



## ENJOY 'A ROUND WITH ROY'

.....take a tour of our course to keep your game on par



Peterborough Milton Golf Club welcomes you with “**Lake**” a 504 yard par 5 with the intimidation of out of bounds following the hole down the left hand side. For those with a strong nerve and plenty of courage, a gentle faded drive along the bush lined left edge will



put you in prime position with the shortest carry over the water for your second shot. If, however you're wishing to stay away from OOB, a shot favouring the right needs to be accurate as leaking too far right can leave your second hampered by the copse of trees strewn along the right. As always the fairway is your safest option. For the lengthy hitter, care has to be taken, as to the right of the fairway, the Lake is only 240 yards from the tee, many a good-looking drive has found a watery grave. Having successfully negotiated your drive, your 2<sup>nd</sup> shot needs to favour left centre of the fairway as set of large trees and more water can be your undoing if you slip too far right. Don't forget you will be playing a short iron in for your third and therefore you must be mindful of the overhang from the trees on your left. The deep, but narrow, green is protected either side by bunkers, the left, steeper faced than the right-hand bunker. Having found the green you now face the test of Milton's greens that you will discover have some subtle breaks that have to be carefully read.

The second hole, “**Gap**”, can for the first-time visitor look rather intimidating with OOB running along the left hand side of the hole, albeit for only about the initial 100 yards. However ahead of this to the left is a stand of large mature trees, and pulling your tee shot into these can often only leave a recovery shot out to the right. Opposite this stand of trees to the right of the green is another stand, again large & mature. A misdirected tee shot towards these can have you watching, fingers crossed, hoping that any ricochet is going to be kind. Even being lucky and finding a clear shot to the green can leave you with a very testing chip or pitch especially if the flag is located on the right of the green. This green is also protected by bunkers either side and the over hit shot can leave you on or behind grassy mounds surrounding the rear portion of the green, which will again test the deftness your short game.



Hole No: 3 “**Park**”, is a par four again demanding accuracy from the tee. The left-hand side of the fairway is the target area as, on the right, a large copse and a strategically placed fairway bunker can take away any hope of your second finding the green. If favouring the left-hand side be careful not to pull your drive as there is a small copse of trees and inside of these is mature woodland that can present you with the most difficult, if not impossible 2<sup>nd</sup> shot. With your shot in the fairway the green is protected by a bunker left just short of the green and a bunker on the right side of the green stretching from the front to the rear half of the green. The green itself is raised from the surrounding areas, and missing the green will undoubtedly set further examinations with the short irons in your bag.



Standing on the tee of “**Rabbits Corner**”, Milton's fourth hole, presents you with a less demanding looking drive than those faced so far. However, here you need length and accuracy to have an opportunity to hit this green in regulation. Pulling your tee shot could leave you in the rough and faced with a lengthy and difficult chip over the tree on the elbow of the dog legged fairway in order to give you the opportunity of finding the short stuff and hitting the green with your third. The consolation of a pulled tee shot is the view of the historical Bluebell Wood during early Spring that is in the OOB. If your drive



is pushed and short you can find the fairway bunker which takes away the opportunity of hitting the green in regulation. A well hit but pushed tee shot can also find the copse on the right and with the many shot restrictions that go with being in amongst the trees.

A lengthy drive to the right, evading the copse, leaves you with having to manoeuvre your second around or over a stand of tall mature trees situated some 100 yards short of the green.

OK you've hit a decent drive and found the fairway, but avoid the pulled second as yet again OOB runs along the left-hand side up to and around the rear of the green which is also protected by bunkers either side. Pushed too far right and you could be restricted by the small copse situated between this hole and the 5<sup>th</sup> tee. The green is constructed similar to the third, it is raised to the rear and protected by grassy mounds and if the pin is situated at the rear of the green you are faced with ensuring your chip shot doesn't come out too fiery. If the pin is situated towards the front, then it's a lengthy accurately weighted shot you have to pull off. It's always an especially good feeling to walk off this green with par.

