



# THE WAYFAIRER



**The Wayfairers Golf Society**

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## **WARM WEATHER AT BLETCHINGLEY BUT PEER STOOD THE HEAT ALTHOUGH VAL EDGED HIM CLOSE HE COULDN'T BE BEAT!**

It was AGM Day at Bletchingley and what a day! The sky was blue, the air was still, beautiful Autumn colours prevailed in the trees and it was warm! Really warm with shirtsleeves and bare arms all over the Course. This was best start for the time of the year that our Society has ever experienced in all of its past 21 years.

An early AGM was quickly done and dusted and the 32 players including 2 guests were split into 2 groups with half going off the 1st and the other half starting on the 10th. It was just as well that that this division took place as some of the 4Balls took nearly 5 hours to complete the 18 holes. Bletchingley is a long Course and despite being in exceptionally good firm condition for the time of the year, both the distance to be covered and deceptive greens took a heavy toll on many of the members' scores

With the vast majority of players receiving shots back as part of the annual review, the average score did rise slightly from the year before when it was 24 up to 25. Some 7 shots better than this however was Peer Blakeley who did extremely well playing off a handicap of 14 to come in with a total of 32 points. This won him not only the Wayfairers Trophy but also the Society's second oldest trophy - the Ron Harris Autumn Cup. Very close behind Peer was Val who also recorded 32 but Peer just edged her out on count back. No way for a man to behave!

Being AGM Day not only were trophies and prizes for golf on the day distributed but also it was the occasion when all the other annual awards were presented. The most important one of these without doubt is The Society Champion of the Year Award and this went to Mike Colenutt whose best 3 rounds of the year totalled 95 pts. In second place was Sue McDonnell who finished with 93pts and this won her the title of Ladies Society Champion of the Year. Well done both Mike & Sue. A great pity Mike wasn't present to collect his award but he was happily engaged hitting a golf ball around Cornwall at the time!

Another special presentation was the awarding of the Pairs K.O. Competition golfing figurines to the winners. This was the new deadly combination of Kam & Peer who defeated Spencer & Peter Smith in the final. Let's have a good entry for next year's competition and see if another pair can't knock the current champions off their perch.

Following a substantial meal with an excellent choice of desserts an enormous prize table was cleared and then it was home time. A warm happy start to the Wayfairers 21st year.

### **BLETCHINGLEY RESULTS AND ANNUAL AWARDS**

**Winner - Wayfairers Trophy & Ron Harris Autumn Cup - Peer Blakeley 32pts**

**2nd Place - Val Ward 32pts c/b**

**3rd Place - Dennis Shelley 30pts**

**4th place - Richard Goman (g) 30pts**

**Team Competition - Dennis Shelley Graham Ward Malcolm Goman & Richard Goman (g) 76**

**Team Competition - 2nd Place - Annie Hitam Sue Jelley Bob Histed & Robin Jelley 75**

**Nearest the Pin - Chris Lavender**

**19 & Over LD - Sue Jelley**

**Open LD - Kam Wong**

**Hedgehog - Mick Shiel**

**Birdie Cap - Val Ward**

**Par 3 Plaque - Malcolm Goman**

**Benstead's Hedgehog of the Year Award - John Humphrey**

### **AND OUR TWO SOCIETY CHAMPIONS OF 2016**

**Society Champion 2016 - Mike Colenutt 95pts**

**Ladies Champion 2016 - Sue McDonnell 93pts**

**Plus Pairs K.O. Competition Winners 2016 - Kam Wong & Peer Blakeley**

**AND SO TO OUR NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD AT HOLTYE G.C.**  
**ON TUESDAY 13th DECEMBER 2016**

The day's programme begins with coffee & bacon rolls available from 9.10am. with the first playing group going out for a 10am. 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 now with its own trophy! Should any skilful individual manage to get an unaided birdie, then the Birdie Cap could be theirs and our Match Co-ordinator, will work out how the Hedgehog can be awarded despite the absence of an individual competition. Current holders of the Scramble Trophy are Sue Humphrey, Russell Woolley, Robert Crompton & David Smith.

