

# THE WAYFAIRER

The Wayfairers Golf Society Issue 3



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## The Treasurer's Team Triumphs at Rookwood - while Wilson in Love Sweeps The Field !

Imagine a really challenging and unknown 18 hole Golf Course, a gorgeous English Summers Day and the prospect of playing in probably the most enjoyable and exciting format of all, a 4 Ball Better Ball Match Play Competition. This then was the scene at Rookwood last Friday morning. 24 Wayfairers took part, having been split into divided loyalties of representing in pairs either the Secretary's Team or the Treasurer's Team. The poor Secretary, 'hors de combat' for this annual event could do nothing to contribute to his Team's efforts, apart from take his arm out of his sling and wave goodbye to each group as they disappeared to do battle down the long par 5 1st hole. "Ah - Now back to the bar", he said to himself, as the last group finally went out of sight.

A few hours later he caught up with the leaders at the 15th only to find as each group putted out that with 3 holes to go the Treasurer's Team led in 4 of the 6 matches. The nail biting last 3 holes resulted in some slight reversal of fortunes, but eventually this years victory went to John Bateson's squad with a final result of 3 1/2 to 2 1/2.

So this annual Tournament now stands at one match each - and next year will be the big one - the Millenium one! It is now planned to spend some raffle money on buying a Team Shield for annual presentation. (This will make a change after the balls we had this year - Editors comment).

At the same time as battling for their teams, players were also keeping individual scores for the Wayfairer's Trophy. Some excellent results were



recorded and the eventual Winners could only be decided after checking, re-checking and triple checking the cards! It finally emerged that the very recently engaged **Mike Wilson** had 'done the business' with a score of 40 points. In tears of joy Mike took the trophy saying "I am so Happy! I did it for love!" Just make sure you polish it Mike, and don't leave that to Jan! We want it back in 3 weeks for Reigate Heath!

(Our Editorial Policy normally excludes our indulging in such blatant romanticism, however on this occasion the Editor was overruled by the Secretary who has just come to the end of his latest Barbara Cartland novel.).

### Rookwood Results

Treasurer's Team beat the Secretary's Team by 3 1/2 matches to 2 1/2. All members of the winning Team received, from the Secretary, a Wayfairer's Golf Ball.

In the Individual competition:-

1<sup>st</sup> and winner of the Wayfairer's Trophy - **Mike Wilson** 40 points.

2<sup>nd</sup> - **Noel McLean** 39 points (count back).

3<sup>rd</sup> - **John Peake** 39 points (count back).

4<sup>th</sup> - **Audrey Riddles** 39 points (count back).

Nearest the Pin Pint - **David Gillen**.

Longest Drive Dram - **Chris Wilkes**.

Birdie Cap - **Stuart Harris**.

Hedgehog Award - **Mike Church** (Featured in our Cartoon on the next page). The only player who managed to hit the ball behind him off the 1st tee!



## Some interesting New Shots used at Rookwood

A Genuine Hedge-Hog shot (patented originally by Jeff Hogg) was perfectly executed at Rookwood by Peter Rushton on hole 4. His ball hooked out of the course, hit a large tree and ricocheted back into play.

A new Wayfairer's shot - the corrugated iron roof shot - executed by Nick Widdowson - on his approach shot to the 7th Green (with his second ball!) left the course and returned into play via a barn roof!

Meanwhile on another part of the course Mike Wilson (usually the epitome of misery and despair - see picture on front page) could do nothing wrong. One of his playing partners asked him after he had scored yet another 3 points "What are you going to do at the next hole Mike?". "Start giving lessons", came the reply. Well, his address & telephone number are in the address list - but none of his three partners thought it would do their golf any good!



## Finance

## And so to our next meeting

REIGATE HEATH

THURSDAY 15TH JULY

STABLEFORD PAIRS

### THE RAFFLE

Winner of the Rookwood 'Lottery Bonus Ball' was, who else, but our lovelorn Champion **Mike Wilson** who scooped the pool of £12. What a day he had! Hardly enough to buy a 'Candle Light Dinner' for two, but enough for 'Fish and Chips' for two by night light and if he is feeling really flush two glasses of wine from his new tumblers!

With a recent outlay of £15.90 for engraving the Texas Scramble Trophy our total profit now stands at £103.53 - with plenty of purchased prizes already in stock. We now have 96 Wayfairer's golf balls left. These are used both as Raffle and Golf Competition Prizes.

Back to our Raffle as normal at Reigate Heath and thanks to **Mike Riddles** for volunteering to be our next salesman.

### STOP PRESS

Following his success at Rookwood the Wayfairer's Treasurer was spotted catching a plane for Sicily muttering something about having to see his Godfather. We are not certain at this stage if he has the Wayfairer's Funds with him! We have not received a financial report for this issue! Rumour has it that he went to arrange a Wayfairer's Golf match with some of his Family with a first prize of a horse's head; but this is not confirmed.

Rest assured that your Investigative Reporter will follow this story!

This as in previous years will be an afternoon gathering because it's cheaper after 1pm! **DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT TO SECURE YOUR PLACE IS SATURDAY 3RD JULY LATEST!** We have to confirm our final numbers for Golf and Catering by Monday 5th. July.

Cost is £25 to cover 18 holes and a Two Course Meal plus Coffee. If coming - do it now! **PLEASE!** Return slip is enclosed. As John Bateson & Janet are not expected back until after the deadline date for returns (see STOP PRESS) all payments for this one occasion should be sent to the Secretary (J.McD).

