



# Ryston Park Newsletter MAY 2020

by Pam Taylor

# CLUB CAPTAIN: RICHARD TAYLOR

At the time of writing this newsletter it's been 10 days since we've been able to

re-open our course and although the rules and guidelines are still there it's been good to get back out there and see friends (at a distance of course), and enjoy the course.

While I'm mentioning the course I'd like to say a big thanks and well done firstly to Tiff and Peter as the course is in excellent condition! To Tam and Julie for keeping a tight reign on the finances (we're not out of the woods yet but thanks to hard work we're getting there!), to Dave Stennett for looking after the machinery including the pond pump! Malcolm for the superb decorating job (with Roger's negotiating skills...), and to Pam for digging in and taking care of not only tee time bookings but also adding to our membership with 23 new members to date!

Hopefully by the end of June we can start with the club cups (singles only), and then on to monthly Medals and Stableford competitions, which like me, I'm sure you're all chomping at the bit to get stuck into! With this in mind and the possibility of pubs etc. opening in July (depending on government updates and guidelines!), we can then start planning social events and (when it can be organised), my captains day with a social evening to follow! It's going to be a squeeze fitting in all the club competitions and social events, but rest assured we will be giving it our best shot! (Which is more than can be said about my golf!).

Lastly I'd just like to say it's been an eventful 8 days with some personal good news in that I've been given the all clear by Papworth, this following some sad news and the passing of a member and good friend in Barry Moull. Thoughts and sincere condolences to his widow Patsy.

Stay safe all and follow the rules. That way we all get to enjoy our golf course.

Take care and happy golfing  
22/5/20 RICHARD TAYLOR



# Ladies Captain: Dorothy March

How exciting it was to get back to playing golf on our beautiful course, but that would not have been possible without the hard work from Peter and Tiff, whilst we were enjoying our lock down, and my thanks go to them.

It would also be remiss of me not to mention the help given by Mike Brown and Robbie Mills who gave a hand when necessary.

I know you ladies have been playing together in two's and observing the social distancing that was put in place, this came about because Pam was able to create an online/telephone booking system whereby we are able to select a time convenient for us to play and my thanks go to her for all her hard work.

I have decided to postpone my captains day until the clubhouse re-opens and we are able to have prize giving, however in order to continue with social distancing as much as possible I will provide sandwiches and cakes after the event.

Hopefully we will get back to competitive golf in the not too distant future.

Dorothy March



Gentlemen I hope you are well and keeping safe in the current situation.

Barry Moull a member of the Seniors for many years sadly passed away recently and will be missed by the members.

It is good to see so many of you have been playing the course again and enjoying it. At the minute it is still two-ball and I think it will be along while before we get anywhere near back to having roll ups with the current social distancing in place

Having had a word with Pat we are hoping at some point this year to play the 6 cup competitions and will keep you posted on that. The course is looking good and Peter & Tiff are doing a lot of work on it and keeping the rough down so you don't lose so many balls.

I have spoken to some of the Members and had a catch up on the course as they are playing and I hope to speak to most of you in the near future.

In the meantime enjoy your golf and abide by the current rules place when at the club please.

Mike Brown

## Seniors Captain Mike Brown



# Barry Moull



In memory of Barry Moull who passed away this month. His laughter, jokes and humour will be missed. The funeral has been arranged at Mintlyn for Friday 12th June and as numbers are limited. Patsy has asked Richard & Pam Taylor and Tracy Russell to represent the Club. No Flowers. Donations to Cancer Research.

A very warm welcome to all of the new members this month.

I've enjoyed our chats with you all over the last two weeks. Some of you I have already met in person but I look forward to meeting you all at the club in the near future. My husband Richard is Club Captain and we hope to get some Social Golf Evenings off the ground when the situation improves - then we can have 9 Holes of golf with a sandwich and chips along with a drink and introduce you to the Committee. Hopefully this will get you more involved with the Club and also get your handicaps sorted. We would mix everyone up so you play with someone new and play with the Captain and his Crew !

As at 28/5/20 in less than two weeks we recruited 25 new members  
5 x Full, 3x Country, 1x 2nd Club, 1 x 35-40, 12 x 26-35, 1 x 19-25, 1x 16-21) 1 x Jnr

You have all been using the tee booking system and been most polite. Thank you.

If you need help with anything - please give me a call.

**Pam Taylor (Club Secretary)**

# New Members



Welcome to William Moon (left) John Harvey (centre) and Jeffrey Lewis (right)

All three have joined us as Country Members (ex Girton players) so I expect they will be joining the Seniors Section.

