

THE WAYFAIRER



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THE TWO IANS PROVED THAT THEY WERE THE BEST - WHILE DAVID AND BRYEN 'ROSE' OVER THE REST!

The results of our recent points. 83 year old **Ian Templer** Downshire Meeting indicated came in with 28 points which gave clearly that this was a day when it was definitely "Best to be a Guest!" him a final total of 111. No one else could beat this, but **John Loader** (77) A total of 22 Wayfairers and 3 with 32 points was a very close guests took part, and it was our second only 2 behind on 109. One of the best features of the whole day was that our one and only Honorary Life Member **Robert Marchbank**, whom we so rarely see, was playing with us and was able to present the '50 Bob Set' to Ian. This couldn't have been prizes!

It was a great pleasure to have ex-Wayfairer **Ian Gordon** back in our company, and needless to say he celebrated this fact by walking off with the top prize, with an excellent score of 40 points. However, as a consequence of no longer being a member, Ian did have to forfeit his claim to the Wayfairers Trophy, and this went to **Frank Houlihan** in second place. That will teach you to leave us Ian!

A first time guest **Bryen Rose**, son of David, definitely won't be invited again! He went home with 3 prizes while poor old Dad had to be content with just 2!

Our third and more regular guest **Sue McDonnell**, also denied any of the Wayfairers the pleasure of a pint and a tankard, by putting her tee shot closest to the pin on the 17th.

It is refreshing to report that one major prize did manage to find its way into the hands of a Wayfairer. This was the "50 Bob Set", the Trophy that is awarded annually for the best total score of adding the player's age to his/her Stableford

the Wayfairers Weather? Suffice it to say we all started in sunshine and all finished in sunshine, and somewhere in between there was what Robert aptly described as a 'wee Scottish shower'.



Ian Templer worthy winner of the 50 BOB SET receiving the Trophy from Robert Marchbank at Downshire.

more fitting because although having donated the Trophy some 5 years ago, he had never actually seen it! It was great to have you with us Robert. Please 'haste ye back!'

And what about the actual Golf? Only 2 players managed to break their handicaps, with the vast majority being bunched together in the low 30's and the high 20's. And

AND SO TO THE FULL DOWNSHIRE

Winner of the Individual Stableford - **Ian Gordon** 40 pts.

2nd and Winner of the Wayfairers Trophy - **Frank Houlihan** 38 pts.

3rd - **Dennis Shelley** 36pts.

4th - **Peter Rushton** 34pts (on c/b from **David Rose**).

50 Bob Set - **Ian Templer** (age 83+28 pts total 111).

Pink Ball Team Winners - **David Rose, Bryen Rose & Ian Templer** 39 pts.

Special J.McD Swimmer's Prize, Nearest the Pin at the Water Hole - **David Rose**.

Longest Drive Open Category **Bryen Rose**

Longest Drive Over 19 Handicap - **Bryen Rose**.

Nearest the Pin - **Sue McDonnell**.

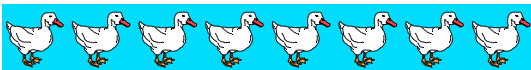
Hedgehog Award- **Bernard McDonnell**

The Plonker Cap was unanimously awarded to Mike Wilson when it was revealed to all those present that he had made a right Plonker of himself recently when playing at East Brighton! A notice on the Clubhouse door clearly stated "No golf shoes beyond this point." Having been standing at the bar some 10 minutes, he commented that there was a strange lumpy feeling under his right shoe. When he looked down he realised he had normal footwear on his left foot but was still wearing his golf shoe with metal spikes on his other foot! What a Plonker. (Perhaps we ought to get some Plonker Socks? -ED).

The Downshire Raffle

Many thanks to John Loader for acting as our Ticket Salesman. He collected an excellent total of £56 from 25 players. Currently we hold in stock a considerable number of prizes - all of which have been paid and accounted for, and together with a sum of £61.79 in hand, this puts us in a very healthy position. A full annual audited account for the Raffle Fund will be available at the Chiddingfold AGM.

