



THE WAYFAIRER



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A STRUGGLE SCORING AT CRANLEIGH ON A VERY WET DAY BUT SPENCER EDGED OUT IN FRONT TO SHOW OTHERS THE WAY!

What a difference a few hours make! 29 Wayfairers and 4 guests drove apprehensively up the approach to Cranleigh Clubhouse barely able to see the nearby greens and fairways that they were passing, with this all due to the persistent grey murky rain that was falling. The prospect of 18 holes in these conditions was certainly not at all appealing!

Some 9 hours later as everyone left the car park and drove past the Course, the sun was shining brightly and everything looked green, lush, lovely and most inviting. If only it had been like this earlier!

Unfortunately the change in conditions came rather late and the early starters were certainly up against the elements for the first dozen holes or so. All this was reflected in the scoring as ultimately there was no question that the weather was the winner! The average score for the 33 participating was just 22 and there can't have been many occasions over the past 20 years that it has been as low as this. 9 of our members came in with less than 20pts!

Another contributory factor to these results was that although the Course was in beautiful condition and quite short in yardage, the rough on either edge of the fairways was fairly lengthy with balls difficult to find once they had entered the wet grass. And it was not really a day to spend overlong in searching!

Despite the previously mentioned low average Spencer somehow ignored all the problems and came in with a score of 10 shots better. Also on 32 was John Benstead but Spencer just edged him out on countback to claim Peer's Plate and the Wayfairers Trophy. Just 2 shots behind this were Peter Rushton & Kam Wong, with Peter also being announced as winner of the Par 3 Challenge Plaque, while Kam claimed Harold's 18th Hole Trophy. Following these results the rest of the field will be delighted to learn that these 4 have now been cut - hard!

As the day progressed the rain stopped, the sun emerged and as players came in the welcoming Clubhouse suddenly things looked a lot brighter, certainly over a pint or two. Another cheering factor was for the majority of players to learn that they were not the only ones who had performed so badly as most of their peers had fared in exactly the same way.

Cranleigh provided an excellent meal with the bonus of complimentary coffee, the prize table was over flowing with goodies and both the raffle and prize giving were accompanied by the usual cheery Wayfairers banter. And so a wet day came to an enjoyable conclusion.

CRANLEIGH RESULTS

Winner of Peer's Plate & The Wayfairers Trophy Spencer Atwell 32pts c/b

2nd John Benstead 32pts **3rd** Peter Rushton 30pts c/b **4th** Kam Wong 30pts

Team Prize John Bateson Kam Wong Chris Lavender g & John de Lucy g 65pts

2nd Place Sue McDonnell John Benstead Carl Rosner & Richard Thomson g 62pts

Harold's 18th Hole Trophy Kam Wong

Par 3 Champion's Plaque Peter Rushton 15pts

Nearest the Pin Dennis Shelley

Open L.D Mick Shiel

19 & Over L.D. Mick Shiel

Hedgehog Neville Harrison

Birdie Cap John Benstead

AND SO TO OUR NEXT MEETING AT FOXBRIDGE G. C. ON FRIDAY 19th JUNE

This is the gathering that every Wayfairer has been eagerly anticipating as it's Pink Ball Day! We start the proceedings with coffee & bacon rolls from 09.30 with the first pink ball being hit hopefully way down the middle at 10.28. Following years of tradition there is no raffle on this occasion but upon arrival everyone will be relieved of £2 and draw 2 numbered tickets. Later in the day, the numbers on these tickets will determine for members the names of the 2 top professional golfers that they have drawn who will be taking part in the forthcoming Open Championship to be held at St. Andrews next month. Pick any of the top 4 finishers and you will be among the prizes!

Also in the entry money payable in advance to Tony, £1 will be added to pay for your participation in the "Guess The Number of Balls Lost in The Water" Competition. All takings for this will go into the Charity Fund and the lucky player who makes the most accurate prediction will be suitably rewarded with an appropriate prize. As a guide for making your guess, last year with 28 players in the field 43 balls ended up in a watery grave!

John B. will be issuing the pink balls on arrival so don't be late as it's first come first hand in the beige ball bag! As regards the Golf competitions, as well as competing for the Pink Ball Trophy (holders Frank Houlihan, Peer Blakeley, Mick Shiel & Mike Vardon) there will be the usual Wayfairers Individual Event (current winner Spencer Atwell) and the Par 3's Plaque Contest (recently won by Peter Rushton) Also we will be playing individually for the new Vardon Trophy which was won at Bletchingley by Graham Ward. Added to this all the other usual minor individual contests will be included.

Due to the limited changing room facilities at Foxbridge there is no necessity to change after playing. A 2 Course Meal is booked for 5pm which means everyone should be comfortably home in daylight with the "longest day" just 48 hours away.

COST FOR THE DAY Cost for Coffee & Bacon Rolls, 18 Holes, a 2 Course Meal, all prizes and your £1 entry fee for the "Lost Balls" competition is just £34. What a bargain for mid Summer!

AND THE DEADLINE TO PAY? This is **FRIDAY 5th JUNE**. REMEMBER! Tony needs to know if you are UNAVAILABLE just as much as he needs to know if you wish to play! Please help him to avoid any more grey hairs!

