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## THE WAYFAIRER



Sorry folks! Not your usual glossy, lavish and richly illustrated copy of The Wayfairer. No bold headlines, page 3 photographs or side-splitting cartoons. Instead a newsletter painfully produced by your industrious Secretary on his "state of the ARK" computer, and assembled by use of the "hovering digit system", accompanied by frequent sighs, moans and the odd Anglo-Saxon word of despair! And so where is our beloved editor Barry? Well - believe it or not he's gone to Glasgow to the Annual International Conference of Flower Arrangers. ("Much more exciting than Golf" so he says.) The latest news is that he has been awarded the Flower Arrangers equivalent of the Plonker Cap for his sensitive and sympathetic arrangement of 2 dandelions and a single buttercup in an empty Scottish & Newcastle beer bottle. Evidently he entered it as "The Wayfairers Lament"! (Don't be daft! he doesn't know the difference between a dandelion and a buttercup! Deputy Ed.)

And so to THE TWO RONNIES AT REIGHTE REPORT -

FOR THE FIRST TIME THE "TWO RONNIES" GOES TO A MIXED PAIR - AS "KING" CARL & "QUEEN" BARBARA LEAVE THE REST IN DESPAIR! An excellent turn out of 28 players gathered at high noon at Reigate Heath to await the fate of the draw that would determine their playing partners for the afternoon's matches. The draw was made and the players set off in sultry weather to tackle a Course that was playing extremely long due to all the recent rainfall. the number of lady Wayfairers has increased, it was inevitable that one day a mixed pair would win the Trophy - and today was the day! With an excellent better ball score of 44 pts Barbara & Carl swept all before them to prove that they rule OK! Barbara had a very creditable score of 31 pts, but the day was definitely Carl's, as he recorded 38 pts to win the Wayfairers Trophy also - by a clear 3 pts from Derek Reeves. A particularly warm welcome was given to Stuart Allan joining us for the first time in 2 years following his recent hip operation. And he was well up there with 29 pts. Well done Stuart! Another welcome greeting was made to guest Bob Histed, who at almost the last moment helped to change our numbers from 27 (an impossible figure for playing in pairs!) to 28. Bob must have enjoyed it because he has requested membership when available for his playing partner Ann and himself. We very much hope to see both of you as guests at West Chiltington.

AND SO TO THE FULL RESULTS TWO RONNIES TROPHY WINNERS Barbara Horsfall & Carl Rosner 44pts
In second place - Derek Reeves & Mike Church 41pts
In third place - Audrey Riddles & Mike Owens 40pts
WAYFAIRERS TROPHY WINNER Carl (he will be cut!) Rosner 38pts
In second place - Derek Reeves 35 pts
In third place - Sue McDonnell 33 pts
MYSTERY PAIRS Peter Rushton & Stuart Harris 57 - count back from Audrey Riddles & Syd Tutton (Partners drawn AFTER the matches!)
BIRDIE CAP John McDonnell HEDGEHOG Jan (Hates Hedgehogs) Henshaw PLONKER CAP Mike Wilson And why? Playing in a recent Pairs Competition, much to everyone's surprise Mike's chip on to the green disappeared down a secondary hole that was not in play.

While Mike was getting his putter his playing partner kindly took the wet ball out of the hole, cleaned it and placed it next to the hole ready for him to putt to the correct one some 6 feet away. He needed to get down in 2 in order to gain a point. But poor Mike had a real "Senior Moment" when he came up to his ball. With a cry of "This is easy", and before any one could stop him he tapped it back into the wrong hole! And then of course after taking it out for a second time and adding one to his score, he missed the 6 foot putt and recorded a blob! What a plonker! (And he was my bl--dy partner! Sec.)

RAFFLE No Raffle was held but instead everyone contributed £1 to draw a player in the forthcoming "Open" to be held at Muirfield. The Championship ends the day prior to our next meeting, so the results will be announced at West Chiltington and 4 excellent prizes distributed to the lucky winners. If you weren't at Reigate and would like to be included please contact J.McD. Cost £1 and there are still plenty of top players yet to be drawn! PERSONAL NOTE to remind you that you drew

Good luck!

NEXT MEETING WEST CHILTINGTON MONDAY 22nd JULY Coffee from 9.30. Golf starts 10.30 3 Course Evening meal 5.30pm This is the day of our Team Challenge - Presidents v. Secretarys v. Treasurers. This Competition was so close last year, that we will endeavour to keep the same players in the same Teams as they were last July. Those who played may remember that the Secretary's Team beat the Presidents by one tenth of a point, and the Treasurers were only three tenths of a point behind the winners! It was all down to the last match out! Let's hope for the same excitement (and good weather!) this year. As ever we will also be playing as individuals for The Wayfairers Trophy and all our other regular competitive events will be included. Should you wish to find out your exact tee time and which Team you will be representing please ring either of the Johns no more than 48 hours previously. COST To include all mentioned plus prizes £30. Return slips all back please by MONDAY 8th JULY AT THE LATEST.

SOCIETY CHAMPIONSHIP Storming in front now is Carl Rosner with 112pts, ursurping the lead held by Stuart Harris who remains on 108. Rest assured the Handicap Committee have acted drastically!

KNOCK-OUT Round 2 matches should be completed by the target date of 10th July. Congratulations to Messrs. Girling & Tutton already through to the Semi-Final with victory over Jan Henshaw & Sue McDonnell. (You mean messers Girling & Tutton! Deputy Ed)

OVER 30 CLUB In addition to the winners in the first 3 places we have - 31pts Audrey Riddles, Barbara Horsfall & Stuart Harris 30pts Ron Bailey, Jeff Hogg & Bob Histed

WAYFAIRERS IN FRANCE Some further details in your next full Wayfairer but congratulations to Audrey for winning the European Open Trophy for the second successive year. Never yet ben won by a male Wayfairer in 3 years! Come on you men in 2003!

FOOTNOTE FOR THE NEW WAYFAIRER Come back Barry! All is forgiven!