



THE WAYFAIRER



The Wayfairers Golf Society

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**AT IFIELD MIKE PAIN CLOSELY PROVED HE WAS BEST
AS CHRIS & LIZ PAIRED TOGETHER TO BEAT ALL THE REST!**

September arrived and with it a glorious early Autumn day which was perfect for golf on our annual visit to the very pleasant and welcoming Ifield Golf Club. This was the day of the Two Ronnies Pairs Draw and the 50 Bob Set, with both trophies being competed for among all the other contests.

A very good turn out of 30 players including one guest took to the field in a variety of some very colourful tops and shorts, consequently exposing some very brown legs! The golf itself was also quite colourful but possibly the course itself was the true winner as despite being in excellent condition the best score of the day was 33 which was nowhere near last year's incredible winning return of 44 by David Smith. The average score per player for the day was 25 when the previous year it was the higher figure of 28.

And who was this champion with 33pts? None other than one of our new members Mike Pain but he only just made it as hot on his heels with 32pts came two lovely ladies - Liz Colenutt & Jackie Samways. Great to have you back playing with us again Liz.

This was also the day on which players were competing for the 2 Ronnies Trophy, originally presented many years ago by the now sadly deceased Ron Harris and his close friend Ron Bailey - both stalwart members and supporters in their time.

The presentation of the trophy was one of the highlights of the prize giving ceremony as it was left right until the very end. Pairs were drawn together by splitting all the scorecards into random sets of two and then adding the two scores together and announcing the players and their subsequent totals. Ultimately, amid much tension, the deadly combination of Liz Colenutt (32) & Chris Wilkes (30) proved to be unbeatable and were declared as winners.

Yet another competition was for the 50 Bob Set the winner of which is the player who when their Stableford score is added to their age finishes with the highest total. Currently as we have a majority of some pretty anciently aged members there is high rivalry for this most prestigious award! And the winner? This year it was Chris Lavender who recorded a return total of 113 but only just narrowly made it on count back from Mike Pain. One query received was how did this competition come about and how did it get its name? For the curious if you turn to page 4 all will be revealed.

Back in the Clubhouse following the meal players came up to claim their charity tombola prizes and this was followed by a charity auction (full details page 2) After this the usual prize giving took place and the day's results announced. Eventually came the time to depart following an enjoyable and most successful charity finale day.

IFIELD RESULTS

The Two Ronnies Trophy Winners- Liz Colenutt & Chris Wilkes with a total of 62

Winner of the Wayfairers Trophy - Mike Pain 33pts

2nd - Jackie Samways 32pts **3rd -** Liz Colenutt - 32 pts c/b **4th -** Derek Allen 31pts c/b

Team Event- Derek Allen, Mike Taylor, Chris Wilkes & Mike Pain 100pts

2nd Team Event - Kevin Stacey, Carl Rosner, Mike Chapple & Terry King (g) 95pts

50 Bob Set" Winner - Chris Lavender - age plus score 113 **Par 3 Challenge Plaque -** John Humphrey

Open L Drive & Nearest The Pin - Eddie Samways **19 & Over L. Drive -** Mike Taylor

Birdie Cap - Kam Wong

Hedgehog - Carl Rosner

AND SO TO OUR NEXT MEETING
TO BE HELD AT BLETCHINGLEY G.C. ON MONDAY 21st OCTOBER

DIRECTIONS. The Golf Course is easy to find, being right in the centre of Bletchingley near the Church in Church Lane. The post code is RH1 4LP and the phone number 01883 744848.

Coffee & bacon rolls from 09.15 and our golf is scheduled to begin at 10.00 with a 2 tee start. Due to a prior booked Club match just 4 of our playing groups will start on the 1st and the remaining groups go off the 10th. (Further details of this in the final email circular.) A 2 Course Meal with coffee will be served at approx. 4pm. As it's a fairly lengthy Course, members might wish to buy a snack from the Club kitchen or bring something with them to eat on the way round.

The main prize of the day is the Ron Harris Autumn Cup (held by Sue Humphrey). The winner also takes the Wayfairers Trophy (currently with Mike Pain). There will also be the Par 3 Challenge plus a playing groups team competition and all the other usual minor golfing contests.

Later, at the prize giving, the identities of the new Society Champion and Ladies Champion will be revealed - total of the best 3 scores recorded over the past 12 months. The two winners of the KO Pairs Competition will also receive their prizes and accolades and finally the lucky winner of The Hedgehog of The Year Award can be agreed and announced. Could it be you!?

COST £40 This covers coffee on arrival, 18 holes, a 2 Course Meal plus coffee and all prizes. As warned at our last AGM inevitably prices are increasing and Tony is going to arrange a members' subsidy from our main funds to cover the true cost of the day. £40 is the highest we have ever had to charge in 25 years but is a sign of the times.

DEADLINE TO PAY OR NOTIFY TONY OF UNAVAILABILITY - FRIDAY 27th SEPTEMBER
As regards inviting guests please follow the usual procedure on the return slip to be found on page 5.

THE IFIELD CHARITY FINALE DAY Ifield was Charity Finale Day bringing to a conclusion 18 months of raising money for the Kent, Sussex & Surrey Air Ambulance Service. The fund raising on the day came from 2 sources. All those present (33 in number) donated a tombola prize and all also purchased a numbered ticket for £5. While the golf was under way all of the prizes were duly appropriately numbered which meant that everyone present won something. With no costs or outgoing expenditure a total of £170 was raised.

As well as the tombola there was also an auction with many very kindly donated items going to the highest bidder. Auctioneer Graham Ward was in fine form and at the last count it has raised £217.50p. With the amount held in the fund prior to this day the final total reached is just under £1000 and our funds will make up the small deficit so that a cheque for a nice round £1000 can be presented - possibly at Bletchingley.