It is probably most certain that far worse names than **"Blasted Oak"** have been given by many to the 5<sup>th</sup>. The stand of large trees that can cause problems on the previous hole can again deal you a blow if you leak your tee shot right. Around the driving distance area a small copse of trees on the right and two strategically placed bunkers on the left pinch the fairway in, meaning accuracy is the key off the tee. There is a bunker situated on the left of the fairway about 30yds short of the green and greenside bunkers narrow down the entrance to the green and depending on hole positioning, wherever you miss the green, means you could be left with quite a deft shot to recover. Going long leaves you in punitive long rough with little chance of controlling your recovery shot.



The 6<sup>th</sup> hole, **"Thorburn"**, is tree lined either side of the fairway virtually from tee to green. A slight pull on your drive can put you in the copse of trees down the left side which stands a good chance of leaving you without a clear shot to the green; best take your medicine and chip out sideways. During the summer months, firm ground conditions can see your ball running through or ricocheting from the copse into long penal rough. There is a bunker just short of the green on the right and if the pin is situated towards the rear of the green a lengthy bunker shot is required. A reasonably high faced bunker and grassy mounds protect the green side right and missing the green left means another bunker awaits calling for a delicate sand save to avoid bogey.



With a reasonably accurate drive here at the 7<sup>th</sup> hole, **"The Hall"**, one should be in reasonable shape, but if you catch one of the bunkers either side of the fairway, reaching the green in regulation requires a perfectly struck medium/long iron shot. There is a small pot bunker some 50yds short of the green on the left, catch this and you are left with a difficult length bunker shot. The entrance to the green is narrow and cambers away to both left and right, accuracy is key with a front pin position. There are greenside bunkers either side for further protection and going long here can leave one with a speedy downhill chip to the pin. This is another hole where you will be delighted with par.

The 8<sup>th</sup> **"Braids"** is the second par five on the course and unlike the first there are no water hazards to contend with, but there are one or two hazards of a different nature. There are tree plantations on both the left and right of the driving area and a well hit drive can be penalised if you catch the large fairway bunker. Having hit the fairway with your drive ensure that your second favours the left side of the fairway as a fairway bunker around 100 yards short right of the green awaits. A greenside bunker front right of the green reduces the green entrance significantly and if you fly the bunker right your chipping skills are brought into play again as they will be if you are through the green too. Played well this hole should give you the opportunity to take a shot from the course.





At last we've reached the point where most days we can use the two-way radio hand-set to order a bacon buttie and a cup of tea from the Halfway House situated at the rear of the par three **"Devils Eye"** 9<sup>th</sup>. Then it's back to the golf. Standing on the tee the hole doesn't look too challenging but don't be misled. Any sort of breeze here can cause problems. Club yourself wrong and you can catch sand both sides of the green entrance. The bunker on the right continues green side for virtually the length of the green. Miss to the left and you have a chip from below the level of the green, long and you

could have a bite of your bacon sarnie before playing your second. You will be happy to take away three here too.

The 10<sup>th</sup>, **"Cotton's Fancy"**, named so because Henry Cotton considered this to be one of his most favourite holes in the country, doglegs to the left around 200 yards from the tee. You need to favour the right side of the fairway here as too far left can leave you with possible tree problems. The two-tiered green presents its problems too. Missing the green anywhere around this hole will demand the best of your chipping skills and on the green, but on the wrong tier, and your putting skills will certainly be put to the test. A four on your card here is a result.



The 11<sup>th</sup> hole, **"The Cedar"**, gets its name from the magnificent Cedar of Lebanon tree at the back of the green. The green slopes from back to front. Missing the green here, like so many holes around Milton, will demand the deftest of touches to get near the pin. Slightly short and left puts you in the high fronted green side bunker, not an easy bunker shot by any means.

