

Ryston Park Newsletter

February 2019

by Pam Taylor

Club Captain: Nigel Wagg



Hello,

I am pleased to be the Club Captain of a really friendly golf club. I would like to welcome all new members to our extended family, and thank existing members for their continued support.

I have been playing Golf for about 15 years and most of that has been at Ryston. You will find me on the course most Saturday Mornings. I play off a handicap of 14 and continually push myself to be as good a player as I can be. I have been on Chemotherapy for several months, but rang the Macmillan bell the day after I was appointed as Captain. I am certainly looking forward to walking the course as opposed to riding in a buggy!

Outside of Golf, I run a small Electronics and Software firm in Downham. We design bespoke systems for a variety of customers around the country and a lot of our work has aided research in the field of life science, targeting diseases like Parkinson's and Alzheimer's.

I believe we need to do all we can to take care of our planet, as it's the only one we have. We can all do small things that add up to a lot; if each player picks up 1 broken tee on each hole, we remove a lot of plastic that would otherwise cause unseen damage to our environment. I challenge you all to leave the course with more plastic than you started the round with!

We will start our competitions with a social event, The Captains Challenge, in which you will be able to put your team against the Ladies, Seniors and Club Captains. Please see the notice board for more details. The club teams have already been preparing for the Norfolk county Knockout matches and I'd like to take this opportunity to wish good luck to all involved.

Look forward to seeing you all on the Course.

Nigel Wagg
Club Captain

Club Vice Captain: Richard Taylor



Hi all

I'm Richard Taylor and have now been a member at Ryston for just over 5 years (a mere beginner some might say!).

It is with honour I will be Vice Captain to Nigel and intend to support him as much as I can in both the Cullington Cup and Club matches.

I'll be supporting his chosen charity events and would welcome you to join in where possible - be good to see you all!

That's enough of me babbling on as I'm starting to bore myself!!

Happy golfing look forward to seeing you all out on the course (or in the bar of course!).

Richard

Dear Members

It is a great honour to be the Ladies Captain of Ryston Park for the 2019 season, and I would like to thank Boo very much for asking me to be her Vice-Captain during 2018. Boo, uniquely, managed to carry out her captaincy duties from a hospital bed, for which reason, I have tried to assure her, her year will never be forgotten. I hope to be doing things a bit more conventionally myself! My Vice Captain is Dorothy March, who is a very experienced golfer and a bubbly personality - we are looking forward to working together.

I am also looking forward very much to sharing my year with Club Captain Nigel and Seniors' Captain Ian. I fully endorse what Nigel said at the AGM about our club being a family, and like him I hope everyone will play a lot of golf with a lot of different people, and join in social as well as competitive events both on the course and in the clubhouse. We have chosen the Purfleet Trust, a local charity for homeless people as our charity for the season, and hope to run a launch event shortly – please keep your eye on the notice boards.

I am keen to encourage some new people to join the club this year, particularly ladies and juniors, and intend to make the most of every opportunity to show off our course to visitors at Open Days, Societies, and matches. If you know of ladies of any level of golfing ability who might like to try our course, please encourage them to make contact with me on 01353 612130 – 9 holes with the Lady Captain during 2019 will cost them just a fiver!

I would like to thank in advance all those people who work so hard for the club in either paid or voluntary roles; I won't attempt to name them all for fear of missing someone out, but their efforts are most appreciated. However I would just like to thank my husband Tony, who despite being a non-golfer is my closest friend and confidante. I am sure I will need a shoulder to cry on sometimes in the year ahead, and let's hope there will be things to celebrate as well – I could not manage without his generous support.

Happy golfing to you all in 2019. Best wishes, Pat Blyth.

Ladies Captain: Pat Blyth



I look forward to my year as Ladies Vice Captain.

