



# THE WAYFAIRER



*The Wayfairers Golf Society*

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## AT HOEBRIDGE GUEST LYNNE PLAYED AN EXCELLENT GAME WHILE DENNIS THE MENACE SCORED EXACTLY THE SAME!

The Wayfairers first outing of 2016 coincided with the warmest day of the year so far with wall to wall sunshine, one player in shorts and several exposing themselves just in shirt sleeves. We had done it again - and it was only mid-March! Wait until July comes!

Despite many other local Courses still being sticky and muddy Hoebridge was in really excellent condition, with 5 pairs taking full advantage of the Club's excellent supply of brand new buggies.

In total 28 players took to the field and this included 4 very welcome guests. The summer like conditions resulted in some good golf with 6 players managing 30pts or more. The average score for the day was 26 and all handicaps have now been thoroughly reviewed!

There were 2 players on top of the pile and these were guest Lynne MacDonald and old timer Dennis Shelley who both scored 34pts. However as Lynne was a guest and as such cannot win any of the Society's silverware, both the Wayfairers Shield and the John Peake Spring Trophy went to founder member Dennis. Lynne did go home however with the very best bottle of wine on the table - a vintage 2015 Chateau du Bateson! Cheers Lynne (and apologies John!)

The playing groups Team Competition was also very fiercely contested ending in a very tight finish before the eventual winners could be determined but as everyone in the top two teams won prizes all concerned went home happy.

The recently introduced Par 3 Challenge has settled in nicely now and the result for this was also extremely close. There are 5 par 3's at Hoebridge and Damon took the trophy and the bottle of bubbly with a total accumulation of 13pts for all 5 holes. This excellent effort just pipped Mick Shiel and guest Paul Yarranton who both came close behind with totals of 12.

Although the beneficiaries of our next charity fund raising have not yet been agreed, money is already building up under the Treasurer's watchful eye and this was added to at Hoebridge through the medium of the Last 3 Holes Secretary's Challenge. Anyone who blobbed on any of the last 3 holes, which included the dreaded 17th, had to put £1 in the pot. To offset this however any player who managed to score a total of 7pts or more could take a £1 out of the pot.

Three extremely skilful (or was it lucky?) contestants managed to do just this but some very generously took it out and then dropped it back, thus giving a final result of £18 to put away towards our next good cause.

Amid all the after match chatter a much enjoyed roast meal was served in the late afternoon and this was followed by the raffle and prize-giving before a happy and sunburnt gathering set off for home on their diverse routes. An excellent start to our 2016 season.

### HOEBRIDGE RESULTS

**Winner of the John Peake Spring Cup & The Wayfairers Trophy** Dennis Shelley 34pts  
**2nd** Lynne MacDonald also 34pts      **3rd** Mick Shiel 32pts c/b  
**4th** Damon Pritchard 32pts      **5th** Chris Lavender 31pts  
**Team Prize** M. Goman Lynne MacDonald (G) R. Thomson & P. Yarranton (G)  
**2nd Team Prize** M. Shiel D. Shelley B. Eslor & A. Stone  
**Nearest the Pin** Graham Ward      **Birdie Cap** Bob Histed  
**Open L. D.** Peer Blakeley      **19 & Over L.D.** David Smith (G)  
**Hedgehog -** Alan Stone

**AND SO TO OUR NEXT MEETING AT POULTWOOD GOLF CLUB**  
**ON MONDAY 16th MAY**

This will be a new Course for our Society and has now been included in the programme for the benefit of the many of our members who come from the West Kent area.

For Sat Nav. purposes the post code is TN11 9QR and the Course is in Higham Lane some 3 miles north of Tonbridge. Our more elderly players will be pleased to learn that despite being tree-lined, tight and tricky in places, it is flat and measures just 5524 yards. Given fair weather it should be ideal for the Wayfairers.

This is the day we play for Peer's Plate the current holder being Spencer Atwell and the winner as ever will take the Wayfairers Trophy won recently at Hoebridge by Dennis Shelley. We shall also be doing battle for the Par 3 Champions plaque over Poulthwood's 5 Par 3 holes. In addition there will be the usual Playing Groups Team Competition plus the Nearest the Pin and 2 Longest Drive Contests.

The day begins with coffee and bacon sandwiches at 09.15 with the first group out at 10am. A 2 Course Meal will be served at approx. 4.45pm. The Club phone no. is 01732 366180 and the Pro's Shop is 01732 364039.

**PAYMENT** Total cost for the day is £39 (sorry but we did warn at the AGM of price rises) and this includes coffee, bacon sandwiches, 18 holes plus a 2 Course Meal and all prizes. The deadline to return your availability slip and sort payment if you are playing is FRIDAY 22nd APRIL. Act now and put a smile on your Treasurer's face!

**OUR CHARITY** Following our Hoebridge day our next Charity received a very welcome £18 from the players who all so kindly recorded a blob somewhere over the last 3 holes. In the near future members will get the opportunity to propose and vote for the next Charity that we shall support in the forthcoming 15 months.

**IN MEMORY** Recently all members have received notification of the death of Ron Harris and been given details of the funeral arrangements. Winning the Ron Harris Autumn Cup or Two Ronnies Trophy will now take on a new significance.

Very sadly we have to report that Ron is not the only one as prior to his death we had notice that both founder member Robert Marchbank and retired member Stuart Allan had also died. Robert was a relation of Frank Houlihan and despite living miles away in Dumfriesshire in Scotland he was staying with Frank on the day the Wayfairers Society was formed. Being a keen golfer he came along with Frank and John Bateson recalls vividly that when it was agreed to form a Society, he was the very first to pay the £5 entry fee thus becoming our first member.

