

THE WAYFAIRER

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THE OLD YEAR ENDS WITH 'CHURCH' CELEBRATIONS! & 'HOGG'MANAY HAPPINESS!

At our last Wayfairers outing of 2002 at Bletchingley, Mike Church had several reasons to Celebrate - while Jeff Hogg exemplified the phrase 'You're the Man'. (Get it? Hog-man- ay!). (I am sure we have reached an all time low with this one! It can only get better in 2003...ED).

Our Christmas meeting was a day on which it was an advantage to be an early starter. Only 4 players out of the complete assembly of 32 managed to score over 30 points and all 4 were in the first 3 groups!

Jeff with 33 pts. had a real field day by winning the Wayfairers Trophy, the Christmas Tankard and his own 18 and under Trophy. Mike Church also recorded a score of 33, finishing 2nd on count back, while managing to win not only the Open Longest Drive and the Birdie Cap, but back in the Clubhouse he then showed his great versatility by winning the Christmas Conundrum Competition and boldly leading his Team (the Church Pews?) to an overwhelming victory in the annual Quiz and Singalong! Well done Captain Church!

Having mentioned the top 4 finishers, what about the other scores? It was a day to remember - or forget! The majority of results were in the mid to high 20's, but 10 Wayfairers - nearly a third of the field - came in with less than 23. The average score was only 24.5 - the lowest ever recorded by our Society! And what was the reason? Following days of cold murky drizzle the weather had improved dramatically. There was a blue, blue sky with continuous sunshine, but at the same time there was a freezing Alpine atmosphere, particularly when playing into, and being

exposed to, the biting north-easterly wind. No doubt the extreme cold took its toll in the poor scoring, as the Course was eminently playable, with all greens open and tee mats only on the par 3's.

Back in the Club house, following a very welcome hot shower and some liquid refreshment, a warm convivial atmosphere was soon established and all present set to, trying to solve J.McD's Christmas Conundrum.



**Christmas Tankard & Wayfairers Trophy Winner
Jeff Hogg.**

We were delighted to welcome several guests for the meal, including Jenny Wilkes and Barbara Cooper whom most of us hadn't met before, plus familiar friends Janet Bateson and Elisabeth Richards who arrived with Sue McD.

The Christmas meal, as noisy as ever was followed by a disgusting display of sweaty socks, and we felt really sorry for Anne, Audrey, Barbara and Jan who had to pull up trouser leg

after trouser leg, to reveal some appalling tastes in hosiery. Then the boot was on the other foot as the 'Four Mikes' had the incredibly difficult task of selecting 'Miss Christmas 2002' from the 9 lovely entrants. (What an old Smoothie! Makes you sick!...ED) This was followed by the excitement, tension and drama of the Annual Quiz and Sing Along. Six carefully fixed selected Teams battled it out, but their task was made even more difficult when it became obvious that the Quiz Master was the only one who knew the rules (or thought he knew them!...ED.)

Finally all the Bring & Win prizes were distributed, and most people went home happy with the prize they had brought along the previous year. It was time for Auld Lang Syne, together with hugs, kisses and hand shakes - and another memorable Wayfairers year had come to an end!

AND SO TO THE FULL BLETCHINGLEY

Winner of the Christmas Tankard and the Wayfairers Trophy - **Jeff Hogg** - 33 pts.

2nd - **Mike Church** - 33 pts.

3rd - **John Bateson** - 32 pts.

4th - **Peter Storey** - 31 pts.

Team Prize - **Jeff Hogg, John Bateson & John McDonnell.**

Jeff Hogg Under 18 Handicap Trophy - **Jeff Hogg** (now it will be engraved!).

