

THE WAYFAIRER

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FROM PLONKER TO CON- QUEROR

One of **David Rose's** New Year's Resolutions surely must have been to start hitting the headlines for all the right reasons! At our last meeting in 2001 he gained unwanted notoriety by being presented with the Plonker Cap, only to turn this right round by winning the coveted Spring Cup at Chartham Park on our first gathering of 2002.

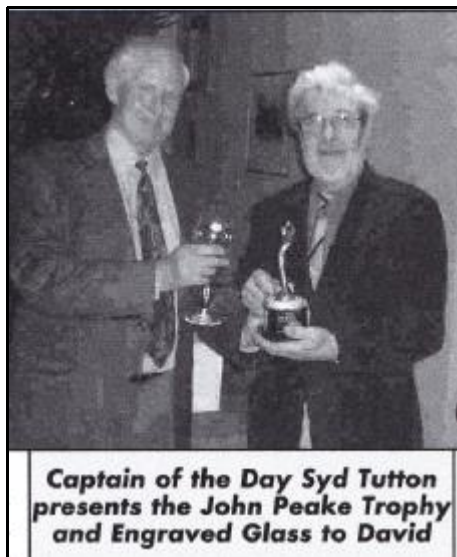
Well done David - but you only just did it! **Dennis Shelley** was right there with you, but he lost out narrowly in a very close count back situation. Also breathing down David's neck were **Stuart Harris** and **Jeff Hogg**, with both of them just one point adrift of the winning total.

And the winning score? For the third consecutive meeting 37 points was enough to secure the main prizes of the day plus the Wayfairer's Trophy.

Chartham Park's well deserved reputation of being an interesting and excellent Golf Course attracted our biggest turnout ever - a total of 39 players consisting of 34 Wayfairers and 5 guests. Following recent wintery weather the Course was playing extremely long, and with no trolleys being permitted some of our more senior members found the going very tough. (Hear, hear! Ed). Despite the excellent results of a few, the vast majority of players finished in the low to mid 20's, and some struggled to reach 20 points.

However the atmosphere in the Clubhouse afterwards was excellent, and the long wait for the early starters prior to the meal was to some extent diminished by all the playing groups tackling John McD's

now (in)famous "Golf Terminology Cryptic Quiz!!" For those who sadly missed this memorable event a couple of typical samples of questions and answers are printed elsewhere in this edition. All at no extra charge! (Wait till he gets my Bill!..Ed)



AND SO TO THE FULL CHARTHAM RESULTS

Winner of the John Peake Spring Cup & Wayfairers Trophy, plus an engraved wine glass, a radio controlled clock, a bottle of wine & golf balls - **David Rose** 37pts (c/b).

2nd **Dennis Shelley** 37pts .

3rd **Stuart Harris** 36pts (c/b).

4th **Jeff Hogg** 36pts

Team Alliance Stableford - **Syd Tutton, Frank Houlihan & Stuart Harris** 75pts.

Nearest the Pin - Guest **Gerald Shakespeare**

Longest Drive - **Chris Wilkes**

Old Bailey Tankard 19 plus H/cap Longest Drive - Not awarded. SEE PLONKER CAP BELOW *

Birdie Cap - **Pat Fudge**

Hedgehog Award - **Stafford Smith**

Plonker Cap - * **A LADY WINS THE PLONKER CAP FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER!**

THIS IS HOW SHE DID IT!

The 8th hole was the setting for our 19 Plus Handicap Longest Drive Event. **Sue McDonnell**, who plays off a Wayfairers Handicap of 9, hit a gloriously long tee shot that absolutely bisected the fairway, well past the best effort of the current 19 Plus Handicap Leader. Deciding that it was time that she had a bit of fame and glory Sue adjusted her handicap very quickly by ten shots, put her name on the marker, and moved it up to where her ball lay. What a plonker!

Consequently the competition had to be declared null and void and the Tankard couldn't be presented.

As Sue's husband, I am delighted to report however that her bold effort did gain her the pint of beer that accompanies the Tankard - and it went down very well when I got Home! (Perhaps she's not such a Plonker after all!)

