

# THE WAYFAIRER

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## ***Peter, John, Ken & Peer - Scramble the Trophy to Keep for a Year!***

**O**ur annual Holtye Spring meeting saw a excellent turn out. A total of 31 members and 6 guests took part, with 34 battling in the morning Individual 9 hole Competition, and after lunch 9 teams of 4 tackled the full 18, as they endeavoured to win the Texas Scramble Team Trophy.

**E**xtending the programme even further was the very tricky 7 hole putting competition. For many this was an extremely frustrating experience quickly forgotten as everyone enjoyed the Holtye hospitality in the Clubhouse.

**B**ecause the individual competition was over 9 holes it was not included in the Society Championship Tournament, but the Wayfairers Trophy was 'up for grabs'; and successfully seized by Andy Knight with an excellent score of 22 pts. (Cut 'im...Ed.)

**I**n the afternoon the Team Texas Scramble was fiercely contested. All Teams played off scratch and two finished with excellent scores of 4 under. The first team in consisted of Mike Riddles, Sue & John McD and ex-Wayfairer guest Ron Mason. They thought they had 'done the business' by recording. 2 bogeys, 10 pars and 6 birdies - 31 pts out and 31 pts back. Later they found out that behind them the team of Peer Blakeley, Ken Cooper, John Horsfall and Peter Rushton had achieved the same result, but scored 32 pts out and 30 coming back to scramble victory by 1 pt. on count back! Congratulations to both teams for such creditable results.

**A**nd what about the all important Weather?! The organisers had

excelled themselves as ever! 24hrs prior to the event the rain never stopped. All this did however was 'green up, the Course to add the final touches to a perfect English spring day.

**F**inally read on for gripping news about how Derek Reeves won 'Star Prize' in the Raffle, how Clive Cooper *undertook* to win the shortest drive and how Mike Wilson became **the supreme plonker of all time.**



**The Prize Table at Holtye**

### **AND SO TO THE FULL HOLTYE RESULTS**

#### **9 Hole Individual A.M.**

**1**st and winner of the Wayfairers Trophy **Andy Knight** 22pts.

**2**nd Guest **Norman Lovelock** 21pts.

**3**rd **Carl Rosner** 18 pts.

**L**ongest Drive a.m. **Chris 'Bronchial' Wilkes.**

**N**earest the Pin a.m. **Andy Knight.**

**T**exas Scramble Trophy Winners **Peer Blakeley, Ken Cooper, John Horsfall & Peter Rushton.** 4 under (won on c/b).

**2**nd **Sue & John McDonnell, guest Ron Mason & Mike Riddles.**

#### **Putting Competition -**

**1**st (scoring 7 on the infamous string hole) **John** (hair on a 'G' string) **Bateson.**

**2**nd (also scoring 7 on the infamous string hole) **Andy** (it's that man again!) **Knight** (Please tell him that once a Knight is enough!...Ed.).

**Q**uite a few others recorded 7's on the 7th, but John McD. had a record 5! What a pity on the other 6 normal holes he took 18 putts! ( it was his course!...Ed.). Last in the competition was Tony Warrilow who got a total of 32 taking 15 agonising putts on the 7th. For this he was awarded the 'Blue Ball' which he donated 2 years ago!

#### **Other P.M. Prizes**

**S**hortest Drive **Clive 'Prat' Cooper** - Obviously he was so ashamed that he wrote '**Prat**' on the marker instead of his name. (..but you'll never get away with that sort of thing in the Wayfairers!...Ed.)