# New Members



Three new members for the 26–35 age group

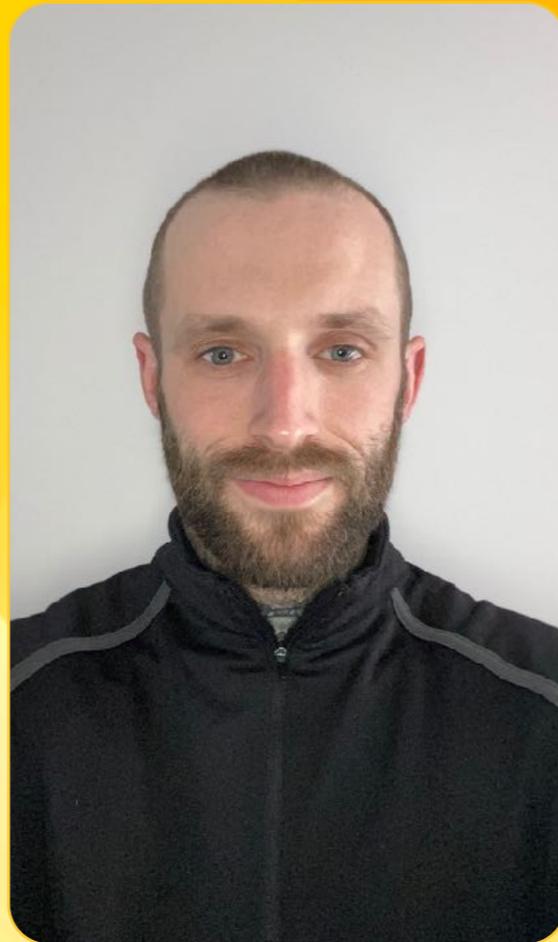
Adam Hails (left) Matthew Hails (centre) Daniel Raspberry (right)

# New Members



**Alan Law (left)**  
**Full Membership**

Alan has played in Cyprus and is used to the slope system.