PAIRS KO COMPETITION

All first round matches have now been completed. If you and your partner are through to the next one remember to fix a date soon with your opponents as the holiday season begins and players start disappearing! Thanks again to Spencer for co-ordinating this competition.

THE RAFFLE

Many thanks to our superb raffle ticket salesman John Benstead who relieved everyone present effortlessly of sufficient money to hand over the sum of £170 to the Raffle Fund. Well done John. A splendid result.

The quality of the prizes in the raffle matched the support given and one particularly happy prize recipient was Spencer. He won the star prize of the day which consisted not only of a sleeve of golf balls plus a packet of tees but also a highly original piece of golf headwear representing a beautifully manicured green together with a pin complete with flag and golf ball. He reports that he has become so attached to it that he now sleeps with it on in bed - his wife now sleeps in the spare room! See page 4 for a photo of Spencer proudly wearing his cap - not his wife in the spare room!

OUR CHARITY

As usual £30 of our takings from the raffle have gone into the Charity Fund and added to this is a further £33. This is £1 a head from all those playing at Cranleigh and was the entry fee for the Par 3 Challenge Competition. In this Peter Rushton did exceedingly well in scoring a total of 15pts on the 6 Par 3's. This endeavour easily won him the special Plaque plus a bottle of bubbly as it was 3 points better than 5 other players all of whom finished 2nd with 11pts each. Our total in the Charity Fund is just under £600 and we have our grand finale to the fund raising at Milford on Wednesday 15th July. This is the day we ask members to donate all the raffle prizes and we have a grand auction. Final details in the next Wayfairer.

PICTURES FROM CRANLEIGH

Presented by Jeff Hogg our Hoebridge Day Winner



***Par 3 Challenge Champion
Peter Rushton***



***Winner
Harold's 18th Hole Trophy
Kam Wong***



***Winner
Peer's Plate and
Wayfairers Trophy
Spencer Atwell***



***Winner of the Birdie Cap
John Benstead***



***Winner of the HedgeHog
Neville Harrison***



***2nd/3rd/4th Places
John Benstead, Peter Rushton
and Kam Wong***



***1st and 2nd
Team Competition Winners***



***Winner
Open LD & 19 & Over LD
Mick Shiel***

***Winner
Nearest the Pin***

Dennis Shelley

Future Programme For the Wayfairers.

Friday 19th June Pink Ball Day & Vardon Trophy at Foxbridge
 Wednesday 15th July President's Trophy Team Challenge to be held at Milford. Our Grand Charity Finale Day
 Friday 14th August Casual Day at Villa with Meal at Holtye
 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

CRANLEIGH OVER 30's CLUB

Spencer Atwell & John Benstead 32

Peter Rushton & Kam Wong 30

AND THAT'S IT FOLKS!

SOCIETY CHAMPIONSHIP & LADIES CHAMPION 2015

Now that 3 qualifying competitions have been held in the current Wayfairers year (Bletchingley, Hoebridge & Cranleigh) we can record how progress is being made in the above 2 competitions. The eventual winner of each section will be the player who records the highest total by adding the best 3 scores that they establish over the year from October to September. So far only 15 members have played in all 3 events to date so it's still early days.

The current position is -

Society Champion - 1) Graham Ward 81 2) Annie Hitam 78

3) Derek Reeves 74 & 4) Carl Rosner 73

Annie with her 78 also leads the Ladies Champion Leader Board with Sue McD lying 2nd on 68. Foxbridge could change all this!



Spencer proudly shows off his Star Prize Headgear!



Annie Lady Champion for the Day at Cranleigh

Handicaps for Foxbridge

ALLEN	16	18
ATWELL	32	18
BATESON	18	30
BENSTEAD	32	22
BLAKELEY	19	9
CHURCH		16
COLENUT L		28
COLENUT M		26
COOPER	20	18
CROMPTON	24	17
CUNNINGTON		36
DAVISON	16	27
ESLOR	21	14
GIRLING	18	30
GOMAN	19	17
HARRISON	11	16
HISTED	21	18
HITAM	28	24
HOGG	19	10
HOULIHAN	20	25
JELLEY R		28
JELLEY S		25
KNIGHT		9
LOVELOCK N		19
McDONNELL, J		27
McDONNELL, S	23	14
MILLICHOPE		19
MORRIS		18
PRITCHARD	26	18
REEVES	25	34
ROSE A		36
ROSNER, C	22	22
RUSHTON	30	21
SANDS		34
SHELLEY	23	17
SHIEL	21	20
SMITH	23	14
STACEY		20
STANLEY	18	23
STONE	24	33
STOREY		7
VARDON		28
WARD V	19	17
WARD G	20	12
WARRILOW		36
WILKES		9
WONG	30	7
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 **22**

WAYFAIRERS GOLFING SOCIETY

DAY AT FOXBRIDGE - 19th JUNE

NAME.....

Please tick below as appropriate

I am available for the above - **Members Fee £34**

☐ Sorry but I am unavailable to play at Foxbridge

☐ If space allows I would like to bring a guest (name + h/cap below) Fee £34

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

BUGGIES

☐ 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 5th June - 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 Friday 5th June
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

FRIDAY 5th JUNE 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.