**L**ongest Drive 'Open' - **Nick** (still the 'Animal') **Widdowson.**

**L**ongest Drive '19 over' - **Ken Cooper**

**N**earest the Pin - **Tony Warrilow**

**B**irdie Cap - **Peter Storey**

**H**edgehog - **Chris Wilkes**

### AND WHAT ABOUT THE PLONKER CAP?

**O**nly one clear cut winner! - **Mike** (I hate golf, intolerant people and just about everything else!) **Wilson.**

This is how the story goes - A lovely day and 3 eager Wayfairers turn up in good time for a booked start at Chiddingfold G.C. to play the 1st round of the annual K.Out - Tony & Ken, the holders, are ready to do battle with Mike & John (previous holders). It should be a close and intriguing contest! But one small problem, no Mike! Ten minutes to go before the start, and still no Mike. Then the Pro. finds the anxious trio to announce that he has had a phone call - to say that Mike is waiting at West Chiltington!

**T**he Pro. kindly, re-arranged his whole tee-time schedule for the day in order to fit in this very important match and, due to Mike's imitation of Michael Schumacher, the four happy Wayfairers got started, only about an hour late!

**W**e now go fast forward to the 8th where Mike & partner are going flat out, - only 5 down. Walking up the 8th fairway Mike suddenly started clutching himself all over. "My ball, my ball", he wailed "I was last to putt out on the 7th, and I've left it in the hole!"

**A**s he proceeded to rush off to retrieve his precious orb, the others managed with great difficulty to calm him down, and point out that his ball was in fact just a few yards in front of him, where he had just hit it with his tee shot! Fellow Plonkers beat that! (Actually in the end we didn't do too badly. We only lost 8 & 6! - and we are still great friends! J.McD - Wilson's ex-partner.)

### THE RAFFLE

**M**any thanks to all those who contributed so generously to the Raffle. Ticket salesman was John McD. who took on the task because a certain amount of 'fiddling and fixing' had to be arranged! Total amount raised was £70, which, even offset by the cost of prizes, swells our funds nicely. So what was all this fiddling

and fixing? For our Bletchingley meeting, Barry had presented a very unusual comic golf clock that he had come across in the local 'Help the Aged' Charity Shop. The lucky winner of this fabulous prize was Derek Reeves, much to the envy of many others present. Derek however was heard to say "Don't really like it! It's going back to the charity shop tomorrow." And here the matter ended - or so he thought!

**A**bout a week later John McD. was walking past 'Help the Aged' and what should he see displayed in the window? - the now famous comic golf clock! The secretary procured the clock as a valued Wayfairer heirloom and it found its way back on to the Raffle Table. Just guess who the unsuspecting Wayfairer with the 'fixed' winning ticket was! None other than Derek Reeves, but this time to rid Derek of temptation Peter Storey paid £3 and promised to find the clock a safe home!

**A**nd the moral of all this - 'Never look a gift clock in the face! Congratulations Derek. You took your set-up very well.

**N**o raffle at Reigate Heath but for an outlay of £1 a head all present can draw a player in 'The Open' to be held at Royal St. George in mid July.



### CALLING ALL WAYFAIRERS

#### Gigantic Golf Ball Sale

Fantastic bargains - if you are really lucky you might get some of your own back - Friday 13th could be your lucky Day!

## And so to our next meeting

### REIGATE HEATH FRIDAY 13th JUNE STABLEFORD PAIRS

**T**his as in previous years will be an afternoon gathering, because it's cheaper after 1 pm! **DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT TO SECURE YOUR PLACE IS FRIDAY 30TH MAY.**

**C**ost is £29 to cover 18 holes and a three course meal plus coffee. **PLEASE send in your return slip NOW!**

**T**his competition is only open to members but guests may be nominated if reserves are needed to make up the numbers. Prizes are also included in the cost and there are lots to be won with both the Two Ronnies Cup as well as the Wayfairers Trophy at stake. Current holders of the Two Ronnies Trophy are Barbara Horsfall & Carl Rosner.

**C**ost does not cover any coffee or refreshments prior to playing. It is suggested however that players arrive mid-day to purchase their own snacks and drinks to be present at the draw for partners! The draw will take place at approx. 12.15pm. Tee off in 4 Balls from 1.00pm. This is a Pairs Better Ball Stableford - but please record all players Stableford points to determine the winners of the Individual Competition. No Longest Drive this year but 2 nearest the pins (9 & 18).

