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**Ryston Park Newsletter**

**February 2018**

# Club Captain: Bert Emery

*Hello All,*

*Welcome to my first bulletin, I can only hope it's interesting and you stick around to the end. I can't promise sensational headlines but will do my best...*

*I'd like to introduce myself to anyone who doesn't know me and give a little insight into why I was so glad to take this opportunity to be the Club Captain. I've been a member of Ryston for years, nearly 35 of them I just worked out, basically since I was a junior starting out in the mid 80's. I was definitely not a sparkling player as a junior but did enjoy the game and was lucky to get to play with some great people who made it fun and friendly. I was saddened to hear that one of those, Andy Burbeck, recently passed away. I (and another member I recently spoke to) owed him such a great debt in the friendship we forged as we learnt the game.*

*Outside of golf I work in the medical device and pharmaceutical industry where it's currently audit season so I'm back and forth into Europe lots but won't complain about that too much. I've great support from my wife Sharon and many of you will have seen our son Aidan playing at the club. You'll usually find me playing weekend mornings although I hope to meet and play with as many of you as possible. It's been a frustratingly slow start to the year for me with a prolapsed disc in my back, but I hit my first shots of the year today and I've not collapsed – yet. Fingers crossed...*

*Like any golf club it's an exciting time of year; the course is being prepared in earnest for the season, fixture lists are being finalised, new appointments on the committee, grabbing the hand off all the volunteers who've offered to help... The list goes on. And on. Couple this to the tremendous new services provided by the catering team and all the social events being planned and I can't wait to get started. Please take advantage of all that we have and get involved, it's YOUR club to be enjoyed and developed.*

*I'll yarn on over this next year on several themes but would like to leave you with this thought. Golf has had a tough time for several years with numbers leaving the game and courses closing but we've survived this. Golf still remains the fifth most popular game in the UK and the signs from England Golf are that things are improving in the industry. Some phenomenal work by our previous captains, staff, members, volunteers etc all have enabled us to weather the storm somewhat and keep us firmly on the golfing map. We've a great James Braid course design that remains as relevant as ever, kept in great condition with some of the finest greens in the east of England. We have plenty to do to maintain this and make improvements, but rest assured there's a strong appetite for this. If you want to be involved in this process please just let us know.*

*Well done if you made it this far.*

*Cheers,  
Bert*



# Ladies Captain: Boo Moore

Hello Ladies

It is a great honour to be asked to be your Captain for 2018 and I hope I can live up to the challenge.

During February the weather has not been kind to us so only the brave have ventured out. However we did have some social golf mornings organised by Janet Coles & Janet Rice, Pam Taylor and Trish McManus & Tracy Russell. We always have fun on those days and these were well supported. Thank you all.

Good luck Trish & Tracy at Feltwell on Sunday 25th February when they play the Daily Mail Foursomes.

We have a packed programme for this year with friendly matches, leagues and National Competitions. I do hope we will have lots of members taking part.

My Vice Captain Pat Blyth and I will do our best to ensure that the Ladies Section have a brilliant and successful year.

My good wishes to you all.

Boo Moore



# Acting Seniors Captain: Pat Holman

A good start to the 2018 season for Kenny Prior who, playing on a Saturday morning, achieved a hole in one on the 4th. Well done Kenny and the celebratory whisky was much appreciated.

The Tuesday and Thursday roll-ups have been well attended given some very cold mornings. With no mats or temporary greens playing winter golf at Ryston is that much more enjoyable.

Our 9 Hole Alliance Winter League team lost 2½ - 1½ to Fakenham, the match played at Feltwell. It looks as though we will be handing over the trophy to Dereham this year. It will be their first win.

Our friendly fixtures begin on March 15th with a home match against RAF Marham. This will be followed by 27 other matches taking us through to the end of September. There will also be monthly medals and qualifying Stablefords with various trophies to compete for. We look forward to an enjoyable season.

## COLIN BELL

We were all sad to hear of the passing of Colin Bell. A regular member of the Seniors at Ryston Park for many years, he was a keen golfer and excellent company. He will be fondly remembered.

Barry Marks  
Seniors Section



## COLIN BELL

Your friend and fellow Senior Golfer Colin Bell sadly passed away on Saturday 10th February at 11.15pm.

