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**AT HOEBRIDGE IT'S JEFF HOGG WHO MAKES THE DAY'S STORY
HE BEATS NORMAN, HOGS THE PRIZES AND WINS FAME & GLORY!**

In both America & Canada every 2nd February is celebrated with a national holiday known as Groundhog Day. Following our recent Wayfairers outing at Hoebridge the suggestion is that every 24th March follows suit in the UK but is officially named Jeff Hogg Day!

As will be seen later in this report and in the results below Jeff was undoubtedly "the man of the match" as he went home laden with trophies and prizes - and of course a much lower handicap than on his arrival!

This first "official" gathering of 2015 attracted 26 members and 3 guests and what an excellent day Hoebridge gave us. With our own private room for use throughout our stay we were greeted with smiles, coffee and very welcome bacon baps. The weather was kind, if a little chilly at times but any rain fell before we arrived and the players experienced a very reasonable combination of sunshine and cloud.

The Course was in excellent condition and this was later reflected in the scoring. Hoebridge is longer than most venues we visit and has some very interesting and challenging holes but in the main most of the players coped well, with the average being a very acceptable 26pts.

Some 9pts above this however, Jeff Hogg finished with an extremely creditable score of 35. Not to be outdone was Norman "They Can't Cut Me" Lovelock very close behind with a total of 34. Both of these characters were smiling broadly when they received their awards but they won't be smiling when they see their handicap adjustments!

Jeff decided that winning the John Peake Spring Cup and the Wayfairers Trophy was not enough for him, so he also made claims on the Nearest the Pin award as well as being a member of the winning Team in the separate Group Competition. Talk about a greedy hog!

Following the golf there was plenty of time for a leisurely shower and some much needed liquid refreshment before going in for the meal. This turned out to be a carvery with a magnificent choice of meat and vegetables and it proved to be truly excellent. As one of our long standing members said "Probably one of the best meals we have ever had!"

Before eating, every player was given by the host Club a free 2Fore1 voucher and overall Hoebridge excelled themselves in producing all the necessary ingredients for a most enjoyable day - and all this at a real budget price! How do your Committee do it!? We shall return!

HOEBRIDGE RESULTS

Winner of the John Peake Spring Cup & The Wayfairers Trophy Jeff Hogg 35pts

2nd Norman "A Wetherspoon's Exile!" Lovelock 34pts (see page 4)

3rd Carl Rosner 30pts

4th Kevin Stacey 29pts

Team Prize Jeff Hogg Frank Houlihan & John Bateson 64 total

2nd Annie Hitam, Sue Jelley, Bob Histed & Richard Thomson 63total

Nearest the Pin Jeff "Hogging It Again" Hogg **Birdie Cap** "Accurate" Annie Hitam

Open L. D. Our Charming Guest Lynne MacDonald

19 & Over L.D. "Enough Said" Norman!

Hedgehog - Derek "Better To Win The Hedgehog Than Win Jeff Hogg!" Reeves

AND SO TO OUR NEXT MEETING AT CRANLEIGH GOLF CLUB ON MONDAY 18th MAY

Cranleigh may well be a new Course for relative newcomers to our Society but we have visited there previously in 1997, 2004 and 2009. Back in 2009 the ancient timbered Clubhouse was undergoing a £3 million restoration and following this the Club became an exclusive members only establishment with no visiting Societies permitted. However very recently their policy regarding this has altered and we are delighted to be returning.

Our more elderly members will be most pleased to learn that despite the Course being tight and tricky in many places, it is fairly flat and not overlong measuring some 5200 yards. There are 6 par 3's & just 2 par 5's, both on the front 9. It is ideal for the Wayfairers.

As mentioned there are 6 par 3's so we will contest our latest trophy - the Par 3 Champion's Plaque and this will go to the member who records the best total score on all the Par 3's. In order to boost our Charity fund there will be a separate £1 entry fee to play in this contest and this will be added to the total cost per player for the day. Should we attract say 30 players, then our charity will benefit by £30 so here's hoping for a good turnout.

This is also the day we play for Peer's Plate which was first competed for on this same Course some 6 years ago. With the Plate (currently held by Eddie Stanley) goes the Wayfairers Trophy, which was won at Hoebridge by Jeff Hogg. As ever we will be including the usual Team Competition and the Nearest the Pin & 2 Longest Drives.

The day begins with coffee & bacon rolls as from 09.15 with the first group out at 10am.

A 2 Course meal will be served at approximately 4.30pm. As most members now use Sat Nav to get to unfamiliar destinations the Post Code is GU6 7NG. The Club No. is 01483 2668855.

Should you require more detailed directions please contact John McD.

PAYMENT Total cost for the day is £36 and this includes coffee & bacon rolls, 18 holes, a 2 Course meal, entry to the Par 3 Champion's Competition and all prizes. The deadline to return your availability slip and pay, if you are coming is **SATURDAY 25th APRIL**. Act now and keep Tony happy!

HORNE PARK "CASUAL DAY" Friday 10th April. As all members have received the relevant information regarding this it is assumed all those who wish to play have indicated so and paid.

PAIRS KO COMPETITION We thank Spencer for taking on the organisation of the Competition for this year and are pleased to report that he has 8 pairs entered. Further details of the draw have recently been published so start fixing those matches now!

THE RAFFLE Many thanks to new member Alan Stone for doing such an excellent job at Hoebridge where he acted as our ticket salesman and took a total of £160. Great Alan!

