

Ryston News *May* 2017

by Pam Taylor

Club Captain: Roger Sloper

At last - some rain to help the course. Just hope it knows when to stop.
The greens are now seeding so they will be a little slow for the next week or two.

Wednesday the 7th June is the second round of the Barnard with the second rounds of the Myhill & Cullington on the 18th June. Good luck to them and hope they all make it to the next round.

Thanks to Bryan Parker for organising the working party for clearing dead branches from the first and second. If members come across any branches when waiting to play their shot it would be helpful to put them behind the nearest tree for collection.

Now the greens have softened up don't forget your pitch marks - we all make them if we land on the greens.

Most of the work on the irrigation system is now complete - Thanks to Mick.
Peter and Tiff are working well together along with Keven who is keeping the rough in check.

Finally, there is a list of social golf dates on the notice board for you to put in your diary. They are a bit of fun and inexpensive so please support them.

Roger Sloper
Club Captain



Ladies Captain: Maggie Ward

This month's catch is a beautiful red coral trout from the Indian Ocean off Mauritius, not a golf course in sight!

May has brought some challenging weather for golf and the course. The much needed rain eventually came and caused the Irene Mott competition to be postponed as the course was waterlogged. The competition will now be played on 14th June.

The highlight of the month was undoubtedly the friendly match away at Hunstanton which was halved. I can't remember the last time we didn't lose this away fixture. Well done to all who played in the usual windy coastal conditions.

The Spring Open proved to be a great success confirming that Ryston Ladies certainly know how to stage an event! All of our visitors thoroughly enjoyed themselves in spite of the rain which fell all day. Many thanks to the greens staff who worked really hard to keep the course open. There was a terrific atmosphere in the club with everyone working enthusiastically together to ensure our visitors had a really positive experience. Thanks to all the ladies who helped and also to Tonya and her team for the excellent catering.

Well done to all of the ladies who continue to support the social events, the 3 club competition is next so please sign up asap.

Maggie



News Flash

Hazel Hancock a former ladies member has recently passed away.

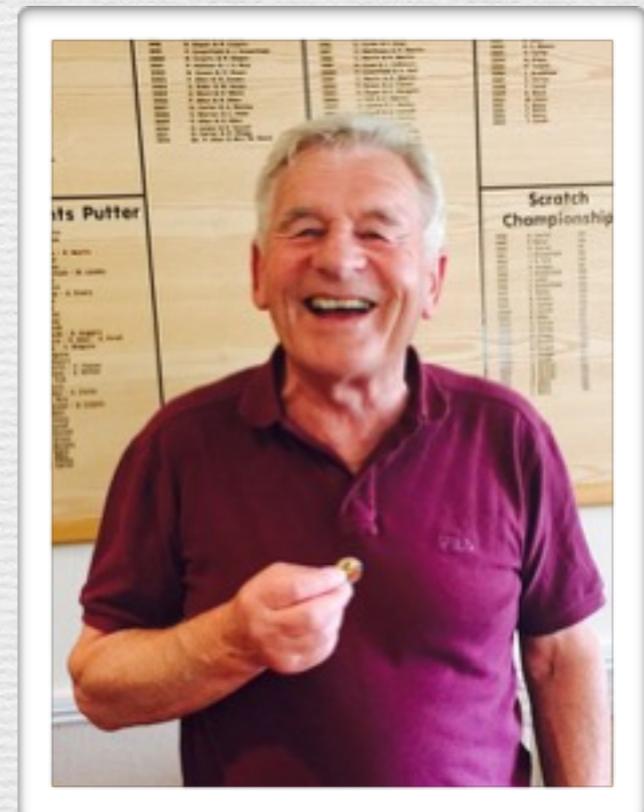
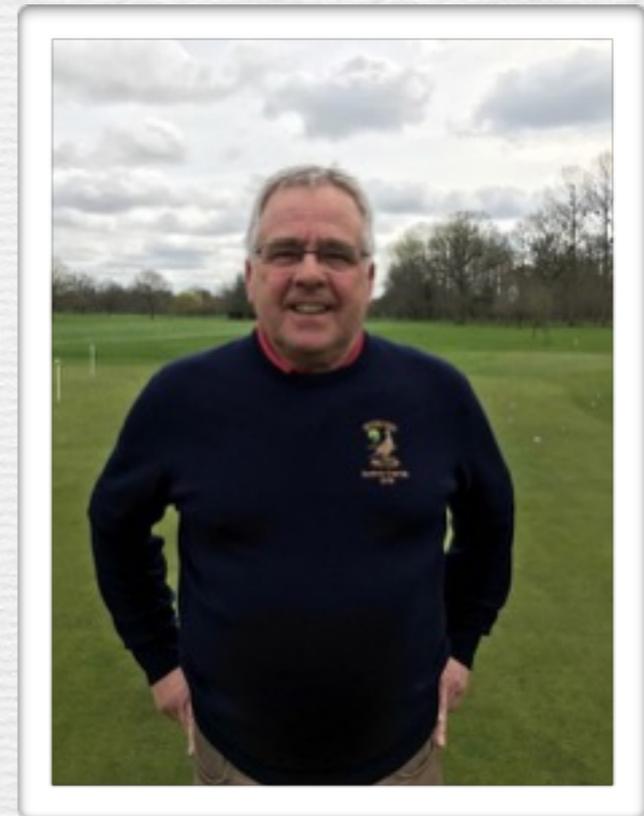
Senior's Captain: Graham Child