Sorry, but at this stage, no guests can be accepted as partners are drawn. Should numbers work out unevenly or be short of what we anticipate, then possibly we will consider outside invitations. Guests may be nominated now to go on a reserve list, but do not pay for them at this stage.

Prizes are also included in the cost and there are lots to be won on the day to cover 2 Competitions in One - a Pairs and an Individual Competition - with both The Two Ronnies Trophy as well as The Wayfairer's Trophy at stake. No one can win two prizes - unless the 2nd prize is a minor one. Current holders of The Two Ronnies Trophy are Peter Rushton and Stuart Allan.

Cost does not cover any coffee or refreshments prior to playing. It is suggested however that players arrive at approximately mid-day to purchase their own snacks and drinks in order to be present for the draw for partners! The draw will take place at approx. 12.30pm. Tee off in 4 Balls from 1pm. This is a pairs Better Ball Stableford - but please record all players Stableford points to determine the winners of the Individual Competition. ....cont.,



Hopefully we should eat at about 7pm. As this is our 3rd Reigate meeting it is assumed that the majority of Wayfairers will know how to get there. Phone number 01737 242610.

## Odds & Divots

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

There will be a September meeting. Venue and date to be arranged. Full details at Reigate Heath and in the next issue of the Wayfairer.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Congratulations to Bernard McDonnell who celebrated his 75th Birthday on Sunday 20th June. Get rid of all those aches and pains Bernard - we want to see you back out on the golf course!

### WAYFAIRER CLOTHING

Judging by the response to the new selection of Wayfairers clothing at Rookwood it looks as though we had the thumbs up! Most popular by far were the Caps which reflected the desire felt by most for some light headgear before another day in the hot sun! Nearly £100 worth of orders were received and have now been put in hand. Those who placed orders at Rookwood had a bargain. When the orders were placed with the supplier it turned out that they have been VAT Registered since my last visit and now all prices have to carry the dreaded Tax. By the use of a little negotiation they agreed to absorb the VAT on the existing orders - so the price stands. All orders from now though will carry VAT.

For those who were not able to be at Rookwood here are the main items with their new prices:-

## Odds & Divots...cont

**Wool V Neck Sweaters**  
in Bottle, Navy, Royal Blue, Burgundy, Black.

Sizes:	Chest
X Large,	52 inches
Large,	48 inches
Medium,	44 inches
Small,	40 inches

**£29.09 any size with logo**

**Acrylic V Neck Sweaters**  
Sizes and colours as per the wool jumpers,  
**£18.79 any size 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**

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

All orders taken at Rookwood will be delivered at Reigate Heath. Don't worry if you can't make Reigate we will get it to you somehow.



## The Wayfairers Pairs Competition

### A REMINDER ON HOW THE BETTER BALL MATCH PLAY KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION WILL BE RUN

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

Wayfairers handicaps current at the time of playing are to be used and confirmation of handicaps can be obtained from John Bateson (01342 832602). Handicaps pre-Rookwood are shown on the back page. On the completion of each match the result to be notified to John Bateson by the winning team who will then be told who they are playing in the next round.

The progress of the Competition and Current handicaps are on the last page of this newsletter.

### A TIP FROM OUR RESIDENT GOLF PRO - MIKE WILSON

In his early golfing days, before turning professional, Mike was having a lesson.

"The trouble is" said his teacher, "you're standing too close to the ball."

"Oh!" said Mike all innocently, "when's that?"

"After you've hit it!" came the laconic reply.

# WAYFAIRER 1999 PAIRS KNOCK-OUT

ROUND 1	ROUND 2	ROUND 3	SEMI FINAL
<p>1.Ian Gordon 22 / John Loader 33</p> <p>2.Frank Houlihan 24 / Mike Owens 26</p> <p>3.Don Beaumont 14 / David Rose 20</p> <p>4.Ron Mason 12 / Peter Rushton 17</p> <p>5.Audrey Riddles 26 / Fred Catterall 23</p> <p>6.Chris Tomlin 29 /Mike Morgan-Rowe 23</p> <p>7.Mike Wilson 28 / John McDonnell 19</p> <p>8.Nick Widdowson 16 / John Bateson 20</p> <p>9.Stuart Allan 29 / Barry Richards 24</p> <p>10.Ron Harris 24 / Stuart Harris 9</p> <p>11.Mike Riddles 25 / John Horsfall 27</p> <p>12.Stafford Smith 31 / Ron Bailey 30</p> <p>Bye</p> <p>Bye</p>	<p>1.Ian Gordon 22 / John Loader 33</p> <p>4.Ron Mason 12 / Peter Rushton 17</p> <p>5.Audrey Riddles 27 / Fred Catterall 23</p> <p>8.Nick Widdowson 16 / John Bateson 20</p> <p>9.Stuart Allan 30 / Barry Richards 24</p> <p>11.Mike Riddles 26 / John Horsfall 27</p> <p>13.Jeff Hogg 17 / Dennis Shelley 22</p> <p>14.Chris Wilkes 8 / David Gillen 20</p>	<p>8.Nick Widdowson 16 / John Bateson 20</p> <p>9.Stuart Allan 30 / Barry Richards 24</p> <p>13.Jeff Hogg 17 / Dennis Shelley 22</p>	
<p>TO BE PLAYED BY 8 MAY</p>	<p>TO BE PLAYED BY 10 JULY</p>	<p>TO BE PLAYED BY 11 SEPT.</p> <p>ANY HANDICAP ADJUSTMENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED TO THE PLAYER CONCERNED</p>	<p>TO BE PLAYED BY 23 OCT</p> <p>WINNERS</p> <p>PRESENTATION AT THE A.G.M.</p>