



THE WAYFAIRER



The Wayfairers Golf Society

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**WITH THE AGM OVER VAL WARD LEAD THE WAY
AS BLETCHINGLEY TURNED OUT TO BE "LADIES DAY"!**

Bletchingley 21st October 2013. Not quite the return of the prodigal son but the first time for a whole decade that the Wayfairers had returned to this venue. It was discovered that in the meanwhile pleasing changes had been made, particularly in relation to the Clubhouse and to the drainage out on the Course.

As this was AGM day an early start was made with the meeting and all the necessary associated business successfully concluded by 10.15. Unfortunately as the first groups went out, this coincided with some extremely heavy showers but they slowly passed through and the rest of the day remained dry, with sunshine and shadows reflected on the 18th green as the players came in. Altogether 39 members and 5 guests took part and everybody benefited from the 2 Tee start as separate groups went off simultaneously from the 1st and the 10th.

In the initial wet and blustery conditions scoring was not easy with the day's average for the 43 players being 25pts. Thanks to the kindness of the Handicap Committee, if the majority of players had not all been given back 2 shots each before play commenced, then this average would have been even lower.

Way above 25pts however was golden girl Val Ward who finished with an excellent score of 37. This was 5 points clear of her nearest rivals - a trio of players all on 32. Well done Val but you will be cut - and probably hung, drawn and quartered!

This was definitely Ladies Day! With just 6 ladies participating Val not only won the day but also took the 19 & Over Longest Drive Tankard, while Annie finished 3rd and also won the Nearest the Pin prize. In the Team Competition both the top 2 Teams had 2 ladies in their ranks. What happened to all you men?!

Following the golf and some well earned aperitifs a truly excellent meal was served. What a choice of desserts! Wayfairers, you never had it so good! Two lots of "Happy Birthdays" were sung, the first to recognise the Wayfairers 18th Anniversary and the second to celebrate President Barry's birthday. During the presentations and much to his surprise and delight, Brian Girling was announced as the 2012/13 Society Champion, while Ruby despite having played only 3 times gained the top Ladies Award. The Pairs K.O. Trophy deservedly went to Chris Wilkes & Russell Woolley.

And so yet another successful and enjoyable AGM day came to its conclusion.

BLETCHINGLEY RESULTS AND ANNUAL AWARDS

- Winner of the Wayfairers Trophy & Ron Harris Autumn Cup** - Val Ward 37pts
- 2nd Place** - Mick Shiel 32pts c/b **3rd Place** - Annie Hitam 32pts c/b
- 4th place** - Paul Yarranton (g) - 32pts
- Team Competition** - Winners Graham & Val Ward with guests Pat & Norman Currie 77pts
- Team Competition** - Second Place Bob & Annie Hitam with guests Susan & Robin Jelley
- Pairs K.O. Competition Winners** - Chris Wilkes & Russell Woolley
- Nearest the Pin** - Annie "Get Your Gun" Hitam
- Open LD** - "Handy" Andy Knight **19 & Over LD** - Victorious Val Ward
- Birdie Cap** - Robert "Tweet Tweet" Crompton
- Hedgehog** - Russell "For Better See Above!" Woolley

AND FINALLY OUR TWO SOCIETY CHAMPIONS OF 2013

Society Champion 2013 - Brian Girling
Ladies Champion 2013 - Ruby Woolley

AND SO TO OUR NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD AT HOLTYE G.C.
ON TUESDAY 3rd DECEMBER

The day's programme begins with coffee & bacon rolls available from 9.15am. with the first playing group out for a 10.00am. start. The Competition is an 18 hole Texas Scramble and incorporated into this will be the usual 2 Longest Drives, Nearest The Pin and the ever popular Shortest Drive! Should any skilful individual manage to get an unaided birdie, then the Birdie Cap could be theirs and our Match Co-ordinator, after many sleepless nights, will somehow or other work out how the Hedgehog can be awarded, despite the absence of an individual competition. Current holders of the Scramble Trophy are Barbara Horsfall, Andy Knight, Russell Woolley & John Bateson.