Colin loved his golf and really appreciated the friendship that was extended to him at Ryston Golf Club, so we would like to invite you to attend his funeral that is to be held at

Mintlyn Crematorium, Kings Lynn on  
Wednesday 7th March 2018 at 10am

And then to join us afterwards for a drink and nibbles at the  
Club House Ryston Golf Club

To assist us with catering, if you feel you would like to join us at the Club House, please would you be kind enough to let us know by contacting us

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If you have any queries at all, please feel free to contact us. We would love to hear from you.

Sue - Colin's Daughter  
Colin (Junior) - Colin's Son

In February 2017 I announced that Colin's wife had passed away. Now a year later we have lost Colin.

**John Rice** takes over as Club President and gains the car park space which Joe will miss as he has held a designated car park space for many years as Secretary and then President.

John was Club Captain in 2002/3 with Janet Coles and now John is Club President and Janet is the Ladies President.

It seems they are meant to rule together.

John spent 10 years in the office, some of which as Club Secretary. He also finds time to tend the gardens and I am sure would welcome help during his term of office.



**John Alflatt** has retired as Trustee. John has given many years of good service to the club both as a golfer, club captain, held the club record and served on the committee. On behalf of all members we thank you.

His place will be filled by **Tam Payne** who I am sure will do an excellent job.

**Nigel Wagg** has taken up the post of Vice Captain and will look after the Mixed Matches for 2018/19.

Congratulations Nigel.



Congratulations to **Tracy Russell** who has been invited to play for the Norfolk Ladies Vets Team.

I'm sure most of you have been watching the Winter Olympics on TV including the Curling competition. It seems we have a lady member who is an ex Curling player. She played for England Ladies against Scotland a few years ago and is very modest but for those that don't know - our star is **Liz Forgan** who used to play the sport at Peterborough.

**Suzy Martin** tells me she is waiting for results, feeling much better, but still very tired.

**Peter Hubbard** is now qualified to carry out spraying duties as he passed his test this month.

This month **Joe Flogdell** finishes his three year term of office as Club President. Joe has been, and still is, an enthusiastic member of the golf club. Whenever a function is held at the club he rallies all his friends and usually brings along 30 people to the monthly dinners. I'm sure you all agree he has done a grand job for the club and we wish him all the best. Joe handed over a President's Tie to the new Club President John Rice.



The injured buzzard took shelter in the greenskeepers shed and is now with the RSPCA.

# Results

## Men's February Medal (26 entries)

**Winner R Ives** - Going out in 42  
and coming back in 42 with 6  
pars giving a score of  $84-13=71$

D Weeds  $78-6=72$

R Cave  $93-21=72$

G Carter  $80-7=73$

D Kew  $80-6=74$

B Sewell  $87-13=74$

**Bob Ives** also won the January Monthly  
Stableford with 39 points.

**Richard Cave** 2nd with 37 points.

Both are playing well and to their handicap  
even though the course is still in its winter  
coat!

Ladies February Stableford  
was cancelled due to snow  
and the course being closed  
in the morning.

## Mens Midweek Medal Wednesday 21st February 10 entrants

**Winner: D Kew**  $74-6=68$   
going out in 36 and back in 38  
with 2 birdies and 11 pars.

S Fitt  $101-28=73$

S Harvey  $83-9=74$

R Ives  $87-13=74$

# JUNIOR GOLF

We are planning to start Junior Training on Saturday 7th April when Peter Lunt will be coming along to teach any potential golfers.

It does not matter if you have had no experience of playing - he will be dealing with all the basics.

On the other hand, any Juniors with experience will be very welcome and Peter will hope to make you even better golfers.

If we can develop a squad, however small, we hope that we can organise competitions and visit to other clubs.

If you are interested or know someone who might be interested please contact the Lady President Janet Coles or Liz Forgan by telephone or email.

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Wednesday 21st February Social Golf was organised by Trish McManus & Dorothy March. Each golfer was allowed to use a Gimme, Piece of String, Kick and a Throw. All scores counted in this amusing team game of nine holes.

Winning team (above) : Janet Coles, Maggie Ward & Marlene Simmonds with a very good score of 39 points.

Nearest the Pin Winner : Liz Harvey (right)

Social golf on Wednesday 31st January was organised by Tracy Russell & Trish McManus. The weather wasn't looking very bright at the start but the sun did manage to show through at times.

