



# THE WAYFAIRER



**The Wayfairers Golf Society**

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**DOUBLE CHAMPION VAL BECOMES OUR LATEST BRIGHT STAR  
WHILE NEW MEMBER RICHARD THOMSON PROVES HE'S WELL UP TO PAR!**

It was AGM day at Bletchingley and unlike 12 months earlier when the heavens opened unceasingly, the weather was dull but dry. A very convenient number of 36 players took to the field (nicely divisible by 4) and this included one guest who was a recent member!

An early AGM was quickly done and dusted and the players were split into 2 groups with 5 lots going off the 1st and the remaining 4 off the 10th. It was just as well that this division took place and there wasn't a long queue on the 1st, as the round averaged 5 hours per 4Ball!

Because of the atrocious weather last year the average score was only 23 but this was slightly improved on this time round as it increased to 24. Some 10 shots better than this however was our winner, new member Richard Thomson who walked away with the Wayfairers Trophy and the Ron Harris Autumn Cup. Not really the way for a novice member to behave but never mind he will be appropriately punished when he sees his new handicap!

Apart from Richard, one other member stole the day and this was Val Ward. On every AGM day, this being always the first gathering of a new 12 month period for the Wayfairers, the name of the Society Champion for the previous year is announced, together with the identity of the Ladies Champion. Both championships are decided by the total scores achieved in the past year, when the members' 3 best scores are added together. Having done this, the Society Champion's Award went to Val. And the Ladies Champion's Award? Well, you've guessed it, this went also to none other than Val! Well done Val but come on you men - what are you up to? We only introduced the Ladies Award separately because none of the Ladies ever won the whole Society competition. Now look what's happened!

Before the meal a very pleasant ceremony took place when a cheque for £1100 was presented to Barry Cogdell, a volunteer representative of Prostate Cancer UK. Representing all the Wayfairers in making the presentation were Mike & Liz Colenutt. ( Photo + further details page 2 )

Before the raffle and prize giving an excellent meal was served with a superb choice of desserts which included second helpings! Net result - some very happy smiling Wayfairers!

The prize giving included not only all the usual competition prizes plus the Champions' Awards but also the winners of the Pairs K.O. final were announced. This was Andy & Carl who had defeated Spencer & Peter only a few hours earlier. Well done Andy & Carl - keep it in the family! And so the first day of a new Wayfairers year came to a happy and successful conclusion.

## BLETCHINGLEY RESULTS AND ANNUAL AWARDS

- Winner - Wayfairers Trophy & Ron Harris Autumn Cup - Richard Thomson (34pts)**
- 2nd Place - Val Ward (32pts)**                      **3rd Place - Ruby Woolley (32 pts c/b)**
- 4th place - Peer Blakeley (29pts)**                      **5th Place - Annie Hitam (29pts c/b)**
- Team Competition - Annie Hitam, Mick Shiel, Alan Stone & Richard Thomson (82pts)**
- Team Competition - Bill Eslor, Mike Colenutt, Derek Allen & John Humphrey (74pts)**
- Pairs K.O. Competition Winners - Carl Rosner & Andy Knight**
- Nearest the Pin - Mike Colenutt**
- Open LD - Kam Wong**                      **19 & Over LD - Derek Allen**
- Birdie Cap - Mick Shiel**                      **Hedgehog - Neville Harrison**
- Par 3 Challenge Plaque - Bill Eslor**

## AND FINALLY OUR TWO SOCIETY CHAMPIONS OF 2015

**Society Champion 2015 - Val Ward**

**Ladies Champion 2015 - and it's Val Ward again!**

**AND SO TO OUR NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD AT HOLTYE G.C.**  
**ON FRIDAY 11th DECEMBER 2015**

The day's programme begins with coffee & bacon rolls available from 9.00am. with the first playing group going out for a 9.50am. 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 Jelley, Kam Wong, Mike Colenutt & John Benstead.

