



THE WAYFAIRER



The Wayfairers Golf Society

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**A WET DAY AT BLETCHINGLEY BUT THE WARDS DIDN'T CARE
THEY WERE LADEN WITH TROPHIES - FAR MORE THAN THEIR SHARE!**

AGM Day at Bletchingley and definitely not Wayfairers weather! After a night and early morning of torrential rain, most members turned up in full expectation of finding the Course closed with the alternative itinerary being just the AGM, probably followed by a quick coffee before returning home. However to everyone's amazement not only was the Course open but buggies were in use and so the day's full programme went ahead as the rain continued to pour down!

Altogether 35 players, including 2 guests, zipped up their waterproofs and took to the field. One huge benefit was starting simultaneously off 2 different tees which speeded things up considerably. Despite the atrocious conditions the Course was in surprisingly good condition which is more than could be said for the state of many of the players. They were soaked! There was a lull in the weather for a while but it all returned with a vengeance long before the early starters finished. However being Wayfairers, no one gave up and all battled valiantly to the end. It is amazing what a hot shower, dry clothing and a couple of G & T's can do to revive spirits!

Scoring was understandably low with an average of just 23 but Graham Ward rose 10 pts above this to finish on 33. This not only won him the Wayfairers Trophy and the Ron Harris Autumn Cup but also another very special award. New member Mike Vardon, great-nephew of the famous Harry Vardon celebrated his newly achieved membership by presenting a new trophy - the Vardon Trophy - to be played for on an annual basis and for the inaugural presentation this also went to Graham. Mike had brought one of his great uncle's special trophies to show everyone and Graham was photographed holding this. It was a small trophy which indicated that Harry had won the German Open in August 1911 with a record score of 279 and the actual golf ball that he did this with was mounted on top. It was a very different looking ball than today's variety, much smaller and looking as though it could never go further than 50 yards or so! A special moment for Graham!

All the annual awards (details below) were presented on this occasion and who should prove to be our 2014 Ladies Champion? - why Val Ward of course and later it emerged that Graham & Val had won the Pairs Knock Out Competition as well! A day of awards for the Wards and Graham is looking forward to playing off his single figure handicap!

Before the many presentations a truly excellent meal was served and the melodious sounds of "Happy Birthday" echoed out as the Wayfairers celebrated their 19th Birthday. Sadly a toast to "Founder Members" found only 3 present 19 years after the Society came into existence.

A wet but most memorable day which ended in excellent spirits.

BLETCHINGLEY RESULTS AND ANNUAL AWARDS

Winner - Wayfairers Trophy, Ron Harris Autumn Cup & Vardon Trophy - Graham Ward 33pts
2nd Place - Derek Reeves 31pts 3rd Place - Derek Allen 28 pts c/b
4th place - Norman Lovelock 28 pts 5th Place - Bill Eslor 27pts
Team Competition - 1st - Brian Girling Derek Reeves Bill Eslor & Mike Vardon total 70
Team Competition - 2nd - Neville Harrison Spencer Atwell Derek Allen & Graham Ward
Pairs K.O. Competition Winners - Val & Graham Ward
Nearest the Pin - Dennis Shelley
Open LD - Peter Smith 19 & Over LD - Sue Humphrey (g)
Birdie Cap - Kam Wong
Hedgehog - Eddie Stanley

AND FINALLY OUR TWO SOCIETY CHAMPIONS OF 2014

Society Champion 2014 - Malcolm Goman

Ladies Champion 2014 - Val Ward

AND SO TO OUR NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD AT HOLTYE G.C.
ON TUESDAY 9th DECEMBER

The day's programme begins with coffee & bacon rolls available from 9.00am. with the first playing group going out for a 9.40am. start. The Competition is an 18 hole Texas Scramble and also 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 Sue McD. Eddie, Robert & David Rose.

Repeated as in previous years, there is one other little competition. The Christmas Tankard (current holder that man David Rose again!) 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. However between now and the big day John McD. will dream up some little scheme for a competition (entry £1 as ever) to add fun to the day and swell our charity fund total. If you have ideas for a competition of this nature please let him know.

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 and the situation is likely to be the same no matter what Course we had selected.

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 3rd NOVEMBER PLEASE NOTE AS FROM NOW PAYMENT MAY BE MADE BY BANK TRANSFER - DETAILS THAT YOU REQUIRE TO DO THIS ARE ON PAGE 6 - THE RETURN SLIP PAGE.

AND FOLLOWING THE AGM - NOTES FOR THOSE NOT PRESENT

HANDICAPS. Would members not at the AGM please note that as from now, and as previous, all players finishing more than 3 shots below the average will get shots back but only players who are 4 shots above the average (not 3) will now be reduced. Please check the new handicap list (page 4) carefully as several changes have been made prior to our next meeting.

BUGGIES Upon receiving all the returns Tony will book the required number of buggies and those sharing will be notified in the "final details" email. They should then arrange between themselves who collects and pays. Members are requested to only book buggies via Tony.