Repeated as in previous years, there is one other little competition. The Christmas Tankard (current holder Andy Knight) will go to the player who sinks the final putt on the 18th green and is in the winning Scramble Team. Whoever puts their shot onto this green nearest to the pin will, as the rules state, putt first. The other players will have to agree amicably (or argue like hell!) as to who goes 2nd, 3rd & 4th. If no one sinks their putt the process will begin all over again! The prize can only go to one player so sink it, be in the winning Team and the Tankard, plus something to put into it, will be yours!

Doubtless we will have a full house for the Christmas meal and with very limited prize table space there will not be a raffle or a "bring & win" event this year. However John McD. will be collecting £1 a head from every player on arrival and each one will draw a different coded number. Later these numbers will reveal 4 winners who will all win exactly the same prizes but just one lucky person among these 4 will win an extra one as well! It could be you!

Following the golf at approx. 4.30pm. we have a 2 Course Christmas Meal with crackers, mince pies, coffee etc. As Holtye does have a maximum seating capacity of around 40, it is not certain how much room, if any, there will be for playing guests or meal guests. When final playing numbers are confirmed the situation will be much clearer and if there are any vacancies members will be advised. There is no point in nominating any guests at this stage as this will not gain any priority whatsoever, so please do not submit any extra names on your return slip.

BUGGIES It is extremely unlikely that at this time of the year buggies will be permitted on the Course. Sorry for those for whom a buggy is essential but this is beyond our control.

The COST for the day for **Holtye members is £22** and for **non-Holtye members £33** and this covers golf, all food & drink as described above, and all golf competition prizes.

NOTE! Return slips A.S.A.P to the Treasurer and no later please than by Monday 11th November . This could prove to be a very popular meeting. Don't miss out - act NOW! Should you miss the deadline priority will be

AND AFTER THE AGM - NOTES FOR THOSE NOT PRESENT

HANDICAPS. Would all members not at the AGM please note that as from now all members who won the Wayfairers Trophy in the past year have 1 extra shot added to their handicap and all those who were not quite so fortunate have 2! Following each meeting all players who score more than 3 shots above or below the average for the day will have their handicaps adjusted. Please check the new handicap list (page 4) carefully to see the several changes that have been made prior to our next meeting.

KO PAIRS. Interested in playing in the KO Pairs Competition next year? If so why not sort out a partner now and be ready to give Eddie your details when requested.

ALSO Please read the notes from the AGM meeting (page 5) thoroughly to see if there is anything else that you have missed and ought to know.

THE BLETCHINGLEY RAFFLE

Many thanks to Damon for doing such a fantastic job as our ticket salesman at Bletchingley. With a high turnout of players he raised a record £220! Well done and thanks Damon. The prizes were excellent and there will be no charge for going round to the Horsfalls' garden to watch them playing night golf on the lawn by moonlight!

Our next raffle is at Coulsdon Manor in March when hopefully one of our new members can be "persuaded" to sell the tickets and get to know all the members.

PICTURES FROM BLETCHINGLEY



*Team Competition Winners
Val & Graham Ward &
Pat & Norman Currie (G)*



*2nd Place Team Competition
Robin Jelly(G), Bob Histed, Annie
Hitam & Susan Jelly (G)*



*Winner of the Wayfairers Trophy
&
Ron Harris Autumn Cup
Val Ward*



*Winner of Nearest the Pin
& 3rd Overall
Annie Hitam*



*Winner of Open Longest Drive
Andy Knight*



*2nd Overall
Mike Shiel*



*Winner of the HedgeHog
Russell Woolley*



*Winner of the Birdie Cap
Robert Crompton*



*Wayfairers Ladies Champion
Ruby Woolley*



*Wayfairers Society Champion
Brian Girling*



*4th Place Overall
Paul Yarrington (G)*

Full Programme For the New Wayfairers Year.
Tuesday 3rd December Christmas Texas Scramble at Holtye
Tuesday 18th February Casual Day at Foxbridge
Monday 24th March Spring Cup at Coulsdon Manor
Friday 11th April Casual Day at Horne Park
Monday 19th May Peer's Plate at Slinfold
Tuesday 24th June Pink Ball Day at Foxbridge
Late July Members' Subsidised Day & President's Trophy with
Venue & Exact Date yet to be decided
Possibly Friday 15th August Casual Day at Villa (TBC)
Tuesday 2nd September Two Ronnies Pairs Day at Hassocks

