



THE WAYFAIRER



The Wayfairers Golf Society

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**CONGRATS TO RUBY, PETER, JOHN & BILL
THE FIRST TO SCRAMBLE THEIR WAY TO THE TOP OF THE HILL!**

It's the annual Wayfairers Holtye Christmas Scramble and on the day previous many of the anxious contestants have been busy practising. Some putted on the carpet, while others were seen chipping baubles into the Christmas tree but the vast majority spent their time gargling and flexing their vocal chords in preparation for the dreaded song contest!

Typically the next day dawned in a dark damp drizzle and although this continued for several hours it was not cold and for all 28 players the spirits were high - especially those of Norman's in his hip flask! Four lovely ladies set the Scramble going and for some time were favourites to win but slowly they were overtaken. So just who were the winners? Well the jury is still out on this one. The team of Ruby, Peter Rushton, Bill & John B. were not doing too bad after 9 - just 2 over. However due to back & hip problems John had to withdraw leaving just 3 team mates to complete the Course. So how is the Team Score reckoned after losing a player? Well the only one who could work this out was our injured M.C. John B. and by some mathematical calculations, the secrets of which are known only to him, he declared his team the winners! Cries of "Boo" and "Resign" fell on deaf ears!

With no individual competition the Wayfairers Trophy cannot be awarded but following an ancient custom the Wayfairers oldest trophy, the Christmas Tankard, was presented to Ruby for sinking the final putt on the 18th green for the winning team. Talk about keeping the Tankard in the family! - husband Russell performed exactly the same feat the year previous.

Another unusual but traditional competition was for the Shortest Drive. In the first group out Sue Humphrey took the honour and as all the other groups passed through it looked as though she would never be beaten. However in the last quartet Alan Stone just managed to achieve this by inches following a real "Stone Age Superman" shot. We now have a magnificent trophy for this special competition (photo page 2) and Alan currently is the very proud owner (page 3).

Following the golf the players were joined by 15 very welcome meal guests, with most being the better halves of many members. An excellent Christmas meal was served and the Treasurer with a heavy frown even dug into the funds to provide wine.

Then followed the raffle and golf prize giving ceremony and the evening ended with the now traditional Inter-Table Annual Brains & Song Contest, won triumphantly and resoundingly this year by the Morris Men (plus ladies). And so yet another excellent Christmas gathering concluded the Wayfairers 21st year.

HOLTYE CHRISTMAS MEETING RESULTS

Texas Scramble Trophy Winners - **Ruby Woolley, Peter Rushton, Bill Eslor & John Bateson**

Runners Up - **Derek Allen, Carl Rosner, Malcolm Goman & Mike Vardon**

3rd Place - **Robert Crompton, John Benstead, Roger Sands & Peter Smith**

Last Place - **Norman Lovelock, Robin Jelley, Mick Shiel & Alan Stone**

Open Longest Drive - **John Benstead**

19 & Over Longest Drive - **Malcolm Goman**

Nearest The Pin - **Sue McDonnell**

Hedgehog - **Disputed winner "non-playing" John McDonnell**

Shortest Drive Trophy - **Alan Stone**

Birdie Cap - **John Humphrey**

Christmas Tankard plus a bottle of Christmas Ale - **Ruby Woolley**

Draw the Winner of the Christmas Tankard - **Sue McDonnell**

The Inter-Table Christmas Contest - The Clear Winners! - **The Morris Men (+ Ladies)**

AND SO TO OUR NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD AT HOEBRIDGE G.C.
ON TUESDAY 21st MARCH 2017

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 Peer Blakeley) and also this is the day the winner takes home the John Peake Spring Cup (at the moment the property of Dennis Shelley) plus the prestigious and much sort after Vardon Trophy (held by Peter Rushton). There will be the usual Playing Groups Team Competition, the Par 3 Challenge Contest and also all the other regular minor tests of golfing skill or incredible luck!

THE HOEBRIDGE PERSONAL CHALLENGE! Hoebridge wouldn't be Hoebridge without including this regular challenge which should raise a £1 or two for 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 17 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! 3 of our players managed this last year. Can you do it this year?!

COST - NOTE! THIS IS NOT AS YET REVEALED The return slip with this edition is BLANK regarding cost. Tony does not want payment to be coming in in continuous dribs and drabs for the next 2 months. On Friday 17th February an email will go out to all members with the price details requesting payment in the space of the following 7 days together with the necessary fully detailed return slip for those paying by cheque, needing buggies and requesting to bring guests.

The Holtze Raffle Many thanks to ticket sales lady Val and her team of 2 Sues and Liz. You did a fantastic job and raised a sum of £225. Research shows that this total exactly equalled the same amount raised by Sue & John Humphrey at this time last year to share the all time record. Well done and thanks. Appropriately enough the total cost of the 12 prizes on offer exceeded all past prize expenditure and all the lucky winners went home happy. And whose turn to be our salesman at Hoebridge? It's none other than new member David Smith. Big brother will be watching you David!