None of this could have been possible without your great support and generosity over the past 18 months so it is a very big thank you to all of you. A truly great effort.

Come Spring 2020 and thoughts will go to which new charity you would all like to support.



Chris Wilkes belatedly gets his prize by having drawn Tommy Fleetwood in our Open Championship Draw, while the 2nd placed Team get the last of the old stock of Wayfairers golf balls - Mike Chapple, Carl Rosner Terry King (g) and Kevin Stacey



PICTURES FROM IFIELD

PRIZES PRESENTED BY OUR VILLA WINNER - PEER BLAKELEY

PHOTOS COURTESY OF KAM THE KAMERAMAN



In 2nd, 3rd & 4th places

*Jackie Samways, Liz
Colenutt & Derek Allen*



*Proud winners of the 2 Ronnies
Trophy*

Liz Colenutt & Chris Wilkes



Winner of the 50 Bob Set

Chris Lavender



The Winning Team

*Derek Allen, Chris Wilkes,
Mike Pain & Mike Taylor*



*Winner of the Wayfairers Trophy
& multiple prizes*

Mike Pain



*Winner of the Par 3
Challenge Plaque*

John Humphrey



*Winner of the Birdie
Cap*

Kam Wong



Happy Hedgehog Winner

It's Carl!



*Winner of both the Open
Longest Drive & also
Nearest the Pin
Eddie Samways*

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

Future Programme For the Wayfairers up to the end of 2019

Monday 10th December Texas Scramble & Christmas Meal at Holtie

Currently your Committee are working on a possible likely programme for next year and details will be published as soon as this has been established.

THE 50 BOB SET - WHAT ARE ITS ORIGINS?

On Thursday 17th November 1995 our Society held its inaugural meeting at Chiddingfold Golf Club with 16 potential members taking part. After the golf the formation of a Society was formally proposed and came into being under the agreed name of the Wayfairers Golfing Society.

One of the founder members Frank Houlihan had a relative - Robert Marchbank - staying with him and as Robert was a keen golfer, despite the fact that he lived in deepest Scotland, he readily became a member. Living so far away meant his appearances were few and far between but whenever he had the opportunity he joined us.

One day John McD received a very unexpected letter from his wife which contained a £50 cheque for the Society. Evidently Robert was celebrating his 50th birthday and she wanted us to somehow mark the occasion.

After discussion John B. purchased a lovely little trophy which took the form of a mounted miniature golf bag complete with a set of individual tiny golf clubs. This was to be played for annually but what to call it?

Short for Robert is Bob, 50 was his age and it was a set of golf clubs. So it became the 50 Bob Set and as the trophy was closely associated with age the decision was made that the winner each year should be the player who scored the highest when adding their age to their score.

Sadly Robert is now deceased but with the annual presentation of this trophy his memory lives on.

IFIELD 30 & OVER CLUB

Mike Pain 33pts

Liz Colenutt & Jackie Samways 32pts

Derek Allen & Bill Eslor 31pts

Chris Lavender & Chris Wilkes 30pts

SOCIETY CHAMPIONSHIPS At Bletchingley we shall announce the annual winners of the Society Championship & Ladies Championship. Results are based on the best 3 rounds played as from October last year. The winners are already known by your Committee but just to keep everyone guessing the results will be withheld until the Bletchingley prize giving. Could it be you?!

Also at Bletchingley a decision will be made as to which member should be given the prestigious Hedgehog of the Year Award. All our hedgehog winners since Bletchingley last year qualify and the champion will be decided by a majority vote from all those present. All the names of those who have qualified will be listed in the Bletchingley final details email.

HANDICAP INFORMATION PLEASE NOTE

On the revised handicap list featured opposite all players' scores at Ifield are shown in **RED** numbers. Handicap changes are highlighted and all handicaps for Bletchingley shown in **BLACK** numbers

Justification for immediate changes following Ifield are based on the average score of 25 at Ifield

H/caps for Bletchingley

ALLEN	31	19
ATWELL	21	27
BATESON	NR	36
BENSTEAD		27
BLAKELEY	27	15
CHAPPLE	24	34
COLENUT L	32	29
COLENUT M	27	21
CROMPTON	26	23
ESLOR	31	18
FROST		21
GOMAN		26
HISTED	29	28
HITAM	NR	31
HOGG		16
HOULIHAN		30
HUMPHREY J	25	28
HUMPHREY S	24	32
JELLEY R		18
JELLEY S		28
LAVENDER	30	18
LOVELOCK	29	28
McDONNELL S	29	11
MORRIS	29	18
PAIN	33	20
REEVES		36
ROSNER	21	25
RUSHTON		24
SAMWAYS, E	26	16
SAMWAYS, J	32	25
SHELLEY		18
SHEIL	23	27
SMITH D	28	22
SMITH P		17
STACEY	24	26
STANLEY		29
TAYLOR	28	23
THOMSON		26
VARDON		36
WARD V	24	18
WARD G	26	16
WILKES	30	12
WONG	25	9

WAYFAIRERS GOLFING SOCIETY

DAY AT BLETCHINGLEY ON MONDAY 21st OCTOBER

NAME.....

Please tick below as appropriate

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I am available for the above - Members Fee £40

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Sorry but I am unavailable to play at Bletchingley.

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If space allows I would like to bring a guest (name + h/cap below) Fee to be advised

Name.....Handicap.....

BUGGIES

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Should you intend to book a buggy please tick this box or tell Tony.
When Tony knows the full buggy requirements **he will book them with the Club.**
You will 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 27th SEPTEMBER** members will be contacted regarding possible vacancies for playing guests and meal 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 to be made by Friday 27th September.
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 27th SEPTEMBER 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.