



# THE WAYFAIRER



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**BILL ESLOR TOPPED THE BILL WHEN WE PLAYED AT HORNE PARK  
WITH 40 POINTS ON HIS SCORE CARD HE SURE LEFT HIS MARK!**

2019 had already seen 3 months go through before the Wayfairers finally gathered for their first meeting of the year with the venue being Horne Park and the occasion our re-arranged AGM day.

With the meeting to be held prior to playing this ensured an early start so 9am saw 32 members collecting together from various corners of Surrey, Sussex, Kent and even Hampshire for a very happy reunion. In the efficient hands of Chairman Peter Rushton the AGM was done and dusted all in the space of less than an hour so happily the golf got underway even sooner than had been expected. (AGM notes on page 5)

The 32 players set off on what was a sunny but bitterly cold day and this ensured that everyone moved swiftly and smoothly. There were no guests present but this number included 3 very welcome new members (photo page 4).

The average score for the day was 29 being much higher than in the year previous - just 24 - when the Course had been wet and heavy, although following some recent dry but windy weather the greens were bumpy and uneven and difficult to master.

Despite this Bill Eslor made a name for himself by returning an excellent score of 40. His reward was to go home laden with prizes with the only drawback likely to be the expression on his face when he sees his new handicap!

Following Bill home and very close on his heels was David Smith with 39 and behind this came new member Eddie Samways with 36. They too must all face the scissors!

As our Match Co-ordinator was feeling very generous prizes went also to next placed Jackie Samways & Richard Thomson who both scored 34.

The Par 3 Challenge created some excellent results. With 6 pars on the 18 holes for ages it looked likely that a very creditable 15pts would win the day but then 3 cards all recording 16 pts arrived only to be overtaken by David Smith with a massive total of 17! Must be a winner! Or so we thought! Finally the last group out emerged and among them was Derek Reeves with a truly amazing tally of 18! Well done Derek! Following the golf a warm noisy atmosphere emanated from the Clubhouse and a hearty Sunday roast meal was served and much enjoyed. Then came the time for the raffle and golf prize giving with the usual abundance of prizes. Our Treasurer was designated to hand out the goodies which he did with his usual dignity and aplomb. It seems he enjoys giving things away when he hasn't had to pay for them! And so a most enjoyable first day to our new season came to an end.

## HORNE PARK MEETING RESULTS

1st John Peake Spring Trophy, The Wayfairers Shield + a Horne Park Cap - **Bill Eslor 40pts**

2nd - **David Smith 39pts**

3rd - **Eddie Samways 36pts**

Prizes also given to **Richard Thomson & Jackie Samways** who both scored 35

Team Winners (just!) - **Kam Wong, Eddie Samways, Derek Allen & Peter Smith 85pts**

Runners Up - **Malcolm Goman, Frank Houlihan, Dennis Shelley & Bill Eslor 84pts**

Nearest/Pin - **Mick Shiel**

Nearest /Pin in 2 (18th) - **Jeff Hogg**

19 & Over Longest Drive - **David Smith**

Open Longest Drive - **Kam Wong**

Par 3 Challenge Plaque - **Derek Reeves**

Birdie Cap - **Chris Lavender**

Hedgehog - **Sue Jelley**

Camera Man Special Award - **Kam Wong**

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS AT AT POULT WOOD GOLF CLUB**  
**ON MONDAY 13th MAY**

This is our fourth visit to this most enjoyable Course which is very suitable for the Wayfairers and is included in our programme for the benefit of the many of our members who come from the West Kent area. Despite the Course being tree lined, tight and tricky in places, it is flat and measures just 5524 yards. For Sat Nav. the post code is TN11 9QR and the Course is in Higham Lane some 3 miles north of Tonbridge.

This is the day we play for Peer's Plate the current holder being Mike Colenutt and the winner as ever will take the Wayfairers Trophy. We shall also be doing battle for the Par 3 Champions plaque over Poult Wood's 5 Par 3 holes. In addition there will be the usual Playing Groups Team Competition plus the Nearest the Pin and 2 Longest Drive Contests. There will also be a little Charity Competition in which for a payment of £1 all players will be asked to predict the handicap of the winning player of the day. Currently handicaps vary from 8 to 36. What will your forecast be!

