



THE WAYFAIRER



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A COUNT BACK AT BLETCHINGLEY - WITH 3 SCORES ALL THE SAME BUT PEER EDGES OUT VAL AND PETER TO CLAIM WINNER'S FAME!

A rather wet weather forecast for our Bletchingley meeting did not transpire as eventually it turned out to be a typical cloudy and overcast Autumn day but not a drop of rain fell until the last group duly arrived on the 18th tee. The Wayfairers had done it again! Just!

A sizeable turn out of 22 players including 2 very welcome guests made their way to the first tee and bang on time the first shot of the day went off bouncing all of 20 yards. So game on!

Well over 5 hours later everyone was in and the scorecards were scrutinised. Bletchingley is a long course, conditions were heavy with the ball going nowhere and all this was very much reflected in the scoring.

The average score for the day was a meagre 21 points - very low - with the best return only 5 points above this. 3 players shared this top spot with each recording 26 points so it was count back time. By the narrowest of margins Peer just squeezed into first place with Val & Peter very close behind. No way to treat a lady but this was a great effort by Peer. Having now received an appointment for a replacement hip in early November, with his present 22 year old one now well past its sell by date, Peer had stopped playing. However temptation was too great and here he was walking off (very slowly!) with the top prize. Well done Peer. We wish you every success with the operation which could of course result in a handicap cut!

This wasn't the only count back needed. In the Par 3 Challenge Contest Derek, John B. & guest Elaine Adams all recorded 11 points but following some complicated calculations the plaque and the bubbly went to Elaine. A most deserving winner. Well done.

Among all the competitors was Mick Shiel quietly celebrating his birthday and following an ancient Wayfairers tradition, any member celebrating a birthday on the day of the meeting gets to present all the prizes and receives a card and a present for themselves (see page 3)

Mick was chaperoned for the meal by wife Nicky and close friend Jan and they got him home safely! It was lovely to see you Jan. Alan is so very sadly missed.

The 18th hole saw competition for Harold's Nearest the Pin in 3 Award. In December 1996 Harold's 3 iron head parted company with the shaft as he played his 3rd shot to the last green. Now mounted it makes an excellent much coveted trophy. Sadly Harold is no longer with us but this little contest evokes many happy memories.

Following the golf an excellent meal was enjoyed followed by the raffle and all the usual prize giving. Thus ended another successful day for the Wayfairers. See you at Christmas!

BLETCHINGLEY RESULTS

Winner of the Ron Harris Autumn Cup & Wayfairers Shield - Peer Blakeley 26pts c/b
Also on 26pts but losing on count back - Val Ward & Peter Morris

Team Prize - Carl Rosner, Mike Colenutt, Terry King & Peer Blakeley 68pts
2nd Team - Graham Ward, Kam Wong & Ron Adams (g) 67pts

Harold's 18th Hole Award - Sue McDonnell Nearest the Pin - Kam Wong
19 & Over Longest Drive - Peter Rushton Open Longest Drive - Kam Wong (that man again!)

Par 3 Challenge Contest - Elaine Adams (g)

AND SO OUR CHRISTMAS MEETING AT HOLTYE G.C. ON MONDAY 13th DECEMBER

With so many of our members requiring buggies and with their availability very unlikely in December our traditional Christmas Texas Scramble has been reduced to 9 holes. This has been done because some of our buggy users have advised that although they might be able to walk 9 holes they cannot manage the full 18 - particularly holes 6 & 7 for a second time! As a consequence our usual start time will be put back to 11.30 with coffee available on arrival.

Incorporated into the Scramble will be the ever popular 2 Longest Drives plus the Nearest the Pin contests. Traditionally at Christmas, as part of all usual the seasonal fun, we hold the Shortest Drive Competition which usually covers shots taken from the 10th tee. However as we are only playing 9 this contest will now be on the first tee! Just think! - if you hit a duffer you could win an unwanted prize with your very first shot of the day! - and also lose your dignity! A very sleepless night beckons!

Repeated as ever will be the competition to win the Christmas Tankard complete with a strong liquid to put in it. The winner is the player who is in the eventual winning Scramble Team and is the one to sink the final winning putt on the last green. Before playing we will hold a draw with a £2 entry fee and everyone will be asked to take a ticket out of the hat with the name of another person playing on it. Whoever is fortunate enough to draw the eventual Christmas Tankard winner will claim a nice prize with all the profit on the takings going to our charity. Following the golf at approx. 3pm a 2 Course Christmas meal will be served to be followed by some frantic festive frolics!

COST The cost for the day is split between Holtye members and Holtye non-members. For all non-members this is £37 to include golf, coffee on arrival, the Christmas meal and all prizes to include golf related ones as well as many extraneous ones. For Holtye members the cost is reduced to £25.

Would all those who wish to play please ensure they forward the appropriate amount to Kam by **SATURDAY 6th NOVEMBER AT THE LATEST.** This is quite early but once we have clearly established our playing numbers we can then circulate out invitations for meal guests as the number of dining spaces left available will then have been established. Providing there is sufficient room for non-players to attend first priority will be given to Wayfairer members unable to play but who would like to join the others for the meal and then if space allows invitations for other meal guests will be issued.