There was an excellent turnout of 30 golfers for the May Medal.

The competition was won by Terry Russell (92-20=72), Robin Huggins (86-13=73) was second and Colin Dye (92-19=73) third.

At the time of writing there have been two friendly matches this month, both at home against Richmond Park (3-3) and King's Lynn (L4-2). May fixtures will be completed against Thetford (H) and Middleton (A).

There will be a Seniors Away Day on 12th June at Winsum Valley starting at 11a.m. Further details can be found on the noticeboard where you can sign up for what should be a very enjoyable day.



Ping 4BBB

Monday 22nd May

S Ward/M Simmonds 35 pts
T Russell/P McManus 34 pts
M Ward/S Filby 33 pts
P Taylor/E Forgan 33 pts
A Emmerson/D Kittisak 32 pts
L Kirk/R Mountain 32 pts
C Cotterell/E Tyler 32 pts.

Ann has been on holiday and the office has not updated all results to How Did I Do.

As I needed to get the newsletter completed before the end of the month - some events will be included in next months issue.

My apologies (P Taylor)

The ladies held their Spring Open on Friday 19th May. 36 visitors entered from as far afield as Diss and Bury St Edmunds. Unfortunately they were welcomed by extremely inclement weather! The rain managed to fall from start to finish but this did not deter our hardy and enthusiastic guests.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day and we were enormously proud of our course and hospitality, in fact Janet and I wondered if we would ever get home!

The event was won by Alice Greenwood and Hilary Mead from Ely with 37 points on count back from Binnie Bridgeman & Tina Forbes also from Ely. Pat Richardson (Searles) & Carol Nundy (Kirton Holme) were third with 35 points. Nearest the pin was Cherry Eales (Ely) and the straightest drive was Marianne Haines from Diss. The eagerly contested putting competition was won with a dead heat between Val Mendham & Jackie Casbon with 17 putts.

This was another hugely successful event for Ryston Park. Many thanks to all of the ladies helped, to Tonya and her team for the excellent catering and most of all to the greens staff who worked tirelessly to keep the course open.