Repeated as in previous years, there is one other little competition. The Christmas Tankard (current holder Kam Wong) plus something appropriate to put in it, will go to the player who sinks the final putt on the 18th green and is in the winning Scramble Team. It could be you! Doubtless we will have a full house for the Christmas meal and there will be a special Christmas Raffle.

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 hopefully we will see as many wives and partners as capacity allows. 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** At this time of the year there are no buggies permitted on the Course at Holtye. 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 £35** 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 FRIDAY 6th NOVEMBER DETAILS THAT YOU REQUIRE TO DO THIS ARE ON PAGE 6. THERE IS ONE EXTRA PAGE IN THIS EDITION OF THE WAYFAIRER. THIS IS PAGE 5 GIVING DETAILS OF THE SECRETARY'S NOTES TAKEN FROM THE RECENT AGM. PLEASE READ THIS, PARTICULARLY IF YOU WEREN'T AT THE AGM.**



Before raising money for Prostate Cancer UK we previously over the years supported 3 other Charities. With all 3 of these, the presentation of the final cheques was made by the Committee without the presence of the members who had actually raised the money. This all changed with the latest presentation, as arrangements were made to do this at Bletchingley, when some 38 members were all gathered.

Liz & Mike Colenutt were asked to act as the members' representatives in handing over the £1100 cheque and with their close association, not only with prostate cancer but other forms of the illness as well, this made a most appropriate choice.

**MIKE & LIZ HAND OVER THE CHEQUE TO THE PRO-TATE CANCER VOLUNTARY REP. BARRY COGDELL**

**THE BLETCHINGLEY RAFFLE**

As due to many varied reasons John McD had not managed to purchase any raffle prizes prior to Bletchingley the raffle was cancelled and players informed. However late in the day John B. came up trumps! He went out and spent an entire afternoon loading up his car with goodies and the raffle was back on! Thanks John and an excellent choice of prizes. Our ever smiling ticket salesman was Carl and he gently persuaded all those present to part with a total of £185 which gave a nice profit when the cost of prizes was subtracted.

It is not usual, but this year we will hold a Christmas raffle. As we always have a good turn out, with meal guests as well as players filling the Holtye Clubhouse to capacity, we will have 2 ticket salespersons - namely new members John & Sue Humphrey. Thank you for unknowingly volunteering! We will have both Father & Mother Christmas! Ho! Ho! Ho!

# PICTURES FROM BLETCHINGLEY

## Prizes Presented by Spencer Atwell

### *Team Winners*

*Annie Hitam, Mick Sheil  
Alan Stone and  
Richard Thomson*



### *Plus Team Runners Up*

*Bill Eslor, Derek Allen,  
Mike Colenutt and  
John Humphrey*



*Winners of the 2 Longest Drives  
and Nearest the Pin  
Derek Allen, Mike Colenutt,  
and Kam Wong  
And Kam Wong*



*Individual Runners Up  
Annie Hitam, Val Ward,  
Ruby Woolley & Peer Blakeley*



*Winner of the Birdie Cap  
Happy Smiling Mick Sheil*

*Winner of the Wayfairers Trophy  
&  
Ron Harris Autumn Cup  
Richard Thomson*



*Pairs K.O. Winners Carl Rosner  
and Andy Knight (absent)  
Pairs K.O. Runners Up  
Peter Smith & Spencer Atwell*



*Winner Hedgehog!  
Guest Neville Harrison*



*Winner of the Par 3 Plaque  
Bill Eslor*



*Society Champion  
and Ladies Champion  
"Victorious" Val Ward*



**Full Programme For the New Wayfairers Year.**  
**Friday 11th December Christmas Texas Scramble at Holt**  
**Tuesday 23rd February Casual Day at Foxbridge (To be confirmed)**  
**Tuesday 22nd March John Peake Spring Cup at Hoebridge**  
**Friday 8th April Casual Day at Horne Park (To Be Confirmed)**  
**Monday 16th May Peer's Plate at Poulton**  
**Friday 24th June Pink Ball & Vardon Trophy Day at Foxbridge**  
**Tuesday 26th July President's Shield Team Challenge &**  
**The David Rose Bowl at Surrey Downs. Members Subsidised Day**  
**Friday 19th August Casual Day at Villa (To Be Confirmed)**  
**Monday 5th September Two Ronnies Pairs Day at Reigate Hill**

