



THE WAYFAIRER



The Wayfairers Golf Society

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BLETCHINGLEY HONOURS WERE EDDIE'S AS WE START OUR NEW YEAR
WHILE SOCIETY CHAMPIONS' AWARDS WENT TO SUE MAC AND PEER

Our AGM morning at Bletchingley dawned really dull and dreary but this did nothing to dampen the spirits of all those who turned up for the first golfing contest of the Wayfairers' New Year. The meeting proceeded in record time (notes of this appear on page 5) and then attention turned to the great outdoor challenge ahead.

With a field of 30 members, including one very new one, the players split up into 2 sections with some starting on the 1st and the others on the 10th. This division proved extremely useful as on a long Course in damp conditions there was no run on the ball, with some groups taking a full 5 hours for the 18 holes. Despite all players, except those off 36, having received one shot back at the AGM the average score was only 24, in comparison with 26 the previous year. Some 8 shots higher than this however was Eddie Stanley who came in with the very creditable score of 32, matching last year's winning total. This won Eddie not only the Wayfairers Trophy but also the Society's second oldest award - the Ron Harris Autumn Cup. Very close behind Eddie was Sue Jelley who also recorded 32 but lost marginally to Eddie on count back. (Eddie - no way for a gentleman to behave! Ladies first please!) Peer & Mike Colenutt both with 30 finished 3rd & 4th (count back again) and this just edged out Kam from the prizes as he also finished on 30. Poor Kam! If there had been prizes for the best start of the day he would have won hands down. He started off with birdie, par, birdie!

Following the golf an extremely substantial meal was served as the Wayfairers toasted their 22nd Birthday. Then came the raffle and prize giving for both the day's golf and the past year's successes. Being AGM Day trophies and prizes were presented to the Year's Society Champion and the Ladies Champion, the successful recipients being Peer and Sue McD. Following this the Pairs KO Trophy winners were announced as Kam & Peer - for the second year running! Come on! - what duo can knock them off their perch next time?!

A great start to our new year. And we now look forward to Christmas at Holtye.

BLETCHINGLEY RESULTS AND ANNUAL AWARDS

Winner - Wayfairers Trophy & Ron Harris Autumn Cup - Eddie Stanley 32

2nd Place - Sue Jelley 32c/b 3rd Place - Peer Blakeley 30 4th place - Mike Colenutt 30 c/b

Team Competition Winners - Kam Wong, Robert Crompton, Bill Eslor & John Benstead 76

Team Competition 2nd - Kevin Stacey, David Smith, Sue & Robin Jelley 68

Nearest the Pin - Spencer Atwell

19 & Over LD - Sue Jelley

Open LD - Kam Wong

Par 3 Plaque - Spencer Atwell

Hedgehog - Peter Rushton

Birdie Cap - Kam Wong (Birdies on 1st & 3rd)

Benstead's Hedgehog of the Year Award - Spencer Atwell

AND OUR TWO SOCIETY CHAMPIONS OF 2017

Society Champion 2017 - Peer Blakeley

Ladies Champion 2017 - Sue McDonnell

Plus Pairs K.O. Competition Winners 2017 - Peer Blakeley & Kam Wong

AND SO TO OUR NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD AT HOLTYE G.C.
ON TUESDAY 12th DECEMBER

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 Ruby Woolley, Peter Rushton, John Bateson & Bill Eslor.

Repeated as in previous years, there is one other little competition. The Christmas Tankard (current holder Ruby 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 and partners 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. Please note meal guests will have priority for space over playing guests. There is no point in nominating anyone at this stage as this will not gain any advantage 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** to cover golf, all food & drink as described above, and golf competition prizes. NB. No price increase on last year.

NOTE! Return slips A.S.A.P to the Treasurer no later please than by MON. 20th 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 Derek Allen for doing such a diligent job in selling the raffle tickets and taking £165 in the process.

Opposite is a photo of the star prize in the raffle being worn by the very lucky recipient Peter Rushton. No need to buy a turkey now for Christmas Peter!



NEXT RAFFLE AT HOLTYE WHEN THE DEADLY FINANCIAL COMBINATION OF BILL ESLOR & ROBERT CROMPTON WILL BE SELLING ALL THE TICKETS. SSHH! THEY DON'T KNOW YET!

A LITTLE CHRISTMAS COMPETITION All the players at Holtye will be asked for £1 on arrival.. For this they will draw the name of a player taking part in the Texas Scramble. Should the player they have drawn go on to win the Christmas Tankard they will receive a nice little prize. All money taken, minus the cost of the prize, will be put aside to go towards our next Charity which will be established, set up and running in late Spring.



