

THE WAYFAIRER



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If your name was Ron you could do no wrong at Hoebridge !

At the Wayfairers first ever meeting at Hoebridge the winners of the two main trophies were, appropriately enough, two of our founder members and donors of one of our first ever Trophies - **Ron Harris** and **Ron Bailey**.

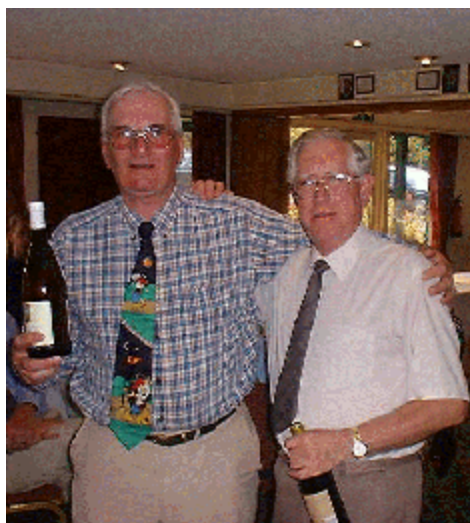
Acting as a fairly late replacement, and still suffering from foot problems, Ron Harris only came to make up the numbers, but spurred on by his magnificent handling of a Hoebridge buggy, he was the clear winner of the new Wayfairers Trophy with 37 points beating **Barry 'Bandit' Richards** into second place with 36.

Ron Bailey experienced a much closer encounter to win the Wayfairers 'Plus Age' Trophy - the '50 Bob Set'. **Ian Templer, John Horsfall** and **Ron** each recorded a score of 106 points when adding their age to their score. This tie caused great problems deciding how to select the eventual winner, but after much discussion it was agreed to give it to the player with the highest number of Stableford points - **Ron Bailey** with 33.

The Orange Ball Competition was won by a two-some, **Ron Harris** and **Mike Owens**, David Gillen having withdrawn at the twelfth hour with an injured foot. Their 36 points pushed the '**Brotherhood of the McDonnells**' (**John, Bernard, and Brother in Law John Loader**) with 35 points into second place

The Wayfairers weather was glorious as ever - so much so that our highly respected President

exposed himself on the course - his knees that is! (Not a pretty sight - enough to terrify the Ladies and any passing Horses! - Ed).



Mike and Ron, Orange Ball & Buggy Driving Winners - holding each other up?!

It looked like being the first meeting without an obvious worthy winner of the Plonker Cap, until it came to our notice that **Pat Fudge**, minus his golf shoes, had quietly played 18 holes in his 'Brothel Creepers'. Don't be under any illusions, the Plonker Cap Secret Agents are everywhere making sure you don't get away with anything! Congratulations Plonker Pat!

All in all - another great Wayfairers Day and yet again thanks to the two **Johns**.

THE FULL

Wayfairers Trophy Winner - **Ron Harris** - 37 points.

2nd - **Barry Richards** - 36 points.

50 Bob Set - Trophy plus Over Fifties Vitamins - **Ron Bailey** - Age plus Score 106 points. **Ian Templer & John Horsfall** also 106 points but **Ron B.** had the highest Stableford Score.

Orange Ball Team - **Ron Harris & Mike Owens** - 36 points.

Birdie Cap - **Mike 'Net Eagle' Wilson** - hotly disputed by **Nick 'The Animal'** and **John McD** as both had birdies with the Orange Ball!

Nearest the Pin - on the 12th - **Ian Templer**. On the 16 - No one managed it, but **Nick Widdowson & Barry Richards** got mighty close. On the 18th - **Jeff 'Mercedes' Hogg**.

Hedgehog Award - **Mike Riddles**.

Plonker Cap - **Pat 'Never Mind the Hush Puppies' Fudge**.

Happy Birthday Ball - **Stafford Smith** - undisclosed age!