Harolds 18th Hole Trophy - **Barry Richards.**

Nearest the Pin - **Pat Fudge.**

Open Longest Drive - **Mike Church.**

19 Handicap and Over Longest Drive
- **David Rose.**

Birdie Cap - **Mike Church.**

Hedgehog Award - **Harold 'Prickly' Peskett.**

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GOLFING COMPETITIONS

Christmas Conundrum - **Mike Church & Nick Widdowson**

'Sock it to Them' Socks - **Mike Wilson, Clive Cooper & David Rose.**

'Miss Christmas 2002' - winner **Anne Hitam**, 2nd - **Elisabeth Richards.**

Quiz & Singalong Contest - winners **'The Church Poohs'**- **Mike Church, plus Nick, Peer, Carl and David.** Winners by 5 clear points from **'Poor Barbara'**.

THE PLONKER CAP

This warrants special mention. There were many worthy nominees to be our **'Christmas Plonker'** but by unanimous agreement the coveted award went to **Tony Warrilow** (Note: I got the spelling right this time...ED). Evidently he was involved in a pairs match at Holtye, but finding out the day before that the course was closed he rang Ken Cooper to inform him of this fact. Ken was out at the time, but his wife took the message. When Ken came in and got the news he was rather surprised, but nevertheless was pleased to be informed that a journey to Holtye

the next day would be fruitless. Later the phone went again. When Ken answered it he found that Tony was back on the line to inform him that the match had now been re-arranged for the following Friday. Ken, now even more surprised and confused than ever, queried "What Match?" and it was then that Tony remembered that his partner was not Ken Cooper but Fred Catterall! Happy New Year Tony! Keep taking the medicine!

The Bletchingley

There was no raffle as such, but at Breakfast all members were asked, for the princely sum of £1, to predict what the total of the top 2 scores of the day would be, added to the lowest. At this stage no one realised just how low the scoring would be! (Oh yes they did!...ED.)

Optimist Chris Wilkes went for the big time with a forecast of 100 - "I think winner 40, 2nd 39 and lowest 21". How wrong could he be! Most predictions were in the range of the high 80's or low 90's, but pessimist Barry Richards came out best with a miserable reckoning of just 84. In fact it was even lower - just 80! (33+33+14)! So Barry went home proudly with 'Stafford' - the singing golfer as his prize, followed by Derek Reeves, complete with a comic golfing clock in 2nd place, while Audrey, now the owner of a 'putting green beret', was delighted to finish 3rd.

'Stafford' the Singing Golfer, spent Christmas entertaining everyone & would now like to wish all Wayfairers a Happy



And so to our next meeting

**TO BE HELD AT HOEBRIDGE
GOLF CENTRE - OLD
WOKING ON TUESDAY 11TH
MARCH 2003**

This is our second visit to Hoebridge, having previously played there in September 2000. A map is available for those who might not know the exact location. If you need one please contact John McD. The Club phone number is 01483 722611.

Meeting at Hoebridge at 09.30 for a start time of 10.30. Please note this March meeting is usually our biggest turnout of the year, so if you want to check your start time contact John B. in advance.

The cost is £29 a head - this includes coffee & bacon roll on arrival, 18 holes and a 2 course meal comprising a starter and a steak pie main course, plus all prizes. Evening meal at approx. 5p.m.

Our competitions will as usual be divided into an Individual and Team Stableford Event. The winning individual Wayfairer will be awarded the John Peake Spring Cup (currently held by David Rose) together with the Wayfairers Trophy

As at previous Spring Meetings the Team Competition will take the form of an Alliance Stableford. Under this system one best individual score only counts for the first 6 holes, for the next 6 the best 2, and finally over the remaining half dozen holes all 3 players points are totalled.

Another variation will be no longest drive. On the back 9 there are 3 very tricky and challenging par 3 holes, so there will be 3 Nearest the Pin Competitions, with the familiar Nearest the Pin Pint award going to the nearest on the 18th.

Guests are welcome. Deadline for your full payment of £29 is Monday 10th February. Complete your return slip and post that cheque now!