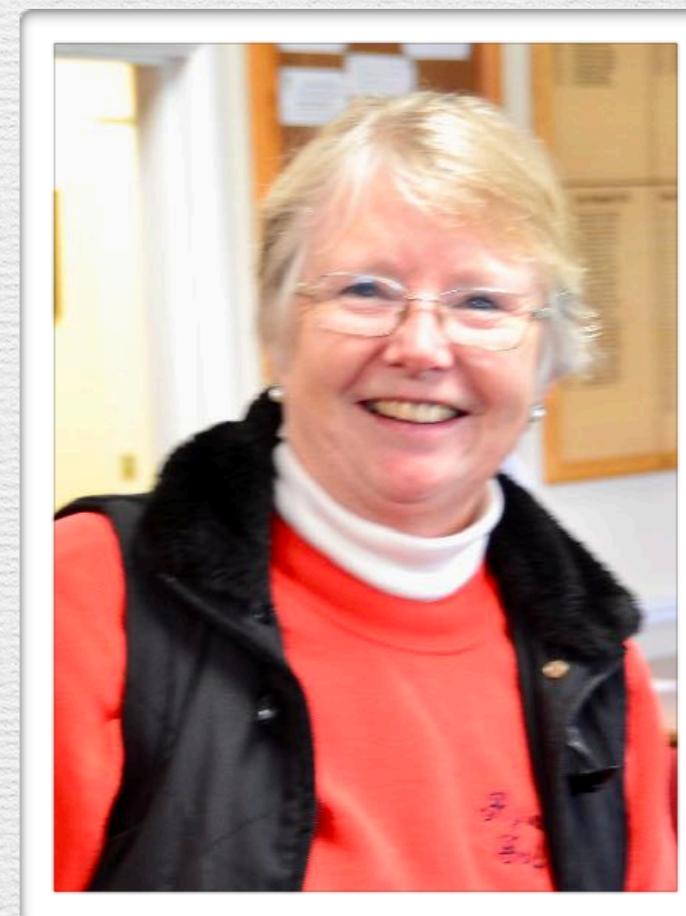
Teams played an unusual format with a Gimme, Kick, Throw and a piece of string!

Team winners were Trish McManus, Janet Coles and Dorothy March.

Nearest the Pin winner: Ann Fletcher.



21st February : Thanks to Janet Rice, who celebrated her birthday by buying cakes for all the ladies and then had to suffer a 'Happy Birthday' singsong from the ladies and gentlemen in the clubhouse.



Andy Burbeck passed away peacefully on the morning of Wednesday 31st January 2018. Andy had been a member for many years and his name appears on the winners boards. Our thoughts are with his family and of course Ruth Mountain.

The funeral is Monday 26th February.

Those of you that use the clubhouse will have noticed the new Menu Board on the bar counter.

Classic Catering are now providing hot meals for members, guests & visitors.

They also will supply to order :- birthday cakes, various cakes and pastries, fruit pies, meat pies, sausage rolls and "Tea for Two" takeaway packs.

For further information visit their website:-

[www.classiccateringwestnorfolk.co.uk](http://www.classiccateringwestnorfolk.co.uk)

PSP Media Group is delighted to announce the launch of *UK Club Golfer*, a brand new publication for members and visitors.

This new publication will replace the copies of *English Club Golfer* that we have previously received at the club and will provide members with much more local and national news, in a fresh easy-to-read format.

The award-winning editorial team behind *UK Club Golfer* include Bryce Ritchie, previous Consumer Magazine Editor of the Year, and Michael McEwan, former RBS Young Sportswriter of the Year.

"Having worked closely with golf clubs for over 20 years, they have come to realise that there was a massive gap in the market for a grassroots golf publication that would deliver quality, relevant news on both a local and national level. We want to create a publication that will have integrity and that the amateur golfer will relate to and enjoy reading," said Ritchie.

The tabloid-sized publication will be published on quality gloss art paper to ensure a pleasurable reader experience and a stunning visual platform for editorial and commercial content.

The intention is to provide you with a quality free of charge publication that you will be delighted to provide for your members and visitors. Copies of the launch issue will be delivered to your club on Friday 9th March.

We hope you enjoy the read and they look forward to your feedback.