Meet up for coffee and bacon sandwiches at 09.15 with the first group out at 10am. A 2 Course Meal will be served at approx. 4.45pm. The Club phone no. is 01732 366180 and the Pro's Shop is 01732 364039.

**PAYMENT** Total cost for the day is **£38** and this includes coffee, bacon sandwiches, 18 holes, a 2 Course Meal and all prizes. This price has been subsidised by £5 a head from the Main Fund the true cost with prizes being £43. Full payment details on page 6.

**GUESTS** Should you wish to bring a guest please let Tony have the name and current handicap of your guest. When all the returns are in Tony will then be able to advise you if there is room for your guest and give you the necessary payment details.

**BUGGIES** Please advise Tony if you require a buggy. Later buggy sharing partnerships will be sorted and those involved informed of arrangements.

The deadline to return your availability slip and sort out payment if you are playing is **FRIDAY 26th APRIL**. Please read payment details on page 6 carefully and help the Treasurer by being prompt with your returns and **PLEASE ADVISE HIM IF YOU ARE UNAVAILABLE. THANK YOU.**

**2 MEMOS AT THE START OF THE WAYFAIRERS' NEW YEAR**

**HANDICAP ADJUSTMENTS** Members are reminded that at the 2017 AGM it was agreed we should continue the scheme whereby players who recorded scores of more than 5 above the average would lose shots but those who finished with more than 3 shots below the average would be eligible to receive shots back. Just how many shots are to be gained or lost is at the discretion of the Handicap Committee.

**SOCIETY CHAMPION & LADIES CHAMPION**

At our Annual Awards Ceremony at Bletchingley in October we will as ever be presenting the award for the Society Champion of the year and the separate trophy for the top Lady. Just as a reminder the winners will be the members who when totalling up the scores for their best 3 rounds out of the possible 7 played will have accumulated the greatest number of points. This competition started back last October at Bletchingley and so far just one further round (Horne Park) has been added. Following our 3rd qualifying meeting at Poultwood it will be possible to determine who the early leaders are in the 2 competitions and keep all members informed and up to date in subsequent newsletters. Good luck to all!

**HORNE PARK RAFFLE** Many thanks to Malcolm for volunteering and selling the tickets at Horne Park. He collected a fabulous £170 which even with the cost of prizes deducted leaves the fund with a very healthy profit. The star prize of the day was a huge and extremely heavy garden ornamental hedgehog which went to a delighted Derek Allen (See photo on page 4) The next raffle will be at Poultwood and as is our custom we always ask new Wayfairers to sell the tickets as it is an opportunity to speak to and get to know all of the members present. And the lucky salesperson will be Mike Chapple. Thank you Mike. It won't come round again for at least another 5 years!

# PICTURES FROM HORNE PARK

PRIZES PRESENTED BY OUR TREASURED TREASURER TONY  
PHOTOS COURTESY OF FROGMAN - (NOT KAMERAMAN) KAM



*The AGM gets underway with the Committee all looking duly serious!*



*Winner of the John Peake Spring Trophy & Wayfairers Trophy  
Bill Eslor*



*The Par 3 Challenge Winner  
Derek Reeves*



*2nd Placed Team  
Frank Houlihan, Dennis Shelley, Bill Eslor & Malcolm Goman*



*Individual Runners Up  
David Smith & Eddie & Jackie Samways*



*1st Team Past the Post!  
Kam Wong, Eddie Samways, Peter Smith & Derek Allen*



*Winners of the 2 Longest Drive Contests  
David Smith (19 & Over L.D.)  
Kam Wong (Open L.D.)*



*Hedgehog Winner  
Smiling Sue Jelley*



*Winners of the 2 Nearest the Pin Contests  
Jeff Hogg (N/Pin in 2 on 18th)  
Mick Shiel (N/Pin on 15th)*



*Birdie Cap Winner  
Chris Lavender*



*Kam the Kameraman somehow becomes Kam the Frogman complete with selfie stick!*



*There was even a prize for 5th place -  
Well done Richard!*



## Programme For the Wayfairers Year 2019

Following our recent Horne Park AGM Day we have -  
**MONDAY 13th MAY** Peer's Plate at POULTWOOD  
**TUESDAY 18th JUNE** Pink Ball & David Rosebowl at COTTESMORE  
**MONDAY 5th AUGUST** Vardon Trophy & President's Team Trophy  
 plus Harold's 18th Hole Award at VILLA  
**2nd SEPTEMBER** Final Charity Fund Raising Day & 2 Ronnies Pairs plus also  
 the much coveted 50 Bob Set at IFIELD  
**MONDAY 21st OCTOBER** Ron Harris Autumn Trophy plus the Annual  
 Awards Ceremony at BLETCHINGLEY  
 Our Christmas December Meeting yet to be arranged & confirmed

