

THE WAYFAIRER



The Wayfairers Golf Society

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CONGRATS TO NORMAN, PETER, MIKE & SUE IN THE SCRAMBLE THEY SHOWED ALL THE REST WHAT TO DO!

The day prior to the Annual Holtye Christmas Scramble proved to be a most anxious one for the organisers. Snow was falling and settling in most of our catchment areas. Phones were busy with would be participants ringing in to enquire whether the planned proceedings were likely to go ahead. Much to many members almost disbelief Holtye when contacted reported that despite snow falling there it wasn't settling and the Course was open. However threats of severely icy roads and plummeting temperatures caused further anxieties but when the day came the organisers had done it yet again! It was very cold but with wall to wall sunshine and as planned everyone turned up, played and enjoyed a very happy festive gathering.

37 sat down for the traditional dinner with many of these being very welcome "better halves" of our members, while 25 had earlier braved it out on the Course. As John B. and Peter Morris shared 9 holes each to make up one player, this gave the necessary 6 teams of 4 players for the Scramble. Two of these were guests who helped us greatly to achieve the required numbers but unfortunately neither of them could stay for the apres-golf celebrations.

The competition proved to be extremely close. Teams were chosen by our Match Co-ordinator so that the combined handicaps of the 4 players in every group totally very similarly and this resulted in all competing off scratch. When the results came in only 4pts separated the 6 teams with scores ranging from 71 to 75. Two teams scored 71 but it was the deadly combination of Sue Jelley, Peter Smith, Norman & Mike who just edged out Liz, Bill, Robert & David on count back to claim the trophy and accompanying prizes.

Following a long standing tradition, the oldest trophy in the Society's collection goes to the player in the winning team who sinks the final putt - and this was Norman! Well done Norman, enjoy your Christmas ale! Another unusual but also traditional contest was for the Shortest Drive. This exciting battle was won by Brian and this feat earned him the Hedgehog as well! Following the golf an excellent Christmas meal was served - sadly for the last time by La Farola. The meal commenced noisily with "Happy Birthday" being sung to Val & Tony both of whom were celebrating on that very day and gifts were presented. Val also received a giant card as this was her 65th and kindly she put wine on the tables for all to share her special occasion. With the meal over and the last mince pie consumed it was time for the raffle and prize giving. In the raffle "Birthday Boy Tony" won the star prize and can be seen cuddling this on page 3. The evening ended with the Annual Inter Table Song Contest where the clear winners with their tuneless melodic voices were Tony's Tenners (Tenors).

And so yet another excellent Christmas gathering concluded the Wayfairers 22nd year - and next day it poured with rain!

HOLTYE CHRISTMAS MEETING RESULTS

Texas Scramble Trophy Winners - Sue Jelley, Mike Colenutt, Peter Smith & Norman Lovelock 71pts
Runners Up - Liz Colenutt, Robert Crompton, Bill Eslor & David Smith 71pts C/B
3rd Place - Lynne McDonald, Robin Jelley, John Frost, John Bateson & Peter Morris 72pts
Nearest/Pin - Kam Wong Open L. Drive - Robert Crompton Birdie Cap - Mike Colenutt
19 & Over Longest Drive - David Smith Shortest Drive Trophy & Hedgehog - Brian Girling
Christmas Tankard plus a bottle of Christmas Ale - Norman Lovelock

Draw the Winner of the Christmas Tankard - Mike Colenutt

The Inter-Table Christmas Song Contest - The Clear Winners! - Tony's Tenners (Tenors)

AND SO TO OUR NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD AT CHARTHAM PARK G. C. ON TUESDAY 20th MARCH 2018

Club No. 01342 870340

Post Code for Sat. Nav. RH19 2JT

PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY Coffee & Bacon Rolls from 9.15. First group out at 10.00. There will be a Two Course meal served at approx. 4.30pm followed by the raffle and prize giving. GOLF COMPETITIONS Individually we will be doing battle for the Wayfairers Trophy (current holder Eddie Stanley) and also this is the day the winner takes home the prestigious Vardon Trophy (at the moment the property of Kam Wong). 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 CHARTHAM CHARITY CHALLENGE! On arrival all players will be requested for £1 which will give entry to "Guess The Total Number of Blobs Recorded". Every player's blobs over the 18 holes will be totalled and a winner declared and duly rewarded. Might even be a token prize for the player who gets the most!

<u>COST - NOTE!</u> THIS IS NOT AS YET REVEALED BUT THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT THE DAY WILL BE SUBSIDISED FOR MEMBERS FROM THE MAIN FUND.

