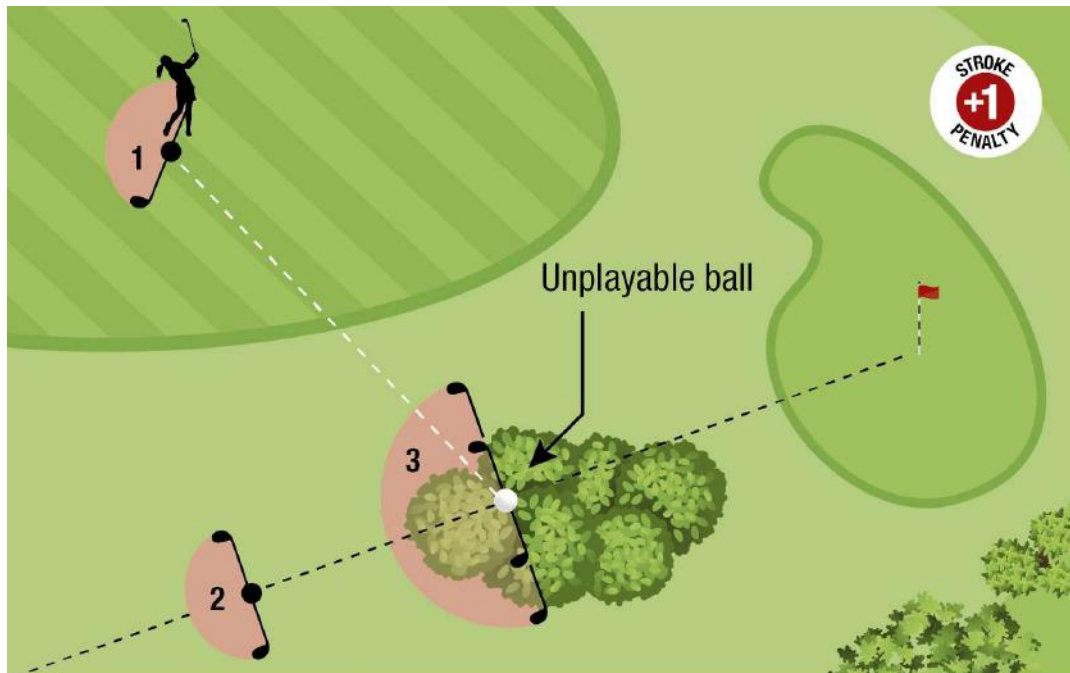
Rules Night

The club recently held an enjoyable rules evening hosted by Mike Rees. For those who were unable to attend here is a couple of rules that you will come across on the course.

Unplayable Ball

If your ball is in an unplayable position, e.g. under a bush you can take a **one** stroke penalty and have three options on where to drop it.

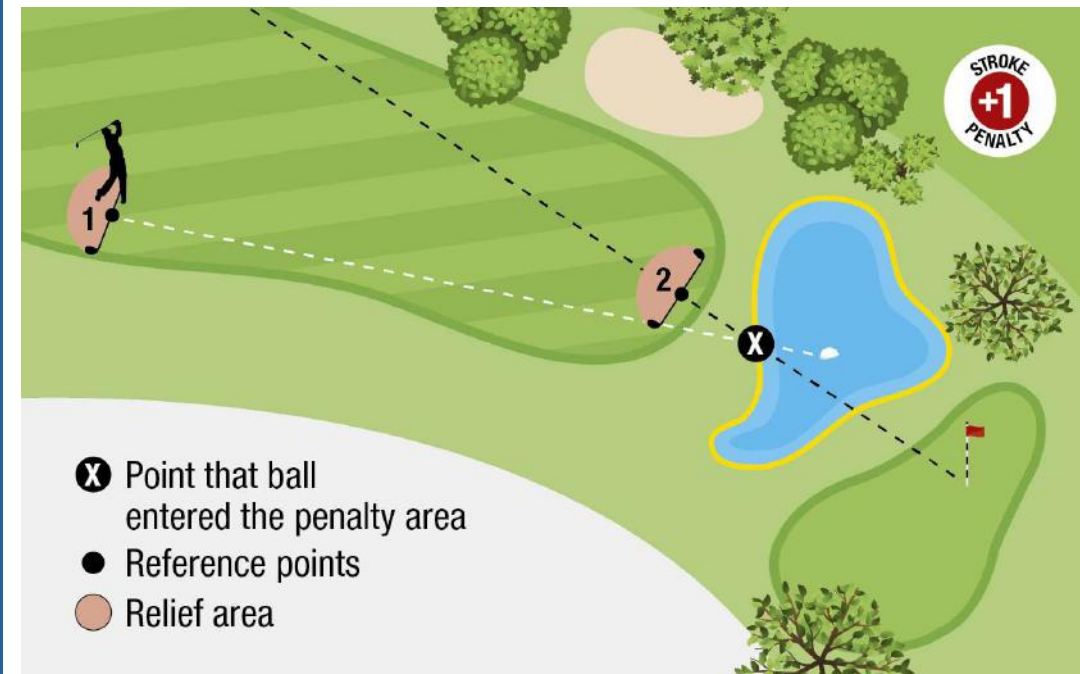
- 1) **Play the shot again.**
- 2) **Back-on-the-line** relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in a relief area based on a reference line going straight back from the hole through the spot of the original ball. There is no limit to how far back on line the reference point may be.
- 3) **Two club-lengths** from the reference point (the ball) not nearer the hole.



Penalty Area (YELLOW STAKED)

When it is known or virtually certain that a ball is in a yellow penalty area and you wish to take relief, you have two options, each for **one** penalty stroke.

- 1) **Play the shot again.**
- 2) **Back-on-the-line** relief by dropping a ball in a relief area based on a reference line going straight back from the hole through point X.



Greenstaff – Peter & Tiff

Well it's been all go in September! Greens maintenance, Apron maintenance, tee levelling and turf laying... as well as the grass growing! Top-dressing was timed to perfection, dry while work was carried out and a couple days after to allowing us to keep brushing the sand into the surface and then some decent rain in the days after to wash it in. The greens recovered well and within a week you could hardly tell they'd been done.



Some aprons are still to be worked on and chain harrowing will also be done now we have preferred lies on.



The 4th tee and the whites on the 5th tee have been levelled and re-turfed. These tees were planned to be done over Winter, but we felt as there was little grass coverage on them it would be silly to repair them when new turf could be laid now while growth is still with us. It will also mean they will be back in play quicker.



Finally, thank you to those who played in Greenkeepers Revenge despite the weather forecast.