WANTED! A volunteer Ticket Salesman (or Sales Lady) for Chiddingfold. Please ring the Secretary, **volunteer and make him a happy man!**



In amongst the backwaters through the rushes tall McD is a dabbling trying to play his ball! (From the exact spot where he fell in!)

And so to our next meeting

A.G.M. DAY AT CHIDDINGFOLD

Our A.G.M. is to be held at Chiddingfold Golf Club on Friday 9th November. As this will be the 7th time that we have played at this venue it is assumed that our members know the location of the club. Please contact either of the Johns if there are any queries. The Club telephone number is 01428 685888. This will be the occasion on which we hold our annual competition for the Ron Harris Autumn Cup, currently held by **David Gillen**. The result of the Wayfairer Pairs Knockout Competition and the Society Championship will also be announced and the trophies awarded.

DETAILS FOR THE DAY

Arrive for coffee 9.30am onwards. First tee off 10.20am. Total cost £27 to include Coffee, 18 Holes, 3 Course Meal and all prizes. Our A.G.M. is to be held after the meal and the usual prize giving - in a private room if the Clubhouse is busy.

Deadline for return slips and payment is Saturday 13th October - slip enclosed.

The notes from last years A.G.M. and Agenda are included in this issue. Please bring this with you to the A.G.M. which hopefully we anticipate will be brief.

MEMO!

WINTER TROLLEY BANS

Should this autumn prove to be anything like as wet as it was last year, it could well be that we start seeing Trolley Bans in the near future. We always publish the club phone number in the Wayfairer. If in doubt you can always ring the club before hand to check the current situation.

Wayfairers Autumn Golfing Break at Wensum - Norfolk

Following last months notice in the Wayfairer **there has been a lot of interest in this away break** so now its decision time!

Final Details - Travel to Wensum (near Norwich) on the morning of **SUNDAY 11th NOVEMBER** aiming to arrive mid-morning in time for a snack lunch, followed by 18 holes.

On Monday the proposal is for 27 holes - or even more for the very keen ones! The Hotel complex has a separate full length 9 hole course as well as the 18 hole layout.

Tuesday is our final day - 18 holes A.M. - depart for home after a snack lunch.

Some fun competitions with small prizes (Bring your glasses - ED) will be arranged each day. No worries about how to spend your time after the days golf! Before a full three course evening meal why not take a swim in the large indoor heated pool, relax in the jacuzzi (unless you have to share it with Mike Wilson) or fry in the sauna. After dinner take up the challenge of the pool and snooker tables, and be well prepared for Barry's Wensum Indoor Olympics on Monday night.

Cost for 2 nights bed and breakfast, two 3 course Table d'Hote Evening Meals and all the golf played over three days, plus full unlimited use of all the indoor leisure facilities is £104 a head. The price is based on 2 sharing a double or twin bedded room. £10 a night is charged as a single room supplement.

Car sharing will cut down travel expenses, and once the deadline date for confirming and paying deposits has been reached Monday 8th October) John McD will notify everyone of the composition of the party. A deposit of £20 per head is required. **If interested please complete and return the slip now!** There is no guarantee that any rooms will be still available after the provisional booking date of Monday 8th October.

PICTURES FROM DOWNSHIRE



Left the Victorious Pink Ballers - Ian Templer, David and Bryen Rose receive their Trophies from Bob Marchbank.



Right - Frank Houlihan collects the Wayfairers Trophy.



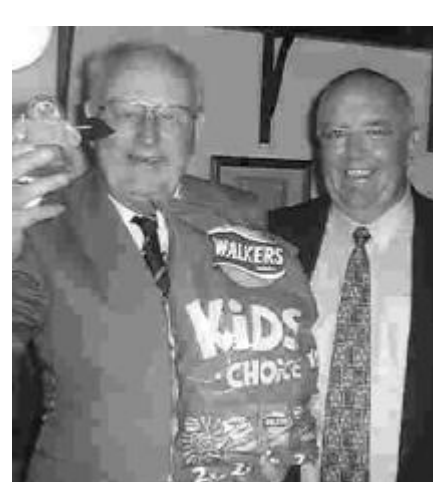
Above - Guest & Ex-Wayfairer Ian Gordon gets his prize for a splendid 40 pts. Below - Wayfairers doing what they do best, Tony, John, Clive and Peter.