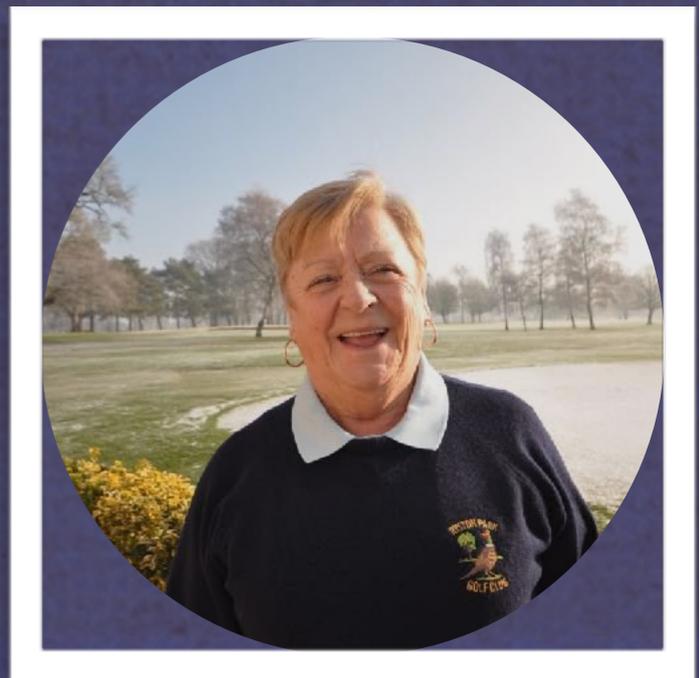
I hope to bring my own personality and 42 years of experience to the position and I will support Pat (the Ladies Captain) as much as she needs me to.

I will be responsible for the arrangement of some of the friendlies against other clubs and hope the ladies can help me by supporting these events as much as you possibly can.

Finally I would like to wish all the ladies a happy and successful golfing year 2019.

Dorothy March

Ladies Vice Captain: Dorothy March



With over 50 members now in the Seniors Section Tuesday and Thursday roll-ups are being very well attended. Some refining of the approach to getting groups off the 1st and 6th tees in good time is working well. The winter weather has been generally kind to us this year and of course with the absence of mats and temporary greens playing winter golf at Ryston is that much more enjoyable.

Where the weather wasn't so co-operative was at Fakenham for our Winter League game against Feltwell. Storm Eric served up conditions Graham Kingham, Captain for the Day, described as dreadful with strong winds and rain. Some matches finished early but enough golf was played to provide us with 7 points from 2 wins, a half and a loss. Ryston now go into the deciding match with Dereham at Feltwell with a 5 point advantage over them.

Our friendly fixtures begin on March 14th with a match against former RAF Marham members. This will be followed by 28 other matches taking us through to the end of September. Signing up sheets will appear on the noticeboard 10 - 14 days prior to each game. There will also be Monthly Medals and Qualifying Stablefords with various trophies to compete for. We look forward to an enjoyable season.

Finally Captain Ian Buttle was certainly thinking of his group when providing a bucket of red roses on the 14th February, one of which we could take home. A thoughtful action which saved some of us Ian.



Seniors Captain: Ian Buttle



January Monthly Stableford

- Winner: Phil Jones 39
- Gordon Carter 38
- Dale King 38
- Jonny Parkes 37
- Stephen Cobbin 37
- Ian Palfrey 36



February Monthly Medal

- Winner: Richard Allen 70
- Richard Taylor 71
- Lee Osler 74
- Nigel Crouch 75
- Danny Kew 75



18 Hole Stableford

Tracy Russell 27 pts
Pat Blyth 27 pts
Tris McManus 26 pts

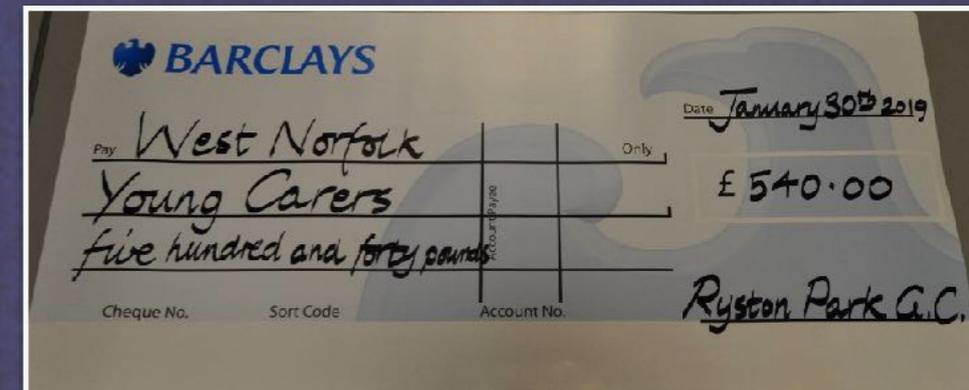
9 Hole Stableford

Dang Kittisak 17 pts
Val Mellish 10 pts

West Norfolk Young Carers



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Ladies Past Captain Boo Moore raised Five Hundred and Forty Pounds for her chosen charity " West Norfolk Young Carers".