SENIOR MEMBERS Senior members may now opt to join the Wayfairers on any of the days out but not be in the Competition and play just 9 holes behind the field. They may take a full part in all the social activities following the golf. Let Tony know if ever you wish to do this.

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 Richard Davison who did an excellent job in collecting £190 for the raffle and not only that he brought his own raffle tickets! Future salesmen please note! There was an excellent array of prizes but lucky Carl won the star one - a Holtye Ladies 2015 calendar. It features several Wayfairers but Carl can't wait for June to come round as in this month Brian Girling is prominently exposed! Copies are £6.50. Please contact Sue McD should you like one. No raffle at Holtye but hopefully John Benstead will be our next salesman when we gather at Hoebridge in March. A long way off but Spring will be here!

PICTURES FROM BLETCHINGLEY

Prizes Presented by New Member Mike Vardon



Team Competition Winners
**Bill Eslor, Mike Vardon,
Derek Reeves & Brian Girling**



2nd Overall
Derek Reeves



3rd Overall
Derek Allen



2nd Place Team Competition
**Spencer Atwell, Derek Allen,
Graham Ward & Neville Harrison**



Winner of
Nearest the Pin
Dennis Shelley



**Winner of the Wayfairers Trophy
&
Ron Harris Autumn Cup &
Mike Vardon Trophy**
Graham Ward



Winner of
Open Longest Drive
Peter Smith



4th Overall
Norman Lovelock



5th Overall
Bill Eslor



Winner of the
19 & Over L.D.
Sue Humphrey



Winner of the
Birdie Cap
Kam Wong



Wayfairers Ladies
Champion
Val Ward



Wayfairers Society
Champion
Malcolm Goman



Mike Vardon
holding one of
the famous HARRY
VARDON TROPHIES



Winner of the
HedgeHog
Eddie Stanley



Full Programme For the New Wayfairers Year.
 Tuesday 9th December Christmas Texas Scramble at Holtye
 Tuesday 17th February Casual Day at Foxbridge
 Tuesday 24th March Spring Cup at Hoebridge
 Friday 10th April Casual Day at Horne Park (To Be Confirmed)
 Monday 18th May Peer's Plate at Cranleigh
 Friday 19th June Pink Ball Day at Foxbridge
 Wednesday 15th July President's Trophy Team Challenge &
 The Vardon Cup at Milford. Our Grand Charity Finale Day
 Friday 14th August Casual Day at Villa (To Be Confirmed)
 Tuesday 1st September Two Ronnies Pairs Day at Hassocks

THE BLETCHINGLEY OVER 30'S CLUB -

Graham Ward 33pts and Derek Reeves 31pts

SNIPPETS

LOST A CLUB? Norman found a sand wedge at Bletchingley. Could it be yours? Contact Norman on 01342 834592 for further details.

CASUAL DAY FOXBRIDGE TUES. 17th FEB. Cost is £25 and deadline to pay is 9th Dec. our Holtye day. Cheques to "J & S McDonnell" Further details in Holtye "final details" email. Those not coming to Holtye will get a reminder prior to this.

K.O. PAIRS 2015 Eddie will be contacting all members regarding this in due course. In the meanwhile why not get yourself a partner if you haven't got one already.

GOING UP IN THE WORLD! Report from Bill Eslor. With rain lashing down Derek Reeves with passenger Brian Girling set off in their buggy to play their shots. Due to a very wet windscreen Derek couldn't see where he was going and consequently at maximum speed he managed to mount a tee box (raised on railway sleepers!). They were stuck up on the tee and it required a tremendous effort to release them. What silly buggies!



WELCOME!

To new members ROBIN & SUE JELLEY, MIKE VARDON & ALAN STONE
 Remember the golden rule - Don't win too often or too much!



"It's all balls!" say new members Sue, Robin & Mike following the fearful and dreaded inauguration ceremony!



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



Handicaps for Holtye		
ALLEN	28	17
ATWELL	18	21
BATESON	18	29
BENSTEAD		25
BLAKELEY	22	9
CHURCH		16
COLENUT L	19	28
COLENUT M	15	26
COOPER		18
CROMPTON		17
DAVISON	21	26
ESLOR	27	14
GIRLING	24	29
GOMAN	24	15
HARRISON	18	14
HISTED	25	18
HITAM	22	25
HOGG		13
HOULIHAN		25
JELLEY R	28	17
JELLEY S	23	23
KNIGHT		9
LOVELOCK N	28	22
McDONNELL, J		27
McDONNELL, S	18	12
MILLICHOPE		19
MORRIS	19	18
PRITCHARD	23	18
REEVES	31	32
ROSE A		36
ROSE D		36
ROSNER, C	21	23
RUSHTON		23
SANDS	21	32
SHELLEY	27	17
SHIEL	18	20
SMITH	22	13
STACEY	21	20
STANLEY	17	21
STONE		33
STOREY	24	7
VARDON	22	28
WARD V	20	17
WARD G	33	12
WARRILOW		36
WILKES		9
WONG	26	9
WOOLLEY R		23
WOOLLEY Ruby		21

