

THE WAYFAIRER

The Wayfairers Golf Society Issue 26

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Young Bryen & Stuart show the rest how to do it! - as Ian does it once more with the Best 'Plus Age' score!

The Wayfairers Downshire day was definitely a day to be either the youngest - or the oldest in the field! **Stuart** (Son of the House of Ron) and **Bryen** (Son of the House of David) walked off with 6 main prizes between them - 3 apiece! (Oh no! He's doing his biblical parody again!...Ed). Just to prove that youth is not everything, 84 year old **Ian Templer** took the '50 Bob Set' for the second year running. This was achieved by an excellent score of 31 Stableford points plus his age - well you work it out! A clear winner by 10 points! Well done Ian, though he was the first one to point out that a great deal of the credit had to be given to his 'buggy Chauffeur' and caddie **Ron Harris**.

21 Wayfairers took part (where were you Clive Cooper?!) plus two guests, **Bryen Rose** (already mentioned), and **Mike Smith**, who also took home a prize in the shape of a Hedgehog (Not a nice way to treat a guest!...Ed).

For the vast majority of players it was a prizeless day, but a priceless day in terms of the magnificent weather, the condition of the Course and the Downshire hospitality.

Despite open fairways no one managed to play below their handicap, but overall the average score was 31 - the highest it has ever been. There was an extremely tight tussle for the Wayfairers Trophy, with **Stuart Harris** narrowly

defeating **Mike Wilson** on countback, both of them recording 36 pts.

The Pink Ball Competition proved a disaster for most Teams, as the majority of the eight playing groups did not even get close to double figures before losing their cherished and colourful orbs! The Team of **Harris + Junior** and



*The splattered face of a Rose!
Muddy but unbowed after clearing
his ball from a waterlogged ditch at
Downshire*

Ian Templer, emerged as clear winners by managing the excellent score of 32 pts. for 15 holes, before finally 'stuffing it in the rough' to be lost forever. Congratulations to the Team of **Rose Snr. & Jnr.** plus **Barry Richards** for being the only ones to keep their ball right to the end, but unfortunately they could only muster a pitiful score of 23 points for the 18 holes! (Shh! The secret is to keep it in your pocket on the difficult holes!...Ed).

AND SO TO THE FULL DOWNSHIRE RESULTS

Individual Winner of the Wayfairers Trophy - **Stuart Harris** 36 pts (c/b).

2nd - **Mike Wilson** 36 pts (c/b).

3rd - **Harold Peskett** 35 pts (c/b).

4th - **Fred Catterall** 35pts (c/b).

5⁰ Bob Set - **Ian Templer** 84+31 - 115pts.

Pink Ball Team Winners - **Ron Harris, Stuart Harris & Ian Templer** - 32 pts.

Special J.McD Water Hole Prize - **Bryen Rose**.

Nearest the Pin - **Bryen Rose**.

Open to All Longest Drive - **Stuart Harris**.

19 & Over Longest Drive - **Jan Henshaw**.

Birdie Cap - **Bryen Rose**

Hedgehog Award - **Mike Smith**

First Ladies Prize - **Jan Henshaw** - the only Lady!

WAYFAIRERS GOLF SOCIETY

7TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2002



Please bring this with you to Chiddingfold

WAYFAIRERS A.G.M. AGENDA

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 2003
6. The Raffle
7. Golfing Breaks
8. Handicaps
9. Any Other Business.

chances of exploring further new venues was becoming more and more limited as 20 different courses had now been played, thus almost exhausting the possibility of finding further clubs in our geographical area within our price range.

4 As it was likely that some members who had played very infrequently would not be renewing their membership, it was agreed that new membership should be offered to the few currently on the waiting list. If after this, there are still vacancies, any attempts to fill these should not include, for the time being, any invitations to Holtys Members, as this would be likely to create an imbalance in the composition of our Wayfairers Membership. It was stressed that invitations should only be made to players likely to fit in with the ethos of our Society.

5 A table showing handicaps, scores and averages throughout the year was presented to each member. This produced a lively discussion with the fairness of handicaps over 28 being questioned, particularly in relation to the four ball better ball competition. However an examination of the scores and results indicate that our present system gave everyone a fair chance and produced some very close and competitive matches. Chiddingfold was won off a handicap of 11 and the knock-out finalists played off 11, 13, 17 & 18.

The overall average score for the year was 29.48 with individual averages ranging between 26.57 and 33.50. Our two highest handicappers averaged 30.00 & 29.00 and our lowest single figure players recorded 33.50 and 32.00. The closeness of these results supports our current arrangements.