HANDICAPS FOR HOLTYE		
ALLEN	30	23
ATWELL	26	22
BATESON	27	27
BENSTEAD		25
BLAKELEY	19	10
CHURCH	22	16
COLENU T		29
COLENU T M	20	20
COOPER		20
CROMPTON	23	18
DAVISON	23	26
ESLOR	23	12
GIRLING	19	30
GOMAN	30	19
HARRISON		19
HISTED	21	22
HITAM	32	25
HOGG		10
HORSFALL,B	19	39
HOULIHAN	30	23
KNIGHT	26	11
LOVELOCK N	30	20
McDONNELL,J		27
McDONNELL,S	28	12
MILlicHOPE		11
MORRIS		17
PRITCHARD	19	19
REEVES		33
ROSE A	22	34
ROSE D	22	31
ROSNER, C	23	25
RUSHTON	23	18
SANDS	19	32
SHELLEY	29	17
SHIEL	32	20
SMITH	26	12
STACEY	24	19
STANLEY	20	22
STOREY	26	7
WARD V	37	18
WARD G	24	13
WARRILOW	15	40
WILKES	24	7
WONG	30	11
WOOLLEY R	15	21
WOOLLEY Ruby	30	21
ZINKE	26	14

THE BLETCHINGLEY OVER 30'S CLUB - and all have been cut!

Val Ward 37 Mick Shiel 32 & Annie Hitam 32

The following all scored 30 - Derek Allen, Malcolm Goman, Frank Houlihan
 Norman Lovelock, Ruby Woolley & Kam Wong

CASUAL DAY AT FOXBRIDGE TUESDAY 18th FEBRUARY

If interested in playing in the above the total cost for coffee. 18 holes, a 2 course meal plus all prizes is £25 (no increase on last year) and it's our "Prizes For All" Day!

Money & names will be collected at Holtye on 3rd December.

Cheques payable to J. & S. McDonnell please. If you wish to play but won't be at Holtye on the 3rd please advise John McD. of your availability before this date, preferably with your cheque/cash payment. Thank you.



WELCOME!

A big welcome to new members Mick Shiel, Kam Wong, Ray Millichope, Neville Harrison, Richard Davison & Peter Morris but please remember the golden rule for new members - don't win anything!



← "It's all balls!" say new members Mick, Kam & Richard following the fearful and dreaded inauguration ceremony!

Well done Chris & Russell this year's Winners of the K.O. Pairs Competition. Thanks for organising it Eddie.



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If you are unable to make the Scramble Day or the Roll Up your Committee wish you
A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND BIRDIES GALORE IN THE NEW YEAR!

HANDICAP INFORMATION PLEASE NOTE

On the review handicap list featured opposite, we now show all players' scores at our last meeting in black numbers. Justification for handicap changes can thus clearly be seen based on the average score of **25**.

NOTES FOLLOWING THE WAYFAIRERS AGM HELD AT BLETCHINGLEY GC ON THE 21st OCTOBER 2013

Chairman for the meeting was Peter Rushton

Apologies for absence from Barry Richards, Derek Reeves, Jeff Hogg, Ken Cooper, Neville Harrison, Peter Morris, Ray Millichope, John Cunnington & Chris Wilkes (late arrival). Apologies were issued to Brian Girling for the omission of his name in the apologies list for the 2012 AGM.

Secretary's Report Despite a high membership level the average attendance for full meetings including guests was down to 29. Casual gatherings had attracted an average of 26. Highlight of the year was the Slinfold day, when final charity fund raising efforts raised the total over the past 16 months to £1053. A cheque for this amount had been presented to the Alzheimer's Society and 2 very appreciative letters received as a result. Snow in late March had resulted in the Coulsdon day being cancelled but it was rearranged in place of the scheduled casual day at Villa in August. On behalf of the Society the Secretary thanked the following for their work over the past year - John Bateson, Tony Warrilow, Sue McDonnell, Derek Reeves, Peter Rushton, Eddie Stanley & Brian Girling.

