



THE WAYFAIRER



The Wayfairers Golf Society

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SCRAMBLERS DAVID, ROBERT, EDDIE & SUE SHOWED THE REST OF THE FIELD JUST WHAT TO DO!

Despite being only very early December, the Christmas decorations were already in place at Holtie giving a warm seasonal welcome to the 26 Wayfairers and 2 guests who turned up expectantly for the traditional Christmas Texas Scramble.

The weather was extremely kind. The sun never broke through the grey clouds but the day was still, dry and not at all cold. The 28 players were split into 7 teams and the composition of each team was arranged in such a way that the total added handicaps of each of the 4 players in every group was very similar to all the others.

For the time of year the Course was in very good condition but generally this was not reflected in the scoring. Texas Scrambles can often result in birdies galore but these proved to be exclusive creatures and the winning team couldn't even manage one, although they did record fewer bogeys than any other group.

And who were the winners? Triumphant rising above all the others was the combination of Sue McD, Robert, Eddie & David Rose. However victory was narrow and only achieved on a closely run count back.

Individually one new member had a field day and this was Mick Shiel. He went home laden with goodies as he won not only the 19 & Over Longest Drive Contest but on a different hole he had the nerve to win the Shortest Drive and this undisputedly won him the Hedgehog as well! Unfortunately despite all these achievements his handicap cannot be cut — yet!

Another Individual winner was David Rose who by sinking the final putt for the winning Scramble Team - all of 5 inches! - went home with the Christmas Tankard plus a bottle of seasonal ale!

With the winter dusk arriving early, everyone was back in the cosy Clubhouse by 4pm where they were joined by 17 very welcome meal guests. The dining area was full to overflowing but everyone happily squeezed in and enjoyed a truly excellent meal, accompanied by several toasts and much merriment including a poem read by the Hon. Sec. which in the true "Strictly" tradition won him a standing ovation—almost!

Tony Warrilow & Peter Rushton both approaching their 80th & 70th birthdays respectively, very kindly put wine and individual gift packs on the tables and the whole evening ended with an uproarious inter table singing & observation contest in which of course everyone cheated! A very early festive Christmas occasion but a truly merry and memorable one!

HOLTIE CHRISTMAS MEETING RESULTS

Texas Scramble Trophy Winners - Sue McDonnell Eddie Stanley Robert Crompton & David Rose

Runners Up - Val Ward Andy Knight Derek Reeves & Neville Harrison

Third Place - Ruby Woolley Graham Ward Norman Love lock & John Bateson

Last and Least - Liz Colenutt, Bob Histed, Robin Jelley, & Hans Zinke

Open Longest Drive - Peter Storey

Nearest The Pin - Robert Crompton

19 & Over Longest Drive & Shortest Drive & Hedgehog - "Greedy" Mick Shiel - all 3!

Christmas Tankard plus a bottle of Christmas Ale - David Rose

"Observation & Carol Contest" - Ruby's Ravers" the only team to cheat fairly!

AND SO TO OUR NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD AT COULSDON MANOR HOTEL & G.C.
ON MONDAY 24th MARCH 2014

Following last year's successful re-arranged inaugural gathering at this venue, we return for a second time but with fingers crossed that 2014 does not see snow in late March!

Please contact John McD. should you need directions. The Golf Club phone number is 020 8668 6083, the post code is CR5 2LL and the web site is www.coulsdoncourt.co.uk. Coffee & Bacon Rolls will be available as from 09.15 with the first playing group out at 10.02.

Individually we will be playing not only for the Wayfairers Trophy, at present in the proud possession of Val Ward, but also for the John Peake Spring Cup. And who holds this piece of coveted silverware we hear you ask? None other than our current Society Champion Brian Girling and he's determined to hold on to it! As well as the individual contest there will be a team event as usual plus all the other exciting minor competitions.

Our first raffle of 2014 will set the standard for the rest of the year with a multitude of amazingly original and highly expensive prizes and your ever popular ticket salesman will be new member - the winner of 3 prizes at Holtye - Mick Shiel! Of course Mick doesn't know this yet but he's slowly beginning to see how we do things so democratically!

Following the golf a 2 Course meal is booked for 17.00 and if it's anything like last year's it will be most enjoyable. Coffee with the meal is not provided.

PAYMENT Total cost for coffee & bacon rolls, 18 holes, the meal plus all the many prizes is £36. Return slip with availability and full payment if coming to Tony by **SATURDAY 15th FEBRUARY AT THE LATEST**. The first meeting of the New Year is always the fullest.

Should we be over subscribed and your payment is late you might well miss out! If you wish to bring a guest please indicate this on the return slip but send no payment. After 15th February Tony can advise you, and if there is space you can make your guest(s) payment then.

SNIPPETS

BACON BUTTIES Who missed out at Holtye? When everyone had gone out to play Sandra was left with a huge plate of bacon rolls. It transpired that originally there were 28 bacon filled baguettes - one for each player - but these were cut in halves for convenience. It would seem that most players did not realise this and the vast majority only took one when they were entitled to 2! For all those in this unfortunate position you can return and claim yours now but warning! - they are just a little bit stale!

