

THE WAYFAIRER



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MIKE RIDDLES SPRINGS THE HEADLINE STORY-

The Wayfairers first meeting of the New Year was greeted by a dawn full of ominous black clouds, and a firm forecast of heavy rain to come! Although the swiftly moving clouds remained overhead all day, somehow or other they passed over without any rain falling on the 26 rather anxious Wayfairers and 3 guests busy playing down below. So yet another dry day!

The Hoebridge Course was in good condition from tee to green, but once on the putting surface some severe early season treatment gave rise to very unpredictable ball behaviour (Ouch!...ED.), as players vainly tried to find their way into the small elusive hole! (No comment..ED.)

Despite this problem, **Mike Riddles**, who had returned some excellent scores on a recent Wayfairers short golfing break, continued his winning streak by romping home as the clear winner of the Annual Spring Cup with an outstanding 41 pts. Nearest to him but still 3 points adrift was Syd Tutton on 38.

As a change from the usual proceedings, 3 separate Nearest the Pin Competitions were held on the back 9, and Fred Catterall had the distinction of being the only player in the whole field to find the green on the very difficult uphill into the wind 182 yard 16th hole. For this feat Fred took not only a pint of Marstons Bitter, but the Wayfairers Tankard as well. (Cheers Fred!...ED.)

Peer Blakeley also managed to distinguish himself by pulling off an unwanted unique double, when he gained not only the Hedgehog but

also the Plonker Cap (A day to forget..Ed).

With Syd finishing 2nd and Fred finishing 3rd it was no surprise that their team won the Alliance Stableford Competition. Third team member Tony Warrilow did complain bitterly that he had to carry both of them.



41 points and the undisputed winner of the John Peake Spring Cup - loaded with Prizes - Mike Riddles

A highlight of the apres-golf was the Picture Competition, devised organised and scored by our diligent Secretary. (In other words it was another one of those!..Ed). This seemed to keep everyone very busy before the meal, and was eventually won by Peer & Mike Riddles (again!) aided by Robert Bisset. The amazing thing about the competition was the number of possible answers and combinations that even the producer had not planned or realised! (Whatever happened to the Heavy/Light Golf Ball problem!!...ED.)

AND SO TO THE FULL HOEBRIDGE RESULTS

The Winner of the John Peake Spring Cup & Wayfairers Trophy, and numerous other prizes

Mike Riddles 41 pts

2nd Syd Tutton 38 pts .

3rd Fred Catterall 36pts

Mike Owens & John Loader also won prizes on countback with 33 pts each.

Alliance Stableford Team Competition **Syd Tutton, Fred Catterall & Tony Warrilow** 79pts.

Nearest the Pin - On the 12th **David Rose**. On the 16th **Fred Catterall** who took the Tankard Trophy. On the 18th **Bart Sabel** (Guest).

Birdie Cap - **Andy Knight**

Hedgehog Award - **Peer Blakeley**

Team Picture Competition - **Mike Riddles, Peer Blakeley & Robert Bisset**

The Plonker Cap - **Peer Blakeley**

SO HOW DID HE DO IT!

At Bletchingley Peer was in the last group out, which had to pick up

and bring in all the competition markers. When asked for the one he had collected, Peer had to confess that although he had put it in his bag, it was now missing, and must have fallen out!

A couple of times during the following week our Secretary called in at Bletchingley to see if the missing marker had been handed in, but unfortunately this hadn't happened.

Then a few days later John McD. was most surprised to receive a visit from Peer looking rather embarrassed and apologetic. Evidently the day before he had been playing golf in deepest Kent, when suddenly a black spike appeared through a ventilation hole in the bottom of his bag. As more and more of it emerged so did the truth! - here was the missing marker! In his bag all the time! Well played Peer! You join the ranks of the Wayfairer Plonkers!

THE HOEBRIDGE RAFFLE

Many thanks to Anne & Bob for not only selling raffle tickets but also for donating a very nice raffle prize as well. This brought the total number of prizes up to ten and some very well satisfied Wayfairers went home clutching wine, balls and umbrellas. Harold especially was a very happy man as he had pulled a chick at last! (It must have been a pullet!..Ed). £65 was collected by Anne & Bob. Thanks to them and all who contributed so generously.

We are now looking for a volunteer sales-person for our Holtye Meeting.

And so to our next meeting -

AT HOLTYE GOLF CLUB ON TUESDAY 29th April

A 27 Holes Day! - 9 in the morning Individual Stableford and an 18 hole Team Texas Scramble in the afternoon. And just to keep idle hands busy, our annual Team Putting Contest follows straight on after the morning round. A day not to be missed - with prizes galore!

TIMING FOR THE DAY

9.00am Coffee

9.30am First Tee off (9 holes).

11.30 (approx) onwards Team Putting Competition (Play before Lunch)

From 12 noon: A staggered light lunch.

1.00pm Team Texas Scramble commences.

7.15pm approx. Evening Meal & Coffee followed by Raffle Draw and Prize Giving.