There is no return slip for availability or payment with this edition. Tony does not want payment to be coming in in continuous dribs and drabs for the next 6 weeks. In mid-February an email will go out to all members giving the subsidised price details and requesting payment in the space of the following 7 days. Together with this will be a fully detailed return slip for those paying by cheque, needing buggies and requesting to bring playing guests who as non-members will have to pay the full amount.

NOTE FOR ALL BUGGY USERS One of the main reasons for booking at Chartham at this time of year is that with a laid out buggy route there is no danger of "no buggies". It is hoped that all regular buggy users will take advantage of this opportunity and be available to play.

<u>The Holtye Raffle</u> Many thanks to our two ticket salespersons Robert & Bill. They did a superb job in taking £185. Despite quite a large amount of this going towards the cost of prizes it still leaves a nice healthy amount to put in our Raffle Fund. Remember this Fund will be subsidising our July gathering at Cottesmore so members will again be getting something back in due course.

There will be a raffle at Chartham Park where your cheery smiling salesman will be new member John Frost. Many thanks John - it only comes round every 5 years or so!



< THE BIRTHDAY COUPLE WHO EVERY YEAR SHARE A BIRTHDAY ON THE SAME DAY! CONGRATS!

COME ON TONY YOU CAN HAVE > TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING! (LADIES THINKING - OUCH! PITY THAT HE HASN'T HAD A SHAVE!)





< TONY AS EVER WITH ALL HIS HAREM! HOW DOES HE DO IT? GLAD MY WIFE IS THE FURTHEREST AWAY!

AS KAM TAKES A SELFIE > MIKE SNEAKS A SLY SLURP AND JOHN B. IS FIRST TO BURST INTO SONG!



PICTURES FROM HOLTYE

PRIZES PRESENTED BY Birthday Girl Val PHOTOS courtesy of Kam



Scramble Team Competition Runners Up

Robert, David, Liz & Bill



In 3rd Place

John Frost, Robin, Lynne, & the player of two halves -Peter Morris & John Bateson



Tony is delighted to win the star prize but we're not so sure the star prize is quite so happy!



Winner of the Birdie Cap

Mike Colenutt



Scramble Team Competition Winners

Mike, Norman, Sue & Peter



Winner of Open L.D., 19 & Over LD & Nearest the Pin Robert, David & Kam



Norman sank the Winning
Putt to claim the Christmas
Tankard
&
Winner of the Last Putt
Draw Competition
Mike Colenutt



So this is what it was all about!



Brian

Winner of the Shortest Drive & Hedgehog



Bon Appetit to 4 Lovely Ladies

Programme For the Wayfairers Year 2018

TBC - TO BE CONFIRMED

Tuesday 20th March Mike Vardon Trophy at Chartham Park
Friday 20th April Lady Captain's Team Day & Spring Trophy at Horne Park
Monday 14th May Peer's Plate & Jeff Hogg Trophy at Poultwood
Wednesday 20th June 2 Ronnies Pairs & Open Draw at Reigate Hill
Monday 23rd July President's Trophy Team Comp/Rosebowl at Cottesmore
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
Monday 22nd October AGM Day & Autumn Cup at Bletchingley

NOTE For the Calendar dates above we have now confirmed Horne Park as Friday 20th April and our Bletchingley AGM day as Monday 22nd October . Villa in August still to be confirmed.

LETTER OF THANKS SENT TO JOHN McDONNELL

On behalf of my Committee and the members of our Branch, I would like to thank you and the Wayfairers Golf Society for your most generous donation to the Branch.

As I said at the presentation the Branch is run entirely by volunteers and we do not receive any funding from Parkinson's UK Head Office. Consequently your donation of £1,000 is a wonderful opportunity for the Branch to enhance the lives of local people living with this devastating disease.

For 2018 we are considering offering an additional therapeutic session for our members and you donation will make a significant difference to the number of sessions we will be able to offer..

Again my thanks to you and the members of your Society. With kindest regards - Sue Smith

(Chairman - Crawley & East Grinstead Branch of Parkinson's UK)

Since handing over the cheque we have continued to raise small amounts of money such as in the recent contest to draw the "Winner of the Christmas Tankard" competition. In the Spring members will have an opportunity to vote for our next chosen Charity beneficiary.



< HOW COME
NORMAN & PETER
ALWAYS GET
CENTRE STAGE! >





" I will meet the required deadline for payment on every occasion in the New Year - and if I don't I will without hesitation add £2 to the Charity Fund!



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

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

WONG

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.
is space that we have to string a greet (indicate the property) is to it.
Name
Name

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

- Unless advised previously, it is expected that members and their guests remain until after the competition prizes have been awarded.
- 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.