



THE WAYFAIRER



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AT WELLSHURST STORMING NORMAN TURNED UP IN GREAT FORM BEING PLEASED TO ACCEPT ANY OLD PORT IN A STORM!

On a not particularly warm Spring day, 20 very keen Wayfairers turned up at Wellshurst anticipating the challenge of a brand new venue for the Wayfairers. Although not quite as sunny as it had been recently it stayed completely dry and was a pleasant day for playing golf.

Prior to going out many members commented very favourably on the reception received from the Club with the early presentation of what was commented on as probably the very best bacon bap served up in our many years of existence! Sadly it was an occasion without 2 key committee members as both our Match Day Co-ordinator John Bateson was returning from holiday and our Secretary had to withdraw very late with ill health problems. However Treasurer Kam proved just what a treasure he really is as he took on the day's responsibilities single handed but as a regrettable consequence, for the second consecutive time no raffle could be held as the raffle organiser yet again was not present.

Out on an unknown Course the players commented on an excellent lay out spoilt only by slow greens possibly not cut over a busy weekend. As 3 putts were the order of the day perhaps there should have been a new prize for the overall champion 3 putter! Despite all this the scores recorded reflected a very close contest with so many players tightly bunched together and with a high average of 30 pts per player. Overall an extremely close high scoring contest.

Eventually it was Storming Norman who claimed all the honours and top prizes with an excellent total of 39pts. Added to this our golf prize purchaser John B. had made the top prize a bottle of port! Norman was ecstatic but won't be when he sees his new handicap! Close behind Norman was Eddie on 38 and then came 3 players on 37, 36 & 35 - so close! Shows how well the handicap system works! Following the golf and most welcome refreshments, an excellent meal was served and members were full of praise for the service of the staff on what was a most enjoyable day. A venue to which many members said they would happily like to return - albeit with faster greens!

AND SO TO THE FULL RESULTS

Winner of the Wayfairers Trophy & the David Rose Rosebowl - Norman Lovelock 39pts
2nd Eddie Samways 38pts
3rd Derek Allen 37pts
Top Lady of the Day - Jackie Samways 35pts

Team Competition 1st - Eddie Samways Mike Colenutt & Peer Blakeley 88pts
2nd - Derek Allen Maurice Crouch & Norman Lovelock 85pts
Nearest the Pin - Peer Blakeley
Open Longest Drive - Eddie Samways
19 & Over Longest Drive - Peter Rushton
Hedgehog - Maurice Crouch

AND SO TO OUR NEXT MEETING THIS IS AT CHERRY LODGE ON MONDAY 11th JULY

Once again a new venue for the Wayfairers but a prestigious and probably one of the best venues we shall be visiting in 2022.

LOCATION the Golf Club is situated in Jail Lane (quite appropriate for some of our members!) and this is almost mid-way between Westerham & Biggin Hill with Jail Lane and the Golf Club running off to the right of the A233 heading northwards from Westerham to Biggin Hill. The Club indicates it is within 5 miles of Westerham.

THE COURSE is not short - 6142 yards for the men (par 72) and 5611 for the ladies (par 73) and buggies may well be advisable for some members. Should you require a buggy please inform J. McD NOW - so that we can then ensure sufficient are provisionally booked very early on.

This is the day we will be competing for the much coveted Peer's Plate kindly donated by Peer Blakeley several years ago. With this goes the Wayfairers Shield and numerous other prizes for runners up. There will also be a playing groups team competition plus the usual Nearest the Pin and 2 Longest Drive Contests.

On arrival there will be coffee or tea and following the 18 holes golf there is a 2 Course Meal also supplemented with tea or coffee. On this particular occasion all prizes will be purchased using money from a raffle and/or main fund subsidy.

COST After some lengthy negotiation with the Club we managed to get the cost per player for all this from an advertised price of £64 down to £50. A real bargain when considering the green fee alone for 18 holes is £35. At our recent AGM it was agreed that with increasing costs we should be looking at a maximum of £50 or close to this for any of our packages and we can assure our members that Cherry Lodge will be the most expensive day of any that we hold this year. Hopefully afterwards everyone will agree it was all well worth it.

PAYMENT If you do intend to play please let Kam have your £50 by FRIDAY 17th JUNE. Reminders will be sent out nearer the time to all those not already paid. Please note for your organisers it is just as important that we know if you are not available as if you are, so if this is the case please let us know ASAP. You can inform John McD or Kam. Thank you.

If paying by cheque this is to be sent to Kam Wong 24 West Street Dormansland Lingfield Surrey RH7 6QW. Payment by Bank Transfer to Wayfairers Golfing Society Sort Code 09/01/53 Acc. No. 08413288. Please inform Kam immediately you have made this transfer.

GUESTS should you wish to invite a playing guest please let J.McD have his/her name and handicap. When all the returns are in he will then be able to advise you if there is space for your guest and if there is give you all the necessary payment details.

BUGGY REQUIREMENTS As mentioned earlier please let J.McD know now should you wish to share a buggy.

THE CHERRY LODGE RAFFLE & "OPEN GOLF" SWEEPSTAKE

In the recent unexpected double absence of our Raffle Organiser sadly no raffle was held at either of our past two meetings - Horne Park or Wellshurst. However this leaves many most desirable prizes that have yet to be claimed to be put out on the table for our next planned event at Cherry Lodge.

