



THE WAYFAIRER



The Wayfairers Golf Society

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**AT BLETCHINGLEY SUE HUMPHREY EDGED AWAY FROM THE REST
WHILE SUE JELLEY AND DAVID SMITH WERE OUR CHAMPIONSHIP'S BEST!**

Monday 22nd October was a real Autumn day - cold and misty to start and although it warmed up and the sun shone, there was always a nip in the air to ensure the very keen members and 2 guests kept on the move. The Course is long with our members getting no younger, so with these factors combined with some tricky greens the average score was just 24pts. Two players recorded 32 which is some 8 points better than this, with Sue Humphrey just edging out Peter Rushton on count back to take away both the Wayfairers Trophy and the Ron Harris Autumn Cup. Well done Sue!

Not content with this Sue was also in the winning Playing Groups Team and once again, on an extremely tight count back, took the Par 3 Challenge Plaque from Eddie with just one higher point recorded than his on the final par 3 of the day. Sue's new title is definitely now Count Back Queen!

This was the day to distribute our Competition Annual Awards last presented at Bletchingley 12 months ago. These included the K O Pairs Trophies and Hedgehog of the Year Award with the names of our Society Champion and Ladies Champion finally being revealed - (details on all of these presentations appear on page 4).

A notable feature of the day concerned guest Mike Taylor who had the temerity to win not only the 19 and Over Longest Drive but also the Open Longest Drive as well. Not only that but for a very long time he led the way in the Nearest the Pin Contest!

Should David Smith have not just squeezed ahead in this event, Mike would have won all 3 - a feat never as yet recorded in our 23 years of history! This is no way for a guest to behave! Mike we're watching you!

With so much on offer there was a necessity to have 3 prize tables prior to the presentation and each one was groaning with their loads of raffle prizes, golf competition prizes plus all the many various awards and trophies.

Following the happy but necessarily lengthy distribution of all these items it was time to go home as darkness descended. With a few days now having past hopefully a few of the very many bottles distributed still have their tops on but probably very doubtful!

BLETCHINGLEY RESULTS AND ANNUAL AWARDS

Winner - Wayfairers Trophy & Ron Harris Autumn Cup - Sue Humphrey 32pts

2nd Place - Peter Rushton 32pts c/b 3rd Place - Sue Jelley 31pts

Team Competition Winners - David Smith Mick Shiel Sue & John Humphrey 90pts

Team Competition 2nd - Peter Rushton Eddie Stanley Mike Pain (g) & Mike Taylor (g) 88pts

Nearest the Pin - David Smith

19 & Over LD - Mike Taylor (g)

Open LD - Mike Taylor (g)

Par 3 Plaque - Sue Humphrey

Hedgehog - John Benstead

Birdie Cap - Kam Wong

Benstead's Hedgehog of the Year Award - by popular demand Peter Smith!

AND OUR TWO SOCIETY CHAMPIONS OF 2018

Society Champion 2018 - David Smith

Ladies Champion 2018- Sue Jelley

Plus Pairs K.O. Competition Winners 2018 - Carl Rosner & Derek Allen

AND SO TO OUR NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD AT HOLTYE G.C.
ON MONDAY 10th DECEMBER

The day's programme begins with coffee & bacon rolls available from 9.40am. with the first playing group going out for a 10.30am. 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 Jelley, Peter Smith, Mike Colenutt & Norman Lovelock.

Repeated as in previous years, there is one other little competition. The Christmas Tankard (current holder Norman Lovelock) 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 Christmas Raffle.

Following the golf at approx. 4.30pm. we have the 2 Course Christmas Meal with crackers, 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 over NEW playing guests who have not played with us before. 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 with your return

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. However last year 2 players who could walk 9 but not 18, combined to make 1 player in the Scramble. One joined a team for the front 9 and then the other came in for the back 9. If interested in possibly doing this please let Tony know.