THE RAFFLE

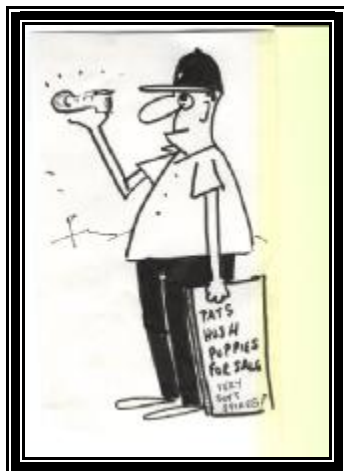
Many thanks to **Ian Templer** for stepping into **David Gillen's** shoes to run the Raffle. £40 was taken and there were 6 excellent prizes up for grabs plus one disaster prize! **Clive Cooper** selected a golf umbrella as second prize. Unfortunately when he got it up, he couldn't get it down! (Not a

common problem many Wayfairers encounter!) - and within seconds of winning it it was fit only for the bin, (a pity really because it was the only umbrella we have ever seen that could be stuck into the sand in a bunker - although why you should want to do this was a mystery!). Clive did however get 3 Wayfairer Balls as a consolation prize for giving all those present such a good laugh! We hasten to add that there is no truth in the rumour put about that the top prize of a litre of Whisky was in fact cold tea!

With the Wayfairers financial year now coming to an end we have £109.58 in hand but some of this will be required to buy some ~~more umbrellas~~ 'substantial' raffle prizes for our next meeting!



Our tireless President taking a keen interest in proceedings or perhaps he was dreaming of scoring 17 pts on the first nine?



"Who's buying the next round?" Ron, Ian and Mike murdering the first pint.



John B. presenting Ron Harris with the 'New Look, Wayfairers Trophy.



The other half of the 'Good Day for the Rons'. Ron Bailey gets the '50 Bob Set

And so to our next meeting

A.G.M. DAY AT CHIDDINGFOLD

Our A.G.M. is to be held at Chiddingfold Golf Club on **Thursday 9th November**. As this will be the 6th time that we have played at this venue it is assumed that our members know the location of the club. Please contact either of the Johns if there are any queries. The Club telephone number is 01428 685888. This will be the occasion on which we hold our annual competition for the Ron Harris Autumn Cup, currently held by **Mike Morgan-Rowe**. The result of the Wayfairer Pairs Knockout Competition and the Society Championship will also be announced and the trophies awarded.

DETAILS FOR THE DAY

Arrive for coffee 9.30am onwards. First tee off 10.15am. Total cost £25 to include Coffee, 18 Holes, 3 Course Meal and all prizes. Our A.G.M. is to be held after the meal and the usual prize giving - in a private room if the Clubhouse is busy.

Deadline for return slips and payment is Saturday 7th October - slip enclosed.

The notes from last years A.G.M. and Agenda are included in this issue. Please bring this with you to the A.G.M. which we hopefully anticipate will be brief.

You will recall that at this meeting last year one Wayfairer, who will remain nameless, showed off and scored a 'Hole in One'. This resulted in quantities of wine being supplied to the Wayfairers during their meal with disastrous behavioural consequences leading to a lack of concentration. We sincerely hope that there will be no repetition of this this year!

Wayfairers 2000 Pairs Knock-out Competition

Both Semi-Finals have now been played. In the first match played at Chartham Park Nick Widdowson and John Bateson were faced with the gladiators, Chris Wilkes and David Gillen. A closely fought match was all square after 18 holes, success only coming to Nick and John after the first play-off hole. An excellent match played in the true Wayfairers spirit. (Must have been at least single malt! - ED.)

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mike and Stephanie Church on the birth of a baby daughter - Rosita and to grandparents John and Janet Bateson.

Congratulations also to our Secretary's wife Sue McDonnell, (who played with us at Hoebridge). Sue with her partner Di Botham have succeeded in winning their way through 7 rounds of the Daily Mail Ladies Foursomes and now represent the South East of England in the National Finals to be held over 3 days at St. Pierre, Chepstow in Mid October. With over 1500 Golf Clubs entering this Competition it is no mean feat to be among the last 16.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

I am all sure you enjoy the cartoons that appear in the Wayfairer. These are produced with only a very little prompting by the multi talented John Bateson. This issue he came up with two versions and asked me to choose!

Well I couldn't and decided we should enjoy them both coupled with my, and I am sure all your, thanks for giving us a chuckle!

The second Semi-Final saw Barry Richards and Peter Storey against the combination of Mike Wilson and John McDonnell - this time at Ifield Golf Club. The match began tentatively with the first few holes halved, but then John and Mike gained a substantial lead by winning 4 consecutive holes to be 5 up at the turn.

Barry and Peter did manage a slight come back early in the second half, but Mike and John's lead was too much to overcome and they ran out as eventual

Odds & Divots

WINTER WARNING

As our next meeting will not be until November by then some Clubs could have issued **TROLLEY BANS**. We always give the club phone number in the Wayfairer. Remember if in doubt you can always ring the club beforehand to check the current situation.