## THE BLETCHINGLEY OVER 30'S CLUB

Richard Thomson 34pts Val Ward & Ruby Woolley 32pts

**20 YEARS AGO** When 17th November comes round the Wayfairers will be exactly 20 years old. It was on this day in 1995 that a group of 16 golfers, many of them unknown to each other but basically coming from near Farnborough in Hampshire and others from Croydon & Holt met up and played at Chiddingfold G.C. The meeting came about through the instigation of John McD. & John B. Following the golf the decision was made to form the Wayfairers. The founder members were namely - John Bateson, John McDonnell, Jeff Hogg, Frank Houlihan, Dennis Shelley, Peter Rushton, Ron Bailey, Ron Harris, Bernard McDonnell, Stafford Smith, Bill Broderick, Mike Wilson, Chris Tomlin, Mike Morgan-Rowe & Robert Marchbank. The 16th player Mike Smith did not join but turned up occasionally as a guest.

Of these the first 6 named still play (if health allows!), several have retired from golf (many for health reasons) and sadly others are deceased. Some of our trophies were donated by these players such as The Ron Harris Autumn Cup, The Two Ronnies Trophy (Ron Harris & Ron Bailey) and the President's Shield (presented by Bernard McDonnell). Jeff Hogg presented the 18 & Under Trophy for lower handicap members, while Ron Bailey gave us the "Old Bailey Tankard" for the 19 & Over Longest Drive Contest. Also Robert Marchbanks's wife donated the "50 Bob Set" to commemorate Robert's 50th birthday. In the Society's early stage there were no lady members but with such a nucleus of good looking guys the ladies soon joined!

**THANKS KAM** for the excellent photos. Others also appear on the web site.



**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**  
**JOHN HUMPHREY, RICHARD**  
**THOMSON, SUE HUMPHREY &**  
**CHRIS LAVENDER.**  
**FOLLOWING THE DREADED INITI-**  
**ATION CEREMONY THEY SAID**  
**"WE THINK IT'S ALL BALLS!"**

If you are unable to make the Scramble Day at Holt 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 **24**

H/caps for Holt		
ALLEN	24	19
ATWELL	20	15
BATESON	23	28
BENSTEAD		24
BLAKELEY	29	9
COLNUT L	18	29
COLNUT M	28	26
COOPER	28	18
CROMPTON		14
CUNNINGTON		36
DAVISON	19	29
ESLOR	24	14
GIRLING	25	30
GOMAN	23	17
HISTED	22	19
HITAM	29	23
HOGG		12
HOULIHAN		25
HUMPHREY J	25	17
HUMPHREY S	19	32
JELLEY R	26	17
JELLEY S	20	24
KNIGHT	22	9
LAVENDER C	23	16
LOVELOCK N		21
McDONNELL, J		27
McDONNELL, S	20	14
MORRIS	24	15
PRITCHARD		18
REEVES	21	36
ROSNER, C	24	21
RUSHTON	23	21
SANDS		34
SHELLEY		19
SHIEL	28	20
SMITH	23	14
STACEY		20
STANLEY	19	28
STONE	27	36
STOREY		7
THOMSON	34	25
VARDON		28
WARD V	32	14
WARD G	27	13
WARRILOW		36
WILKES	23	9
WONG	25	8
WOOLLEY R		23
WOOLLEY RUB	32	19

## NOTES FOLLOWING THE WAYFAIRERS AGM HELD AT BLETCHINGLEY GC ON THE 19th OCTOBER 2015

### **Chairman for the meeting was Peter Rushton**

Apologies for absence received from Robert Crompton, John Benstead & Kevin Stacey

**Secretary's Report** The Secretary reported that the average attendance at meetings had dropped from 32 to 31 for full meetings and from 29 to 24 for casual days, with the attendance of members reduced by an average of 3 per meeting in comparison to the previous year.