**Anthony Cassells (centre)**  
**Full Membership**

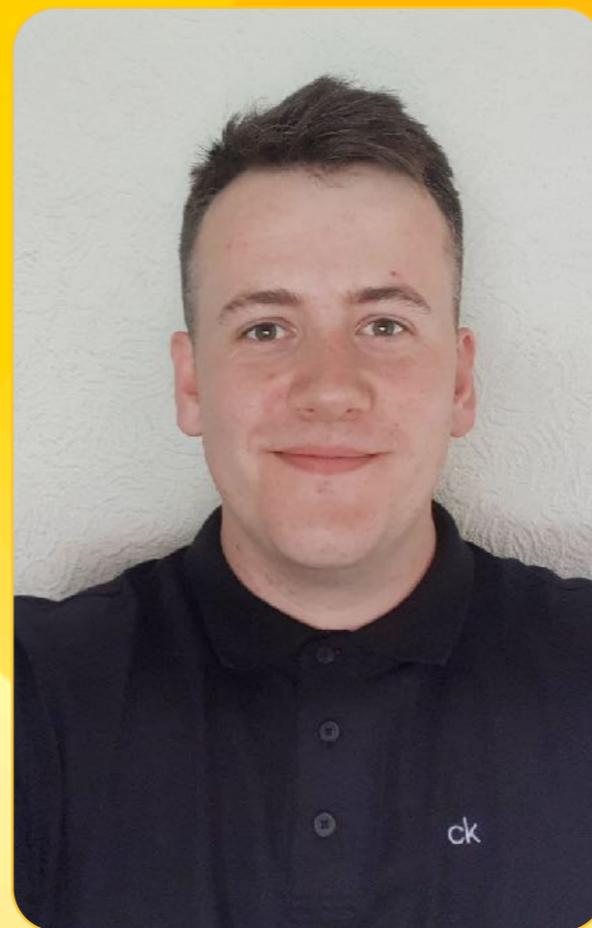


**Andrew Ludlam (right)**  
**26-35 Membership**

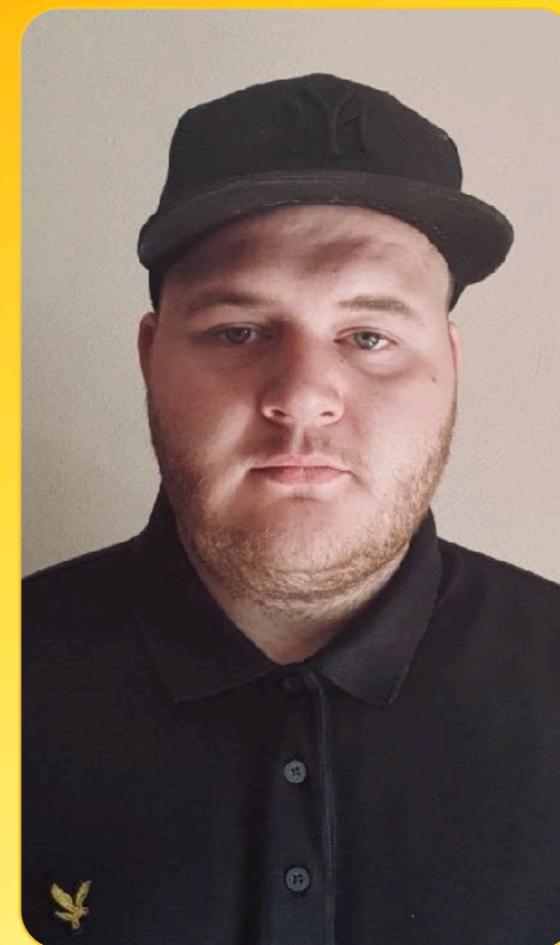
# New Members



Steven Parkes



James Stone



Oliver Castleton

All are 26–35 membership

# New Members



Adam Hutchinson

16-21  
Membership



Anthony Walbridge

26-35  
Membership



Ryan Pearson

26-35  
Membership

# New Members



Jordan Bull  
26-35  
Membership



Jonathan Spinks  
26-35  
Membership  
(Ex Junior Member)



Luke Plumb  
19-25  
Membership

# New Members



**Jonnie Norfolk**  
Full Member  
(Ex Kings Lynn)



**Keith Norfolk**  
Full Member  
(Ex Kings Lynn)



**Adam Ambrose**  
26-35 Membership

# New Members



David Bick  
2nd Club Member  
(Thetford)



Tom Brand  
Full Member



Billy Brand  
Junior Under 16

**We will be starting the following  
competitions June/July.**

**Mens Campbell Cup KO**

**(The final is over 36 holes Matchplay)**

**Ladies Lee Bennett Knock Out  
Ladies Irene Mott KO Competition**

# Greenkeepers News Report

We are glad to see you all back and enjoying the golf course once again. Thank you for the nice comments we've received.

Now we're sorry if we keep getting in your way during your round, but with more golfers spread out on the golf course because of the playing in 2's, it's hard to find space to mow in-between you all. Please be patient with us, we know you're there.

Once again we're going to moan about the weather, we're either getting too much rain or not enough! We've had a whopping 2mm in the last 3 weeks with nothing substantial in the forecast! We hope we're not looking at another 2018 summer!

## The greens

Apologies for the greens being a touch slow and bumpy recently. Every May we have this to contend with, so let us explain a little bit about our greens to help explain why this is.

Our greens are made up of a few different grass types. The two main ones being, Bent, which is the ideal grass with our soil type, because it can withstand the wet and harsh winters and the frequent cutting at low heights during the summer months. But the greens are also made up of Annual meadow grass (poa annua). Now, one of the most famous golf courses in the world has poa annua greens, Pebble Beach! So it's not that it can't be used on greens, it's just very high maintenance.

So when you have a mix of grasses on a green they each like to do their own thing. The Bent grass doesn't seed, whereas the Poa does! So if you have one grass producing a seed head and the other not, you won't get the trueness unfortunately. Also why the greens look a little white at the moment. But you'll be glad to know, (and so are we) that this only happens around May every year and typically lasts a few weeks. To get them truer we can verticut (thin the sward), however with the dry spell continuing it can be risky as they are already under stress from the heat without the added stress of being thinned too. Usually we would have more rainfall this time of year and this could be done on a weekly basis. But when we feel this can be carried out we will do so.

However the greens are being cut 5/6 times a week at a height of 4mm and we are rolling at least once a week too.

Thank you to everyone for trying to even out the sand after use, we've seen some varied techniques and we're now seeing which bunkers get the most use. I think it's between the right greenside bunker on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and the front left greenside on 8.

Thanks also go to Mike Brown for his help cutting the rough over the last couple of weeks and Dave Stennett for fixing our machinery and installing the new sprinkler system. And of course to Roger Sloper for his constant badgering!

Thanks

Peter and Tiff

PLEASE KEEP  
TROLLEYS  
AND

BUGGIES OFF  
THE TEE  
BOXES

Please keep trolleys off the Tee  
boxes

A photograph of a golf course tee box. The grass is green and well-maintained. In the foreground, there is a small red bucket with a black lid on the grass. The background shows a line of trees and a clear sky. The text "Please keep trolleys off the Tee boxes" is overlaid in white on the right side of the image.

On behalf of the members I would like to say a huge thank you to Peter and Tiff for looking after our course over the last two months and to congratulate them on the presentation which everyone is enjoying.

Thanks also to Mike Brown & Robbie Mills who have helped keep the rough under control. To Julie Johnson for covering the office, Malcolm Martin who decorated the interior and exterior of the Clubhouse (free of charge) and to the Club Captain, The Trustees and the Finance Committee for looking after the club when Covid-19 first hit us all.

(And thanks to all the Members who have booked their Tee Times and have helped make it work so well. Without you all sticking to the rules it wouldn't have worked.)

**(Pam Taylor)**