



THE WAYFAIRER



The Wayfairers Golf Society

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**AT IFIELD THE WAYFAIRERS RETURNED TO THE FRAY
WHILE JOHN BENSTEAD EMERGED AS OUR STAR OF THE DAY!**

January 2020 arrived with our first scheduled meeting of the year due to be our AGM day at Bletchingley in early April. However by April the world was in complete chaos and not only was Bletchingley cancelled but also visits to Horne Park in June and Horsham in July.

It was therefore great news to learn that in September Ifield could accommodate us thanks to their setting up of an open air marquee in which after playing we all much enjoyed our meal, the company and the usual raffle and prize giving.

We were blessed with a fine Autumn day but rather sadly because of current circumstances only 16 players took their places on the first tee. This was our lowest turn out ever since our inaugural meeting in November 1995 - 25 years ago! We had 16 potential members all join up on that day and after playing our Society was formed.

For the current stalwart 16 however, whatever they lacked in number was more than made up for by their enthusiastic spirit, ambiance and the usual banter and laughter throughout the whole apres golf proceedings.

And what about the golf? The Course was in superb condition although the excellent greens were really lightening fast thus resulting in many a 3 putt. However despite a lengthy and at times tricky lay out, it would seem that many members had made good use of their time in lockdown to practice and hone their golfing skills as the average score for the day was an excellent 29 points.

Some 5 points better than this was John "Bandit" Benstead who came in a clear winner with 34 points. However second, third, fourth and fifth places were all hotly disputed as 4 players each finished on 32 and multiple count backs were required to accurately establish the true order of merit.

Unfortunately due to coronavirus restrictions regarding things being passed on from hand to hand, we were not able to organise the usual Nearest the Pin and the two Longest Drive contests as these all involve different players moving the various markers as the relevant holes are played..

With complications in trying to avoid score cards being passed around it was also decided on this occasion not to organise the Par 3 Challenge in which recording can often be a little complex.

Despite these limitations, overall it was a most enjoyable day with some excellent golf on an excellent Course and a most welcome opportunity for old friendships to be re-established in what turned out to be a very happy reunion.

IFIELD RESULTS

Winner of the Wayfairers Trophy and David Rose Rosebowl - John Benstead 34pts

2nd - Kam Wong 32pts

3rd - Sue McDonnell 32pts c/b

4th - Carl Rosner 32pts c/b

5th - Chris Wilkes 32pts c/b

Team Event Winners - John Benstead, Peter Rushton, Kevin Stacey & John Bateson

2nd Team Event - Peter Morris, Peer Blakeley, Carl Rosner & Norman Lovelock

Birdie Cap - "Lucky" Norman Lovelock

Hedgehog - Derek "Del Boy" Allen

PICTURES FROM IFIELD

PHOTOS COURTESY OF KAM OUR TREASURED KAMERAMAN



In 2nd, 3rd & 4th places

***Kam Wong, Chris Wilkes
Carl Rosner & Sue McD***



The Winning Team

***Peter Rushton, John Bateson,
Kevin Stacey & John Benstead***



The 2nd Team

***Norman Lovelock, Peter Morris,
Carl Rosner & Peer Blakeley***



Winner of the Birdie Cap

Who else but Norman!



*Winner of the Wayfairers Trophy
& The David Rose Rosebowl*

John Benstead



Happy Hedgehog Winner

***No hedgehog was present but
shyly hiding behind the mask
Del Boy Allen***



***Our members were nicely
spaced out around 3 tables
with plenty of drinks to hand***

FUTURE PROGRAMME Sorry folks but our future programme as with Villa is completely uncertain. We do have both Bletchingley & Horsham holding booking deposits for us but no agreed dates as yet. All a question of wait and see.

VILLA - FRIDAY 9th OCTOBER

In theory our next scheduled meeting is at Villa but will it be on - or will it be off? The answer lies with you, the members. It all depends on your response to our recent enquiry detailing the latest restrictions. To play or not to play? WATCH THIS SPACE - or better still await an email giving you the answer to our enquiry.

THE WAYFAIRERS CHARITY

The end of our last financial year also brought an end to our 2 years of fund raising for the Kent, Sussex & Surrey Air Ambulance Service. With no meetings held for months on end, the £1000 raised is just sitting in our main account as there has been no opportunity for us to be able to invite a representative from the charity to come to one of our functions in order to receive the cheque. Unfortunately this opportunity looks more and more remote as time passes on.

However as your current Committee which is comprised of Kam, John B. and myself all live in almost the same street (a very upmarket one!) we plan to invite an Air Ambulance rep. to visit us.

This would make 4 gathering from different households but from a very careful social distance we could put a cheque on a table for him to pick up. At the same time our ace photographer Kam could record it all for prosperity and pass a copy on to you.

Currently this leaves us now without an agreed charity to support but hopefully this can be sorted out at a later time when things creep back to normal - if ever! We would as ever in our previous years request your suggestions for suitable charities and then put the final decision to all members to decide by a majority vote.

IFIELD 30 & OVER CLUB

John Benstead 34

Sue McDonnell, Kam Wong, Carl Rosner & Chris Wilkes all with 32

Norman Lovelock 31

THE IFIELD RAFFLE With 19 spread around the meal tables the raffle raised £95 and almost 100 % of this was profit as the vast majority of the prizes on offer had been purchased in the last financial year, with all of them sitting sadly neglected in the McDonnell household since last Christmas! This was our first raffle of 2020.

With 12 prizes on offer to share between just 19 takers, the chances of winning a prize were very much better than 2 to 1! Sorry for the few who went home empty handed but I was one of them!

Despite valiantly trying to ensure that Norman was not to be one of our prize winning recipients, he as usual came up smiling and smelling of roses as he went home gleefully clutching a bottle! How does he do it?!

HANDICAP INFORMATION PLEASE NOTE

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

Justification for immediate changes following Ifield are based on the average score of 29 at Ifield

H/caps for Next Meeting

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