**H**opefully we will eat at about 7.00pm. As this is our 7th Reigate meeting it is assumed that the majority of Wayfairers will know how to get there. Phone number 01737 242610.

### Les Voyages des Wayfairers.

**B**on voyage to 15 Wayfairers plus one non-playing wife (who is going to see fair play!). They are due to set off at the end of May for a 3 night/4 day break at the Hotel du Parc in Hardelot. Separate competitions will be held each day, but overall there will be an ongoing competition for the Wayfairers European Trophy which is currently held by Audrey Riddles. Au revoir et bon chance pour Tous!



## Pictures from Holtye



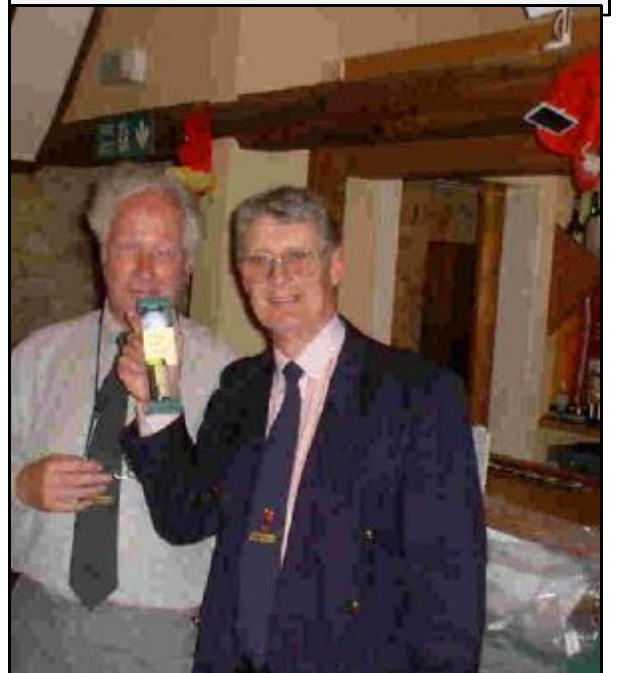
**THE TRIUMPHANT TEXAS TEAM - Ken Cooper, Peer Blakeley, Peter Rushton & John Horsfall**



**Andy Knight receiving the Wayfairer Trophy & 'Winners Loot' from Captain of the Day Mike Riddles**



**Nick Widdowson wins the Tankard for the Open Longest Drive.**



**John Bateson winner of the Putting Competition collects his prize with no strings attached!**



**Peter Storey looking as though he is going to burst into song after winning the Birdie Cap!**



**Our Guests for the day:- Norman Lovelock, Doug Wagstaff, Michael Rosner & Ted Lovell.**



**It's a shame - but somebody has to get it - and never so well deserved!**

# WAYFAIRER 2003 PAIRS

SITUATION AT 9TH MAY 2003

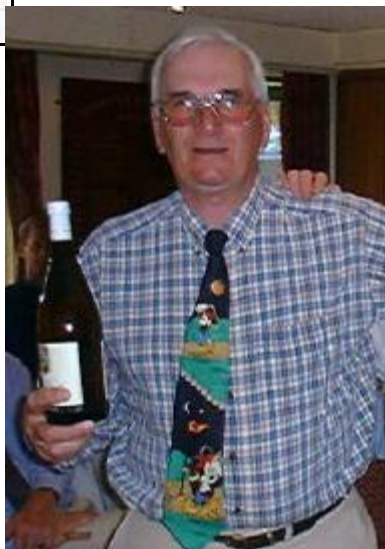


## ROUND 1

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/  
David Williams
- 13 . Peter Storey/  
Barry Richards
- 14 . Bob Hinstead/  
Anne Hightam
- 15 . Frank Houlihan/  
Peter Rushton
- 16 . David Rose/  
Peer Blakeley