The interest and discussion was welcomed even though the decision was to continue with our present system

6 The Secretary reported that the Short Golfing Break to be held at Wensum, Norwich in November had attracted 15 participants and that a group of 14 were planning a 3 night visit to France in early June. The Secretary advised that any members who would like to organise a Wayfairers Golfing Break would receive the full support of the Committee in promoting such a venture. Robert Marchbank had extended an open invitation for the Wayfairers to pay a visit to his home area of Dumfriesshire where he would be able to arrange Golf and Accommodation at an excellent "value for money" price. Such a visit was strongly recommended by Frank Houlihan who had experienced it and agreement was made that the offer should be seriously considered at some future date.

7 Agreed by a very large majority that, with regard to meals, it was preferable to have just one 'set starter', (i.e. the same for all) with no limited choice of starter as had been negotiated at 4 of our 2001 meetings.

8. At various stages of the meeting thanks for all their work on behalf of the Wayfairers was extended to John Bateson, John McDonnell, Barry Richards, Peter Rushton and Ron Harris.

PROGRAMME

2002-2003

In order that Members can plan their year ahead the following are the dates and venues now fixed:-

2002 Tuesday 5th November **Chiddingfold.**
Monday 9th December **Bletchingley.***
2003 Tuesday 11th March **Hoebridge.**
Tuesday 29th April **Holtys.***
Friday 13th June **Reigate Heath.**
Monday 21st July **West Chiltington.**
Monday 15th September **Chartham Park.**

* Subject to final confirmation.

NOTES OF THE 6TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The following were the main decisions made at the A.G.M. held on 9th November 2001

1 All existing Officers were re-elected.

2 Annual membership subscription to remain at £5. Joining fee to remain at £5.

3 The full programme for 2002 as described in the September issue of the Wayfairer was approved. A request to return to Shillinglee at some future date received little support. The policy of attempting to plan and book a whole years programme in advance received majority approval (15 votes for - 5 against). The Secretary stated that the

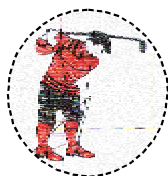
There were no outstanding nominations for the Plonker Cap but it's always nice to present it - (but not to receive it!...ED). Ultimately it went to **David Rose**, who despite being specially requested to return one of the Pink Ball 'Clown' prizes, he left it at home where proudly it has been on display for the past year as we understand in the upstairs toilet! (Phew! It's time to give it a change of scenery..Ed). A special Award was also given to **John Loader** who developed an acute attack of 'Bunkeritis'. His partners estimated that at least a quarter of all his shots were played from the greenside traps - hence his new name

The Downshire Raffle

Many thanks to **Mike Owens** for doing an excellent job as our ticket salesman and collecting £45 towards our funds. We now have a very healthy stock of new Wayfairer golf balls - Maxfli XS Tour balls. Distribution of these began at Downshire with 20 being handed out amongst the prizes. By far the biggest Raffle prize of the day was a giant expanding suitcase which was won by **Peer Blakeley** (he was heard to mutter something about not being able to afford a caravan!) who then had problems taking it home as it wouldn't fit in the car! Fortunately the case was on wheels and it was last seen being towed along the M25 without lights!

WAYFAIRER GOLF BALLS GO FURTHER.

Mr Chris Wilkes of Buxted in East Sussex reports that at the East Sussex National Golf Club there is a 'Wall of Balls' and that on two separate occasions a 'Wayfairers' ball has been added to the collection, only for it to be stolen. We appreciate the popularity and the desirability of our balls, but would recommend greater security or stronger glue! So Gentlemen guard your Balls - there's a thief about!



And so to our next meeting

A.G.M. Day at

'Sandy Loader'!

This is to be held at Chiddingfold Golf Club on Tuesday 5th November. As this is the 8th time that we have played at the venue it is assumed that all the members know the location. 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 son Stuart. Also the result of the Wayfairers Pairs Knockout Competition (still to be fought out between Frank Houlihan/Mike Owens and Ken Cooper/Tony Warrilow) and the Society Championship will be announced and the trophies awarded.

DETAILS OF THE DAY

NOTE! VERY DIFFERENT FROM USUAL!

Ever since our inauguration in November 1995 we have held our AGM after the evening meal following the Prize Giving. Often the meeting starts and carries on in a rather disjointed and unsettled manner, as in the background tables are cleared, and members disappear to the toilets and the bar to replenish drinks, etc., Frequently some members realising that the time is later than they anticipate, tender their apologies and leave just as the meeting commences. Guests who are waiting for lifts home or who are driving others, sit round but are not directly involved in the proceedings. Altogether the atmosphere - directly after the fun and very informal gathering over the meal and Prize Giving is all wrong for a quick, slick and businesslike AGM. So as an

experiment we have decided this year to hold the AGM *before we play* and get all the formal business over with, done and dusted, before we all go out to enjoy the rest of the day.