The 12<sup>th</sup> hole, **"Hollow"**, a dogleg left, requires a good tee shot, as missing the fairway left could see you blocked out by trees with your second. The fairway cambers on the dogleg and if not careful you can see a good drive favouring the left of the fairway a little too much being attracted into the fairway bunker. An open sizeable green gets its protection from the subtle borrows in the green wherever the pin position.



The 500+ yards of the par five 13<sup>th</sup> **"Fitzwilliam"**, takes you down towards the magnificent "Milton Hall" ancestral home of the Fitzwilliam family and the reason behind the naming of this hole. Fairway bunkers to the left and right and a large stand of trees to the right of the fairway demand accuracy with your drive and again the camber of the fairway can see your drive wandering off towards trouble. After a good drive your second shot will need to miss the small fairway bunker on the right. A fairway bunker just short of the green



catches those fancying an eagle putt, and if taking on the challenge make sure you have the fire power and accuracy in your bag as the green is well protected by bunkering on both sides.

Behind the green is the old thatched clubhouse, which was probably the clubhouse for the 9-hole course of Earl Fitzwilliam and as the area of the grounds in front of the old clubhouse was known as "Crickety Park" it is possible that it also doubled as his cricket pavilion.

The par four 14<sup>th</sup> **"Ha-Ha"**, is so called because of the walled ditch running all the way along the left side of the hole. (*Ha-ha was the name given to a ditch with one vertical wall, which prevented sheep and livestock entering the manicured lawns of the house.*) Over the ditch is out of bounds understandably as it borders the gardens of the hall. Leave your drive out to the right and you could possibly be blocked out by the tall pines. There are two green side bunkers front right with the green running downhill away from the bunker, but missing the green left leaves a less challenging chip shot.



The 15<sup>th</sup> hole, “**Plantation**”, a dogleg right par four, also borders the grounds of the hall so consequently OOB follows the fairway all the way to the left of the hole with a new plantation on the right of the fairway catching the wayward drive. After the dogleg a ditch accompanies the OOB to the hole. On the right of the hole some 50 yards short of the green stands a lone Horse Chestnut tree, a beautiful sight when in full pink blossom but responsible for stopping many a good second from reaching the putting surface. There is a bunker just behind the horse chestnut and a greenside bunker also protects the green on the right.



“**The Dell**” our 16<sup>th</sup> hole and the final par three is another great looking hole but despite its beauty this hole does have some teeth. The tiered green demands finding the right level with your tee shot. Consider the length of this green when clubbing yourself as being on the wrong tier obviously poses problems. The green is well protected by bunkering front, right and left. Missing the top tier of the green, long or to the left or right, whilst not leaving you in a sandy lie, will once again bring out demands on your short game skills.

The 17<sup>th</sup> hole “**The Oak**” is a dog leg right hole just short of the 400-yard mark. A large stand of trees and fairway bunkering protects the hole on the right when driving and again OOB follows the hole to the green on the left and similar to the 15<sup>th</sup> a ditch also accompanies OOB from the dogleg to the green. Two reasonably sized fairway bunkers on the right can catch good drives. Two green side bunkers give protection to the green on the right also.



18<sup>th</sup>. “**Kiln**” the final hole of your round, gets its name from the stone built lime kiln on the left some 60yds from the tee and if it poses a problem after your drive you need a lesson from the Pro. There is also a small pond directly in front of the tee which shouldn’t cause problems but the reservoir lake further up on the right



may very well do so if you push or fade your tee shot too much. The longer hitter may encounter the fairway bunker, which stretches almost the width of the fairway some 140yds short of the green. The undulating fairway in the driving area does mean that you will be lucky to find a flat lie, testing your short/mid iron technique. Dense bushes on the left of the fairway is another



hazard of which to be wary. The green is raised and runs from front to back with the dreaded OOB lurking behind the green. The green is protected front right with a bunker and as the green is raised grassy hollows and mounds protect it on the left.

Our welcoming clubhouse and seasonal patio awaits, to quench the thirst or take a bite to eat and reflect over your enjoyable par 71 round of golf on this great golf course.



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