## ROUND 2

2. Harold Peskett/\*  
Ron Bailey
- 4 . Clive Cooper/  
Chris Wilkes
- 6 . Andy Knight/  
Carl Rosner
- 8 . Jan Henshaw/  
Sue McDonnell  
(Walk over)
- 9 . Ken Cooper/  
Tony Warrilow
- 12 Barbara Horsfall/  
David Williams
- NOT YET PLAYED
- NOT YET PLAYED  
To be played by 11th  
July



## Goodbye Mike - We'll miss you!

It is with real regrets that we have to announce the resignation of one of our founder members - Mike Owens. Mike has been a stalwart member ever since we started in 1995 and ever present at the majority of our meetings. Mike is leaving Yateley, and his Wayfairing next door neighbours Fred & Dennis, to take up residence nearer to his family in Swindon. Good luck Mike! We will miss you, and don't forget we would be delighted to have you back as our guest at any time or venue that you can manage.

## Wayfairers Handicaps

2002/2003	HOLTYE		REIGATE	
	Handicap	score	Handicap	score
BAILEY	31	15	31	
BATESON	20	16	20	
BLAKELEY	15	12	15	
CATTERALL	17	14	17	
CHURCH	23		23	
COOPER, C.	17	17	17	
COOPER, K	22	14	22	
FUDGE	9		9	
GIRLING	35	13	35	
HARRIS, R	19		19	
HARRIS, S	7		7	
HENSHAW	36	17	36	
HISTED	18	12	18	
HITAM	25	17	25	
HOGG	11	11	11	
HORSFALL, B	28	16	28	
HORSFALL, J	34	15	34	
HOULIHAN	22	14	22	
KNIGHT	18	22	18	
LOADER	36		36	
MARCHBANK	21		21	
MCDONNELL, J	18	16	18	
MCDONNELL S	9	15	9	
PEAKE	32		32	
PESKETT	23	17	23	
REEVES	32	11	32	
RICHARDS	22		22	
RIDDLES, A	24	15	24	
RIDDLES, M	32	13	32	
ROSE	21		21	
ROSNER	28	18	28	
RUSHTON	18	16	18	
SHELLEY	24	14	24	
SMITH	32		32	
STOREY	7	16	7	
TUTTON	27	15	27	
WARRILOW	27	16	27	
WIDDOWSON	12	13	12	
WILKES	9	8	9	
WILLIAMS				
WILSON	26	11	26	
Average	22.175	14.633	21.85	
CHANGES SHOWN IN BOLD ITALIC				

Information and the Rules of the Knockout were detailed in issue 29 of the Wayfairer.

\* A replacement for Harold may be required due to injury.

This does leave a vacancy in our Membership and the next player on the waiting list is David Williams. Welcome David - (Don't tell him about the bit in the ceremony with the 3 iron and the ball marker-he might not turn up!...Ed.)

## 2 FORE 1 VOUCHERS

### - A NEW SERVICE BEING OFFERED TO ALL OUR MEMBERS

Many Wayfairers will be familiar with the excellent golfing bargains promoted over the past few years by the '2 Fore 1' scheme, but of late costs have risen!

A course Factfile is no longer complimentary but costs £2.50, admin charges are up to £3.50 for every order for vouchers that is made, and the vouchers are now £2.50 each.

All is not lost however! Our Raffle fund is healthy and money from this has been used to purchase 18 vouchers, which together with the other supplementary costs involved has amounted to an expenditure of £51.

These 18 vouchers are available to be purchased from your Secretary at a cost of £3 each. Purchasing one

would entitle you and your partner to a half price green fee for an outlay of £1.50 each. When all 18 have been sold the Raffle Fund will have received back £54, thus showing a small profit.

The intention however is not profit, but a service to you - the Wayfairers. You can purchase these not only for your Knockout games but for your use with family and friends, on holiday or on a local day out. The Courses Factfile lists all courses and other relevant details and will be available to peruse at all Wayfairer meetings and/or by arrangement with the Secretary.

Vouchers are valid for 18 months - **Here's to some happy '2 Fore 1' golfing !**