Repeated as in previous years, there is one other little competition. The Christmas Tankard (current holder Russell Woolley) 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 the 2 Course Christmas Meal with crackers, mince pies, coffee etc. If space allows wives, partners & even mistresses will be most welcome. When final playing numbers are confirmed the situation will be much clearer and hopefully we will see as many meal guests and playing guests as capacity allows. There is no point in nominating anyone 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 £25** and for **non-Holtye members £35** and this covers golf, all food & drink as described above, and golf competition prizes.

**NOTE! Return slips A.S.A.P to the Treasurer no later please than by WEDS. 23rd 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.**

**THE BLETCHINGLEY RAFFLE**

Many thanks to Richard Thomson for doing such a diligent job in selling the raffle tickets and taking £175 in the process. £30 of this has already been put aside to go into our Charity Fund.

Opposite is a photo of the star prize in the raffle. Sue Jelley who was the lucky beneficiary informs us that it now has pride of place in her house - in the smallest room! However the bottle of wine somehow seems to have vanished but Robin seems very happy!

**NEXT RAFFLE AT HOLTYE WHEN GRAHAM & VAL WILL BE SELLING THE TICKETS.**  
**SSHH! THEY DON'T KNOW YET!**

**THE STAR PRIZE!**



LADIES & GENTLEMEN - ON YOUR LEFT WE HAVE THE NEW "BENSTEAD'S HEDGEHOG OF THE YEAR AWARD". THIS IS TO BE PRESENTED ANNUALLY TO THE MEMBER WHO RECORDS THE LOWEST SCORE OVER A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS. ON YOUR RIGHT THE INAUGURAL WINNER JOHN HUMPHREY APPROPRIATELY DRESSED IN FULL HALLOWEEN GEAR!



# PICTURES FROM BLETCHINGLEY

Prizes Presented by Robert Crompton - Reigate Hill Winner  
Photos by courtesy of Kam "The Cameraman!"

## *Team Winners*

*Dennis, Graham,  
Malcolm & Richard (Guest)*



## *Plus Team Runners Up*

*Annie, Bob,  
Sue & Robin*



*Winners of the Open L. D.  
Kam Wong  
Over 19 Longest Drive  
Sue Jelly  
Nearest the Pin  
Chris Lavender*



*Individual Runners Up  
Dennis Shelley, Val Ward,  
& Richard Goman (Guest)*



*Winner of the Wayfairers  
Trophy  
&  
Ron Harris Autumn Cup  
  
Peer Blakeley*



 *Winner of the  
Hedgehog* 

*Winner of the Birdie Cap  
Happy Smiling Val Ward*

*Not so Happy Mick Shiel*



*Winner of the Par 3 Plaque  
  
Malcolm Goman*



*Pairs K.O. Winners  
Kam Wong & Peer Blakeley*



*Ladies Champion  
"Victorious" Sue McDonnell*



## Programme For the Wayfairers Year 2017

**TBC - TO BE CONFIRMED**

**Tuesday 21st March Spring Cup & Mike Vardon Trophy at Hoebridge**  
**Tuesday 11th April Lady Captain's Team Day at Horne Park TBC**  
**Monday 15th May Peer's Plate & Jeff Hogg Trophy at Poulthood**  
**Wednesday 21st June 2 Ronnies Pairs at Princes Course Hever**  
**Monday 24th July Charity Day & Team Comp/Rosebowl at Reigate Hill**  
**Friday 18th August Casual Day "Mystery Pairs" at Villa TBC**  
**Monday 4th September Pink Ball/Harold's Trophy/50 Bob Set at Ifield**  
**Late September - possible Casual Day at Foxbridge TBC**

### **THE BLETCHINGLEY OVER 30'S CLUB**

Peer Blakeley & Val Ward 32 Dennis Shelley, Frank Houlihan & Richard Goman (g) 30

**A LITTLE CHRISTMAS COMPETITION** All players at Holtje will be asked for a £1 on arrival. For this £1 they will draw the name of a player in the Scramble. Should this player go on to win the Christmas Tankard they will receive a nice little prize! All money taken, minus the cost of the prize, will go to our Charity. Full information in the Holtje Final Details email.