Your cheerful ticket salesman will be Carl who was sadly denied this coveted task at Wellshurst. Thank you Carl in anticipation of record takings!

But it's not only the raffle as it's also the time of year to hold our "Open" Draw Sweepstake.

Upon arrival you will be asked for the sum of £2 and for this you will draw 2 players in the forthcoming Open Championship due to start at Saint Andrews just 3 days after our Cherry Lodge gathering. Nice prizes for those who draw the top 3 players with all to be decided on the following Sunday evening. Doubtless television sets will be red hot as you cheer and urge your players on!

All profit on the draw - that is total income less the cost of prizes will go into our Charity Fund.

Good luck and can we knock Kam off his perch as he has now drawn the winner out of the hat consecutively 2 years running with Shane Lowry and then Collin Morikawa. Nice to have a Treasurer who is lucky!

And so lots of opportunity at Cherry Lodge to pick up prizes from the raffle and the sweepstake as well as from your golfing ability.

Good luck!

PICTURES FROM WELLSHURST

Photos by courtesy of Kam "The Cameraman!"

Prizes presented by Peter Rushton



Winner Norman clutches both the Wayfairers Shield and the David Rose Rosebowl but even tighter he clutches the bottle of port!



Eddie was Runner Up & Derek came 3rd while Jackie was our top lady of the day.



**The Winning Team
Peer, Eddie & Mike**



The Prize Table



**Team Runners Up
Derek, Norman & Maurice**



**Winners of the
Nearest the Pin - Peer
Open Longest Drive - Eddie
19 & Over Longest Drive - Peter**



**And our very proud
Hedgehog
Winner
Maurice**



Programme For the Wayfairers Year 2022

Following our recent Wellshurst Day we have -

MONDAY 11th JULY Peer's Plate at CHERRY LODGE
MONDAY 8th AUGUST A Casual Day at CHIDDINGFOLD playing for the Barry Richard's Hole in One Memorial Bubbly
MONDAY 5th SEPTEMBER at IFIELD Pink Ball Trophy Day plus the 50 Bob Set
MONDAY 17th OCTOBER at Villa playing for Ron Harris Autumn Trophy plus the Vardon Trophy
Our Christmas December Meeting yet to be arranged & confirmed



SOME BITS AND PIECES - CHIPS AND PUTTS

BEWARE - CONTRASTING GREENS!

One of the very few criticisms regarding Wellshurst was the slowness of the greens. For a contrast just wait until you get to Cherry Lodge which is well known for its super fast and extremely tricky greens. You might well 3 or 4 putt there even more than at Wellshurst! All a question of wait and see!

BANDIT BATESON

Norman's score of 39 points at Wellshurst was extremely commendable but just compare that to the performance by our Match Day Organiser John Bateson when the Wayfairers played their inaugural game at Chiddingfold on 17th November 1995. John was our first ever Wayfairers winner as he came in with an obscene score of 47 points!

As can be seen from above, we are due to return for a nostalgic visit to Chiddingfold on Monday 8th August. Does anyone fancy a bet on John being able to beat his previous score over 26 years later!? Make sure you turn up at Chiddingfold to see what happens!

Personally I promise to buy him a pint for every point he gets over 47 - but I will make sure I record his score card! If he fails I will then be claiming some liquid refreshment in return.

THE HISTORY OF THE HEDGEHOG

When the Wayfairers was first up and running a special award was given out at every meeting known as the BLNT Trophy. BLNT stood for "Better Luck Next Time" and consequently the coveted prize went to the player who had underachieved by finishing well down the scoring list.

However as time went by, one day John B. while away on holiday came across an excellent golf related novelty Hedgehog presented in a box and with it came a copy of this lovely and very moving poem -

"Don't be sad Don't be blue
Somewhere in the World
There's a golfer worse than you!"

Naturally this has replaced the BLNT award and at every meeting now our cuddly Hedgehog is presented to a worthy winner together with a rapidly growing box of accessories. It could be yours at Cherry Lodge!"

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 **30**

H/caps for C. Lodge

E. ADAMS	28	32
R. ADAMS	36	16
ALLEN	37	23
ATWELL		27
BACON	23	28
BATESON		36
BENSTEAD	32	28
BLAKELEY	33	15
CHARLWOOD		23
L. COLNUTT	27	29
M. COLNUTT	26	22
L. CROUCH		36
M. CROUCH	22	27
CROMPTON		25
ESLOR	28	20
FROST		21
HOGG		15
KING		23
LAVENDER	33	20
LOVELOCK	39	25
S. McDONNELL		11
P. MORRIS		18
REEVES	31	36
ROSNER	31	26
RUSHTON	28	23
J. SAMWAYS	35	24
E. SAMWAYS	38	12
SHEIL		33
SHELLEY		18
D. SLEET		25
T. SLEET		8
D. SMITH	28	23
P. SMITH		18
STACEY		27
STANLEY		29
V. WARD		18
G. WARD		15
R. WHITEHEAD		20
C. WILKES		14
K. WONG	24	12