On the occasion of his 50th Birthday Robert's wife presented the Wayfairers with a £50 cheque to buy something appropriate for the Society. After much debate the 50 Bob Set was purchased, this being a beautiful miniature set of golf clubs in a bag mounted on a trolley.

Because it was in recognition of a special birthday it was agreed the trophy should be presented annually at one of our meetings and the winner should be the player who achieved the highest total when his or her age was added to their individual Stableford score. With Bob being the recognised abbreviated name for Robert the trophy was appropriately named.

Living as he did so far away in Scotland Robert could rarely join us but whenever he was visiting Frank and this co-incided with one of our meetings he was always there. Eventually he was granted honorary life membership and he continued to support the Society often very generously. Unfortunately he became dogged with ill health and did not manage to play with us again for some time before his sad demise.

Stuart Allan joined us in the early part of the new millenium and became an enthusiastic member of the Wayfairers. He walked with a pronounced limp but this didn't affect his enjoyment of the game and the company of others. He was always smiling and always cheerful. Due to increasing ill health and his lack of mobility he regretfully resigned his membership in October 2008.

These are 3 members who will be sadly missed but have left nothing but very happy memories for all of those who remember them.

# PICTURES FROM HOEBRIDGE

Prizes Presented by Richard Thomson



***Team Competition Winners  
Guests Lynne MacDonald & Paul  
Yarranton with Malcolm & Richard***



***2nd Place Team  
Alan Stone, Mick Shiel,  
Dennis Shelley & Bill Eslor***



***2nd Place  
Lynne MacDonald***



***Winner of John Peake Spring Cup  
&  
Wayfairers Trophy  
Dennis Shelley***



***3rd Place  
Mick Shiel***



***4th Place  
Damon Pritchard***



***Winner of the 19 and Over LD  
Guest - David Smith  
Winner of the Open L D  
Peer Blakeley  
Winner of Nearest the Pin  
Graham Ward***



***5th Place  
Chris Lavender***



***Winner of the HedgeHog***



***Alan Stone***



***Winner of the Birdie Cap***

***Bob Histed***

## Future Programme For the Wayfairers.

Friday 15th April Casual Day at Horne Park  
 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  
 Monday 26th September Re-arranged "Casual Day" at Ifield  
 Monday 24th October AGM Day at Bletchingley (T.B.C.)

### **HOEBRIDGE 30's CLUB**

**34pts Dennis Shelley & Lynne MacDonald**

**32pts Mick Shiel & Damon Pritchard**

**31pts Chris Lavender & 30pts Sue McDonnell**

### THE HOEBRIDGE RAFFLE

Many thanks to new member Chris Lavender for doing such an excellent job in selling the tickets and taking in a total of £150. The Raffle Fund looks very healthy and members will benefit in July when part of the accumulated profit will go towards our subsidised day at Surrey Hills. Our next raffle will be held at Poulthood and our nominated sales organiser for this is new member and local lad Richard Thomson. Thank you Richard!

### HORNE PARK CASUAL DAY FRIDAY 15th APRIL

Our annual & traditional casual day at Horne Park has already been publicised to all members and we have 32 paid participants.

As this a perfect number to play in 8 4Balls entry is now closed but if you are interested and have missed out please let John McD know and you can be put on the reserve list in the event of any drop outs. It's a great fun day with numerous individual and team competitions. We have as usual 4 lady team captains and members of every team will win something. Following coffee and 18 holes the day concludes with a 2 Course meal and the usual hilarious prize giving. Further details in the final email just prior to the day.



*It's Damon again! This time winning the Par 3 Challenge Plaque which he did by recording an excellent total of 13pts on Hoebridge's Five Par 3's This also gained him a very nice bottle of bubbly.*

#### **H/caps for Poulthood**

ALLEN		19
ATWELL		15
BATESON	27	28
BENSTEAD		24
BLAKELEY	19	11
COLENUT L		29
COLENUT M		26
COOPER		18
CROMPTON		14
CUNNINGTON		36
DAVISON		29
ESLOR	24	14
GIRLING		30
GOMAN	24	17
HISTED	24	19
HITAM	22	24
HOGG	27	12
HOULIHAN		25
HUMPHREY J		17
HUMPHREY S		32
JELLEY R	27	17
JELLEY S	23	24
KNIGHT		9
LAVENDER C	31	15
LOVELOCK N	20	22
McDONNELL, J		27
McDONNELL, S	30	13
MORRIS		15
PRITCHARD	32	16
REEVES		36
ROSNER, C	23	21
RUSHTON	23	21
SANDS		34
SHELLEY	34	16
SHIEL	32	18
SMITH	23	14
STACEY	27	20
STANLEY	29	28
STONE	17	36
STOREY		7
THOMSON	30	24
VARDON		28
WARD V	19	16
WARD G	20	14
WARRILOW		36
WILKES		9
WONG		8
WOOLLEY R		23
WOOLLEY RUB		19

### 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 POULTWOOD ON MONDAY 16th MAY

NAME.....

*Please tick below as appropriate*

- ☐ I am available for the above - Fee £39 (For Club Members this is £22 food & prizes)
- ☐ Sorry but I am unavailable to play at Poultwood
- tick ☐ Players have the option of playing just 9 holes behind the field. If interested please this box and further details will be given to you later should this be possible.

**If space allows I would like to bring a guest (name + h/cap below ) Fee £39**

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 Friday 22nd April 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 Friday 22nd 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**

**FRIDAY 22nd APRIL 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.