Awards - Winners of the Texas Scramble will receive our special Trophy for this event (Currently held by Jeff Hogg, Ken Cooper & Tony Warrilow). The winner of the Individual Stableford will receive the Wayfairers Trophy (Currently held by Mike Riddles).

Cost inclusive of coffee on arrival, 27 holes of golf, a light lunch, a Full Evening Meal and all prizes
Non Holtye members £29 and Holtye members £19.

Directions - The Clubhouse is on the right hand side of the A264 approximately 4 miles out of East Grinstead travelling in the direction of Tunbridge Wells. Phone No 01342 850957.

Returns - Please complete the enclosed availability slip and return to John Bateson with your money (if playing) by **FRIDAY 11TH APRIL** at the latest please

THE WEATHER IS THE WINNER AT WENSUM

Recently 16 Wayfairers set off for a 2 Night/3 day Golfing Break at Wensum Golf & Country Club near Norwich. All arrived in good time for a light lunch before tackling the main 18 hole course. Many had left home in showers, but by tee off time the Norfolk weather was magnificent! A real spring day - and so it continued for the duration of the holiday.

The only exception was some really thick fog on the next morning when the whole group ventured some 7 miles to yet another Course (9 holes) owned by the Hotel. Visibility was down to about 50 yards and it wasn't until almost the end that the mist lifted, and the players realised that the Course that they were playing was not exactly up to Championship Standard! One of the par 5's measured 615 yards! - so it was no surprise that the best score for the 16 players over 9 holes was only 12 pts!

A fairly hasty exit was followed by a swift lunch in a most welcoming local hostelry, and then it was back to Wensum to tackle yet another Course on the Hotel layout.

That night saw a new version of Barry's Indoor Games Evening that was enjoyed by all. Thanks were given to Sue who stood in as organiser for Barry, who unfortunately was not feeling 100%.

The last day - just like one in June saw a final 18 holes keenly contested, and most Wayfairers went proudly home having won something or other over the past 3 days. Bob and Anne enjoyed it so much that they didn't go home, but stayed for yet another night!

This was a short break that will always be remembered for some real 'Wayfairers Weather'!

A likely Tale

A couple in their late forties met one night in a hotel bar and, within a few weeks, took the plunge and got married. As they were laying in bed in their wedding suite, staring at the ceiling, the man says, "I should tell you that I haven't been completely honest with you. I really do think the world of you, but you are only number two to me. Golf was, is and always will be number one. It's my hobby, my passion, my first love."

They both stare at the ceiling, time passes, then the woman says, "Well, while we're baring our souls, I guess I'd better tell you that we met in that hotel bar that night because I was working. I've been a hooker all my life." The man sits upright, jumps out of bed, looks at her for a moment, then says, "Have you tried widening your stance and adjusting your grip??"

Pictures from Hoebridge



Coming off the 18th. Harold Peskett, Andy Knight & John Bateson.



Syd Tutton receiving his prize for runner up from 'Instantly Appointed Captain of the Day' Mike Riddles!



The winning Team -Fred Catterall, Tony Warrilow & Syd Tutton - with their 'Don't eat them all at Once' Prizes!



Not a 'Good Day at the Office' for an elegant Peer Blakeley! First to do the double - the Plonker Cap & the Hedgehog award!



This is the man who wins all the best Raffle Prizes - give us a chance Harold!

**RIGHT
Winner of the
Birdie Cap -
Andy Knight**





WAYFAIRER 2003 PAIRS KNOCK-OUT



ROUND 1

- 1 Mike Riddles/
John Horsfall
- 2 Harold Peskett/
Ron Bailey
- 3 Brian Girling/
Syd Tutton
- 4 Clive Cooper/
Chris Wilkes
- 5 John Bateson/
Nick Widdowson
- 6 Andy Knight/
Carl Rosner
- 7 Jeff Hogg/
Dennis Shelley
- 8 Jan Henshaw/
Sue McDonnell
- 9 Ken Cooper/
Tony Warrilow
- 10 John McDonnell/
Mike Wilson
- 11 Fred Catterall/
Audrey Riddles
- 12 Barbara Horsfall/
Derek Reeves
- 13 Peter Storey/
Barry Richards
- 14 Bob Histed/
Anne Hitam
- 15 Frank Houlihan/
A.N.Other.
- 16 David Rose/
Peer Blakeley

ROUND 2

TO BE PLAYED BY 11TH JULY
2003

ROUND 3

TO BE PLAYED BY 12TH
SEPTEMBER 2003

FINAL

TO BE PLAYED BY THE 24TH
OCTOBER 2003

WINNERS

A REMINDER OF HOW THE BETTER BALL MATCH PLAY COMPETITION IS RUN

The competitions are played at a mutually agreed venue on a match play basis. Where one or more players are members of the chosen club all Green Fees are equally divided. Details and vouchers for '2 for 1' courses can be obtained from John McDonnell (01342 833747).

Wayfairers handicaps current at the time of playing are as printed in this and subsequent issues of the Wayfairer Any

queries please refer to John Bateson (01342 832602). Ladies to play off Ladies Tees and play to Ladies Card and stroke index.

