

# THE WAYFAIRER



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## ONE PLAYER UNDER PAR - IT'S THE SAME OLD STORY BUT THIS TIME SHOELACE SYD BAGS ALL

Now that the Christmas festivities have come and gone, early December at Bletchingley probably seems an age ago to the 31 players who gathered for a hearty breakfast, before tackling the long 18 hole course.

The results when examined were amazingly identical to our previous meeting at Chiddingfold in November, with as then, just one competitor managing to beat his handicap by recording an excellent total of 37 points. This player was none other than 'Smiling' Syd Tutton, who later on in the day wore the largest smile on record, when his ticket was pulled out of the hat to win the most expensive Wayfairers Raffle Prize ever - a massive golf bag with a retail value of around £100. The bag was donated by a most generous Wayfairer who wishes to remain anonymous, but if you read this edition carefully you will find certain clues to his true identity!

Being our Christmas meeting the day was full of a variety of other contests. Before going out on the Course all the players had to guess what the total number of gross pars scored was likely to be, with estimates varying from a pessimistic 22, to a very optimistic 105!

The Christmas meal was particularly colourful as the males present were wearing very carefully selected ties in an attempt to win the most 'Tasteless Tie' Competition which later was judged very professionally by Audrey & Barbara. The six ladies present not wanting to be outdone by all these 'Tasteless Ties', took part in an 'Outrageous Ear-rings Competition' which in its turn was most carefully assessed by those two acknowledged

experts on the female ear-hole, Brian Girling and Syd Tutton!

It was particularly nice to welcome 2 extra lady guests to the meal, Elisabeth Richards & Janet Bateson, and they did their part by judging the Xmas Quiz Competition, which had been completed in Teams during the interval prior to the meal.

By popular demand, (of John Bateson & Barry Richards - but no one else!) (We know that John McD would only sulk for the rest of the year if we didn't let him do it!! - ED) the



**Smiling Syd has a Golden Day - Wayfairer Trophy and a Bag to match!**

Christmas Song Contest was held once again, and some of the singing was quite magnificent as one or two Wayfairers were actually in tune! And so the evening continued with a hilarious presentation of an animated Golf Bag by Barry Richards, distribution of all the Bring & Win prizes and a toast to absent friends all ending in an animated rousing rendition of Auld Lang Syne.

Special mention must be made of our more than worthy Plonker Cap Winner - **David Rose**, who flushed with pride, having won it last time at Bletchingley, was determined to do his best to win it again! Poor old **Syd Tutton** searched in vain for his carry-bag and clubs that he had placed alongside the 7th tee at Holtys Golf Club - (He had yet to win his new Bumper Bag that no one could mistake! - Ed.). In its place was a fine set of clubs on an **electric trolley** - had Christmas come early this year for Syd? Disappearing over the horizon with Syd's clubs was **David Rose**! After a chase Syd managed to retrieve them but **David** was still worried when he later discovered that he had lost two clubs. Coincidentally Syd had found two clubs.... Later on **David** was still so upset that having helped **Ian Templer** look for his ball he set off down the fairway having forgotten to tee off! Now you know the stiff competition to win the prestigious Plonker Cap! Come on **David** - give the others a chance!

### AND SO TO THE FULL BLETCHINGLEY

Winner of the Christmas Tankard and the Wayfairers Trophy -

**Syd Tutton** - 37 pts.

2nd - **Mike Owens** - 35 pts.

3rd - **Chris Wilkes** - 33 pts c/b.

4th - **John McDonnell** - 33 pts c/b.

Team Prize - **Mike Owens, Derek Reeves & Syd Tutton.**

Jeff Hogg Under 18 Handicap Trophy - **Chris Wilkes** 33 pts just beating **John McDonnell** also 33 pts on c/b.

Harold's 18th Hole Trophy - **Jeff Hogg**.

Nearest the Pin - **Mike Church**.

Open Longest Drive - **Chris** I'll never drink the Whisky' **Wilkes**.

19 Handicap and Over Longest Drive - **Barbara Horsfall**.

Birdie Cap - **Jeff '2 Birdies' Hogg**.

Plonker Cap - **David Rose**

Hedgehog Award - **Jan Henshaw**  
(What a way to treat a new Lady Member! -ED).

### OTHER COMPETITIONS

Guess the Total Number of Pars - the exact total was 72 - prizes awarded to **John McDonnell** (71), **Clive Cooper** (70) and **Jeff Hogg** (69).

The Most Obscene Tie - **Ken Cooper**.  
The Most Tasteless Tie - **Mike Wilson**.

The Most Disgusting Tie - **Chris Wilkes**.

The Most Outrageous Ear-rings - **Janet Bateson**.

Runner Up 'Highly Condemned Ear-rings' - **Jan Henshaw**.

Team Christmas Quiz - **Barry Richards, Mike Wilson & John McDonnell**.

Christmas Song Contest - Won by 'What a Lark' comprised of **Barbara & John Horsfall, David Rose & Peer Blakeley** on Sing/Back from the 'Song Thrushes' (If I'd known you got that from singing I wouldn't have joined in! - Ed) - **Janet & John Bateson & Mike Church**.

## The Bletchingley

This was a very unusual Wayfairers Raffle with just one gigantic Golf Bag to be won and tickets at £1 a time went like the proverbial 'Hot Cakes'! There could of course be only one winner and this was Syd Tutton. He has since discovered that owning the bag does have its drawbacks, as it is far too heavy for him to lift, and he has at great expense had to employ Brian Girling to act as his Caddie!

