

# THE WAYFAIRER



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## HOGG'S TEAM SCRAMBLES THE MORNING CROWN - BUT THEN CLIVE COOPER NAILS THEM

The Wayfairers first official visit to Holtye coincided with the first real day of Summer! A combination of blue cloudless skies, an excellently prepared Golf Course and a great atmosphere in the clubhouse all gave rise to a truly memorable day.

As for the Golf - many will want to forget this! - particularly all those Holtye players who scored so poorly on their own home territory!

The morning 9 hole Texas Scramble saw the combination of **Jeff Hogg** (Captain), **John Bateson**, **Frank Houlihan** and **Brian Girling** emerge as clear victors with a very creditable gross total of 31 - 2 under par (3 birdies, 5 pars and 1 bogey).

The morning's golf was followed by the Annual Putting Competition which started with 6 innocuous and very straight forward holes, only to be followed by the dreaded 'String Hole' 7th! As many as 12 shots were taken by several players on this hole, before the ball finally dropped but undoubtedly the steadiest and most accurate performer was **Mike Riddles**, who covered the whole layout in just 19 putts, taking a mere 6 on the 7th to emerge as the "Wayfairer Putter of the Year"! A good day for Mike. Later in the afternoon he went on to win the Birdie Cap as well - despite being attacked by a passing seagull in the Clubhouse!

After the putting, 9 holes in the morning and a very substantial lunch, the 18 holes in the afternoon took its toll and this was generally

reflected in the scoring! No one managed to play below their handicap. Winner of the 18 hole Stableford was **Clive Cooper** on 36 points - despite signing his card for a 37! He was nearly disqualified, but as he has undertaken never to do it again, we have been kind and allowed his card to stand. (Besides we may all need him someday! Ed.)

Our two guests for the day **Andy Knight** and **Peter Waygood** finished in 2nd and 3rd places



*The 4th at Holtye*

**Barry Richards** was awarded the Plonker Cap when it was revealed that in his last 3 games of golf he had uncharacteristically played extremely badly - topping and missing the ball and taking huge divots! He lost the last game 7 & 8 (Not surprising - my partner was John McD. Ed). So bad was the situation that he decided to visit the opticians! A thorough examination showed no problems at all, until the optician repeated the test with his contact lenses and found Barry was wearing the right one in his left eye and left one in his right eye. Perhaps this explains his recent tendency for walking round in circles!

### AND SO TO THE FULL HOLTYE RESULTS

Texas Scramble Trophy Winners **Jeff Hogg, John Bateson, Frank Houlihan & Brian Girling**. Gross 31.

Wayfairers Trophy & Winner of 18 Hole Trophy  
1st **Clive Cooper** 36 pts (not 37!).

2nd **Andy Knight** 36 pts

3rd **Peter Waygood** 35 pts

Putting Competition 2001.

1st **Mike Riddles** 19

2nd **Jeff Hogg** 21 (c/b)

3rd **Dennis Shelley** 21 (c/b)

4th **Peter Waygood** 21 (c/b)

Undisputed Worst Putter 2001

1st **Peter Rushton** (Who, quite correctly, went off with the best prize!).

Nearest The Pin

**John McDonnell**

Longest Drive - **Chris Wilkes** - the third consecutive time! Won't somebody smash his illegal driver?!

Shortest Drive - **John Horsfall** - Why doesn't Chris lend him his driver?!

**B**irdie Cap - **Mike Riddles.**

**H**edgehog Award - **Dennis Shelley**

**P**lonker Cap - **Barry Richards**

**O**ther Prizes - **John Bateson** was presented with a 'Visitors Guide to Farnham' following his Milford antics, and **Jeff Hogg** received a special 'So Near So Far' Award to make up for all his bitter disappointment at Milford. Ahh! Poor Jeff!

### ***The Holtje Raffle***

**M**any thanks to **Mike Riddles** for stepping in to the breach at the last moment to take over as our Raffle Ticket Salesman. **Ken Cooper** had volunteered to do this, but was forced to withdraw at very late notice due to Irish Food Poisoning - (is that another name for 8 pints of Guinness??). Mike collected a total of £64 which less prize money expenses, leaves us with a healthy current balance of just on £200. However our supply of Wayfairer balls is almost exhausted and £160 will be needed to renew our stock.

**N**o salesman volunteer will be needed at Reigate Heath as our Secretary will be organising the usual 'Draw a player in the Open' swindle. Hopefully **Ken Cooper** will have recovered by the time of our July meeting and can take over the task for that meeting. If so, he has promised to sing his latest recording of 'If you ever go across the sea to Ireland!' Pity he missed the Holtje Raffle - Top prize was a bottle of Irish Whiskey. He would have loved it!

### **MENTAL HEALTH WARNING**

It is strongly recommended to all Wayfairers that they do not refer, in the presence of the two Johns, even remotely, to the subject of the 2001 Census.