Above - You can run but you can't hide, Mike Wilson, Plonker! Below - Sue McDonnell collects the prize for Nearest the Pin.



Above - 'I never win anything McDonnell' wins the birdie cap again! Below - All that is left for brother Bernard, our President, is the Hedgehog.



WAYFAIRERS A.G.M. AGENDA

Friday 9th November 2001

Please bring this with you to Chiddingfold

1. Secretary's Report
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Election of (a) Secretary (b) Treasurer (c) Auditor (d) Handicap Committee.
4. Membership Situation
5. Programme for 2002 (See below)
6. The Raffle
7. Golfing Breaks
8. Any Other Business

SOCIETY CHAMPIONSHIP

Never has the Society Championship been so close. With John Bateson, Clive Cooper and Chris Wilkes all exactly level! Two more cards had to be scrutinised and included before Chris Wilkes emerged as this years Society Champion.

Well done Chris!

WAYFAIRERS KNOCKOUT

As at the time of going to press (I've always wanted to say that! - ED) both semi finals have yet to be played. One game is between Harris Father & Son versus the Farnborough duo of Houlihan & Owens, and the other is a battle between Richards & Storey versus heavyweights Bateson & Widdowson. This is to be followed by the Final to be played before the AGM.

Good luck to all competitors!

WAYFAIRERS IN FRANCE

For the past two years some Wayfairers and guests have enjoyed a three night golfing break in France. All those who took part this year have expressed interest in repeating the experience in early June 2002. Should anyone else who is interested in further details please contact John McD. now or in the very near future.

WAYFAIRERS GOLF SOCIETY

NOTES OF THE 5TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The following were the main decisions made at the A.G.M. held on 9th November 2000.

1 All existing Officers were re-elected.

2 Annual membership subscription to be increased from £3 to £5. This was due mainly to the increase in the number of trophies to be engraved. Joining fee to remain at £5.

3 Current vacancies in membership to be offered to Brian Girling, Carl Rosner, Clive Cooper and Malcolm Goman (all previous guests who had expressed an interest in joining). Membership limit to remain at 40.

4 Proposed programme for 2001 to be Bletchingley (December 2000), Milford (9th March - new venue), Reigate Heath (June), West Chiltonington (July - new venue) and Hoebridge (September). As regards the venue for our "27 holes - Texas Scramble Day" in May two possible courses were under consideration, Shillinglee Park and Dorking. Voting at the meeting showed no strong preferences with 10 in favour of Shillinglee and 8 supporting Dorking. Agreed that Shillinglee be the venue, unless Dorking could offer a particularly attractive financial package.

5 Agreed to repeat in 2001 both of the inaugural 'Short Golfing Breaks' introduced in 2000, i.e. 4day/3night visit to Etretat, France (May 2001) and a 3day/2night stay at Wensum Golf Hotel near Norwich (November 2001).

6 When organising the 2001 Pairs Knockout Competition it should be made clear prior to the Competition, if ladies are competing whether or not they play off the ladies card or the men's card. Once decided this decision to remain the same for every Golf Course played in every round of the competition.

7 Several Thank You's were recorded - particularly to John Bateson and John McDonnell for all their hard work as Treasurer and Secretary, and to Peter Rushton our Auditor - to Barry Richards for his contribution to the Society as editor and publisher of the Wayfairer, and also for all his efforts in organising Wayfairer clothing and accessories. The President was also thanked for the donation of the President's Trophy to the Society.

PROGRAMME 2001 - 2002

In order that our Society Members can plan a long way ahead it has been decided as an experiment to book our full programme a whole year in advance. The following are the dates and venues fixed:-

2001

Friday 9th Nov. **Chiddingfold**

Monday 3rd Dec. **Bletchingley**

2002

Friday 8th March **Chartham Park**

Tuesday 7th May **Holtye** (all day)

Friday 14th June **Reigate Heath** (afternoon)

Monday 22nd July **West Chiltonington.**

Monday 16th September **Downshire**