If you are unable to make the Scramble Day at Holtye 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 blue numbers. Justification for handicap changes can thus clearly be seen based on the average score of **23**

NOTES FOLLOWING THE WAYFAIRERS AGM HELD AT BLETCHINGLEY GC ON THE 13th OCTOBER 2014

Chairman for the meeting was Peter Rushton

Apologies for absence received from Ruby Woolley & John Benstead

Secretary's Report The Secretary reported that the average attendance at meetings had increased from 29 to 32 for full meetings and from 26 to 29 for casual days. A highlight of the year had been the day at West Chiltington when all members playing had been very heavily subsidised from the Society funds. The Charity fund was increasing steadily from meeting to meeting and this would culminate with our grand finale charity day at Milford in July 2015. On behalf of the Society the Secretary thanked the following for all their work over the past year - John Bateson, Tony Warrilow, Sue McDonnell, Derek Reeves, Peter Rushton, Eddie Stanley & Brian Girling.

Treasurer's Report The Treasurer reported that despite a computer crash causing him to lose all his records, it had still been possible to balance the accounts and have them verified by the auditor. Over half the members present at the meeting expressed an interest in paying by bank transfers and it was agreed that should be investigated further by the Treasurer who would report back.

Match Co-ordinator's Report The meeting gave full approval for the current format used at the various gatherings to be continued without change, with the Pink Ball Day remaining at Foxbridge and The Two Ronnies being played at Hassocks. The Two Ronnies would revert back to pairs being drawn before playing and not after, providing numbers playing allowed this to happen. Generally the award of the Wayfairers Trophy had been spread nicely around members throughout the year.

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

The Raffle A healthy balance remained at the end of the financial year despite heavy expenditure on aiding the subsidy day and replenishing the stock of Wayfairers balls. It was reported that prizes were varied as much as possible but the alcoholic ones always seemed to be the favourites!

Membership Barbara Horsfall & Hans Zinke had not re-joined. The meeting agreed to increase membership to 50 with Robin & Sue Jelley, Mike Vardon & Alan Stone all invited to join.

Future Programme This had been outlined with the AGM agenda and met with full approval.

Handicaps It was agreed the maximum number of shots given to any player should now be 36. After discussion it was agreed that in future all players recording more than 3 shots below the average should receive shots back and all those finishing with more than 4 shots better than the average should have their handicaps reduced. The recent annual review showed that on average members played to 11 shots above their handicaps. As a result of the review a few members were given shots back but no-one had their handicap reduced.

Buggies It would seem that as the average age of members increases more and more are in need of buggies. A new system of hiring buggies was announced. As from now, when all the returns for any meeting are received by Tony he will then contact the Club and book the required number. Members are requested not to book their own. When the Match Co-ordinator has selected the playing groups all those sharing buggies will be notified by way of the "Final Details Email". It is then up to the pairings to sort out which one of them will collect and pay for their buggy.

Pairs K.O. Competition Eddie reported that this year 9 pairs had entered and in the main everyone kept closely to the deadlines for playing their matches. The final had been won narrowly by Val & Graham Ward. Details for next year's competition would be issued in due course by Eddie.

Wayfairers Web Site. Thanks and full approval for the web site were given to Derek. Sue McD queried if the paying in slip could be included as a separate word document and with the full approval of the meeting Derek agreed to investigate this.

Society Golf Clothing. Generally there seemed to be a reduced interest in purchasing Society golf clothing although 6 members showed interest in purchasing ties. John B. agreed to follow this up.

A.O.B. As a result of an observation from Brian Girling it was agreed all members should be more aware of slow play and if more than a hole behind those in front, allow the group behind them to come through.

The following proposal was passed - Any older, less mobile members can come along to any of our meetings but don't have to play in the Competition and can instead if they so wish just play 9 holes together at the back of the field and join in all the social activities following the golf.

Peter Rushton was thanked for taking the Chair and then the wet golf began!

WAYFAIRERS GOLFING SOCIETY

DAY AT HOLTYE - Tuesday 9th December 2014

NAME.....

Please tick below as appropriate

☐ I am available for the above - **Holtye Members Fee £22- Non Holtye Members £33**
☐ Sorry but I am unavailable to play at Holtye

BUGGIES Sorry but buggy availability at Holtye is very limited and at this time of the year as at most Courses there is usually a buggy ban.

GUESTS When our playing numbers have been established -which should be as soon as 3rd November - members will be contacted regarding possible vacancies for playing guests and meal guests.

BANK TRANSFERS Should you wish to pay by this method the details you require are -

Account Name WAYFAIRERS GOLFING SOCIETY
SORT CODE 09/01/53 ACC NO. 08413288

**All transfers must be made by 3rd November 2014.
When having arranged transfer please inform Tony.**

If paying by cheque this slip & applicable cheque for the relevant amount as detailed above made out to:

“ Wayfairers Golfing Society”

Must be forwarded to:

Tony Warrilow, 16 Orchard Way, Shirley, CR0 7NG (02087777346)

BY

MONDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2014 AT THE VERY LATEST

- 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.