

THE WAYFAIRER



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NICK 'NICKS' THE TROPHY! - WHILE NIGEL OUR GUEST BEATS ALL THE REST!

Thirty two Wayfairers and 4 Guests gathered for the Spring Cup Meeting at Milford Golf Club on a grey, murky and very cloudy day - but the clouds did have 2 silver linings! One was that not a drop of rain fell throughout the Competition - but it poured down afterwards! - and the other was that our gathering coincided with Comic Relief Day! During the evening a variety of red noses, blue jokes and lousy limericks punctuated the prize giving proceedings - but more of that later.

Playing on a very wet and heavy course, but with all the greens in excellent condition, the general scoring was very good. **Nick Widdowson** emerged as the winner in a very closely fought competition, and went home piled up with various prizes including the John Peake Spring Cup, the Wayfairers Trophy, and a generous donation from the host club of a voucher for a free 4 Ball day out at Milford. Just pipped for the top place on count back was a real star of the day - **Nigel Harris**, son of **Frank Harris**, cousin of **Stuart Harris** and nephew of **Ron Harris**. (Full Family Tree available from Ron Harris, Price £3. - Ed).

Nigel, who plays off 4 handicap, had recently flown in from Oklahoma but he soon got to grips with the prevailing wet conditions of our English courses. Apart from finishing second overall, his other achievements included second place in both the Longest Drive and Nearest the Pin Competitions, plus he got an Eagle 2 on the par 4 8th hole, thus winning the Birdie Cap

with a shot to spare, and on the dreaded 18th (464 par 5 over water) incredibly he was on the green in 2 shots! This was the hole where we were presenting Harold's Special Trophy for anyone who could manage to get anywhere near the green in 3



Nick Widdowson receives his collection of Trophies from Fred Catterall - Captain for the Day.

shots! However following our rule whereby guests cannot win an official Trophy, Nigel had to hand the honour to **Peter Storey** who creditably was on the green with his 3rd shot. We made sure however that Nigel did not go home empty handed!

The wait for dinner was busily occupied by each Team huddled together seeking inspiration to win the Comic Relief Team Limerick Competition. Some excellent literary masterpieces resulted, but with unanimous approval top place went to the Team of **Brian Girling**, **Pat Fudge** and **John Bateson** and as promised the full unexpurgated verse is published elsewhere in this edition.

AND SO TO THE FULL MILFORD RESULTS

Winner of the Spring Cup & Wayfairers Trophy **Nick Widdowson** 38pts (c/b).

2nd Guest **Nigel Harris** 38pts (c/b). (Gross 69 - 2 over par!).

3rd **Mike Wilson** 37pts (He will be cut).

Team Alliance Stableford - **Nick Widdowson**, **Mike Wilson**, & **Tony Warrilow** 80pts.

Harolds 18th Hole Trophy - **Peter Storey**.

Longest Drive - **Chris Wilkes** (Still using his illegal driver!).

Nearest the Pin - **Clive Cooper** and

Hedgehog Award - **Clive Cooper**. (How does he do it?!).

Birdie Cap - **Nigel 'The Eagle' Harris**.

Most Balls in the Water - **Tony Warrilow** - 4!

Finally we come to the **Plonker Cap** which needs a bit of explaining, (as usual - Ed). In many competitions if you keep winning a Trophy it becomes yours to keep. Why does **John Bateson** want this sacred piece of headgear so badly!? At Milford once again he was the unanimous winner. And why so? The story goes like this - Travelling on the M25 and just approaching the A3 turn off to Milford, John & Sue McD

overtook John B., who was busy chatting to passenger Ken Cooper and never saw them at all!

At Milford John & Sue were surprised not to see John B. arrive in the car park a few minutes behind them. To their utter amazement he didn't turn up for another three quarters of an hour! And where had he been? Evidently he took a wrong turning onto the A31 and eventually turned up in Farnham! Ken Cooper was later reported to say very diplomatically. "I was surprised. Farnham is a very attractive Town and I'm glad I've had the chance to see it!"

Thought for the day - Imagine Wilson & Bateson setting off on a journey in the same car. Where would they end up? Definitely not where they wanted to go!!

THE WINNING LIMERICK

The winning Limerick relates to the extra-ordinary skilful play of Brian Girling, who, on the 3rd hole - which is a long tee shot over water, - proceed to bounce his ball 4 times across the water before coming to rest on a perfect lie at the side of the fairway.

Lancaster, Halifax and Stirling

At Germans they sent bombs a-hurling

But on hole number 3

From a shot off the tee

They were outdone by "Barnes Wallis" Girling!

For the worst Limerick please go to the back page. (It's awful! ED).

WELCOME KEN

Welcome to new member Ken Cooper who comes from Edenbridge in Kent. Ken joined us for the first time as a guest at Bletchingley and obviously enjoyed playing in the rain and on temporary greens so much, that he applied to join! Little does he realise what he has let himself in for! Ken's current club handicap is 24 which of course for the Wayfairers is far too generous! We'll soon have you down to single figures Ken!