OUR NEW CHARITY At the October AGM it was agreed that our new Charity should be Prostate Cancer Research. The ongoing fund raising begins at our Slinfold meeting in May and will continue until our July meeting the following year - 2015. Recently donations have kindly been received from Chris Wilkes (a brand new unwrapped golf top) and from Derek Allen (litre bottles of whisky & vodka). The plan is to start the charity ball rolling at Slinfold by holding a mini-auction. Any other donations of items likely to prove popular with the members to be added to those mentioned above will be gratefully received.

THE CHRISTMAS DITTY Some members have requested a copy of the verses of "The Wayfairers at The Sunday Tea Dance" This can be obtained on request from John McD and emailed to you.

OUR FIRST "CASUAL" GATHERING OF THE YEAR IS AT FOXBRIDGE
ON TUESDAY 18th FEBRUARY

Details. Coffee available from 09.15 First group out at 09.56 Following the golf there is a Two Course meal at approx 4.30pm The Individual Winner of the day will take the Ron Bailey Tankard and this is the day that everyone wins a prize! There will also be a Team Competition plus Nearest the Pin Contests so it's prizes galore day!

Records show that most members interested in this have paid already. If you haven't and would like to be included or bring a guest please contact John McD immediately. Cost is £25 to cover everything. An email with all the final details will go out a few days before the 18th.

PICTURES FROM HOLTYE



**Scramble Team Competition
Runners Up**
*Neville Harrison, Val Ward,
Andy Knight & Derek Reeves*



3rd Place Team
*John Bateson, Norman Lovelock,
Ruby Woolley & Graham Ward.*



Winner of Nearest the Pin
Robert Crompton



Scramble Team Competition Winners
*Robert Crompton, Sue McDonnell &
poor substitutes for the
missing Eddie Stanley & David Rose!*



Winner of Open Longest Drive
Peter Storey



**Winner of the HedgeHog, LD
and Shortest Drive.**
Mick Shiel



The Bottom Team
*Bob Histed, Robin Jelley,
Liz Colenutt & missing Hans Zinke*



Winner of the Birdie Cap
Peter Morris



**Welcome to our two
novitiate members**
Neville Harrison & Peter Morris



Happy Birthdays!
*Can Peter catch up Tony in the
next decade?! Watch this space!*



**We've been together now for
40 years - but
don't tell Brian!**

Full Programme For the Wayfairers Year 2014
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
***Wednesday 18th June Pink Ball Day at Foxbridge**
Late July Members Subsidised Day & President's Trophy with
Venue and Date yet to be decided
Friday 15th August Casual Day at Villa (TBC)
Tuesday 2nd September 2 Ronnies Pairs at Hassocks
Our November AGM day yet to be booked.
*** Please note this is a change of date for our Foxbridge Day**

The Special Holtye Christmas Competition. All players upon arrival at Holtye were relieved of £1 a head by the Secretary and for this they received a ticket with a coded number on it. Examples of this would be D 7 2 or F 6 3 - a letter followed by 2 numbers. There were to be 4 winners but also, if anyone could guess correctly what the competition was all about, they would receive an extra prize.

Unfortunately, and not surprisingly, no one managed to do this! Later the format of the competition was explained and the winners announced. First, to the accompaniment of many groans the players were informed that all the first numbers in the code were red herrings - all completely irrelevant and of no consequence whatsoever and to be ignored. This left everyone with the code of a letter (with all letters ranging from "A" to "G") followed by a single number (with all numbers ranging from 1 to 4). The letters corresponded to the 7 Scramble teams who had played and the numbers to the 4 players in each team all as listed on the score board.

The winning Scramble team was Team "C" and consequently the winners of a large tin of Quality Street each were Bob Histed, guest Robin Jelley, Carl Rosner & Hans Zinke. As Bob had drawn C4 (David Rose) and David had sunk the winning putt this also gave Bob an extra prize of a bottle of Christmas Ale .

THE WAYFAIRERS' NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Keep your hard working Treasurer happy and make your
 New Year's resolution to be -

" I will meet the required deadline for payment on every occasion in the
 New Year - and if I don't I will for my sins without hesitation add
 another £2 to the total to be put in our Charity Fund"

SIGNED - ALL THE WAYFAIRERS!

HANDICAP INFORMATION PLEASE NOTE

As there was no Individual Competition at Holtye,
 all handicaps remain the same as following our Bletchingley Day .

H/Caps for Coulsdon Manor

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

WAYFAIRERS GOLFING SOCIETY

DAY AT COULSDON MANOR - MONDAY 24th MARCH

NAME.....

Please tick below as appropriate

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I am available for the above - Members fee £36

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Sorry but I am unavailable to play at Coulsdon Manor

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If space allows I would like to bring a guest (name + h/cap below) Fee £36

Guest's Name.....H/cap.....

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Should you intend to book a buggy please tick this box. By doing so you will be put into the same playing group as another member requiring one. **Once you are told who this person is, it will be your joint responsibility to book & pay for the buggy.**

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

SATURDAY 15th FEBRUARY

- 1) Unless advised previously, it is expected that members and their guests remain until after the competition prizes have been awarded.
- 2) 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.