Dates for your Diary

Barnard

Wednesday 7th June
(H) v Royal Cromer

Cullington

Sunday 18th June
(A) v Caldecott Hall

Myhill

Sunday 18th June
(A) v Wensum Valley

Ladies County Week at Hunstanton GC
19th-23rd June

Carrick Cup - date to be advised

Ann & Tiff are away at Royal Norwich

I'm sure our golfers would welcome as much support as possible.

Good luck Danny Kew and Tiff Mills. Danny will be at Sonning Golf Club in Berkshire on the 18th June and Tiff will play at Muswell Hill on Wednesday 31st May when they play in the Bridgestone Chase Your Dream Competition achieved with the best medal score at Ryston Park

Australian Spoons

Wednesday 10th May

1st: Caroline Cotterell/Liz Tyler 36 pts

2nd: Boo Moore/Mair Osbourn 34 pts

3rd: Pam Taylor/Patsy Parker 30 pts

The winners go through to

STOCK BROOK MANOR GOLF CLUB, ESSEX

MONDAY 31 JULY 2017

Mens Medal

1st Owen Mills 64

2nd Steve Norris 66

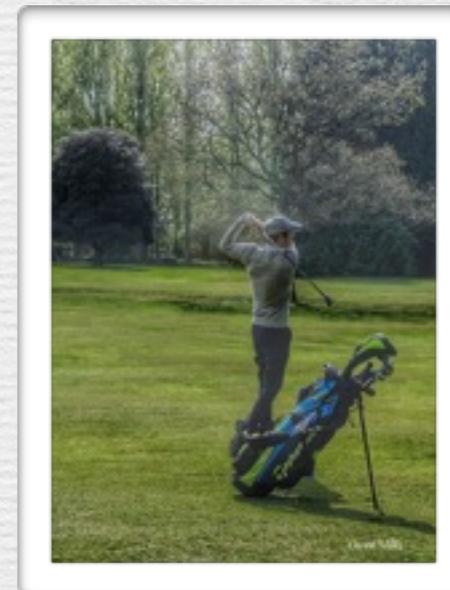
3rd Jonathan Rice 68

4th Ian Osler 70

5th David Green 70

6th John Wake 71

7th Steve Harvey 72



Stableford Monday 1st May

Men's Winner: R March

Ladies Winner: S Ward

Mixed Matches

Newmarket at Home

Ryston won 4 1/2 to 1 1/2

Glen Marsters/Sue Ward, Bob Frusher/

Val Mellish, Bryan Parker/Caroline

Cotterell, Mike Brown/Liz Forgan - all

won. Colin Waters/Patsy Parker halved.

King's Lynn Away

Ryston lost 1-5

Richard Johnson & Dang Kittisak the
only winners.

Men's Matches

Newmarket Away

Ryston lost 1 - 3

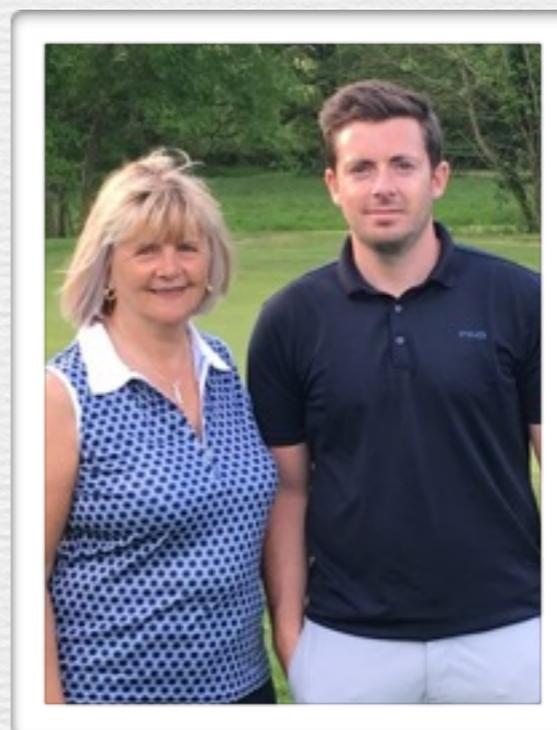
Birthday News

Peter Warby celebrated his 90th birthday on 25th May. A belated birthday greeting Peter. You have been very generous to Ryston Park in the past and in recent months. A personal thank you from me. (Pam Taylor)

