

# THE WAYFAIRER

The Wayfairers Golf Society Issue 1



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## Wayfairers Welcome Robert with a Record Turnout

Weather prospects looked extremely poor for the Wayfairers first gathering of 1999. As has happened so often already this year the rain fell incessantly the day prior to the event but ultimately the Two Johns did it again! The big day dawned bright, the course was surprisingly firm, main greens and grass tees were the order of the day and trolleys were in! The only problem was getting the little white ball in the hole - something which many found very difficult to achieve!

The first gathering of 1999 brought a record attendance with 38 of our 40 Wayfairer Members present plus 5 guests. Making his first appearance since our inaugural Meeting in November 1995 was our honorary life member **Robert Marchbank**, who promptly proceeded to hit the ball out of sight with his famous 5 iron. It was great to see you again Robert - don't leave it 3 1/2 years to the next time! Perhaps some time in the future its up to the Wayfairers to have an away day in Dumfriesshire.

### BLETCHINGLEY NEWS FLASHES

**Mike Morgan-Rowe** enjoyed his first outing of the year so much that he celebrated by paddling in the stream on the 17th!

Sadly **Chris Tomlin** will be deserting us again for sunnier

climes as shortly he is about to return to full time residence in Spain. Another wonderful venue for a Wayfairers day out! We wish you well Chris.

**John Bateson** as we all know keeps the most meticulous records of every round played by every Wayfairer. Imagine his despair and horror then when he got home and found he had left all the scorecards, the final presentation results and the famous Wayfairers start list board at Bletchingley together with three spare prizes. The good news is that he did get them back next day, but the bad news is that in order to do so he had to dive head first into the huge Bletchingley Golf Club rubbish skip and retrieve his bits and pieces from under a pile of cabbage leaves, egg shells, empty baked bean tins and other kitchen refuse!

Despite having had 2 baths since he is still looking for a golfing partner! You have been warned!

Spare a thought for **Ron Harris** who arrived without his shoes and emerged from the Pro Shop £72 lighter!

### AND SO TO THE RESULTS

**1st** and Winner of the Wayfairers Trophy and the John Peake Spring Cup was **Mike Church** 42 pts.

**2nd** **Chris Wilkes** 37 pts (CB)

**3rd** **Audrey Riddles** 37 pts (CB)

**4th** **Mike Riddles** 37 pts (CB)

**Team Prize - Mike Church, Nick Widdowson, Mike Owens - 81 pts.**

**The J.V.L. Longest Drive Dram - Peter Storey (Guest).**

**The John McD Nearest the Pin Pint - Don Jessop.**

**Birdie Cap - only two birdies all day - presented to Ian Templer plus 2 Wayfairer Balls ( because Pat Fudge wins so much else!)**

**Hedgehog Award - Stafford Smith - a worthy winner!**

**Birthday Boys - Mike Wilson & Jeff Hogg (Why were they born so beautiful!)**



**Mike Church  
celebrates his  
Bletchingley  
Victory**

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## Odds & Divots .....cont

Wayfairers to do something a bit different and a bit special during the year 2000?

Any ideas and suggestions would be welcome for further discussion.

### CURRENT TROPHY HOLDERS

Wayfairers Championship Trophy -  
**Pat Fudge.**

Ron Harris Autumn Cup -  
**Ron Mason**

Christmas Tankard -  
**Barry Richards.**

John Peake Spring Trophy -  
**Mike Church.**

Texas Scramble Trophy -  
**Pat Fudge, Don Woollard, Noel McLean, Mike Owens.**

The Two Ronnies Pairs Trophy -  
**Peter Rushton & Stuart Allan**

Fifty Bob Set - **Ian Templer.**

Harold's Special 18th Hole Trophy-  
**Jeff Hogg**

### ADVERTISEMENT

## FOR SALE

GOLF BALLS 'GOOD AS NEW' £5 FOR 12  
'HARDLY A MARK ON 'EM' £5 FOR 20  
GOOD SOCIAL USE ! £5 FOR 30

SOMETHING FOR THE WEEKEND ? ! ?

ALL DETAILS FROM THE SECRETARY

(Proceeds go to the Secretary's Benevolent Fund)

# The Wayfairers Pairs Competition

## HOW THE BETTER BALL MATCH PLAY KNOCK- OUT COMPETITION WILL BE RUN

The competitions to be played on a mutually agreed venue on a match play basis. Where one or more are members of the chosen club all Green Fees to be equally divided. Details and vouchers for '2 fore 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 as at 12 February are shown on page 4. On the completion of each match the result to be notified to John Bateson by the winning team who will then be told who they are playing in the next round when this is known.

For those unfamiliar with the handicap system for Better Ball Match Play, 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.

To most of us this is as clear as mud, so here is an example:-

Player A off 10 - No strokes

Player B off 24 - gets 11  
(24-10 = 14, 3/4 of 14=10.5, round up 10.5 to 11)

Player C off 18 gets 6  
(18-10=8, 3/4 of 8 = 6)

Player D off 29 gets 14  
(29-10=19, 3/4 of 19 = 14.25 round down to 14).

Easy, so B gets a shot on all holes with a stroke index of 11 and under, C on all holes 6 and under and D 14 and under. The net better ball of each pair is compared to determine which team wins/loses/halves each hole.

The draw and Current handicaps are on the last page of this newsletter.

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### NEW LOOK NEWSLETTER

Many thanks to Barry Richards for volunteering to take on the position of Wayfairers Publishing Manager, and for producing this first edition of the 'New Look Wayfairers Newsletter'. We wish you every success and many 'scoops' to come Barry!