**21 YEARS AGO** On the 17th November our Society will be 21 years old. On this day in 1995 a group of 16 golfers coming from near Farnborough in Hampshire and others from Croydon & Holtje met up and played at Chiddingfold G.C. The meeting came about through the instigation of John B. & John McD. Following the golf the decision was made to form the Wayfairers. Founder members were John Bateson, John McDonnell, Jeff Hogg, Frank Houlihan, Dennis Shelley, Peter Rushton, Ron Bailey, Stafford Smith, Mike Wilson, Chris Tomlin, Mike Morgan-Rowe and sadly all now deceased Ron Harris, Bernard McDonnell, Bill Broderick & Robert Marchbank.

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 (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 Marchbank's wife donated the "50 Bob Set" to commemorate Robert's 50th birthday. Initially there were no lady members but with such a strong nucleus of good looking guys the ladies soon joined!

**STAFF GRATUITIES** For years the custom has been "£1 in the pot" following the meal. After discussion your Committee would ask members to consider whether or not this should be increased, particularly if the meal & service has been good. We are aware that some members already contribute more than £1 and we would suggest to others that perhaps they might like to do the same with £2 as the general new norm?



**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**  
**LYNNE McDONALD & DAVID SMITH**  
**FOLLOWING THE DREADED**  
**INITIATION CEREMONY THEY BOTH**  
**SAID**  
**"WE THINK IT'S**  
**A LOAD OF BALLS!"**

If you are unable to make the Scramble Day at Holtje 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 black numbers. Justification for handicap changes can thus clearly be seen

based on the average score of **25**

#### **H/caps for Holtje**

ALLEN		<b>21</b>
ATWELL		<b>19</b>
BATESON	26	<b>31</b>
BENSTEAD		<b>26</b>
BLAKELEY	32	<b>12</b>
COLENUT L		<b>29</b>
COLENUT M		<b>23</b>
COOPER		<b>20</b>
CROMPTON	26	<b>16</b>
DAVISON		<b>34</b>
ESLOR	27	<b>18</b>
GIRLING		<b>32</b>
GOMAN	27	<b>19</b>
HISTED	29	<b>21</b>
HITAM	28	<b>21</b>
HOGG	28	<b>14</b>
HOULIHAN	30	<b>28</b>
HUMPHREY J	22	<b>23</b>
HUMPHREY S	23	<b>33</b>
JELLEY R	28	<b>16</b>
JELLEY S	28	<b>25</b>
KNIGHT		<b>11</b>
LAVENDER C	23	<b>14</b>
LOVELOCK N	26	<b>21</b>
McDONALD L	18	<b>29</b>
McDONNELL, S	26	<b>12</b>
MORRIS	26	<b>16</b>
PRITCHARD		<b>16</b>
REEVES		<b>36</b>
ROSNER, C	27	<b>22</b>
RUSHTON	25	<b>19</b>
SANDS		<b>36</b>
SHELLEY	30	<b>19</b>
SHIEL	14	<b>23</b>
SMITH D	21	<b>22</b>
SMITH	29	<b>16</b>
STACEY	21	<b>23</b>
STANLEY		<b>29</b>
STONE	15	<b>36</b>
THOMSON	24	<b>24</b>
VARDON		<b>30</b>
WARD V	32	<b>16</b>
WARD G	27	<b>15</b>
WILKES		<b>11</b>
WONG	25	<b>9</b>
WOOLLEY R		<b>21</b>

## NOTES FOLLOWING THE WAYFAIRERS AGM HELD AT BLETCHINGLEY GC ON THE 31st OCTOBER 2016

### Chairman for the meeting was Peter Rushton

Apologies for absence received from John Benstead & Eddie Stanley.