CHARTHAM PARK RAFFLE

The biggest Wayfairers turn out ever wasn't the only record broken on our Chartham day. Perhaps, because it was our first meeting of the year and Spring was in the air, made everyone feel extremely generous - or was it the Silver-tongued **Nick Widdowson** with his persuasive sales talk that made our members part with their money so readily? (or was it just that he is a big bloke!?!..Ed.) Whatever it was Nick broke all records by collecting £122 and this has left our Raffle Fund in an extremely healthy position. Well done Nick!

Of course the object of the Raffle, as well as adding a bit of fun to the day, is to provide some extra income. However it must be stressed that in no way should there be any competitive element between members in order to see who can raise the most money.

With this point established, can we have a volunteer please to sell tickets on our Holtye day?

Finally, many thanks to Ron Harris who following his visit to New Zealand has donated 2 Raffle Prizes, both of which have New Zealand connections. One was a golf cap which was distributed with our Chartham prizes, and the other is also a very useful item of golf equipment but quite unique and well worth winning! It will be on the table at Holtye. **Many Thanks Ron!**



And so to our next meeting

**AT HOLTYE GOLF CLUB ON
TUESDAY 7th MAY**

Very few Golf Clubs will permit a Texas Scramble as part of a Society Day as the format is reckoned to be too slow. During the past 7 years we have managed to arrange this regularly at Shillinglee and once at Dorking, but we did find that both courses had drawbacks. Last May, for the first time ever as a Society, we gathered at Holtye, played our Texas Scramble and the day was a great success in every possible way - so for 2002 its Holtye again.

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

to be held during the lunch time - play before or after eating.

1.00pm 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 Jeff Hogg, John Bateson, Frank Houlihan & Brian Girling). 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 right 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 13TH APRIL** at the latest please

J.McD's Cryptic Quiz.

For those who missed it why not have a go at just a couple of the questions and you will see how easy it was! All answers are golf related and are words or phrases in common usage by Golfers.

1. The Queen Mother?
2. Member of the Musical Trio Collapses?

(And a few new ones for those who were at Chartham).

3. Unwelcome stain on your scorecard?
4. Similar to 'Mend over land'?
5. The Fat Lady swings?

(Answers on the Back Page).



The Wayfairers first 'Lady Plonker'!

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 12.00 noon Staggered lunch with our annual Putting Competition

Pictures from Chartham Park



The Wayfairers certainly know how to give prizes! David falling over after his visit to the table.



The Alliance Stableford Winning Team Stuart Harris, Syd Tutton and a thirsty looking Frank Houlihan!



Nearest the Pin - one of our three guests Gerald Shakespeare.



Pat (Two Balls) Fudge winner of the Birdie Cap.



Dennis Shelley - only just pipped on count back collects 2nd prize.



Representing the remainder of the field - Stafford Smith collects the Hedgehog Award.



WAYFAIRER 2002 PAIRS KNOCK-OUT



PRELIMINARY ROUND 1	ROUND 2	ROUND 3	FINAL
<p>1. Frank Houlihan 24/ Mike Owens 25</p> <p>2. Jeff Hogg 15/ Dennis Shelley 24</p> <p>3. Clive Cooper 15/ Chris Wilkes 9</p> <p>4 Mike Riddles 34/ John Horsfall 31</p> <p>5 Barbara Horsfall 26/ John Loader 35</p> <p>6 Brian Girling 36/ Syd Tutton 29</p> <p>7 John McDonnell 19/ Mike Wilson 29</p> <p>8Jan Henshaw 34/ Sue McDonnell 9</p> <p>9 Ken Cooper 25/ Tony Warrilow 26</p> <p>10 Andy Knight 19/ Carl Rosner 33</p> <p>11 Harold Peskett 22/ David Rose 19</p> <p>12 Ron Bailey 31/ Stafford Smith 31</p> <p>13 Barry Richards 25/ Peter Storey 8</p> <p>14 Fred Catterall 19/ Audrey Riddles 25</p> <p>15 Ron Harris 18/ Stuart Harris 9</p> <p>16 John Bateson 19/ Nick Widdowson 13</p> <p>TO BE PLAYED BY 7TH MAY 2002</p>	<p>TO BE PLAYED BY 10TH JULY 2002</p>	<p>TO BE PLAYED BY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2002</p>	<p>TO BE PLAYED BY THE 23 OCTOBER 2002</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 18th March are shown above. Ladies to play off Ladies Tee and play to Ladies Card and stroke index.