## **Ryston Park Ladies Section AGM Wednesday 14th February**

The Ladies Captain, Maggie Ward (chair) and 30 ladies attended the Ladies AGM on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018. It was reported that the Ladies Section has 49 members, 7 of whom are social members. It was regretted that there had been 2 resignations recently.

All the Officers read out their reports, many of which were humorous as well as informative. We had held two very successful Opens; finances are in good shape; we won the Scratch Cup for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year running placing us in the top division and the Interclub league sees us playing in Division 3 this year. In our friendly matches, 23 ladies participated and we prevailed in 7 of the 10 matches played. The Lady Captain's charity raised £700 for CRY.

New rules are to be introduced for the Ladies Championship – the Joan Burrell Cup & Plate competition. This will be held on Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> of August over 36 holes of medal play. Additionally, on the same day, ladies with 28+ handicaps can enter the revised Kitty Gillies competition which will be held in the morning, then carry on with a further medal round if they wish. All the above will be followed by tea and a small presentation.

The incoming Ladies Captain, Boo Moore congratulated Maggie on a very successful year and said she had arranged a packed programme for 2018, so watch this space. She presented Maggie with a beautiful bouquet of roses.

Lyn Kirk – Ladies Hon. Secretary

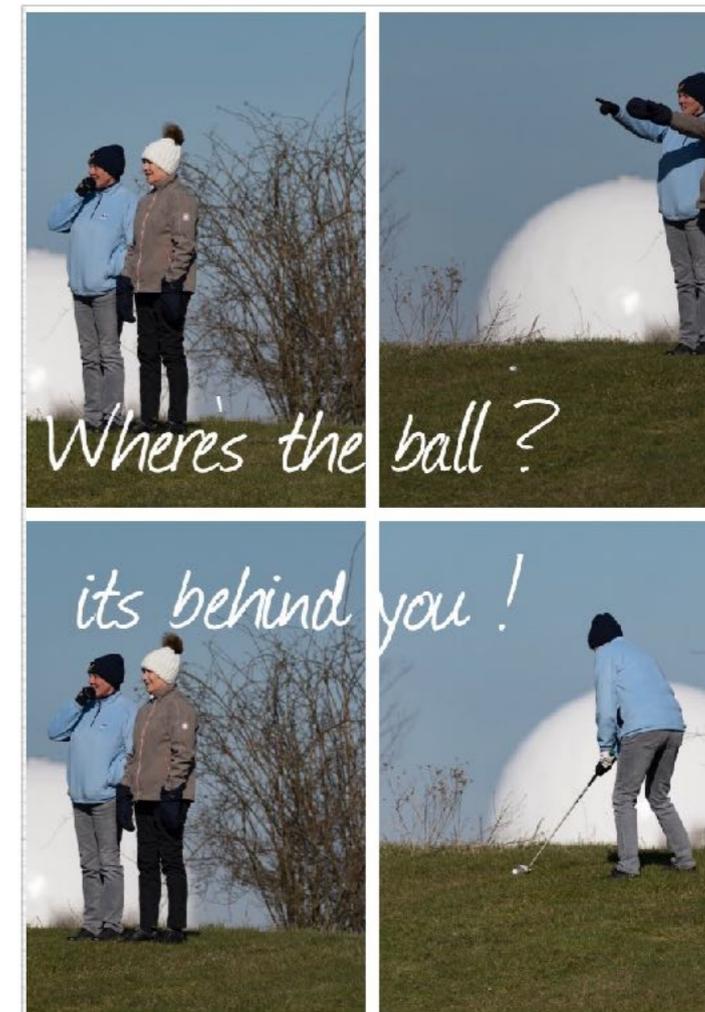
Tracy Russell (12) & Trish McManus (14) travelled to Feltwell with caddies, Ladies Captain and Photographer to play their 1st round in the Daily Mail Foursomes.

Their Opponents were Diane Bunten (9) and Barbara Greatbatch (27) which meant the Ryston pair gave 5 shots. It was a closely contested match with the Ryston Pairing being 1 up after 9 holes.

A bitter cold wind on the very open course meant all of the golfers were feeling the chill.

The match ended 3/2 up to Ryston Park.

Congratulations Tracy & Trish.



Good Luck  
in  
the next round