**Secretary's Report** The Secretary reported that despite the previous year's membership being the highest ever, average attendance at meetings had dropped from 31 per gathering to 28. Guests had averaged 2 per meeting in comparison to 4 the year before. However members attending casual days rose from an average of 20 up to 26. It was suggested that these statistics might well be taken into account when membership was later discussed. A highlight of the year was the day at Surrey Downs when members were heavily subsidised from both the Main & Raffle Funds. 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 & Malcolm Goman

**Treasurer's Report** The Treasurer reported a healthy balance in the funds and expressed his thanks to Auditor Peter Rushton for his invaluable help in the presentation of the accounts to the AGM. The Treasurer re-iterated the importance of members informing him when bank transfers were made.

**Match Co-ordinator's Report** It was reported that competition winners were widely spread with only 6 members having failed to win anything. A suggestion had been made that points scored with the pink ball should be doubled but as this would affect the reckoning in regard to handicaps the proposal was not implemented. The meeting expressed satisfaction with the current varied format of all the competitions and it was agreed that they should all continue as previously.

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

**The Raffle** A healthy balance remained at the end of the financial year with several prizes in stock to be carried over into the new year for distribution. Members were asked to make suggestions for suitable prizes for meetings and thanked for their support in both buying and selling tickets.

**Membership** In the light of falling attendance at meetings and with both Peter Storey & Russell Woolley resigning membership, both Lynne McDonald & David Smith were welcomed as new members. They were thanked for their support as regular guests throughout the previous year.

**Future Programme** This had been outlined with the AGM agenda and a brief resume was given of reasons for the Committee's choice of venues with one new one included on the list - Hever Princes 9 Hole Course. The programme received the full approval of the meeting.

**Charity** The Secretary announced that a year ago at Bletchingley a cheque for £1100 had been presented to a representative of Prostate Cancer UK and warm thanks received. Following various proposals from members our new charity had been agreed by a majority vote to be Parkinsons UK and currently a sum of £308.50p was in the fund. This would be added to by means of a variety of fun and golf related activities right up until our Charity Finale day to be held at Reigate Hill G. C. in July

**Handicaps** Following the annual review it was announced that all players, with the exception of those on 36, had been given 1, 2 or 3 shots back. A formal proposal from John Bateson & seconded by Sue McDonnell had been distributed to all members prior to the meeting. The proposal was that "The h/cap adjustment for loss of shots should revert from more than 3 to more than 5 above the average score but to receive shots the current system of more than 3 below the average should be retained". Before this could be voted upon Graham Ward put up the counter proposal that "Point one of a shot should be added or subtracted from every player's h/cap for every point that they were either above or below the average score". Following discussion the original proposal was agreed by a large majority with the new system coming into operation immediately.

**Pairs K.O. Competition** In his absence Spencer was thanked for organising this event. He had reported it would continue but only if the competition attracted at least 8 pairs.

**Wayfairers Web Site.** Derek requested any comments or questions regarding the website but as there were none, the assumption was that everyone was happy and Derek was thanked for all he did.

**A.O.B.** Jeff Hogg proposed that as current non-playing members of the Society's Committee both Tony Warrilow & John McDonnell should be granted honorary membership. This proposal was agreed by a majority vote. A new annual award trophy presented by John Benstead was shown to the meeting and later it was announced that it would go to the player who recorded the lowest score of the year. It was to be called The Hedgehog of the Year Award. Peter Rushton was thanked warmly for taking on the role of Chairman. This ended the meeting and the golf began.

## **WAYFAIRERS GOLFING SOCIETY**

**DAY AT HOLTYE - Tuesday 13th December 2016**

NAME.....

*Please tick below as appropriate*

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I am available for the above - **Holtie Members Fee £25 Non Holtie Members £35**

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Sorry but I am unavailable to play at Holtie

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

**GUESTS** When our playing numbers have been established -which should be by 23rd 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 Wednesday November 23rd 2016**  
**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**

**WEDNESDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2016 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 or meal guests will be advised if a vacancy exists after the deadline date. Payment must be received at least 7 days before the meeting.