The COST for the day for **Holtye members is £26** and for **non-Holtye members £39** to cover golf, all food & drink as described above, and all the many golf competition prizes.

NOTE! Return slips A.S.A.P to the Treasurer no later please than by SATURDAY 10th NOVEMBER. DETAILS THAT YOU REQUIRE TO DO THIS ARE ON PAGE 5.

THE BLETCHINGLEY RAFFLE

Many thanks to Kevin for doing such a diligent job in selling the raffle tickets and taking £150 in the process. As the raffle fund is currently looking extremely healthy £50 of this, not the usual £30 has been set aside to go into our ongoing Charity kitty.

The next raffle will be our Christmas one and many thanks to Kam & Peter Smith for volunteering so readily to sell the tickets. Who could resist such salesmen!

KAM'S IN THE MONEY!

The star prize in our Bletchingley Raffle was a delightful little golfing savings money box complete with appropriate golfing scenery depicted all around it. Kam was thrilled to win such a wonderful prize and was then completely overwhelmed when several of those present insisted on putting money in it to go towards Kam's special Christmas bottle of Blue Nun! He made his way home with tears of gratitude streaming down his face! "I can't believe just how generous these Wayfairers are!" he sobbed. Upon arriving home when opening the pot he discovered it contained £3.22p - nearly enough to buy him a glass of beer - 2 buttons, a very badly worn rubber washer, a broken safety pin and 5 redundant raffle tickets! What a haul! You lucky man Kam but you're worth it!

A LITTLE CHRISTMAS EXTRA CHARITY COMPETITION All the players at Holtye will be asked for £1 on arrival.. For this they will draw the name of a player who is 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 to our Charity.

SORRY YOU COULDN'T MAKE IT ROUND!

Bletchingley was not a good day for either Bill Eslor or Annie Hitam as both had to retire from playing and hand in non-return score cards. Bill had developed the dreaded flu like symptoms and after struggling for 9 holes made his way home. Annie who had injured her wrist prior to playing tried to overcome this but after 12 holes had to admit defeat and call it a day. We wish both of them best wishes for a full and speedy recovery.

PICTURES FROM BLETCHINGLEY

Prizes Presented Mainly by David Smith Our Winner at Ifield
Photos by courtesy of Kam "The Cameraman!"



Team Winners
John, Mick, Sue & David



Team Runners Up
Eddie, Mike Pain, Peter & Mike Taylor



**Winner of the
Over 19 Longest Drive
& Open Longest Drive**
Mike Taylor

Nearest the Pin Winner
David Smith



**Winner of the Wayfairers
Trophy
&
Ron Harris Autumn Cup**
As well as the Par 3 Plaque

Sue Humphrey



Individual Runners Up
Sue & Peter



**Winner of the Birdie Cap
"Piggy Bank" Kam**



Hedgehog of the Year
**Peter Smith by an absolute
overwhelming demand!**



Proud Hedgehog Winner

John Benstead



Ladies Society Champion
Sue Jelley



Pairs K.O. Winners
Carl Rosner & Derek Allen
with our Pairs Organiser
Spencer Atwell



Society Champion
**David Smith who couldn't
present the Trophy and wine
to himself!**

Future Programme For the Wayfairers

Monday 10th December Texas Scramble & Christmas Meal at Holtye
So far just 2 dates and venues have been confirmed for 2019 as follows-
Monday 13th May Peer's Plate at Poulthwood
Monday 2nd September Pink Ball Day at Ifield

Others in the pipeline are possibly a Casual Day at Effingham Park in March. AGM day in mid-April at Horne Park. Horsham Golf Centre in June. Reigate Hill in July and either a return to Bletchingley or perhaps Redhill & Reigate in October.
All the above to be confirmed with dates later in the year.

