

THE WAYFAIRER



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FRED BEATS THE REST OF THE BLETCHINGLEY SWINGERS - WHILE THE 'RIDDLES QUARTET' ARE THE BEST OF THE

THEY THINK ITS ALL OVER! was the theme for the Wayfairers belated Christmas Celebration - but anyone present would realise it wasn't! Despite being four weeks late there was roast Turkey, crackers, paper hats, party poppers, whizzing balloons and even a Christmas Tree surrounded by Bring and Win presents. After copious quantities of wine it wasn't quite clear whether the celebrations were for Christmas Past (2000) or an early celebration of Christmas Future (2001)! No matter what was being celebrated, a good time was had by all.

As to the Golf it was a memorable day, but perhaps one that many will want to forget! With a considerably shortened course due to the winter conditions, it looked possible that scoring would be made easier. This probability was seriously outweighed by having to play 18 miniature temporary greens which were all lumpy, bumpy and without one hole that was actually circular! A real test of Chipping Skills ensued. Added to this was the weather which started gloomy, brightened for a while with glimpses of the sun, and then turning suddenly to heavy persistent rain. The Wayfairers finally got wet! And some of those toward the back of the field got very wet!

Despite these adverse factors the Scoring was amazingly good. Although being a late starter, **Fred Catterall** soaking wet came in all smiles having amassed a total of 43 pts. Congratulations also to **Clive**

Cooper who had an excellent day (see results). In 3rd place with a most creditable score of 40 was **Peter Storey** playing off a Wayfairers handicap of 9. This is some four shots lower than his true handicap, and the results show that he actually played to 5! Well done **Peter!**



Fred Admiring the new Wayfairers Trophy

A highlight of the evening - and in all probability of the whole year to come - was the Christmas Song Contest. Enthusiastically led by our versatile Secretary, everyone was quickly in good voice and at times even some of the tunes were recognisable! After six exhilarating (I think he means excruciating! Ed.) close rounds 'Riddles Rissottos' and the 'Roedean Ravers' were all square with maximum points apiece, and a sudden death 'sing off' had to be enforced. This nail biting contest remained even for two more rounds, before the 'Riddles Quartet', composed of **Audrey, Mike, Mike**

Church and Harold Peskett (who had to leave early with a sore throat after giving his all!) finally edged to victory with a perfect rendition of "Yesterday".

By unanimous agreement The Plonker Cap went for the time being to our beloved Treasurer **John B.** We all know about the enormous cock up he made over the dates for our Milford Meeting but there was more to come! It transpired that last week after emerging naked from the bath - looking pink and warm and extremely cuddly - he sat down heavily on his bed only to quickly discover that this was where he had left his glasses! Cheeky! And not a pretty sight! (John - Note, you'll see better if you put them on your nose! Ed).

However, we should have left the presentation until later in the evening because there was one very late entry. With all the celebrations over, **David Rose** went to leave only to discover he had lost his car keys. No amount of searching revealed them, despite crawling round the car park on his hands and knees, with a torch in the pouring rain. Finally he had to abandon his car and get a lift home with **Carl**. Next day **Ruth** had to drive David all the way back to Bletchingley to recover the car. And the Keys? Where were they all the time? In his pocket, of course!!! A definite retrospective award of the Plonker Cap David!

AND SO TO THE FULL BLETCHINGLEY RESULTS

Winner of the Christmas Tankard and the Wayfairer Trophy **Fred Catterall** 43 pts.

As winner Fred was also presented with a voucher for a free round for 2 players by Bletchingley Golf Club.

2nd Clive Cooper 41 pts.

3rd Peter Storey 40 pts.

Team Prize **Audrey Riddles, Carl Rosner & Fred Catterall** 87 pts.

The Jeff Hogg Under 18 Trophy **Clive Cooper** (for best score of any player with a h/cap of 18 or under).

Longest Drive **Chris Wilkes** (but is his driver legal??)

Nearest the Pin **Clive Cooper**.

Birdie Cap **Peter Storey**.

Hedgehog Award **David Gillen**.

Plonker Cap for **John Bateson** read **David Rose!**

Christmas Song Birds

1st Audrey & Mike Riddles, Mike Church & Harold Peskett

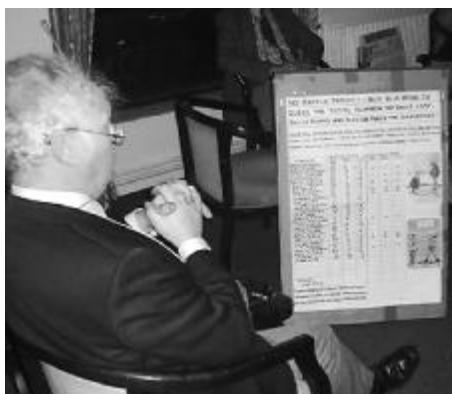
2nd David Rose, Carl Rosner & John Bateson.

THE BLETCHINGLEY RAFFLE

Instead of the usual raffle the Wayfairers were badgered by the Secretary, while eating their Breakfast, to pay to guess the total number of balls that would be lost and the total number found during the day's play. Guesses varied from 58 lost (pessimist Syd Tutton) to as many as 46 being found (optimist Syd Tutton)!