MILFORD RAFFLE

Many thanks to red nosed Tony Warrilow who did an excellent job as our Raffle Ticket Salesman. As it was Red Nose Day, it was decided that our Raffle profit should go to Comic Relief, and thanks to the generosity of all those present, we have been able to donate a cheque for £50 to this cause. This leaves the current balance of our Raffle Fund much as it was following our last meeting. Syd Tutton seems to be our lucky Raffle man. Many will remember Syd's sheer delight when he won the prize of ten assorted shoelaces at Chiddingfold. At Milford he did it again! - walking off with tears in his eyes after winning the star prize of a box of Kleenex Tissues. Lucky old Syd!

Many Thanks to 'novice' Ken Cooper for agreeing to be our 'ticket salesman' at our next meeting



Syd overcome with emotion at winning the Tissues uses them to dry his eyes.

And so to our next

**AN ALL DAY GATHERING
AT HOLTYE GOLF CLUB ON
TUESDAY 8TH MAY**

Our 6th Annual Golf Fun Day is to be held at what is a new venue for the Wayfairers, but is a

very familiar setting to those Wayfairers who are Holtye members.

Those present at our November AGM, will remember that the supporting votes for this particular gathering to be held at either Shillinglee or Dorking were split right down the middle - so in true democratic fashion we have opted for Holtye instead!

This is the one occasion in the year that we play 27 holes - with 4 separate competitions being fitted into the day's programme to include a Team Texas Scramble, an Individual Stableford Competition, a Team Stableford Event and a lunchtime Putting Contest. You always get value for money with the Wayfairers!

TIMING FOR THE DAY

9.00am Coffee

9.30am 9 holes Team Texas Stableford

From 12.00noon Staggered lunch with our annual Putting Competition to be held during the lunch time - play before or after eating.

PM 18 hole Individual & Team Stableford Competition begins

7.15pm approx. 3 Course Evening Meal & Coffee followed by Raffle Draw and Prize Giving.

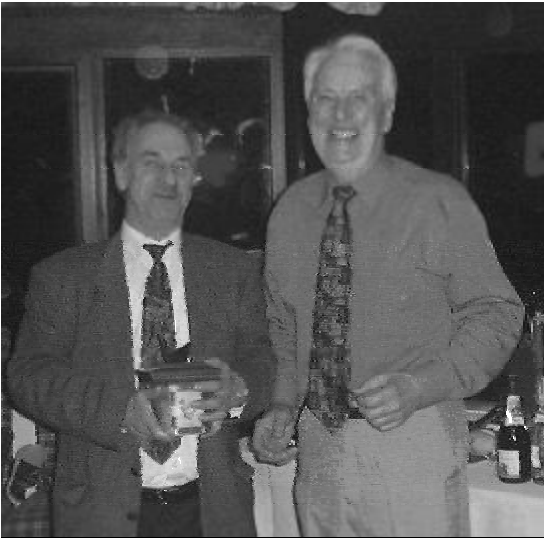
Awards - Winners of the Texas Scramble will receive our special Trophy for this event (Currently held by Nick Widdowson, Syd Tutton & Alistair Bateson). The winner of the Individual Stableford will receive the Wayfairers Trophy.

Cost inclusive of coffee on arrival, 27 Holes of golf, a light lunch, a 3 Course Evening Meal and all prizes (all you have to do is win them! Ed) Non Holtye members will pay £29.00 and Holtye members £19.00.

Directions - The Clubhouse is on the Dright hand side of the A264 approximately 4 miles out of East Grinstead travelling in the direction of Tunbridge Wells. Phone No 01342 850957.

Returns - Please complete the enclosed availability slip and return to John Bateson with your money (if playing) by **SATURDAY 14TH APRIL** at the latest please

Pictures from Milford



Harolds 18th Hole Trophy presented to Peter Storey - on the green in 3.



Nigel Harris in Red Nose and Birdie Cap awarded for getting our first EAGLE 2.



Team Alliance winners Tony Warrilow, Nick Widdowson and Mike Wilson.



Nearest the Pin and Hedgehog Award Specialist - Clive Cooper.



No need for a caption - Anyone for Farnham!?



The Harris contingent Nigel, Frank, Ron and Stuart.



WAYFAIRER 2001 PAIRS KNOCK-OUT



PRELIMINARY ROUND 1	ROUND 2	ROUND 3	FINAL
<p>1. Tony Warrilow 24/ Ken Cooper 24</p> <p>2. Jeff Hogg 14/ Dennis Shelley 24</p> <p>3. Ron Harris 19/ Stuart Harris 11</p> <p>4. John Horsfall 27/ Mike Riddles 31</p> <p>5. Fred Catterall 18/ Audrey Riddles 24</p> <p>6. Mike Owens 26/ Frank Houlihan 25</p> <p>7. Brian Girling 38/ Syd Tutton 31</p> <p>8. Ron Bailey 31/ Stafford Smith 30</p> <p>TO BE PLAYED BY 8TH MAY 2001</p>	<p>9. John Bateson 18/ Nick Widdowson 13</p> <p>10. John McDonnell 18/ Mike Wilson 28</p> <p>9. Peter Storey 8/ Barry Richards 21</p> <p>10. David Gillen 16/ Chris Wilkes 9</p> <p>TO BE PLAYED BY 10TH JULY 2001</p>	<p>TO BE PLAYED BY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2001</p>	<p>TO BE PLAYED BY THE 23 OCTOBER 2001</p> <p>WINNERS</p>

A REMINDER OF HOW THE BETTER BALL MATCH PLAY COMPETITION IS RUN

The competitions are played at a mutually agreed venue on a match play basis. Where one or more players are members of the chosen club all Green Fees are equally divided. Details and vouchers for '2 for 1' courses can be obtained from John McDonnell (01342 833747).

