



THE WAYFAIRER



The Wayfairers Golf Society

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**CONGRATS TO CARL, ROBERT, JACKIE & EDDIE
IN THE SCRAMBLE THEY PROVED THEMSELVES STEADY & READY!**

What a difference a day makes! Torrential rain all day Sunday and then on our Scramble Day Monday 10th December following an early slight drizzle, the clouds lifted and there were even glimpses of that rare yellow orb up in the sky! Previously the Club mandate had been carry bags only but to the great relief of many of the 17 players and 3 guests who took to the Course trolleys were back in use.

Naturally conditions underfoot were heavy but even the grass tees were playable, something never previously experienced for this Christmas occasion. With 20 players this split nicely into 5 equal Scramble Teams and the composition of each team was such that when handicaps were totalled all 5 playing groups had a very similar combined total which meant the Competition could be fairly played off scratch with no allowances having to be made. As it turned out come the finish just 6 shots separated the winners from the 5th placed team.

And who were the winners? Coming in with an excellent score of 69 was the guest partnership of Eddie & Jackie Samways, both of whom are hoping to take up membership and with them team mates Robert & Carl. A deadly combination! The Runners Up quartet was composed of Spencer, Bill, Peter Smith & Mick Shiel who finished 4 shots behind the leaders, with everyone else piled up closely behind.

The Course was not easy with far more bogeys than usual being recorded and as for birdies 3 teams recorded none and one team had just 1 but our winners excelled themselves with 5. As no player managed an unaided birdie all on their own very unusually the Birdie Cap could not be presented as there were no takers.

Following a long standing tradition, the oldest trophy in the Society's collection is given to the player in the winning team who sinks the final decisive putt - and this was Robert! Well done Robert and we hope you enjoyed your Christmas ale in the Christmas Tankard!

Another unusual but traditional contest was for the Shortest Drive. This exciting and nerve wracking battle was won by guest and another potential member Mike Chapple and this feat also won him the Hedgehog.

30 sat down for the traditional Christmas meal and what an excellent meal it was prepared and served by Holtye's new caterers Julian and Carla. The 30 seated included several "better halves" of our members and during the dinner traditional toasts were made to "Absent Friends" and to the Wayfairers. Unfortunately Treasurer Tony could not be present as he was busy at home counting our funds but in time honoured custom he made his presence felt by arranging for wine to be put on the table. Cheers Tony!

The meal was followed by the raffle, the golf prize giving presentation and then finally the ever popular Inter Table Quiz and Song Contest with more details of this epic battle given on page 4.

HOLTYE CHRISTMAS MEETING RESULTS

Texas Scramble Trophy Winners - **Robert Crompton , Carl Rosner, Eddie & Jackie Samways (g)**
Runners Up - **Mick Shiel, Peter Smith, Bill Eslor ,& Spencer Atwell**
Nearest/Pin - **Sue McDonnell** Open L. Drive - **John Frost**
19 & Over Longest Drive - **Bill Eslor**
Shortest Drive Trophy & Hedgehog - **Mike Chapple (g)**
Christmas Tankard plus a bottle of Christmas Ale - **Robert Crompton**
Draw the Winner of the Christmas Tankard - **Jackie Samways (g)**
The Inter-Table Christmas Quiz & Song Contest - The Clear Winners! - **Norman's (K)night's Under the Round Table**

OUR NEXT MEETING IS OUR AGM MEETING
TO BE HELD AT HORNE PARK ON FRIDAY 12th APRIL 2019

As this gathering is still over 3 months away no further details are being given at this stage. However in mid to late January full information will be circulated to all our members and potential members.

A deadline date for payment of annual subscriptions will be given and all those who wish to renew will be requested to make their payments. Prospective members on our potential waiting list will be invited to join upon receipt of the one off £5 joining fee plus the annual membership fee of £10.

With this circular early notice regarding the AGM will be given with the various papers regarding the Agenda, Finance Accounts, future programme etc. to follow.