The sudden sad death of David Rose had given rise to the presentation of the David Rose Bowl donated by the Rose Family and the inaugural competition for this had been held at Milford. Two other new awards introduced were the Vardon Trophy and the Par 3 Challenge Plaque.

A highlight of the year was our grand finale charity day at Milford when the total raised for Prostate Cancer UK climbed to £1100. It was reported that this money would be presented later in the day to a representative of the Charity. On behalf of the Society the Secretary thanked the following for all their work in various areas of the Society's activities over the past year - John Bateson, Tony Warrilow, Sue McDonnell, Derek Reeves, Peter Rushton, Spencer Atwell, Peer Blakeley & Kam Wong.

**Treasurer's Report** The Treasurer reported a healthy balance in the funds, so much so, that our Surrey Downs meeting next July would be heavily subsidised for members, with the Raffle Fund also assisting in this expenditure. The newly adopted bank transfer scheme by which members can now pay for attendance at meetings had proved extremely popular and was running well.

**Match Co-ordinator's Report** The meeting gave full approval for the current format used at the various gatherings to be continued and there were no suggestions for any changes. Generally the award of the Wayfairers Trophy had been spread nicely around members throughout the year with players of both low and high handicaps having equal shares of the spoils.

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

**The Raffle** A healthy balance remained at the end of the financial year although at this time there were no prizes left in stock. However recent expenditure on Wayfairers golf balls meant there were sufficient for distribution for several meetings ahead before these would need to be replenished. Members were thanked for their support of the raffle in both buying and selling tickets.

**Membership** Mike Church, Ray Millichope & Neville Harrison had not re-joined. The AGM was delighted to accept Richard Thomson, Chris Lavender & Sue & John Humphrey as new members.

**Future Programme** This had been outlined with the AGM agenda and met with full approval. Hassocks was no longer on the list of Clubs to be visited and the reasons for this given and accepted by the meeting. Poulthwood G. C. had been added for the benefit of the several members living in this locality. Members were warned that for 2 of the Courses to be visited the cost was up to £38.

**Charity** Fund raising for Prostate Cancer UK had now come to an end. In the Spring members would be asked for suggestions for a new charity to be adopted and members would then have opportunity to vote on these proposals to select our next beneficiary, In the meanwhile any monies that may come our way from "one off" events/ activities would be put aside in the charity fund.

**Handicaps** The recent annual review showed that members played to an average score of 26. As a result of the review no handicaps were adjusted but 6 members were informed that due to a miscalculation a short while ago by the Handicap Committee they had been given one shot back.

**Pairs K.O. Competition** Spencer reported that this year 8 pairs had entered with the final to be played later that day and the result announced in the evening. Details for next year's competition would be issued in due course but the competition would only go ahead providing there were at least 8 entries.

**Wayfairers Web Site.** Derek reported that the popularity of the website could be estimated by the fact that over 26,000 hits had been recorded since its inauguration. Those present expressed their gratitude to Derek for all that he had done in setting the site up and adding to it so frequently. There were no queries or suggestions as to any changes.

**Playing Groups** John Bateson informed the meeting that the Society policy for the formation of playing groups was that opportunity should be given to all members to mix who they played with as much as possible. One difficulty in ensuring this happening was that all those who needed to use a buggy were more limited in the formation of the groupings. Should on any particular occasion anyone express a wish to play with any other chosen member this would be arranged

**A.O.B.** As there was no other business for discussion the meeting closed and the golf began.

**WAYFAIRERS GOLFING SOCIETY**

**DAY AT HOLTYE - Friday 11th December 2015**

NAME.....

*Please tick below as appropriate*

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I am available for the above - **Holtye Members Fee £22 Non Holtye Members £35**

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Sorry but I am unavailable to play at Holtye

**BUGGIES** Sorry but there are no buggies permitted at this time of the year at Holtye and at most Courses there is usually a winter buggy ban.

**GUESTS** When our playing numbers have been established -which should be as soon as 6th 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 6th November 2015**  
**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 6th NOVEMBER 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.