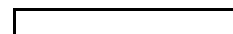
On completion of each match the results are to be notified promptly to John Bateson by the winning Team who, when it has been decided, will be told who they are playing in the next round.

**HANDICAP ADJUSTMENTS
WILL BE MADE AS THE
COMPETITION PROCEEDS.**

HANDICAPPING

Just a reminder - the lowest handicap player plays off scratch and the other players receive strokes on the basis of 3/4 of the difference between their handicaps and the lowest handicap - strokes to be taken at the appropriate stroke index holes.

The winners of this competition receive at the A.G.M. in November a prize and the Wayfairers Pairs Knockout Figurines currently held by Ken Cooper & Tony Warrilow.



THE OVER 30's CLUB AT

41 Mike Riddles
38 Syd Tutton
36 Fred Catterall
33 Mike Owens
John Loader
32 Brian Girling
Peter Rushton
Dennis Shelley
Peter Storey
Andy Knight
31 Barbara Horsfall
John McDonnell
Carl Rosner

Although the greens were unpredictable many managed to overcome the difficulties and the scores were generally good with an with an average of 30.5 points, well above our 'Norm' (I didn't know we had anyone called Norman?...Ed)

THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

It's early days in the Championship but already 4 players have posted challenging scores: Peter Storey and Mike Riddles both with 102 - close behind them are John McDonnell and Brian Girling both with 100.

Please note that points gained in the 9 hole Stableford competition at our next meeting at Holtie will not count towards the Championship.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

To Mike Wilson who became a septuagenarian on the 14th March. Good wishes Mike and we wouldn't change a hair on your head - even if we could find it!

To Carl Rosner, as from 23rd March, a sexagenarian (Sounds more fun than the previous one!...Ed). Many Congratulations Carl.

And also the Fourth birthday of the new look **WAYFAIRER** - the 29th issue.

Hope you still enjoy it?

With this copy of the **WAYFAIRER** is a separate sheet with details of the **KNOCK-OUT**.

MORE PICTURES FROM HOEBRIDGE



John Loader makes a trip to the Table for a well deserved prize.



Checking their scores, Peter Rushton, Carl Rosner, Jeff Somebody or Other & Mike Owens!

2003 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 13th June - Our **Reigate Heath Day** when we compete for The Two Ronnies Trophy. Arrive for Noon to find out who your partner will be following the draw. Competition commences at 1.00pm.

Monday 21st July - Voted the 'Best Venue' in 2001/2 **West Chiltington Golf Club** (near Pulborough, West Sussex). This is our Annual 3 Way Team Match Competition - Treasurer's v Secretary's v President's Teams. Prizes also for the best Individual Stableford results.

Wayfairer Clothing

It's time for spring weather so time to get some new Wayfairer summer gear. Call Barry Richards on 01342 836430 for any of the following :- **Acrylic V Neck Sweaters** in Bottle, Navy, Royal Blue, Burgundy, Black **£18.79 any size with logo**

Ties in Navy, Bottle Green, Grey, Black, Royal Blue, Burgundy. **£11.74 with logo**

Short Sleeve Polo Shirts in Royal Blue, Navy Blue, Black, White, Khaki, Burgundy, Red, Jade, Sky, Yellow, Bottle Green, Heather. **£16.44 any size with logo**

Caps in Black, Bottle Green, Burgundy, Grey, Jade, Kelly, Natural, Navy, Olive, Orange, Purple, Red, Royal Blue, Sky, White, Yellow. **£7.34 size adjustable, with logo.**

These are just some of the many items available! Ask me at any Wayfairers Meeting to see the Catalogue.

2002/2003	HOEBRIDGE		NEW H/C
	handicap	score	handicap
BAILEY	31		31
BATESON	20	29	20
BLAKELEY	15	24	15
CATTERALL	18	36	17
CHURCH	23		23
COOPER, C.	17		17
COOPER, K	22		22
FUDGE	9		9
GIRLING	35	32	35
HARRIS, R	19		19
HARRIS, S	7		7
HENSHAW	36	30	36
HISTED	18	30	18
HITAM	25	30	25
HOGG	17	29	11
HORSFALL, B	28	31	28
HORSFALL, J	34	24	34
HOULIHAN	22	28	22
KNIGHT	18	32	18
LOADER	36	33	36
MARCHBANK	21		21
McDONNELL, J	18	31	18
McDONNELL S	9		9
OWENS	24	33	24
PEAKE	32		32
PESKETT	23	25	23
REEVES	37	22	32
RICHARDS	22		22
RIDDLES, A	24		24
RIDDLES, M	36	41	32
ROSE	27	28	21
ROSNER	28	31	28
RUSHTON	18	32	18
SHELLEY	24	32	24
SMITH	32		32
STOREY	7	32	7
TUTTON	29	38	27
WARRILOW	27	29	27
WIDDOWSON	12		12
WILKES	9		9
WILSON	26	28	26
Average	22.366	30.385	22.22