



# THE WAYFAIRER



**The Wayfairers Golf Society**

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**AT VILLA A NEW MEMBER OUTPLAYED ALL THE REST  
AS TERRY KING REIGNED SUPREME TO PROVE THAT HE WAS THE BEST!**

With our Villa day approaching a wet week was forecast and the day prior to the event was truly horrible. However come the dawn Wayfairers weather prevailed as ever with a blue sky on what was a pleasantly warm October day. Just perfect for golf.

18 players in 5 groups set off from the first tee with the course, which seems to improve more and more from year to year, looking lush and green. Despite this being a short lay out with 6 par 3's the scoring was not that high with the average for the day registering at 26.

In comparison with our recent Ifield visit, the average for the day there on a much longer course was 29. However while at Ifield the greens were lightning fast, at Villa all putts had to be very firmly struck resulting in many a 3 putt or worse as so often the ball failed to reach the hole.

Some 9 months have passed since members were requested to renew their membership and at this time we gained one new member Terry King who had played with us as a guest on previous occasions. This time of course coincided with the start of the coronavirus epic and since then it has only been possible to have one meeting, this being our September gathering at Ifield for which Terry was not available.

So after three quarters of a year as a member, Terry finally got to play at Villa and became an immediate winner with 33pts. No way for a new member to behave! Now sit back and watch your handicap disintegrate Terry! 33pts just pipped Kam by 1pt who finished with 32 which was exactly the same score he had recorded at Ifield, where once again he finished runner up. Always the bridesmaid Kam - never the bride - but well played. Another shot gone!

It should also be noted that Chris Wilkes was just 1pt less than Kam on 31, which means that 2 of our lowest handicap players - Kam off 9 and Chris off 12 - finished in the top 4 proving that quality really counts. Poor Chris however lost 3rd place to John Frost on count back so won absolutely nothing for all his efforts, apart from an honourable mention. Due to all the current on-going coronavirus restrictions it was impossible to have speeches or official presentations, so the awards were all money prizes dispensed with little ceremony.

However there was one extra little competition organised and run by our Secretary with a bottle of prosecco up for grabs. This was a bottle put away months ago for a Par 3 Challenge contest which has never happened and was instead presented to the player who was nearest the pin in 2 on the long par 3 11th hole. The clear winner was Kam whose shot finished on the edge of the green with his consequent birdie attempt just inches short! Well done Kam.

After play the Autumn weather was good enough for all to all sit outside in playing groups. And so a rather unusual but nevertheless enjoyable Wayfairers day came to a conclusion.

## VILLA RESULTS

**Winner of the Wayfairers Trophy - New Member Terry King 33pts**

**2nd - Kam Wong 32pts**

**3rd - John Frost 31pts c/b**

**4th - Chris Wilkes 31pts lost on c/b**

**Team Event Winners - Sue & Robin Jelley Norman Lovelock & Peter Smith**

**Mystery Prize - Nearest the Pin in 2 on the 11th - Kam Wong**

**FUTURE PROGRAMME** Sorry folks but our future programme is completely uncertain. We do have both Bletchingley & Horsham holding booking deposits for us but no agreed dates as yet. Love to do something for Christmas but it's all a question of wait and see.



Members show a good example of social distancing as our Match Day Organiser (far left) stands ready to announce the winners.



Wishful thinking!  
Then Chris Wilkes stands up to make an announcement to all of the 18 members present - "Folks. The next round is on me"



Some fierce competition in the "Count the bald heads" contest. Is our shy Secretary hiding one underneath his red hat?!



Back home Treasurer Kam can't wait to demolish his prize bottle of wine! Cheers Kam!

### **THE VIRUS PUTS PAID TO ANY CELEBRATIONS**

In a month's time on Tuesday 17th November our Society will be exactly 25 years old. A quarter of a century of birdie caps and hedgehogs! The mind boggles!

This should be something to really celebrate but in present circumstances there is no way for this to be possible. Hopefully next year things will have improved and we can hold some belated festivities in which we combine some golf with a memorable meal and gathering - perhaps even including a residential golf break.

As with everything else currently, once again a question of wait and see.

### **VILLA 30 & OVER CLUB**

**Terry King 33 Kam Wong 32**

**John Frost Chris Wilkes 31**

**Norman Lovelock 30**

### **HANDICAP INFORMATION PLEASE NOTE**

On the revised handicap list featured opposite all players' scores at Villa are shown in **RED** numbers. The handicaps for our next meeting shown in **BLACK** numbers with changes in **BLUE**

Justification for these immediate changes following Ifield are based on the average score of **26** at Villa

### **H/caps for Next Meeting**

ALLEN	18	23
ATWELL		27
BATESON	17	36
BENSTEAD	29	26
BLAKELEY	29	15
COLENUT L		29
COLENUT M		21
CROMPTON	21	25
ESLOR		18
FROST	31	21
HISTED		28
HITAM		31
HOGG		16
HUMPHREY J		28
S HUMPHREY		32
JELLEY R	27	18
S JELLEY	29	28
KING	33	22
LAVENDER		20
LOVELOCK	30	28
S McDONNELL		11
MORRIS		18
REEVES		36
ROSNER	20	27
RUSHTON	24	25
SAMWAYS E		16
J SAMWAYS,		25
SHELLEY		18
SHIEL		27
SMITH D	21	23
SMITH P	21	18
STACEY	27	26
STANLEY		29
THOMSON	20	28
VARDON		36
WARD G		15
V WARD		18
WILKES	31	12
WONG	32	8