If you have ideas for any inclusions of general interest in future Newsletters (news items, rules, for sale, funnies) please let Barry know.



# Finance

## THE RAFFLE

Cost of Raffle prizes for the day was £28.71, but through heavy prior expenses we started with an initial deficit, so it looked as though the Bletchingley overall profit would be quite small. We reckoned however without the persuasive powers of extortionist John Peake! By fair means and foul he raised £118 on the day leaving us at present with £89.29 in hand, plus 132 Wayfairer balls (18 were distributed as prizes) plus sundry other 'paid for' future prizes. Well done John - everyone is the poorer for knowing you!

On a more serious note we must not let the raffle get out of hand by becoming a sales competition for the sellers! The suggestion is for an expected minimum purchase of £1, and a maximum of £2 per head. With a fair estimate of the numbers playing, and from this the likely takings on the day, we can aim to spend about 50% of this beforehand on prizes.

Our next raffle salesman will be silver tongued Stuart Allan. Thank you Stuart!

## BLETCHINGLEY FINANCE REPORT

RECEIPTS	£1161.00
EXPENDITURE	£1146.16
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER EXPENDITURE	£14.84

but this excludes additional prizes from stock valued at £46.04. This equates to an excess expenditure of £31.20. Society balance stands at £37.32 excluding £150.00 deposits paid and prizes in stock.



# And so to our next meeting

SHILLINGLEE PARK

FRIDAY 14TH MAY

Our 4th Golf Fun Day here. Arrive for coffee approx. 9.15 a.m. Should you wish to check your start time please ring either of the Johns a day or so before hand. The first Team of 4 tee off at 9.45 for a nine hole Texas Scramble. Remaining in the same Teams after completing the 9th hole, you immediately commence a 6 hole Pitch and Putt Competition. There will be a 'staggered' (or staggering) lunch. Eat when your Team finishes playing. At 13.45 the 18 Hole Individual Stableford Competition commences followed at approximately 19.30 by a 3 course Evening Meal and the usual nonsense afterwards!

Just a reminder that we will be competing for the Wayfairers Texas Scramble Trophy currently held by Pat Fudge, Don Woollard, Noel McLean & Mike Owens. **Would whoever has got it please bring it with them!**

The Shillinglee price remains exactly as it has been for the past 3 years at £29.50 for the whole day - plus £1.50 a head for prizes - total as last year £31.00.

Please complete the availability slip enclosed and return to John Bateson by **SATURDAY 17th APRIL** at the latest. Enclose your payment please if playing.

Here's to sunshine and birdies at Shillinglee in May.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Friday 14 May Shillinglee Day**  
**Friday 18 June Rookwood Park**  
 (Secretary and Treasurers Match - 24 only due to catering restrictions)  
**Thursday 15 July Reigate Heath**  
 (2 Ronnies Pairs Trophy P.M.)

# Odds & Divots

## WAYFAIRER CLOTHING

Are you the complete Wayfairer? John Mac has some exciting news regarding Ties, Jumpers, Shirts, etc.,

Further news at Shillinglee, but I will tell you he is able to offer some low terms for members enquiring about embroidered underware and night attire.

## SOCIETY CHAMPIONSHIP

In the race for the Championship the leaders are starting to take up their positions.

In third place and getting into his stride with a 34,31,34 = 99 is **John Bateson**. Not so far ahead comes the next competitor **Mike Riddles** with 37,28,37 = 102, but in the lead setting a cracking pace comes **Chris Wilkes** with a tremendous 37,32,37 = 106. Don't forget though that this is very early in the race and the runners are only settling down after the first bend. Those in the lead will be carrying extra handicaps and could find the going heavy from here on. Time for some of the outsiders to open their legs and show their form?

## THOUGHT FOR THE FUTURE

Millenium year is almost upon us. Wouldn't it be nice for the

# WAYFAIRER 1999 PAIRS KNOCK-OUT

ROUND 1	ROUND 2	ROUND 3	FINAL
<p>1.Ian Gordon 22/ John Loader 33</p> <p>2.Frank Houlihan 24/ Mike Owens 26</p> <p>3.Don Beaumont 14/ David Rose 20</p> <p>4.Ron Mason 15/ Peter Rushton 17</p> <p>5.Audrey Riddles 26/ Fred Catterall 23</p> <p>6.Chris Tomlin 29/ Mike Morgan-Rowe 23</p> <p>7.Mike Wilson 28/ John McDonnell 19</p> <p>8.Nick Widdowson 16/ John Bateson 20</p> <p>9.Stuart Allan 29/ Barry Richards 24</p> <p>10.Ron Harris 24/ Stuart Harris 9</p> <p>11.Mike Riddles 25/ John Horsfall 27</p> <p>12.Stafford Smith 31/ Ron Bailey 30</p> <p>Bye</p> <p>Bye</p> <p>TO BE PLAYED BY 8 MAY</p> <p>HANDICAPS AS AT MARCH 1999</p> <p>ANY ADJUSTMENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED TO THE PLAYER CON- CERNED</p>	<p>5.Audrey Riddles 26/ Fred Catterall 23 (Team 6 Scratched)</p> <p>13. Jeff Hogg 18/ Dennis Shelley 22</p> <p>14.Chris Wilkes 8/ David Gillen 20</p> <p>TO BE PLAYED BY 10 JULY</p>	<p>TO BE PLAYED BY 11 SEPT.</p>	<p>TO BE PLAYED BY 23 OCT</p> <p>WINNERS</p> <p>PRESENTATION AT THE A.G.M. NOVEM- BER 1999</p>