THE BLETCHINGLEY OVER 30'S CLUB

Sue Humphrey & Peter Rushton 32 Sue Jelley 31 John Humphrey & Mike Taylor (g) 30

THE WAYFAIRERS ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

Despite the AGM now having been moved from October to April, our very recent meeting at Bletchingley was some 12 months past the various annual awards being last presented. In order to give other members a chance to win these much desired trophies it was decided to continue holding our annual awards ceremony in October and not to defer it to the AGM, which is still some 6 months away. It also ties the presentation in nicely with the birthday of the Wayfairers with our Society having been set up an almost unbelievable 23 years ago in early November.

There are 4 annual awards with the most prestigious of these going to the Society Champion, very closely followed by the Ladies Champion presentation. In both of these competitions the winners are the ones who score highest in totalling their scores over their 3 best rounds of the past year.

In the Society Championship Graham Ward was 3rd with 102 and 2nd was Derek Allen with 105 but the clear winner with 115pts was David Smith. David averaged 38 pts with scores of 35, 36 and an obscene 44! He was cut but to no great effect!

In the Ladies Championship 3rd was Val Ward with 90, 2nd was current champion Sue McD with 94 but this was just bettered by Sue Jelley who recorded 95.

The Knock Out Pairs. This couldn't have been closer! In the final it was Carl & Derek (Allen) versus Kevin & Chris (Lavender). After 18 holes it was all square and too dark to continue play so they had to come back to try again, this time over an agreed 9 holes. With just 2 to play Kevin & Chris were one down but on the 8th Kevin secured a birdie to put the match back to all square. With just one hole left Carl & Derek then proceeded to win narrowly and the title of Pairs KO Champions 2018 went to them. But what a game! Worthy of TV coverage!

The Hedgehog of the Year. This award complete with glass cup and the dormant hedgehog inside goes to one of the many Hedgehog winners over the past 12 months. But which one? Contestants were Peter Rushton, Lynne MacDonald, Bob Histed, Robert Crompton & Peter Smith - all of them proud winners.

As the Committee found it impossible to split them, it was left to the members to make the decision. As names were read out members were requested to vote with their voices. Most nominations received some quiet shouts and heckles but when Peter Smith's name was announced the roof nearly came off! Well done Peter!



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 Holtye		
ALLEN	23	20
ATWELL	23	28
BATESON		36
BENSTEAD	15	29
BLAKELEY	22	11
COLENUT L		31
COLENUT M		19
CROMPTON		21
ESLOR		21
FROST		21
GOMAN	29	25
HISTED	21	27
HITAM		30
HOGG		16
HOULIHAN		30
HUMPHREY J	30	28
HUMPHREY S	32	32
JELLEY R	23	17
JELLEY S	31	26
LAVENDER C		19
LOVELOCK N	18	27
MCDONALD L		33
MCDONNELL, S	25	11
MORRIS		17
REEVES	22	36
ROSNER	21	28
RUSHTON	32	24
SHELLEY		16
SHEIL	25	27
SMITH D	26	21
SMITH P	26	14
STACEY	26	26
STANLEY	19	29
STONE		36
THOMSON	26	27
VARDON		36
WARD V	22	18
WARD G	19	15
WILKES		12
WONG	27	8



WAYFAIRERS GOLFING SOCIETY

DAY AT HOLTYE - Monday 10th December 2018

NAME.....

Please tick below as appropriate

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I am available for the above - **Holtye Members Fee £26 Non Holtye Members £39**

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Sorry but I am unavailable to play at Holtye

BUGGIES Sorry but there are no buggies permitted at this time of the year at Holtye and at most Courses there is usually a winter buggy ban. However should you be happy to walk just 9 holes it is possible we might be able to find another player happy to walk the other 9 thus making one player out of two for the Scramble Team. Inform Tony if this interests you.

GUESTS When our playing numbers have been established -which should be by 10th November - members will be contacted regarding possible vacancies first for meal guests and then for NEW 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 Saturday 10th November 2018
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

SATURDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2018 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.