Our next raffle at Cranleigh might well have to be without our usual organiser. At some point in the future John McD might have to have a hip replacement. No date as yet is fixed but should it, or John's recuperation, coincide with our Cranleigh day then someone else would need to take on the task of selecting and purchasing the customary dozen prizes. John isn't mobile enough at the present to be able to do this. Should a replacement be required a volunteer will be requested. Our next ticket salesman in line to perform this other very essential but delicate task is John Benstead - that is providing of course he is available to play.

OUR CHARITY Following our Hoebridge day £30 of the raffle takings has gone into the Charity Fund plus a very welcome £15 from the players who all so kindly recorded a blob somewhere over the last 3 holes. I'm delighted to report that no lucky person claimed a pound for scoring 7 or more points over these 3 holes but our stars of the day, Jeff & Norman both came close with 6. So glad they didn't do it! Hard luck chaps! Our Charity Fund has now swollen to over £500. Thanks for all your support and please keep it up!

IN MEMORY Two extremely sad tributes were paid prior to the prizegiving at Hoebridge. Following a few appropriate words from John Bateson a short silence was held in memory of David Rose. Bill Esler then gave details of the very recent sad demise of Ray Millichope's partner Hilli Ryan who had joined the Wayfairers as a guest on past occasions. All our members offer their deepest condolences to the families and loved ones of both David and Hilli.

PICTURES FROM HOEBRIDGE

Presented by Treasurer Tony Warrilow



2nd Place
Norman Lovelock



Team Competition Winners
Frank Houlihan, John Bateson
& Jeff Hogg



3rd Place
Carl Rosner



Winner of Nearest the Pin
Jeff Hogg



Winner of John Peake Spring Cup
&
Wayfairers Trophy
Jeff Hogg



Winner of the Open Longest
Drive
Guest Lynne MacDonald



Winner of the 19 and Over LD
Norman Lovelock



Winner of the HedgeHog
Derek Reeves



Winner of the Birdie Cap
Val Ward



Must look smart for the Prize
giving! Pity about the hair cut!



4th Place
Kevin Stacey



2nd Place Team
Sue Jelley, Annie Hitam, Richard
Thomson & Bob Histed

Future Programme For the Wayfairers.

NOTE Bletchingley & Holtye now included on the list below
 Friday 10th April Casual Day at Horne Park
 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
 Monday 19th October AGM & Autumn Cup Day at Bletchingley
 Friday 11th December Christmas Texas Scramble at Holtye

HOEBRIDGE OVER 30's CLUB

Jeff Hogg 35 Norman Lovelock 34 Carl Rosner 30

Hoebridge Snippets

NOTHING TO CROW ABOUT! Our first group of players out, all being very keen, departed for the 1st tee before the arrival of the bacon baps. Aware of this, non-playing John McD kindly kept 3 and took them out to the 10th as the trio appeared. Bill Eslor in particular was most appreciative. "Thanks. I'm starving!" he said. He took one bite then left the bap on his trolley as he went to tee off. Having done so he turned round only to see a very happy crow fly off with the bap in his beak! Poor Bill! - but then he's always been kind to birds! Later it transpired that Liz had had the same experience! Some very happy & healthy crows at Hoebridge!

THE CRIMINAL QUARTET! It is with deep regret that we have to announce the shocking news that 4 of our members - namely Norman, Mick & the 2 Alans have all been banned for life from ever visiting Wetherspoons in East Grinstead again!

All 4 were recently involved in a fracas on the premises following which the manager had no option but to evict them out onto the street. Upon being questioned individually at Hoebridge regarding the matter, each one blamed the others with all of them protesting "It wasn't me ! Honest Guv!" Despite these pleas early arrests are anticipated. Rumour has it that they have now moved their nefarious base to the Ship Inn, a local hostelry which up until now had had quite a reasonable reputation. Obviously this serious misdemeanour is a severe stain on the previously unblemished character and good name of the Wayfairers and as a penalty all 4 are about to have their handicaps cut by 5 shots.

WARNING Avoid the Ship Inn on Wednesday lunchtimes!

PS. They will sell you their life stories for a very modest sum!

Handicaps for Cranleigh

ALLEN		17
ATWELL		21
BATESON	27	29
BENSTEAD		25
BLAKELEY	23	9
CHURCH		16
COLNUT L	28	28
COLNUT M	26	26
COOPER		18
CROMPTON		17
CUNNINGTON		36
DAVISON		26
ESLOR	24	14
GIRLING		29
GOMAN	20	17
HARRISON		14
HISTED	25	18
HITAM	28	25
HOGG	35	10
HOULIHAN	27	25
JELLEY R	28	17
JELLEY S	25	23
KNIGHT		9
LOVELOCK N	34	19
McDONNELL, J		27
McDONNELL, S	26	12
MILLICHOPE		19
MORRIS	28	18
PRITCHARD		18
REEVES	18	34
ROSE A		36
ROSNER, C	30	22
RUSHTON	26	23
SANDS	20	34
SHELLEY		17
SHIEL	25	20
SMITH	21	14
STACEY	29	20
STANLEY	21	22
STONE	26	33
STOREY		7
VARDON		28
WARD V	27	17
WARD G	28	12
WARRILOW		36
WILKES		9
WONG		9
WOOLLEY R		23
WOOLLEY Ruby		21

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 **26**

WAYFAIRERS GOLFING SOCIETY

DAY AT CRANLEIGH - 18th MAY 2015

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 Cranleigh

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

Name.....Handicap.....

BUGGIES

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Should you intend to book a buggy please tick this box. When Tony knows the full buggy requirements **he will book them with the Club. You will then receive details in the final email of who it is you will be sharing a buggy with and it is up to you to sort out which one of you collects and pays.**

GUESTS When our playing numbers have been established -which should be as soon as April 25th - 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 Saturday 25th April
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

SATURDAY 25th APRIL 2015 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.