THE TIMETABLE WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:-

Arrive for Coffee 9am. Take a coffee upstairs to Conference Room where AGM will begin promptly at 9.15am. Allow an hour for the AGM hoping to finish at 10.15 - 10.20am latest. First golf group out at 10.45am. Evening Meal approx. 5.15pm with just the usual fun to follow! Guests not wishing to attend the AGM will have the opportunity to 'warm up' for the day's play while the meeting is in progress.

In order to streamline the business of the AGM we have asked Barry Richards to act as 'Chairman', thus relieving the Secretary from his previous dual role of simultaneously running the meeting and taking notes.

Should there be any really contentious issues (we hope not) and time does run out, these items will be carried over and left for discussion by all those concerned at the end of the evening. We hope that this new system does work, but it will of course depend on Members prompt arrival. One spur to encourage this is an early item in the Treasurers report in which he will be recommending that the annual members sub. is increased from £5.00 to £500. (These Swiss Bank accounts don't come cheap!...ED!). See you there!

Deadline for return slips and full payment is Monday 14th October - your slip is enclosed with this issue, together with the notes from last years AGM and the Agenda

Help the Aged

Before the next gathering of the Wayfairers our dearly beloved editor **Barry Richards** will be celebrating his 70th birthday.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BARRY!

(I bet I get lots of help with the celebrations!!.....Ed)

PICTURES FROM DOWNSHIRE



The Harris & Templer Battle Wagon which carried them to Victory in the Pink Ball Competition and MUCH MORE BESIDES! (see below).

Stuart Harris receiving the Wayfairers Trophy from Barry Richards 'Captain of the Day'.



An ecstatic Mike Wilson - 2nd in the Wayfairers Trophy.



Ian Templer - undisputed winner of the '50 Bob Set'.



If you want to find a Rose - look under the caps. 1 Birdie & 1 Plonker.



Harold Peskett 3rd prize overall. (He was also runner up in the Lingfield in Bloom competition!)



Who else but Fred Catterall who just squeezed into the Prizes in Fourth Place.



A very sporting Guest! Mike Smith receiving the Hedgehog Award.

WAYFAIRERS GOLF

WENSUM -

16 Wayfairers have expressed interest in a 2 night/3 day Winter Golfing Break at Wensum Golf & Country Club near Norwich. The likely dates are SUNDAY 23rd FEBRUARY TO TUESDAY 25th FEBRUARY 2003. As yet nothing definite has been booked, but it is understood that the cost will be £110 a head. This covers 2 nights B+B (based on twin room sharing), 2 nights evening dinner, and unlimited use of the Golf Course for 3 days. There are 27 holes on the Hotel complex with another 9 hole course just a few miles away. Also included in the cost is unlimited use of the Indoor Leisure Facilities - indoor heated swimming pool, jacuzzi, sauna, gymnasium, etc., Snooker and Pool can be enjoyed on a 'money in the meter' system.

If you have already expressed interest in this venture please wait to receive further details. If you would like to be involved but you have not yet notified the Secretary, please do so now.

FRANCE MAY 2003 -

Preliminary investigation is currently being made to organise our 4th Wayfairers trip across the water. This will probably be a 3night/4day outing. Further details will be published as soon as available but, departure date is almost certain to be either Sunday 25th May or Monday 26th May 2003.

In competition, during gunfire or while bombs are falling, players may take cover without penalty for ceasing play. The positions of known delayed action bombs are marked with red flags at a reasonably, but not guaranteed, safe distance there from.... A ball moved by enemy action may be replaced, or if lost or 'destroyed' may be dropped not nearer the hole without penalty. A player whose stroke is affected by the simultaneous explosion of a bomb may play another ball from the same place. Penalty, one stroke. (From 'Temporary Rule, 1940, Richmond Golf Club')

The 30 Plus Club at Downshire

- 36 pts Stuart Harris
Mike Wilson
- 35 pts Harold Peskett
Fred Catterall
- 34 pts Jeff Hogg
Derek Reeves
- 33 pts Bryen Rose (Guest)
- 32 pts David Rose
Peer Blakeley
- 31 pts Peter Rushton
Mike Riddles
Barry Richards
Ron Harris
Ian Templer
- 30 pts Frank Houlihan

A LAST WORD ON DOWNSHIRE?

Where have all the pink balls gone?

Only one pink ball made the trip and returned to our loving care!

This is where they fell:-

- Hole 4 ---1 Ball
- Hole 5 ---1 Ball
- Hole 6 ---4 Balls
- Hole 16---1 Ball

and the highest score with the pink ball was only 32 pts!!

Not with standing the loss of the Pink Balls, the average overall score of 31 pts was the highest score to date.

For this issue our cartoonist, (J.B.) was totally carried away - hence ED. having to find space on the



**Jan Henshaw receiving
the Ladies Prize at**