A big welcome to new member John Frost as Sue Jelley carries out the dreaded inauguration ceremony. Not 50 shades of grey but more like 60 shades of pink!

Your AGM Committee ponder and ask themselves "Just how do we get away with this one?"



PICTURES FROM BLETCHINGLEY

Prizes Presented Mainly by Spencer our Winner at Ifield
Photos by courtesy of Kam "The Cameraman!"



Team Winners
John B2, Bill, Kam & Robert



Team Runners Up
Robin, Sue, Kevin & David



Winners of the
Over 19 Longest Drive
Sue Jelley
Nearest the Pin
Spencer Atwell
& Open Longest Drive
Kam Wong



Winner of the Wayfairers
Trophy
&
Ron Harris Autumn Cup

Eddie Stanley



Individual Runners Up
Sue, Mike & Peer



Winner of the Birdie Cap
"Two Birdies" Kam



Hedgehog of the Year
Spencer Atwell who rec-
orded the lowest score
and won it twice!



Hedgehog Winner
Peter Rushton with the
Turkey Hat but not a
hedgehog in sight!



Winner of the Par 3 Plaque
Spencer Atwell



Pairs K.O. Winners
Kam Wong & Peer Blakeley
Again!



Society Champion
Peer Blakeley
Well done Peer!

Programme For the Wayfairers Year 2017

TBC - TO BE CONFIRMED

Tuesday 20th March Spring Cup & Mike Vardon Trophy at Chartham
 Mid-April Lady Captain's Team Day & Spring Trophy at Horne Park TBC
 Monday 14th May Peer's Plate & Jeff Hogg Trophy at Poulthwood
 Wednesday 20th June 2 Ronnies Pairs & Open Draw at Reigate Hill
 Monday 23rd July Charity Day & Team Comp/Rosebowl at Cottessmore
 Mid-August Casual Day "Mystery Pairs" at Villa TBC
 Monday 3rd September Pink Ball/Harold's Trophy/50 Bob Set at Ifield
 Late September - possible Casual Day at Dewlands Manor TBC
 Our October AGM date has yet to be arranged

THE BLETCHINGLEY OVER 30'S CLUB

Eddie Stanley & Sue Jelley 32 Peer Blakeley, Mike Colenutt & Kam Wong 30

ABSENT FRIENDS As well as the toast made to the Wayfairers 22nd Birthday at Bletchingley there was also one made to "Absent Friends" by John Bateson. In doing this he involved all those members who could not be present on this particular occasion but he also spoke in memory of Peter Storey who recently died so unexpectedly. He reminded us that Peter on that day had been with Golf Society friends in Norfolk and had completed an excellent winning round recording 40pts. Later he had enjoyed a convivial dinner with all his fellow golfers and then tragically died peacefully in his sleep having contracted deep vein thrombosis. R.I.P. Peter

CHEQUE PRESENTATION TO PARKINSON'S UK Following the golf we were delighted to welcome to Bletchingley Sue Smith the ChairLady of the Crawley & East Grinstead Branch of Parkinson's UK. Everyone gathered in the dining room prior to the meal and after welcoming our guest, the Secretary gave a reminder of why this particular Charity had been our chosen one for the past 18 months. In doing so he made mention of Mike Wilson, Alan Stone and Alan Rose - all of whom were either past or present members of the Wayfairers - and he recalled how sadly they had all been diagnosed with Parkinson's. Sue, who lost her father to the disease, gave details of the many activities that her Branch organise, with this including exercise and therapy sessions, free care in one's home in time of need, subsidised outings and lunches and very much more. The Branch and all its activities are completely self funded.

In later conversation it transpired that both Alan Stone and Alan Rose had been members at the Branch's exercise/therapy sessions. Just prior to Sue leaving Alan Rose presented her with a cheque for £1000 on behalf of the Society. (Photo opposite) Sue expressed her most grateful thanks and promised that an acknowledgement letter would be on its way and this later will be circulated to all members. With this £1000 added to past charity donations made, we have now since 2007 raised a total of **£5853** with this money split between the 6 following Charities all of which were chosen as they were "very close to home."



ST CATHERINES HOSPICE M ACMILLAN CANCER PROSTATE CANCER UK
 THE ALZHEIMERS SOCIETY LEUKAEMIA AND LYMPHOMA RESEARCH
 and now PARKINSON'S UK. Thank you all for your continued unstinted support.



HANDICAP INFORMATION PLEASE NOTE

On the review handicap list featured opposite, we now show all players' scores at our last meeting in **red** numbers. Handicap changes are highlighted & shown in **blue numbers**.

