



THE WAYFAIRER



The Wayfairers Golf Society

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**IT'S CONGRATS TO ROBERT, RUSSELL, DAVID & SUE -
AS OUR NEW SCRAMBLE CHAMPIONS SHOWED THE REST WHAT TO DO!**

It's 8.30am. on the Wayfairers Holtye Christmas Scramble Day with the Secretary just ready to leave home. Before doing so he switches on the forecast. Couldn't be worse! Persistent rain starting around 10am. - as the golf begins - with no let up until about 3pm - as the golf finishes! Time for a few words from our Secretary to the heavens above and everything changes! No rain at 10am and it continued this way until, as the last group out entered the Clubhouse, the heavens finally opened! We had done it yet again! What a righteous lot we Wayfairers must be!

28 players splitting nicely into 7 teams of 4 took to the Course but this even number was thanks to past member Neville Harrison and Peter Smith's brother David for filling 2 late gaps, as unfortunately both Andy Knight & Derek Allen had to withdraw.

The Course was heavy and playing long but as everyone was unexpectedly staying dry this was of little concern. Our Secretary managed to establish how teams were doing as they reached halfway and the majority were scoring similarly, although Norman's quartet appeared to be struggling while Russell's group had recorded 6 pars, 2 birdies & just one bogey as they moved into the back 9! Ultimately this was how it continued all the way round with the team of Sue Humphrey, Russell, Robert & guest David Smith claiming a clear victory and possession of the Texas Scramble Trophy.

As a Scramble is all about team effort, no one player can gain an individual prize but the Christmas Tankard is the Society's oldest trophy and this goes to the player in the winning group who sinks the Team's final putt. This year the trophy was claimed by Russell. Well done Russell as not only do you hold the tankard for the rest of the year but you also received a nice bottle of Xmas Ale to put in it! Cheers!

Another unusual individual competition was for the "Shortest Drive"! For a time the leading contender was Mike Colenutt but the final claimant was Roger who with a mighty effort despatched his drive all of 15 yards into the woods! This won him the Hedgehog as well and very suitably he was rewarded with an enormous soft, cuddly hedgehog which doubled up as a pair of hand mitts! (Photo on page 3)

After the golf the players were joined by 15 welcome dinner guests, with most being the charming "better halves" of many members. An excellent Christmas meal was served and the Treasurer even dug into the funds to provide wine. Then followed the raffle & golf prize giving ceremony and the evening ended amid moans & groans with the Annual Quiz/Song Contest. Further details of these appear elsewhere. And so yet another excellent Christmas gathering ended to conclude the Wayfairers 20th year.

HOLTYE CHRISTMAS MEETING RESULTS

Texas Scramble Trophy Winners - Sue Humphrey, Russell Woolley, Robert Crompton & David Smith

Runners Up - Liz Colenutt, Bill Eslor, Malcolm Goman & Richard Thomson

Third Place - Val Ward, Peter Smith, Mike Colenutt & John Bateson

Open Longest Drive - Malcolm Goman 19 & Over Longest Drive - John Benstead

Nearest The Pin - Mike Vardon Shortest Drive/Hedgehog - Roger Sands Birdie Cap - No Winner

Christmas Tankard plus a bottle of Christmas Ale - Russell Woolley

Christmas Quiz & Song Contest - The Much Disputed Winners! - Malcolm's Miscreants

AND SO TO OUR NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD AT HOEBRIDGE G.C.
ON TUESDAY 22nd MARCH 2016

As we have played at Hoebridge on many previous occasions it is assumed that members will know the location.

PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY Coffee & Bacon Rolls from 09.15. Allow plenty of time for your journey as it will be on busy roads at a busy time. First group out at 10.04. There will be a Two Course meal served at approximately 5pm. followed by the raffle and prize giving.

GOLF COMPETITIONS Individually we will be doing battle for the Wayfairers Trophy (current holder Richard Thomson) and also this is the day the winner takes home the John Peake Spring Cup (at the moment residing with Jeff Hogg). There will be the usual Playing Groups Team Competition plus all the other regular minor contests of golfing skill or incredible luck!

THE HOEBRIDGE PERSONAL CHALLENGE! Introduced for the first time last year and could raise a £1 or two for our next charity. Should any player blob any of the last 3 holes at Hoebridge they will be asked to put £1 in the charity pot! Should be no problem for most members although 15 players all lost a £1 last year! The maximum penalty will be £1 a player. There is also a positive side! Should any player manage to score a total of 7 or more points on these 3 holes they will be rewarded with a £1. Pride is at stake! No one did it last year although Jeff & Norman came close with 6pts apiece.

THE RAFFLE There will be the usual raffle and this time new member Chris Lavender will be administering the ticket sales - although he doesn't know it yet! Thank you Chris. I have it on good authority (mine) that the prizes are excellent - so get practising your sales pitch now!

COST The total for all that is detailed above plus all prizes is £36. Whether or not you are able to attend please complete and return the availability slip with payment if playing. All returns must be with Tony by SATURDAY 20th FEBRUARY at the latest. Guests are welcome if space allows but no payment for them yet please until the response from members is established.

CHIPS & PUTTS

The Holtys Raffle Normally we do not hold a Christmas Raffle but as the Secretary was unable to organise his usual one at Bletchingley this one was added to the list and in the event what a success it turned out to be! Ticket sales persons Sue & John Humphrey were very persuasive to the extent of John not permitting anyone to sit down for their Christmas meal until they had contributed! Despite this with a truly excellent prize table on show even further tickets were demanded as the meal progressed! John & Sue's efforts brought in a staggering record amount of £225. Well done! Appropriately enough the total cost of the 12 prizes exceeding all past prize expenditures as well and certainly the lucky winners went home happy.