Treasurer's Report The possibility of inter-net banking was raised but following discussion the suggestion was rejected as it was considered that it could cause complications for the Treasurer in administering the account. The year's audited accounts were approved and accepted.

Match Co-ordinator's Report There were no suggestions from the floor for the introduction of different competitions or formats from the existing ones. The one new innovation would be to swop the "2 Ronnies" Competition usually held at Foxbridge with the "Pink Ball" Event normally played for at Hassocks. The M. C. highlighted slow rounds as a problem but after giving possible reasons for this it was agreed that there was no simple solution and all players were urged to be aware of those behind and to pick up immediately when out of shots. It was reported that over the year all winners had won while holding vastly different handicaps.

Election of Officers All officers were re-elected en bloc.

Raffle The audited accounts were approved. Because of the Charity Raffle at Slinfold and problems with our original Coulsdon day only 3 of the usual raffles were held but the final balance was shown to be healthy. It was reported that expenditure would be required on purchasing more W/F golf balls soon and a substantial sum would be transferred into the Main Account for the Subsidy day.

Membership As attendance at meetings had dropped over the year, and as 4 octogenarian members had resigned (Mike & Audrey Riddles, David Williams & Fred Catterall) - 6 new members had accepted an invitation to join. These were Mick Shiel, Kam Wong, Ray Millichope, Neville Harrison, Richard Davison & Peter Morris. The retired members had all expressed regrets at the necessity to leave and wished the Society continued success.

Future Programme The programme for 2013-14 met with approval and the unconfirmed venue for the Members' Subsidised day in July was announced as possibly Puttenham G.C. or Milford G.C.

Handicaps Eddie Stanley's suggestion to modify the handicap system and also to have a small increase in everyone's handicap was accepted. For a trial period adjustments would be made on the basis of those scoring more than 3 shots above or below the average. One shot had been added to the handicaps of those who had won the Wayfairers Trophy last year and 2 shots to all others who were members at the time. A suggestion from the floor that the foundation of the H/cap system should not be based on the average score was discussed but rejected.

Charity 2014/15 A proposal from John McD. that the next charity to be adopted should be Prostate Cancer Research was approved unanimously.

Buggies Currently 6 members require buggies. As this means that inevitably the same group of players will be playing and sharing with one or another with probably not all of them being available, it was hoped that on occasions other members might also be prepared to share a buggy.

Pairs K.O. Eddie Stanley reported that a successful competition had now reached its conclusion on time. Early in the new year members would be invited to play in the next competition. Those without an agreed partner should also express their interest to Eddie in playing.

Wayfairers Website In the absence of Derek Reeves a unanimous expression of admiration was agreed for the excellent website that Derek has set up and he was thanked for all his efforts.

Wayfairers Golf Clothing Full contact details of our suppliers Papillion Embroidery Edenbridge are on the Wayfairers website and they can be contacted, or orders placed, direct on their website. For any further help in ordering contact John Bateson.

A.O.B. Peter Rushton was thanked for taking the chair and with no further business the golf began.

WAYFAIRERS GOLFING SOCIETY

DAY AT HOLTYE - Tuesday 3rd December 2013

NAME.....

Please tick below as appropriate

I am available for the above - **Holtie Members Fee £22 - Non Holtie Members £33**

Sorry but I am unavailable to play at Holtie

BUGGIES Buggy availability at Holtie is very limited. Contact John Bateson to check demand.

This slip & applicable cheque for the relevant amount (**excluding playing guest fee**)

made out to:

“The Wayfairers Golfing Society”

Must be forwarded to:

Tony Warrilow, 16 Orchard Way, Shirley, CR0 7NG

Tel: 02087777346

BY

MONDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2013

- 1) Unless advised previously, it is expected that members and their guests remain until after the competition prizes have been awarded.
- 1) Members wishing to bring playing guests will be advised if a vacancy exists after the deadline date. Payment must be received at least 7 days before the meeting.