Wayfairers handicaps current at the time of playing are to be used and confirmation of handicaps can be obtained from John Bateson (01342 832602). Handicaps at 21st March are shown above. Ladies to play off Ladies Tee and play to Ladies Card and stroke index.

On completion of each match the results are to be notified

promptly to John Bateson by the winning Team who, when it has been decided, will be told who they are playing in the next round.

**HANDICAP ADJUSTMENTS WILL
BE MADE AS THE COMPETITION
PROCEEDS.**

HANDICAPPING SYSTEM

Just a reminder - the lowest handicap player plays off scratch and the other players receive strokes on the basis of 3/4 of the difference between their handicaps and the lowest handicap - strokes to be taken at the appropriate stroke index holes.

The winners of this competition receive at the A.G.M. in November a prize and the Wayfairers Pairs Knockout Figurines currently held by Mike Wilson & John McDonnell.



**'Happy Birthday Mike Wilson'.
Try not to get LOST AGAIN!'**

ETRETAT MAY 2001

The day of departure looms nearer for our group of 13 (lucky for some!) who will be setting off very early in the morning on Monday 28th May for their 3 Night Golfing Break. Plans have now been finalised to include 4 Golf Clubs in the itinerary - Day 1 Saint Saens near Dieppe - Day 2 Etretat (where the group will stay) - Day 3 just half an hour down the coast to Golf du Havre and finally - Day 4 Nampont Saint Martin en route home. Bon voyage et beaucoup des birdies! Tony Warrilow says he hopes to pull one!

Wayfairer Clothing

It's still not spring weather so not too late to get some warm Wayfairer clothing or even start to think about some summer gear. Call or Fax Barry Richards on 01342 836430 if you would like to find out what's on offer or 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.**

Don't be afraid to ask.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 21st June - Our Reigate Heath Day when we compete for The Two Ronnies Trophy. Arrive for Noon to find out who your partner will be following the draw. Competition commences at 1.00pm.

Monday 23rd July - Another new venue for the Wayfairers. This time **West Chiltington Golf Club** (near Pulborough, West Sussex). Home of Max Faulkner and son-in-law Brian Barnes. This is our Annual 3 Way Team Match Competition - Treasurer's v Secretary's v President's Teams. Prizes also for the best Individual Stableford results. Morning start with coffee, 18 holes and a 3 course meal.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

This is the second birthday of the new look **WAYFAIRER** - the 15th issue. **Hope you still enjoy it!**

AND (IN THE OPINION OF THE JUDGES) - THE WORST LIMERICK

**There was a young golfer named
Dennis,**

**To his partners he really was a
menace**

**Carl said I've had enough and went
off in a huff**

**and Mike kept hitting his ball in
the rough.**

(Don't call us we'll call you!! Ed)

THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

After three qualifying games John Bateson leads the field with 108 pts. , followed by Dennis Shelley on 102 and Fred Catterall on 101.

However it is early days yet and there are a few strong challengers who have only notched up 2 scores so far. So expect some changes in the next few months. A good time to get some long odds?

THE UNSUNG HEROS OF MILFORD

On the front page we shout the praises of the first three places in the Wayfairers Trophy but what about the rest. It has been decided that from now on we will report the top ten places - so here goes:-

4th = with 36 pts. Sue McDonnell, Jeff Hogg & John Bateson.

7th with 34 pts. Pat Fudge.

8th = with 31pts. Peter Rushton, David Rose & Brian Girling.

Never mind the Eagles - What about the Birdies? We discovered no fewer than 7 - Jeff Hogg, John McDonnell, Clive Cooper, Nick Widdowson, Chris Wilkes, Sue McDonnell and Audrey Riddles.

Nigel Harris was on the green on the 18th in 2, but both Ken Cooper and Peter Storey managed to score pars. Congratulations to all mentioned above.

Don Beaumont

It is with great sadness that we have to report the death of one of our past members Don Beaumont, who died suddenly from a brain haemorrhage while fighting an ongoing battle against cancer. Don was a Wayfairer for 2 years during 1998 and 1999, but reluctantly had to withdraw his membership at the end of this time, due to the pressure of other commitments.

Don was a very keen and involved member of Holtys Golf Club, and through this connection it was very warming to realise that a dozen or so fellow Wayfairers were present at his funeral. Our deepest sympathy goes to his widow Betty and to all Don's family.