Collins Salver, Ruston Cup,
Pratt Senior Cup
& Ladies Stableford

All of the above will be included in the
June Newsletter when
the results are confirmed

Jim Russell Grand Prix



1st with 38 points
Pam Taylor/Danny Kew

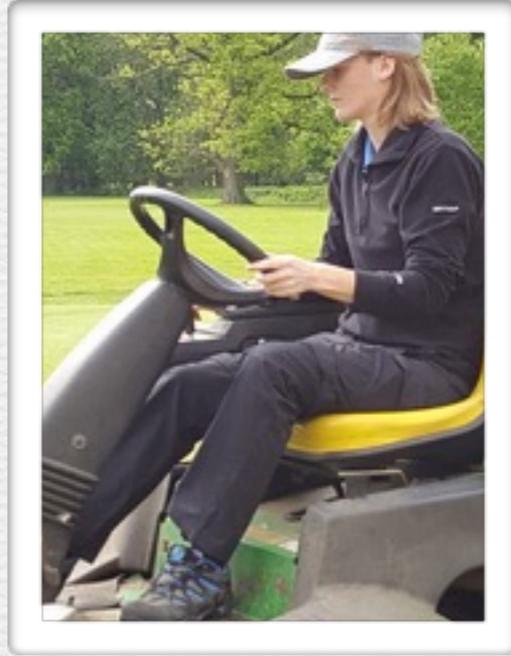
2nd with 37 points
Tracy Russell/Richard Taylor

3rd with 36 points
Caroline Cotterell/Andrew Burton

Speedy
Recovery

I visited Dick Martin who is home following a recent operation. He had been released earlier than expected and was watching the golf. Although it will be a while before he is back playing it was nice to see him looking more like his old self again. I'm sure all members wish him a speedy recovery. (Pam Taylor)

Bees



This was the swarm of bees that settled in the tree on the 7th - photo taken by our new greenkeeper Tiff Mills (seen above). They were collected by a former member - David Wootton who runs courses on bee keeping. I have been told today (29/5/17) there is another swarm on the same tree so please be careful until they are removed.

Our Club Secretary Ann Fletcher has all the gear following a two day course on bee keeping organised by David Wootton. Ann and husband Richard now have their own bee hive at home.



County Championship at Royal Cromer GC on Friday 12th May

After a very windy practice round on Weds 3rd May, Tiff and Ann thought they had got it covered.

What they didn't foresee was Tiff taken ill on the Friday and having to take 2 days off work and still looked like she should be elsewhere on the day of the championship.

The first day was 36 holes and they were defending the Phillip Oppenheim Trophy. The greens were fast and hard. Tiff in respect to her usual abilities didn't play well, she was 14 over, but pulled it all back with 1 over par in the afternoon.

Although Ann felt she didn't play well in the morning Tiff did qualify for the final 16 knockout on the Saturday. In the morning she beat Beth Buckingham 2/1 but lost to Jasmine Campbell in the quarter final.

Jasmine went on to play Amelia Williamson, in the semi-final but lost on the last hole. Amelia met Amy Taylor in the final and won 2/1.

Sammy Martin, the County Captain, didn't name her team for County Week, but it seems Tiff will be in the team, playing at Hunstanton during the week 19th-23rd June.

Another member of Ryston Park was at Royal Cromer, Pam Brooke, who never says anything, was an official referee during the first two days, and was the official referee for the final. No doubt her expertise will be in use for County Week.

It would be really nice if they could see some support from Ryston Park at Hunstanton on one of the days during that week and I'm sure everyone sends their best wishes for a great weeks golf.