To do so will result in extreme verbal overload and the endless regurgitation of meaningless numbers, letters, jargon and folksy anecdotes. If this happens to you the advice is to pick up your most valued possessions i.e. Wallet, car keys and golf clubs and depart from the scene without delay!

## ***And so to our next***

### **REIGATE HEATH THURSDAY 21st JUNE STABLEFORD PAIRS**

**T**his as in previous years will be an afternoon gathering because it's cheaper after 1 pm! **DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT TO SECURE YOUR PLACE IS FRIDAY 8TH JUNE.**

**C**ost is £28 to cover 18 holes and a three course meal plus coffee. **PLEASE send in your return slip NOW!**

**T**his competition is only open to members but guests may be nominated if reserves are needed to make up the numbers. Prizes are also included in the cost and there are lots to be won with both the Two Ronnies Cup as well as the Wayfairers Trophy at stake. Current holders of the Two Ronnies Trophy are Brian Girling and John McDonnell

**C**ost does not cover any coffee or refreshments prior to playing. It is suggested however that players arrive mid-day to purchase their own snacks and drinks to be present at the draw for partners! The draw will take place at approx. 12.15pm. Tee off in 4 Balls from 1.00pm. This is a pairs Better Ball Stableford - but please record all players Stableford points to determine the winners of the Individual Competition. Following our usual custom we also give the Nearest the Pin and the Longest Drive Competitions a break at Reigate Heath, and we have the Mystery Pairs Award instead.

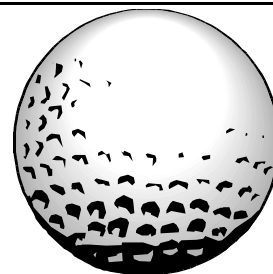
**H**opefully we will eat at about 7.00pm. As this is our 5th Reigate meeting it is assumed that the majority of Wayfairers will know how to get there. Phone number 01737 242610.

#### **Overseas News**

As you read this have a thought for the 13 intrepid Wayfairers playing golf in Normandy and fighting their way through all those French Menus - see next copy of the Wayfairer!

## ***Memo - Our July Meeting***

**A**s previously announced, to be held at West Chiltington Golf Club on Monday 23rd July. Day of the Annual 3 Way Match Competition -Treasurer's v Secretary's v President's Team Trophy. Final details in your next Wayfairer together with information regarding the September Meeting (Date and venue to be decided).



## **CALLING ALL WAYFAIRERS**

**BRING BULGING WALLETS AND  
A COUPLE OF CHEQUE BOOKS  
TO REIGATE HEATH**

### **WHY?**

**because IT'S THE DAY OF  
HONEST JOHN MCDONNELL'S  
ANNUAL SALE OF GOLF BALLS.**

## **REMEMBER HIS MOTTO?**

**"NOT A SINGLE BALL SOLD  
MORE THAN 25 YEARS OLD!"**

## **INCLUDED IN THE SALE -**

**HIS NEW & EXCITING  
SELECTION OF RANGE  
BALLS! AND 'cOMMANDOS'**

**MISS IT AT  
YOUR  
PERIL!**



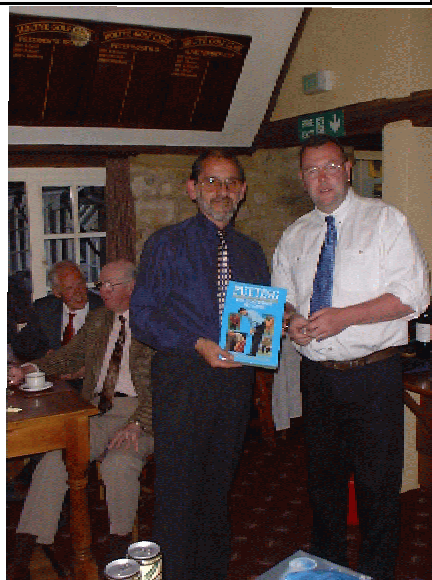
**THE TRIUMPHANT TEXAS TEAM -  
BRIAN GIRLING, JEFF HOGG,  
FRANK HOULIHAN & JOHN  
BATESON**



**AN ARCHIVE PICTURE OF  
CLIVE COOPER -  
WAYFAIRER TROPHY**



**WNNER OF THE BIRDIE CAP  
AND CHAMPION PUTTER -  
MIKE RIDDLES**



**CONSOLATION PRIZE FOR  
PUTTING - PETER  
RUSHTON CLUTCHES HIS**



**SyD TUTTON TACKLING  
THE DREADED STRING ON  
THE PUTTING GREEN**

## ***Pictures from Holt***



**P----D AGAIN &  
OVERJOYED WITH  
NEAREST THE PIN -  
JOHN McDONNELL**