Justification for handicap changes can clearly be seen based on an average score of **24**

H/caps for Holtie		
ALLEN	29	25
ATWELL	22	23
BATESON	17	35
BENSTEAD	23	26
BLAKELEY	30	9
COLENUT L	28	31
COLENUT M	30	23
CROMPTON	27	17
DAVISON		35
ESLOR	20	20
FROST	23	23
GIRLING		35
GOMAN	23	19
HISTED	23	23
HITAM	24	27
HOGG		16
HOULIHAN		30
HUMPHREY J	18	31
HUMPHREY S	26	35
JELLEY R	24	15
JELLEY S	32	29
KNIGHT		12
LAVENDER C		17
LOVELOCK N	23	25
MCDONALD L		30
MCDONNELL, S		11
MORRIS		17
REEVES	18	36
ROSNER	22	25
RUSHTON	13	22
SHELLEY		16
SHEIL		27
SMITH D	20	25
SMITH P	26	14
STACEY	28	25
STANLEY	32	27
STONE		36
THOMSON	22	22
VARDON		33
WARD V	27	17
WARD G	23	16
WILKES	24	12
WONG	30	8



.NOTES FOLLOWING THE WAYFAIRERS AGM HELD AT BLETCHINGLEY GC ON THE 23rd OCTOBER 2017

Chairman for the meeting was Peter Rushton

Apologies for absence received from Jeff Hogg, Sue McDonnell & Chris Wilkes

Secretary's Report The Secretary reported that despite membership numbers increasing last year, the average attendance at meetings was slightly lower (27) with an average of just one guest per meeting. Casual day attendance remained as last year at 26. Members were thanked in particular for their support of the Charity Day at Reigate Hill and it was announced that later in the day a cheque for £1000 would be presented to a local Parkinson's UK representative. 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, Sue Jelley & 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

He apologised for the late publication of the year's accounts which had been due to a computer crash.

Match Co-ordinator's Report The M.C. reported that for some considerable time no changes had been made to the various formats for Society match days and he was open to new ideas from members.. Following discussion regarding how scores should be recorded on Pink Ball day it was agreed that possible changes to the current system should be reviewed at sometime in the future.

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

The Raffle A healthy balance remained at the end of the financial year with a few 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 3 members had resigned for various reasons these being Ruby Woolley, Ken Cooper & Roger Sands. John Frost was welcomed as a new member. A suggestion that non playing members who wished to go round as spectators should have buggies paid for them by members was discussed but not agreed.

Future Programme This had been outlined with the AGM agenda. Two of the meetings - Chartham & Cottesmore - were to be subsidised, one from the Main Fund and the other from the Raffle Fund. By having 2 such days, as compared with just 1 in the past, it insured that members had greater opportunity to benefit from these special occasions. Chartham had been chosen in March because of its all year round buggy track. Discussion regarding having a set day of the week for the meetings concluded that as different venues offered different days for Societies this would limit our choices and so was not practical. John Bateson gave some details regarding Dewlands Manor Golf Course and it was agreed it would make a suitable venue for a possible September Casual Day so should be followed up.

Charity Members were advised that later in the day they would be requested to go in early for the meal as before eating a welcome would be given to Sue Smith, a local Parkinson's UK representative and the £1000 cheque presentation would take place.

Handicaps Following the annual review it was announced that all players, except those off 36, had been given one shot back. Comments received that low handicap players were disadvantaged was proved to be inaccurate as it was reported that in the last year 3 low figure handicap players had been winners, and that no one above 24 handicap had claimed the Wayfairers Trophy. It was agreed that the current handicap system based on performance figures worked well and was fair.

Pairs K.O. Competition Spencer reported the Competition had gone well despite the same winners as last year emerging triumphant again. A suggestion that there should be an entry fee was not agreed. Spencer was thanked for his generosity in supplying trophy prizes for this event at his own expense and he was urged in future to charge these purchases to the Societies own funds. He reported he would continue organising the contest but only if the competition attracted at least 8 pairs.

Wayfairers Web Site. Derek reported that the cost ensued of running the website would increase slightly in the near future. Members experiencing any problems in use of the site should contact him directly. He was warmly thanked for organising such an excellent & informative service.

A.O.B. Agreed unanimously that the granting of "gimmes" was not to be permitted except in match play. Peter Rushton was thanked warmly for taking the chair and a thank you from him to all the Committee for their work was endorsed by the meeting. And so the AGM ended and the golf began.

WAYFAIRERS GOLFING SOCIETY

DAY AT HOLTYE - Tuesday 12th December 2017

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 20th November - members will be contacted regarding possible vacancies first for meal guests and then 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 Monday November 20th 2017
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

MONDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2017 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 meal guests or playing guests will be advised if a vacancy exists after the deadline date. Payment must be received at least 7 days before the meeting.