PLEASE NOTE AT EACH MEETING THE INDIVIDUAL TOP  
 PLAYER OF THE DAY WILL RECEIVE THE HUGE WAYFAIRERS SHIELD  
 LATER TO BE ENGRAVED. IT COULD BE YOU! OR YOU!

### HORNE PARK 30 PLUS CLUB

**DEREK ALLEN 30   MALCOLM GOMAN 31   GRAHAM WARD 32**  
**JOHN FROST JOHN HUMPHREY & CHRIS WILKES 33**  
**FRANK HOULIHAN & DENNIS SHELLEY 34**  
**JACKIE SAMWAYS & RICHARD THOMSON 35**  
**EDDIE SAMWAYS 36   DAVID SMITH 39   BILL ESLOR 40**

**OUR CHARITY FUND** (Surrey Kent & Sussex Air Ambulance Trust)  
 Prior to our Horne Park Day we had £383 in our Charity Fund but  
 with £50 added from the recent raffle this now stands at £433. We  
 will continue over the next few months to continue to increase on  
 this amount through donations from future raffles and minor fun  
 golf related competitions. The grand finale will come on Septem-  
 ber 2nd at Ifield when we will hold our now traditional raffle with  
 all prizes donated so that 100% of the money taken will go into  
 the fund. All participants will take home a prize!

**FOLLOWING THE AGM notes regarding all the reports given at the  
 AGM plus discussion areas and decisions made appear on page 5.**

**LIZ COLENUTT** Having had a fall in a bunker back in the Autumn  
 Liz suffered a badly broken ankle which had to be plated and this  
 has seriously restricted her mobility. With the plate now due to be  
 removed in the near future we wish her a speedy recovery. Hope  
 to see you out with us again soon Liz - and stay out of the bunkers!



*The Secretary gives a warm welcome to 3 new members Mike Chapple and Eddie & Jackie Samways.*



*Derek Allen is proud owner of a huge garden ornamental Hedgehog plus Mushroom won as star prize in the raffle.*

### HANDICAP INFORMATION PLEASE NOTE

On the reviewed handicap list opposite all players' scores at Horne Park are shown in **RED** numbers. Handicap changes are highlighted & shown in **BLACK** numbers. Justification for handicap changes are based on an average score at Horne Park of 29

H/caps for Poulthwood		
ALLEN	30	20
ATWELL		28
BATESON	28	36
BENSTEAD		29
BLAKELEY		11
CHAPPLE	22	33
COLENUT L		31
COLENUT M		19
CROMPTON		21
ESLOR	40	17
FROST	33	21
GOMAN	31	25
HISTED	27	27
HITAM	24	31
HOGG	29	16
HOULIHAN	34	30
HUMPHREY J	33	28
HUMPHREY S	27	32
JELLEY R	25	18
JELLEY S	21	28
LAVENDER	22	21
LOVELOCK	25	28
McDONNELL, S	27	11
MORRIS		17
PAIN		23
REEVES	24	36
ROSNER	29	28
RUSHTON	27	24
SAMWAYS, E	36	16
SAMWAYS, J	35	27
SHELLEY	34	16
SHEIL	26	27
SMITH D	39	18
SMITH P	26	14
STACEY	29	26
STANLEY		29
TAYLOR		23
THOMSON	35	26
VARDON		36
WARD V		18
WARD G	32	15
WILKES	33	12
WONG	26	8

# NOTES FOLLOWING THE WAYFAIRERS AGM HELD AT BLETCHINGLEY GC ON THE 12th APRIL 2019

## Chairman for the meeting was Peter Rushton

Apologies received from Liz & Mike Colenutt, Spencer Atwell, Robert Crompton & Chris Wilkes