The Holtje Raffle Many thanks to our 2 salesmen Kam & Peter. They did an excellent persuasive job and handed over takings of £155. The raffle prize table was extensive with some excellent prizes and the cost of these has been taken from the income but still leaving an extremely healthy total in our Raffle Fund. From this money £50 has been deducted to be added to our Charity fundraising for the Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance Trust.

As can be seen from the photo opposite John Humphrey was delighted to win the Star Prize which as previously in our past 2 Christmas raffles has been the ever popular Snowman with the extending legs. It was the second prize to be claimed beaten only by a litre of gin!

Our next raffle will be at Horne Park in April. Do we have a volunteer to sell the tickets? Please email if you can help.



Val celebrates her Birthday with just 2 days to go after being presented with a giant bottle of prosecco! Don't drink it all at once Val!

Guest and potential new member Mike Chapple had the distinction of claiming not only the Shortest Drive but also the Hedgehog as well! Well done Mike and nice to see you dressed so appropriately. >



This year's winner of the Christmas Tankard was Robert and he claimed this by sinking the final putt for the winning team on the 18th green.

In a little Charity Fund raising contest all those playing drew another competitor hoping that this player would be the one to see the ball down the hole.

In the event it was guest Jackie Samways who pulled Robert's name out of the hat and went on to claim a very nice bottle of wine. Well done Jackie! >

The competition raised £20 for our chosen charity and currently there is close on £350 in the Fund.

More money will continue to be raised over the next few months and the fund will be closed following our Grand Charity Finale Day in mid Summer.



PICTURES FROM HOLTYE

PRIZES PRESENTED BY OUR BLETCHINGLEY WINNER - SUE HUMPHREY
SOME WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS PHOTOS COURTESY OF KAM



*Scramble Team Competition Winners
Robert, Guests Jackie & Eddie
Samways & Carl Rosner*



*Winners of
Nearest the Pin - Sue McD
19 & Over L D - Bill Eslor
Open L D - John Frost*



*Scramble Team Competition
Runners Up
Mick Shiel, Bill Eslor
& Peter Smith
Spencer Atwell absent*



**3 lovely ladies assist
with folding up the
raffle tickets**

**Our Thirsty Winner of the
Christmas Tankard with 2
bottles of seasonal ale -
Robert Crompton**



3 Christmas Sparklers!



**And finally we end with the true
face of Christmas - Santa Graham
Ward! Going! Going! GONE!**

Programme For the Wayfairers Year 2019

FRIDAY 12th APRIL AGM DAY at HORNE PARK
 MONDAY 13th MAY Peer's Plate at POULTWOOD
 MONDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER Pink Ball Day at IFIELD
 Venues & dates are yet to be arranged for meetings June/July, August,
 October & December.
 Notification will be circulated when arranged.

THE INTER-TABLE QUIZ AND SONG CONTEST

Three Tables contested this annual and very traditional Contest very proudly captained by Graham Ward, Kam Wong & Norman Lovelock. Competing left to right were Kam's Chinese Takeaways (the ladies were sweet but the men rather sour!) Graham's Greedy Gourmets (all had empty plates!) and Norman's (K)night's Under The Round Table) - not much chivalry among this lot!



The quick fire quiz involved solving clues given as to the names of various towns none of which contained more than 5 letters and at the finish the Takeaways had a precious 3 point lead.

The Song Contest needed a judge and who better than Craig "No Revels" Crompton who took charge with his Piddle (sorry!) Paddle Board and is pictured opposite >
 The 3 Teams warmed up with a chorus each of "We are the Champions" but of course in the end there could only be one winner!
 The first round went very well but Round 2 implied that the only words the Beatles ever wrote were "La La La"! Some very rousing choruses ended the contest and the worthy winners were announced as Norman's Knights who each won packets of Maltesers!



H/caps for Horne P.

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

**A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF OUR MEMBERS
 AND IN THE NEW YEAR MAY ALL YOUR BALLS FINISH
 ON THE FAIRWAY!**

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 without hesitation add £2 to the Charity Fund!

HANDICAP INFORMATION PLEASE NOTE

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