Emma Kandjou (Carer Support) accepted the cheque and gave a brief talk about West Norfolk Carers and where the money is spent.

AGM

Subscriptions: Increase of Fifteen Pounds.

Buggy Sheds: Increase of Ten Pounds

New Club Captain: Nigel Wagg

Vice Captain: Richard Taylor

New Trustees: Tracy Russell & Dave Stennett

New Committee Members: Terry Carver, Nick Howe, Paul Allen

On behalf of all members a huge thank you to Liz Forgan & George Bell who retired as Trustees and who have played a large part at Ryston Park Golf Club and Joe Flogdell who has retired from the Finance Committee.



S. Harvey	79-8	=70
D King	82-9	=73
O Mills	76-2	=74
S Fitt	99-24	=75

Mens Midweek Medal
Winner: Steve Harvey



The Boathouse
Thornham



Ryston Myhill beat Ryston Cullington 1 up





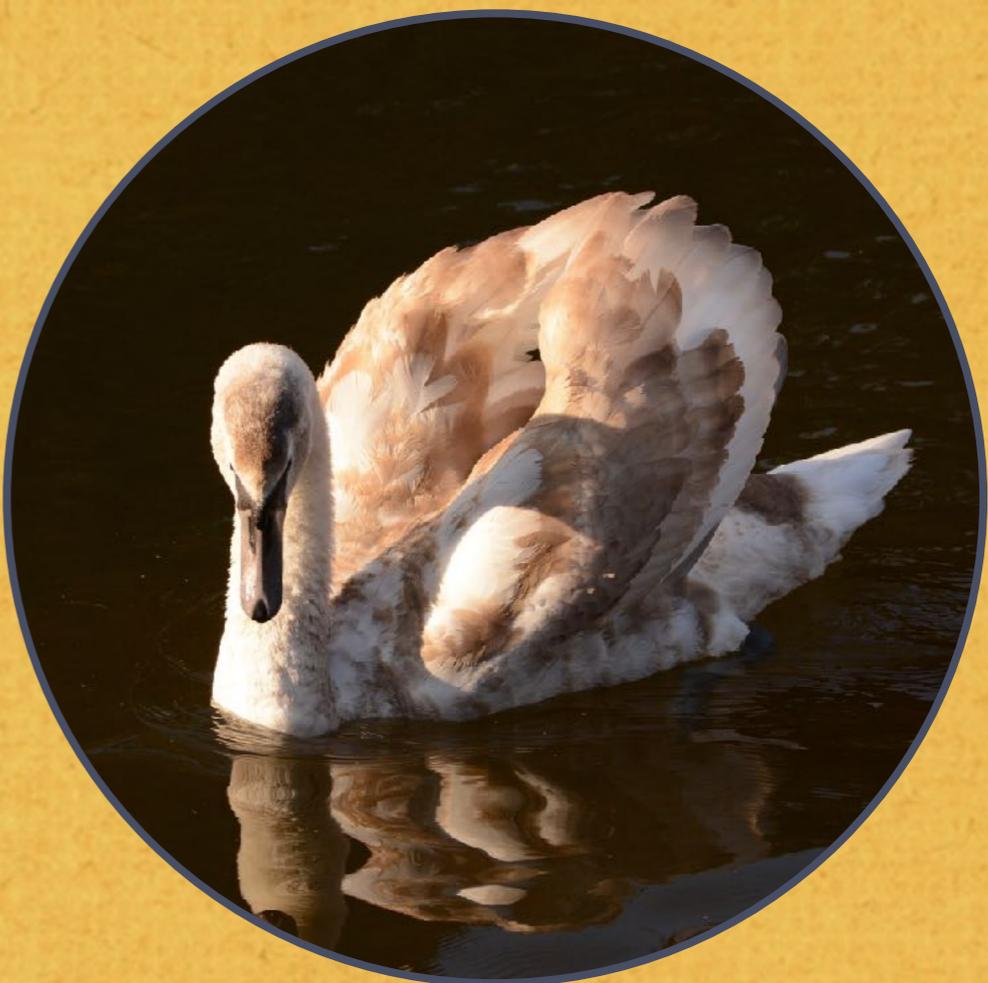
Casey

Trish

One of the winners of the
Downham Games 2018 who then joined
Ryston Park Golf Club

The next Cullington
friendly matches are
Thetford away
Sunday 10th March &
Fakenham away on
Sunday 17th March

A Marsh Harrier taken at Titchwell around
7 am from a private hide.



Top Right: Young Swan
Bottom Right: Bluethroat