Wallop! Goes the club across his knee! Our new Shortest Drive Trophy



The long legged Snowman - Star Prize in the Raffle.



And the Star Prize Winner?
Happy Derek Allen

PICTURES FROM HOLTYE

PRESENTED BY Robert Crompton
PHOTOS courtesy of Malcolm Goman



*Scramble Team Competition
Runners Up*

Malcolm, Mike, Derek & Carl



*In 3rd Place
Robert, John
& Roger
(also nearest the pin in 3 on the 18th)
Missing Peter Smith*



Last but not least

Alan, Mick, Norman, & Robin



*Winner of the
Birdie Cap*

John Humphrey



Scramble Team Competition Winners

Bill, Ruby, Peter & John



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



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

Malcolm, Sue & John



*Winner of the
Shortest Drive*

Alan Stone



*Winner of the
Hedgehog*

John McD



*Winner of the
Last Putt Draw
Competition*

Sue McD



Society Champion

Mike Colenutt

WAYFAIRERS PROGRAMME FOR 2017

Tuesday 21st March Spring Cup & Mike Vardon Trophy at Hoebridge
 Friday 21st April Lady Captains' Team Day at Horne Park TBC
 Monday 15th May Peer's Plate & Jeff Hogg Trophy at Poulthwood
 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
 Possible late Sept Foxbridge Casual Day TBC
 Monday 23rd October AGM Day & Ron Harris Autumn Cup Bletchingley
 NOTE THE HORNE PARK CASUAL DAY IN APRIL WAS ORIGINALLY
 LISTED AS POSSIBLY BEING TUESDAY 11TH APRIL BUT NOW IS
 AS ABOVE. BLETCHINGLEY AGM DATE IS ALSO LISTED.

HAROLD PESKETT Sadly we have to report the death of Harold Peskett. Harold was an enthusiastic member for many years in our early days until ill health prevented him from playing. His memory will always be honoured through his donation of Harold's 18th Hole Trophy. Way back in the late 90's, while playing in our Christmas meeting at Slinfold, Harold prepared for his 3rd and hopefully last shot into the 18th green. Upon making contact with the ball unfortunately his club head went further than the ball much to his dismay and to the amusement and cheers of his fellow players.

The club head was retrieved and duly mounted on a wooden base and is played for every year. The current holder is Graham Ward and we will be competing for it again at Ifield in September.

Harold was a popular and much respected Lingfield resident and was well known throughout the village for his Community Service. R.I.P. Harold

BOB HISTED In our traditional Christmas toast to "Absent Friends" Bob was given a special mention. Recently he had to go into hospital for a triple bypass operation. Although he came home and all seemed well some complications occurred and he had to return. We understand that he is now home again and progressing well. So "Best Wishes" to you Bob and to Annie and see you both at Hoebridge!

BRIAN GIRLING Congratulations to Brian on achieving a "Hole in One" in a recent Probus outing at Chartham Park. Obviously in the light of this feat his handicap is being very seriously reviewed! Well done Brian.

For the record in all the 21 years history of the Wayfairers only one member has ever achieved a "Hole in One" on one of our Society Days. This was accomplished in October 1999 at Chiddingfold by our President Barry Richards.

On one of our many trips away to France which were organised as from the late 1900's, Mike Wilson also recorded a "Hole in One" while playing at the famous Le Touquet Course. A lot of wine flowed that day but as it wasn't an official Wayfairers meeting, being just a forerunner of our present "Casual" days, Mike can't lay claim to any records. This is not the only "hole in one" story concerning Mike. While playing on a Wayfairers day at Alton G.C. in October 1998 Mike stood on the Par 3 12th and put his tee shot way out of bounds. Muttering as only Mike could, he cursed, put another ball down and promptly holed out with his 2nd tee shot! With his handicap this gained him 4pts but to his dismay the "hole in one" never counted. However he was very pleased he didn't have to buy a round of drinks! Sadly Mike & Barry are now in Residential Care Homes - Mike with Parkinson's and Barry with dementia. We wish them all the very best in the year ahead.

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!

HANDICAP INFORMATION PLEASE NOTE

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

H/caps for Hoebridge

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

WAYFAIRERS GOLFING SOCIETY

DAY AT HOEBRIDGE - TUESDAY MARCH 21st 2017

**IGNORE THIS DRAFT FORM - DO NOT RETURN - AWAIT DETAILS
OF REQUIRED PAYMENT TO FOLLOW IN FEBRUARY**

NAME.....

Please tick below as appropriate

I am available for the above - FEE TO BE ANNOUNCED IN FEBRUARY

Sorry but I am unavailable to play at Hoebridge

Players have the option of playing just 9 holes behind the field. If interested please advise 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 T.B.A.

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 T.B.A. 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 T.B.A
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

TO BE ANNOUNCED

- 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.