**Secretary's Report** The Secretary explained that by moving the AGM date from October (17) to April (19) the report now dealt with the past 18 months and not 12. In this period 9 meetings had been held but 2 cancelled - Chartham (snow) & Cottesmore (fire!) In these 18 months it was sad to report the deaths of President Barry Richards, Richard Davison & Brian Girling plus ex members Audrey Riddles & Mike Wilson. With our Match Co-ordinator John Bateson present condolences were passed on to him from all members for the very recent tragic loss of his wife Janet. Figures were then disclosed showing that attendances per meeting over the past 18 months was down to 24 with just an average of 22 members and 2 guests per gathering. A £1000 cheque presented to Parkinson's UK had been gratefully received. On behalf of all members the Secretary thanked the following for all their work in various areas of the Society's activities over the past 18 months - John Bateson, Tony Warrilow, Derek Reeves, Sue McDonnell, Peter Rushton, Spencer Atwell, Peer Blakeley & Kam Wong.

**Treasurer's Report** The Treasurer reported a healthy balance in the funds and thanked Peter Rushton for his great assistance in preparing the accounts. He also thanked members for agreeing the financial year should now commence in April which helped him considerably in this preparation.

**Match Co-ordinator's Report** John thanked all the members for their support in his very recent bereavement. Following discussion it was agreed that to avoid possible complications, the current scoring system for the Pink Ball Event should be retained. During the past 18 months no one was the day's overall winner more than once but because of some high scoring several members had received some fairly considerable handicap cuts.

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

**The Raffle** The Secretary reported the fund remained very healthy and with 12 prizes on offer at each meeting and given the current average attendance of 24, this gave a very good 2 to 1 chance of winning a prize! The average cost of prizes per meeting was just under £100. Members were invited to make suggestions for suitable prizes with a suggested minimum price of £5 and top price of £15.

**Membership** Due to the sad loss of Richard Davison & Brian Girling membership had dropped and this been added to by the reluctant but understandable resignation of Andy Knight. However the Society was pleased to welcome new members Eddie & Jackie Samways, plus the 3 Mikes - Chapple, Pain & Taylor. The membership total now stands at 43.

**Future Programme** This had been outlined with the AGM agenda and was happily accepted by the meeting as being nicely varied, with the Courses selected suiting the differing needs and requirements of our Society. A warning was given that the very stable and bargain prices for meetings that the Committee had negotiated over the past 20+ years were rising and that members should expect a possible new maximum cost of £40 with this amount being subsidised from Main/Raffle Funds.

**Handicaps** Following a review of results over the past 18 months it seemed that the current Handicap system resulted in fairness to all members and there was no necessity to make any changes. It was agreed that for our unique system the maximum any player should receive should stay at 36 with anything higher than this likely to cause complications in compiling score card results.

**Pairs K.O. Competition** In Spencer's absence he was thanked for yet again running the KO Pairs Contest. With a minimum requirement of 8 pairs it looked as though the competition was in danger of being undersubscribed but despite ill health Peer announced that he had revised a recent decision to withdraw so the annual battle continues with regular updates to be made on progress.

**Wayfairers Web Site.** Derek reported a slight increase in the cost of running the Web Site in order to ensure security. Members experiencing any difficulties in use of the site were requested to contact him. He was warmly thanked for organising such an excellent & informative service.

**A.O.B.** With the recent loss of lifetime President Barry Richards it was agreed following some discussion that a new President should not be appointed. It was also agreed that a ball coming to rest in a footprint in a bunker should not gain any relief but be played "as it lies" thus removing any likely problems with interpretation of the rule. Jeff Hogg's suggestion of a Memorial Trophy bearing names of past members was raised and it was left to the Committee to discuss and recommend any future action. Peter Rushton was thanked warmly for taking the chair and so the AGM ended and it was time for the golf to begin.

**WAYFAIRERS GOLFING SOCIETY**

**DAY AT POULTWOOD ON MONDAY 13th MAY**

NAME.....

*Please tick below as appropriate*

☐ I am available - Subsidised Fee **£38** (For Club Members this is **£20** -food & prizes)

☐ Sorry but I am unavailable to play at Poulthood

☐ If space allows I would like to bring a guest (name + h/cap below ) Fee **£40**

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 Friday 26th April 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 Friday 26th April**  
**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**

**FRIDAY 26th APRIL 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 playing guests will be advised if a vacancy exists after the deadline date. Payment must be received at least 7 days before the meeting.