PAYMENT BT Payment to Kam - Account Name is WAYFAIRERS GOLFING SOCIETY

Sort Code is 09/01/53 Account no. is 08413288

Cheques to Kam Wong 24 West Street Dormansland Lingfield Surrey RH7 6QW

PLEASE EMAIL KAM TO ADVISE THAT PAYMENT HAS BEEN MADE - kwwong3@hotmail.com

THE BLETCHINGLEY RAFFLE

For the first time since the dreaded covid emerged the Wayfairers were able to resume holding their traditional raffle. John Benstead very kindly volunteered to be our ticket salesman and with his persuasive charm he did an excellent job in enticing members to part with a total of £121. This total is offset by the cost of all the prizes but from what remains £30 has now been put into our charity fund which is slowly growing.

The star prize of the day very suitably went to birthday boy Mick and as can be seen from the photo was a doormat complete with hedgehog!

An extra prize was added by guest Jan who very kindly donated a lovely bottle of red wine which had belonged to Alan. A lovely gesture Jan. And not unexpectedly it was the very first prize to be claimed.



PICTURES FROM BLETCHINGLEY

Prizes Presented by Birthday Boy Mick
Photos by courtesy of Kam "The Cameraman!"



Team Winners -
Mike Colenutt, Peer Blakeley,
Carl Rosner & Terry King

Team Runners Up
Graham Ward, Kam Wong @Ron Adams



Winner of the
Over 19 Longest Drive
Peter Rushton
& Nearest the Pin
Kam Wong



Winner of the Wayfairers
Trophy
& The Ron Harris Autumn Cup
Peer Blakeley



Individual Runners Up
Val Ward & Peter Morris



Winner of the Birdie Cap
Hipster Peer Blakeley



Winner of the
Hedgehog
Smiling John Benstead



Winner of Harold's 18th
Hole Award
Sue McD



Winner of the Par 3
Challenge
Guest Elaine Adams



Happy Birthday Mick as Liz
presents him with an
appropriate card and a
welcome addition to
his wine cellar



Winner of the Open
Longest Drive
Kam Wong

Future Programme For the Wayfairers

MONDAY 13th DECEMBER
Christmas 9 Hole Texas Scramble
At Holtye Golf Club
Together with a Two Course Christmas Meal

A programme for the New Year - 2022 -
to be announced when prepared

THE LONE SUPPORTER

A large crowd consisting of one nameless spectator gathered at Bletchingley as the players teed off on the 1st. This keen supporter had paid a large sum of money to get the best view in the house and see some of the world's top golfers in action - but now says he wants his money back! He has however recorded sincere thanks to Norman for buying him a pint following all the action saying he had thought the day would never come!



GIMMES

Several years ago following discussion it was agreed at one of our AGM's that the concept of allowing "gimmes" to other players should cease. This of course is when a ball seems so close to a hole that the player due to putt it is allowed to pick it up without playing.

We have all in our time seen ridiculously short putts missed and it was felt that with trophies and other prizes at stake, all putts should be sunk. There can be no arguments then. By imposing this rule it also did away with any doubts of whether or not a member of the playing group should be granted this concession making some members feel they were being unreasonable or mean if they didn't do so.

It was noticed at Bletchingley that several gimmes were being granted and it is quite understandable that new members over the past few years would not be aware of this ruling. Hopefully everyone appreciates the reasoning behind this decision so please no more gimmes from now on. Those tiddly putts can be missed as I know to my cost and it's all part of the game to make sure they aren't missed and successfully disappear down!

HANDICAP NOTE

At Bletchingley no player scored higher than 5 points above the average. As a consequence for the first time in memory not one member has had their handicap reduced. Big sighs of relief all round!

At the other end of the scoring results one player received one shot back and two other players two each. Happy Christmas!

HANDICAP INFORMATION PLEASE NOTE

On the review handicap list featured opposite, we now show all players' scores at our last meeting in **red** numbers. Handicap changes are highlighted & shown in **blue** numbers.

Justification for handicap changes can clearly be seen based on an average score of **21**

H/caps for Holtye

ALLEN		23
ATWELL		27
BATESON	13	36
BENSTEAD	12	27
BLAKELEY	26	15
COLENUT L	23	29
COLENUT M	24	21
CROMPTON	15	25
ESLOR	19	20
FROST		21
HISTED		28
HITAM		31
HOGG		16
HUMPHREY J		28
HUMPHREY S		32
KING T	24	23
LAVENDER		20
LOVELOCK	21	28
McDONNELL S	25	11
MORRIS	26	18
REEVES	17	36
ROSNER	24	26
RUSHTON	20	23
SAMWAYS, E		14
SAMWAYS, J		24
SHELLEY		18
SHEIL	20	31
SMITH D	20	23
SMITH P		18
STACEY		26
STANLEY		29
VARDON		36
WARD V	26	18
WARD G	23	15
WILKES	13	14
WONG	25	10