It is not a bad idea at this time of the year to check and if necessary change the studs in your shoes. They are usually quite worn after the summer but in dry conditions still work - just - but when the ground gets soft they take off like ice skates!



WAYFAIRER S GOLFING BREAK AT

The following Wayfairers have confirmed they will be taking part in the above short break being organised by John McD - John Bateson, Barry Richards, John Peake, Mike & Audrey Riddles, Mike Wilson and his guest Jan, and from Thursday Sue McDonnell and Elisabeth Richards.

Drivers and transport details have yet to be arranged. The plan is to leave fairly early on Wednesday 1st November - returning late pm on Friday 3rd November. The cost includes unlimited golf on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (18 hole and 9 hole courses), Bed Breakfast and Evening Meals for the duration of the stay (2 nights) and free use of the indoor leisure facilities (i.e. heated swimming pool, sauna, spa bath and gymnasium). There are also snooker tables, pool and darts to wind up your evening socially and competitively - if you so wish.

Cost is £98 a head based on 2 sharing a twin bedded room. A single room supplement is available. Some fun golf competitions will be arranged with small prizes.

Should you you wish to be included please contact John McD now!

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

CHRISTMAS MEETING

Monday 11th December, Bletchingley Golf Club.

WAYFAIRERS A.G.M. AGENDA

Thursday 9th November 2000

Please bring this with you to Chiddingfold

1. Secretary's Report
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Election of (a) Secretary (b) Treasurer (c) Auditor (d) Handicap Committee.
4. Membership Situation
5. Programme for 2001
6. The Raffle
7. Future Golfing Breaks
8. Any Other Business

Wayfairer Clothing

Due to pressure on space we have not had room recently to include details of some of the more popular items that are available with the Wayfairer Logo. Please ask Barry Richards at Chiddingfold or call or Fax on 01342 836430 if you would like to look at the full brochure.

Acrylic V Neck Sweaters in Bottle, Navy, Royal Blue, Burgundy, Black **£18.79** any size with logo

Ties in Navy, Bottle Green, Grey, Black, Royal Blue, Burgundy. **£11.74** with logo

Short Sleeve Polo Shirts in Royal Blue, Navy Blue, Black, White, Khaki, Burgundy, Red, Jade, Sky, Yellow, Bottle Green, Heather. **£16.44** any size with logo

Caps in Black, Bottle Green, Burgundy, Grey, Jade, Kelly, Natural, Navy, Olive, Orange, Purple, Red, Royal Blue, Sky, White, Yellow. **£7.34** size adjustable, with logo



Mike Wilson awarded the Birdie Cap - Below Mike Riddles wins a melon??!!



WAYFAIRERS GOLF SOCIETY NOTES OF THE 4TH ANNUAL GENERAL

The following were the main decisions made at the A.G.M. on 8th November 1999.

1. Agreed that Jeff Hogg should present a special Trophy for Wayfairers with handicaps of 18 and under to be played for annually at our Christmas meetings.

2. Particular thanks were given to Barry Richards for taking over the 'New look' Wayfairer news letter and also assuming responsibility for clothing orders. 'Thank you' was also recorded in his absence to Peter Rushton for auditing the accounts.

3. Annual membership fee should be increased from £2 to £3 and the cost of all engraving should now come direct from Wayfairers Funds.

4. All existing officers were re-elected. Bernard McDonnell was elected as the Wayfairers first ever President.

5. When the deadline date of 26th November 1999 is reached any vacancies in the current membership list should be filled in the following order (1) Syd Tutton (2) Barbara Horsfall (3) Peter Storey (4) Brian Girling - provided these potential Wayfairers still wish to join.

6. Possible programme for 2000 to be SLINFOLD (December 99), BLETCHINGLEY or CHIPSTEAD (Committee decision) March 2000, DORKING May 2000, TILGATE June 2000, REIGATE HEATH July 2000, ALTON September 2000. There was no support for paying more to 'up grade' any of our usual summer venues.

7. Agreed to vary the Raffle from time to time by organising the occasional £1 'Sweep'.

8. Support was shown to further investigate a 3 Day Short Break golfing trip to France (last week in May 2000) and a similar length break in England - possibly Norwich or Okehampton (September 2000).