The raffle raised £71, all clear profit as the bag was donated by an anonymous Wayfairer. You might be able to work out who he is though, when we tell you that he was the person who presented us with our Autumn Cup which this year was won by his son. Thank you Ron from all the Wayfairers!

Please note that all of this £71 is to go in the main Wayfairers Fund and not the Raffle Fund which benefited by a profit of some £20 from the 'Guess The Number of Pars' Competition.

## Membership

Included in this edition of the Wayfairer is an up to date copy of our membership list giving full contact details.

We extend a very warm welcome to new members **Jan Henshaw, Sue McDonnell, Derek Reeves, Peer Blakeley and Andy Knight**.

At the same time we have to report resignations, for a variety of reasons from the following members:- **Malcolm Goman, David Gillen, Mike Morgan-Rowe, Chris Tomlin and Stuart Allan**.

## And so to our next meeting

This is to be held on Friday 8th March at a new highly recommended venue for the Wayfairers - **Chartham Park Golf Club** situated between East Grinstead and Lingfield. **A map is included with this edition**. The Club Telephone Number is **01342 870340**. Chartham Park is rated very highly as a Golf Course but to date has always been outside the Wayfairers price range. Thanks to some very skilful negotiating by your Committee, we have managed to arrange a day which should be excellent value for money. As our records show that this is usually the highest attended meeting of the year it might be advisable to ring either of the Johns a couple of days before to establish your tee time. Also as this is still only early March you might like to contact the Club regarding the use of trolleys.

Tea & Coffee plus Bacon Baps will be available from 9 am, with the first group out at 10.12 am. We are booked for 18 holes followed by a 2 Course Meal plus Coffee arranged for approximately 5 pm.

Our Competitions will as usual be divided into an Individual and a Team Stableford Event. The winning individual Wayfairer will be awarded the John Peake Spring Cup (current holder Nick Widdowson) together with the Wayfairers Trophy.

As in previous years, just for this one particular meeting the Team Competition will take the form of an Alliance Stableford. Under this system one best individual score counts for the first 6 holes, for the next 6 holes the best 2 scores are added, and finally over the remaining 6 holes all of the players points are totalled.

Cost for the whole day inclusive of prizes is £30. Your availability and payment slip is enclosed - **to be returned by Friday 8th February at the latest - PLEASE**.

**P.S.** Look out for a new variation on the Open Longest Drive Competition! (Chris Wilkes please note.)



**Syd shows David round his New Mobile Home!**



# PICTURES FROM BLETCHINGLEY



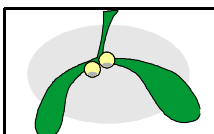
**Left:** Mike Owens a very creditable 35 pts



**Right:** Team Prize Winners Mike Owens, Syd Tutton & Derek Reeves



**Left:** Jeff Hogg receives the Birdie Cap not for one Birdie But Two!



**Right:** Barbara Horsfall beats the boys & gets the over 18 Handicap Prize for the Longest Drive!



**Below:** Chris Wilkes receives the 'Under 18 H/cap Trophy from Harold Peskett who did an excellent job standing in as Captain of the Day.



**Below:** David Rose gets the Plonker Cap following a little 'Bag Confusion' at Holtye!!



**Below:** Lucky Syd - The only Wayfairer who can put a Three Piece Suite into his





## Pairs Knockout Competition 2002

This popular event will run once again commencing in the Spring and as ever the format will be a 4 Ball Better-ball Match Play Knockout Competition. (It will take most of the winter for the new members to work that one out! - ED).

Details of the draw will be published in the next edition of the Wayfairer, but in the meanwhile you do need a partner. If you want to play but haven't got one please contact us. We have several new members who might well like to be included. As soon as you have your partner please let John Bateson know as soon as possible to be included in the draw.

## CURRENT TROPHY HOLDERS

Society Champions Trophy - **Chris Wilkes**

Wayfairers Trophy - **Syd Tutton**

Christmas Tankard - **Syd Tutton**

Jeff Hogg 18 and under Trophy - **Chris Wilkes**

John Peake Spring Trophy - **Nick Widdowson**

Harold's Special 18th Hole Trophy - **Jeff Hogg**

Texas Scramble Team Trophy - **Jeff Hogg, John Bateson, Frank Houlihan & Brian Girling.**

The Two Ronnies Trophy - **Mike Riddles & Peter Rushton**

President's Team Trophy - **Secretary's Team (Too numerous to mention!).**

50 Bob Set - **Ian Templer**

Ron Harris Autumn Cup - **Stuart Harris**

Pairs Knockout Figurine Trophies - **John Bateson & Nick Widdowson**

Pink Ball Competition Golfing Clowns - **David Rose & Ian Templer**

Hedgehog Award - **Jan Henshaw**



## CORRESPONDENCE

Mike Wilson's greetings card for 2003 to the Editorial Staff - Showing his bear behind??

## Christmas Fun & Games with the Wayfairers



*When you see him like this you know your in for a GOOD EVENING!*



*Winner of the 'Most Outrageous Ear-rings a welcome guest - Janet Bateson*



*Those Terrable Ties - Ken, Mike & Chris, - the Judges Barbara & Audrey - and the perpetrator of it all John McD.*

*Below - Lubricating their Vocal Cords ready for the Song Contest Jeff Hogg, Harold Peskett, Janet & John Bateson, Mike Church and Peter Storey.*