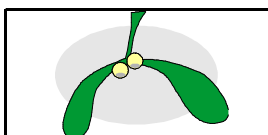
PICTURES FROM BLETCHINGLEY



Left: Mike Church 2nd in Wayfairers Trophy, Open Longest Drive and Birdie Cap. Not a bad days work!



Right: Team Prize Winners - John Bateson, John (I never win anything!) McDonnell (And doesn't he look pleased) and of course Jeff Hogg who also won his own 18 & Under Trophy.



Right: For some reason John wants to throttle David Rose - winner of the 19 and over longest Drive. (Or is he after some of his hair?!!!)



A modest and unassuming Pat Fudge clutches the prize for 'Nearest the Pin'. Below; ED. gets into the action and receives Harold's 18th Hole Trophy.

Below: The Plonker Cap went to a very stoic Tony Warrilow (read the full citation on page 2).

Below: Pictures of the Christmas Sock Contest and other Fun are on the back ...but Clive Cooper came 2nd with these!



Pairs Knockout Competition 2003

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.

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 to find out who else is available. As soon as you have your partner please let John Bateson know immediately for your names to be included in the draw.

CURRENT TROPHY HOLDERS

Society Champions Trophy - **Carl Rosner.**

Wayfairers Trophy - **Jeff Hogg.**

Christmas Tankard - **Jeff Hogg.**

Jeff Hogg 18 and under Trophy - **Jeff Hogg.**

John Peake Spring Trophy - **David Rose.**

Texas Scramble Team Trophy - **Ken Cooper, Jeff Hogg & Tony Warrilow.**

The Two Ronnies Trophy - **Barbara Horsfall & Carl Rosner.**

President's Team Trophy - Currently held by **Derek Reeves** but passed on to other members of the Presidents Team every month.

50 Bob Set - **Ian Templer**

Ron Harris Autumn Cup - **Frank Houlihan.**

Pairs Knockout Figurine Trophies - **Ken Cooper & Tony Warrilow.**

Pink Ball Competition Golfing Clowns - **Ron Harris, Stuart Harris & Ian Templer**

Hedgehog Award - **Harold Peskett**

Harold's Special 18th Hole Trophy - **Barry Richards.**

NOTE If you hold a Trophy - that needs to be presented at the next meeting, please ensure that it gets there. Remember - THE DREADED PLONKER CAP AWAITS!!

If you have not yet received your updated Membership List, it should be enclosed with this issue. If not please contact John McD.

Christmas Fun & Games The Sock It to 'em Socks! Competition



The winning socks, modelled by Mike Wilson - a cuddly toy conception?



An individual toe design - David Rose on the Catwalk



The line up for the Ladies Christmas Competition.



Good turnout for Winter 'Roll-up' - as Secretary 'Eagles' his way to Victory.

An invitation at Bletchingley to all Wayfairers to 'roll up' at Holtys just 2 days before Christmas, in order to do battle for the 'John Bateson Christmas Trophy' resulted in an unexpectedly high turnout! 15 of our members gathered on a mild but misty morning and went into battle with each other, and the course. In most cases the Course won, but in the group comprising Tony Warrilow, Fred Catterall and John McDonnell both Tony and Fred played to handicap with 36 points apiece, while our severely handicapped Secretary (Guess who wrote this?...ED) went even better by emerging as the clear Christmas Trophy winner with 38 points. This feat included an Eagle 2 down the par 4 14th, to give a score of 5 points for just one hole! (There's more - just excuse me whilst I go and throw up!...Ed) John McD. has now extended an open invitation to all Wayfairers to have a pint on him* and he promises he will give them a blow by blow account of each one of these two magnificent shots! (At least I think that is what is written here....ED). Other highlights of the day were, Nearest the Pin on the 17th won by Derek Reeves, and the fact that it was John B.'s birthday, only 1 year to go now for his Zimmer Frame! *(Should be other way round! Bl--dy Editors!...J.McD.)