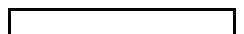
On completion of each match the results are to be notified promptly to John Bateson by the winning Team who, when it has been decided, will be told who they are playing in the next round.

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

HANDICAPPING

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 John Bateson & Nick Widdowson.



ARGOULES - FRANCE JUNE

Some news here which will be of particular interest to the 13 Wayfairers (plus 1 guest) who will be setting off for a 3 night/4 Day Golfing Break to France on Monday 3rd June.

Seven double rooms have been booked on a demi-pension basis at the Auberge du Gros Tilleul at Argoules. Golf has been booked for all 4 days, and nearer the time it will be necessary to establish just who wishes to play and on what days.

Monday's golf is on the Belvedere course at Nampont St-Martin with the first 'tee off' at noon. Tuesday we

visit Belle Dune G.C. starting at 12.30. Wednesday we have a short drive to Abbeville with a 09.45 start booked, and on the last day, en route home we sample Nampont's hospitality again, this time playing the longer but flatter Swan Course commencing at 09.30

Many thanks to Fred Catterall who, because he holds a French cheque book, has paid deposits on behalf of all to a total of €389. Don't worry Fred, the time of reckoning will come! (Don't forget to charge interest!...Ed)



THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP*

Current Champion, Chris Wilkes, is again setting the pace with a total of 101 points from 3 competitions chased by Syd Tutton on 97, David Rose on 88 and Harold Peskett and John McDonnell both on 86. However some have not yet played three games and well placed are Stuart Harris, Dennis Shelley, Peter Storey and Jeff Hogg - so watch this space!.

THE UNSUNG HEROES OF CHARTHAM PARK

On the front page we shout the praises of the first 4 places in the Wayfairers Trophy but what about the rest. The next 10 results were as follows:-

- 5th Chris Wikes & David Williams 33pts.
- 7th Peter Storey & Barbara Horsfall 32pts.
- 9th Sue McDonnell, Harold Peskett, Andy Knight, Ron Bailey 31pts.
- 13th Fred Catterall 30pts.
- 14th Ken Cooper 29pts.

As well as coming 4th Jeff Hogg also made a Birdie - See his happy smile!

The Hedge-hog Award was the most closely contested yet with eight players scoring 21 points or under. However, Stafford Smith was a clear and worthy winner.

With this copy of the WAYFAIRER is a separate sheet with details of the KNOCK-OUT.

Wayfairer Clothing

It's time for spring weather so time to get some new Wayfairer clothing and to think about some new summer gear. Call Barry Richards on 01342 836430 if you would like to find out what's available and 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.**

These are just some of the many items available!

2002 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 14th 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 22nd July - Voted the 'Best Venue' in 2001 **West Chilmington Golf Club** (near Pulborough, West Sussex). 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.

Monday 16th September, Downshire - Individual Stableford and the 50 Bob Set..

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

This is the Third birthday of the new look **WAYFAIRER** - the 22nd issue. Hope you still enjoy it?

1. Queen Mother - Royal and Ancient
2. Member of Musical Trio Collapses - One down and two to play.
3. Unwelcome stain on your score card - A blob.
4. Similar to 'Mend over Land' - Needs some explanation - 'Mend' is 'repair' - 'Land' is 'ground' - if mend is over land then Ground is under Repair!
5. The Fat Lady Swings - Big Bertha (Not as good as the last one!..Ed).

J.McD. CRYPTIC QUIZ ANSWERS