New member Tony Warrilow, who had obviously heard rumours of the meanness of the Wayfairers, was the only one to estimate that more balls would be found than lost! In the event he was right and won the star prize of a bottle of whisky. With a total of just 9 balls lost Mike Church and Jeff Hogg shared a joint prize with their forecast of 12. Unbelievably 21 balls were found and David Rose guessed this absolutely correctly (not such a plonker after all!). Rumour has it that Tony Warrilow was seen at dusk on the previous day scattering old golf balls all over the course. No wonder he won! Not really the way for a new member to behave! (He should go far. Ed). To gain some redemption he has volunteered to be our ticket salesman at Milford.

We have a healthy profit of £157 in the Raffle Fund, but our supply of Wayfairers Balls is running low and we shall probably have to restock after our Milford day at a cost of approx. £160.



John studying form and working the odds!

And so to our next

To be held on **FRIDAY 16TH MARCH** at a new venue for the Wayfairers - **Milford Golf Club** - Station Lane, Milford, Surrey - Tel. 01483 419200. Station Lane is sign posted to Milford Railway Station and intersects the A3100 - Milford to Godalming road.

As our records show that this is the highest attended meeting of the year, it is advisable to ring either

of the Johns a couple of days before to establish your tee time. Coffee will be available from 9.30am with the first players starting at 10.30 am. We are booked for 18 holes followed by a three Course Meal at approx. 5.00 pm.

Our competitions will as usual be divided into an Individual and a Team Stableford Event. The winning individual Wayfairer will be awarded the John Peake Spring Cup (current holder David Gillen) together with the Wayfairers Trophy.

The team competition will take the form of an Alliance Stableford Event, something tried fairly successfully this time last year. One individual score only counts for the first 6 holes, for the next 6 holes the best 2 scores are added and finally over the last 6 holes all of the players points are totalled.

This is the day that Harold's Special 18th Hole Trophy will be awarded (currently held by Mike Morgan-Rowe). For those who have never played the 18th at Milford you have a treat in store! When you stand on the men's tee it really is decision time. What decision will you make? Will you be prudent or brave? Will you be a warrior or a wimp! Will it be goodbye ball?? The Trophy will go to the Wayfairer who after having played off the men's tee, is nearest to the pin after 3 shots - irrespective of whether or not the ball is on the green. Sorry Ladies you have such an advantage in this competition it cannot be fairly contested from your tee (as you will see when you get there!). However there will be a prize for any Lady, who is on the green in 3 shots.

Cost for the whole day inclusive of prizes is £30. Your availability and payment slip is enclosed - **TO BE RETURNED BY SATURDAY 24TH FEBRUARY AT THE LATEST PLEASE.**

PAIRS KNOCKOUT COMPETITION 2000

This popular event will be run again this spring and summer. I won't need to remind you that this is a Better-ball Match Play Competition.

Details will be published in the next edition, but in the meanwhile you do need a partner.

Please notify John Bateson, by our next meeting, of your pairing.

Pictures from Bletchingley



The winning team Fred, Carl, John B (presenting the prize) and Audrey



Clive getting the measure off John for Nearest the Pin



Peter sports the birdie cap after a truly remarkable round.



Artist's impression of David wearing the Reindeer Head-dress.



David, Hedghog award winner without head-dress.



3 Mikes, Dennis, Barbara and Syd



Ron, Chris, Jeff, Peter & Mike Lane waiting for the Christmas Pudding?

More pictures from Bletchingley



Singing in the Rain!

**Our thanks
go out to
both these
Guys who
gave us
such a
tremendous
day and
evening!**



**Every inch a
Plonker, but not this
time!**



**Syd, John B., Frank and Ken
Cooper tasting the wine!**

ETRETAT MAY 2001

Currently 10 Wayfairers plus 3 guests ("or better halves") are booked for a early morning departure on Monday 28th May for a three night stay at Etretat, on the Normandy Coast. The plan is to play at Saint Saens en route to Etretat and on the return journey tackle one of the courses near Abbeville. The Etretat Golf Club is right next to the Hotel with spectacular views from the top of the cliffs. Here's 'bon voyage and good weather to all.



**"Hymn No. 28 omitting
verses 1,3,4,5..."**

LATE NEWS FLASH

WILSON GOES WALKABOUT

Everyone is fighting to get that Plonker Cap, and now Mike Wilson and Stafford Smith want to get in on the act! News has just reached us that Mike together with his passenger and navigator Stafford, set off home to Bognor from Bletchingley following Mike Church who was showing them a short cut. They reached the M23 without mishap and settled down for a steady drive to the South Coast.

Imagine Mike's surprise some 20 minutes later to find they were on the outskirts of London and completely lost!

An hour after leaving Bletchingley Golf Club they were driving past it again! A pity they didn't stop - they could have given David Rose a hand to find his keys! So ended a perfect day!



**The President sends New
Year Greetings from his
country seat!**

Wayfairer Clothing

Now is the time to order some warm Golf gear, complete with the Wayfairer Logo, for those cold February and March days. Don't leave it until our next meeting at Milford. Call or Fax Barry Richards on 01342 836430 if you would like to order any of the following :-

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.

NEWS following the Christmas Meeting - A large shipment of Plonker Parapluie are expected from China before our next meeting to satisfy the huge demand generated.

Please be patient!

DATES FOR YOUR

Holtys Golf Club

Texas Scramble - 27 Holes Day

Tuesday 8th May 2001

(Further details to follow).

Reigate Heath

The 2 Ronnies Trophy

Thursday 21st June 2001

(Gather at Noon).