Trophy Holders Records show that some members hold Society trophies that require engraving. As we now have a long lull in our activities until late March this would be an ideal time to catch up with getting this done. If you do have a trophy in this category please send the details to John McD. by email and we can discuss collection and return. It would be preferable to our engraver to be given these in bulk rather than dribs & drabs so please respond to this A.S.A.P.

Caps & Ties John B. is now holding a stock of Wayfairers caps and he can take orders for ties. Get in contact with him if you are interested. (01342 833747)

POSSIBLE FEBRUARY "CASUAL DAY" GATHERING

Your Secretary is working on the possibility of a "casual day" gathering sometime just after the middle of February. This would be an opportunity for members who wish to do so to get together. hit a ball and have an opportunity to socialise before the long wait for our Hoebridge meeting. Once some details have been sorted, all members will be sent an email giving all the necessary information and upon receiving this you can make your decision as to whether or not you would like to participate.

PICTURES FROM HOLTYE



*Scramble Team Competition
Runners Up*

*Richard Thomson, Malcolm
Goman, Liz Colenutt & Bill Eslor*



*Last but not least the Wetherspoon's
rejects!*

Norman, Alan & Mick



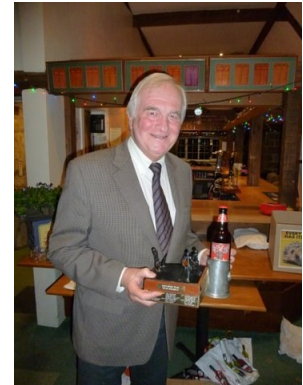
*Winner of the HedgeHog
& Shortest Drive.*

Roger Sands



Scramble Team Competition Winners

*Sue Humphrey, Robert Crompton, Russell
Woolley & David Smith (G)*



*Russell sank the Winning
Putt to claim the Christmas
Tankard*



*Winner of Open L.D.
Over 19 LD
& Nearest the Pin*

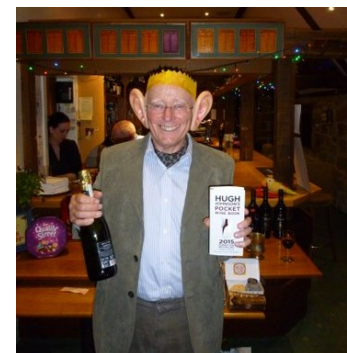
Malcolm, John and Mike



*Norman the Flasher! Well at
least his tie flashed, even if
he didn't!*



*Happy Birthday!
Tony, Val and Jenny all just 6
hours away from their birthdays.*



*One of our lucky Raffle
Prize Winners!
John Benstead complete with
elf's ears!*

WAYFAIRERS PROGRAMME FOR 2016

February - hopefully a "Casual Day" to be arranged
 Tuesday 22nd March Spring Cup Day at Hoebridge
 Friday 8th April Casual Day at Horne Park (T.B.C.)
 Monday 16th May Peer's Plate at Poulthood
 Friday 24th June Pink Ball Day at Foxbridge
 Tuesday 26th July Members Subsidised Day at Surrey Downs
 Friday 19th August "Casual Day" Villa (T.B.C.)
 Monday 5th September Two Ronnies at Reigate Hill
 October our AGM Day - probably at Bletchingley - (T.B.C.)

H/caps for Hoebridge

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

Charity News Following our recent cheque presentation of £1,100 to our local Prostate Cancer rep. Barry Cogdell, I received a letter addressed to all Society members from Sam Vieira the Charity's Community Fund Raising Executive.

He thanks you for your invaluable support and states that despite the fact that by 2030 this cancer is predicted to become the most prevalent of all cancers, UK research is badly underfunded leaving tests & treatments trailing behind others. He continues to say that the Charity has a pledge to fight the disease using influence, knowledge, time, energy & commitment with the aim of helping more and more men survive, until the day that all men do so. He ends by again thanking you for what you have done to help in this ongoing battle.

At Bletchingley, just prior to leaving, Barry gave me a dozen lapel badges bearing the official symbol of the Charity. (I noticed at the recent Sports Personality of the Year Ceremony all members of the Leeds Rhinos Rugby Team were wearing these.) They retail for £1 each but should you like one please let me know and it's yours for free on a "first come - first served basis".

And our next Charity? In the Spring all members will receive an email requesting suggestions for our next good cause. Opportunity will then be given for everyone to cast their vote based on these proposals and the nomination attracting the greatest number of votes will be our next adopted charity until July 2017.

The Annual Christmas "Groan" Show!

As ever our Holtye Christmas festivities ended with a competition between members of the various dinner tables. John McD. posed some thought provoking questions and John B. soon had everyone singing - flat and out of tune as usual! Everyone was desperate to win and share the very small packet of sweets but despite moans and groans and lots of cheating, the winners were finally declared as the members of "Malcolm's Miscreants Miscellaneous Team". Well done - a truly splendid effort!

THE WAYFAIRERS NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Keep your hard working Treasurer happy. Make your New Year's resolution -

" 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 £2 to the Charity Fund!
 another £2 to the total to be put in our Charity Fund"

HANDICAP INFORMATION PLEASE NOTE

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

WAYFAIRERS GOLFING SOCIETY

DAY AT HOEBRIDGE - TUESDAY MARCH 22nd 2016

NAME.....

Please tick below as appropriate

☐

I am available for the above - Fee £36

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Sorry but I am unavailable to play at Hoebridge

☐

Players have the option of playing just 9 holes behind the field. If interested please tick this box and further details will be given to you later should this be possible.

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

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

☐

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 by 20th February members will be contacted regarding possible vacancies for playing 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 20th February 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

SATURDAY 20th FEBRUARY 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.