

THE WAYFAIRER



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THE SECRETARY'S TEAM WERE IMPOSSIBLE TO CATCH!

Late July saw our annual Lgathering at West Chiltington, and as ever the sun shone brightly on all the Wayfairers, and in some cases on their golf as well! This was the day of the 3 Way Challenge between the President's Team (2002 Champions), the Treasurer's Team and the Secretary's, but this year saw a complete reversal of recent results. After 7 groups had come in, the Secretary's Stars were in an almost unassailable position, and they went on to win by a clear 12 pts. from the Treasurers Team, and by a massive 23 pts. from the 3rd placed President's Party. All in all, a thoroughly enjoyable day was had by the 30 Wayfairers and 6 welcome guests taking part.

There were echoes of the recent TOpen at Sandwich in the individual results. As with the final reckoning at Royal St. Georges, when only one player finished better than par, this also was exactly what happened at West Chiltington. Chris Wilkes representing the Treasurer's Team and playing off 10, came in with an excellent score of 38 pts. – a result that ensured that he was to become the clear winner of the Wayfairers Trophy.

IIn the Secretary's Team Ken Cooper (off 22!) not only recorded the longest drive of the day, but also came in on level par to sneakily win on count back from guest Norman Lovelock.

MMeanwhile the President's Team Captain John Loader (brother-in-law of our dearly beloved President) certainly led his players from the front to finish with 33 pts. – a result that was good enough to give him top place on a close count back from David Williams.

TThe same can't be said however of the Secretary's Captain John McD. who after 5 holes had gained the grand total of 2 pts.! He went on to record 6 blobs, but somehow managed to scramble to a final total of 25 pts. thus narrowly avoiding the humiliation of having to house the Hedgehog for several weeks. The winner of this much sought after award shall remain nameless in his



John Loader, highest scorer in the President's team, entering scores on the terrace in the strong West

shame, but if you read on ultimately all will be revealed!

TThe 18 Hole Competition wasn't the only golf of the day as the vast majority of players also took on the mighty challenge of a Medal Tournament round the 9 Hole Short Course. All players were given one quarter of their full handicaps, and the high handicappers came in smiling having "done the business!"

AND SO TO THE FULL WEST CHILTINGTON RESULTS

Team Result 1. Secretary's 362 pts. 2. Treasurer's 350 pts. 3. President's 339 pts.

IIndividual Winner of the Wayfairers Trophy and a member of the Treasurer's Team with the top score of the day - 38pts. - Chris Wilkes.

SSecond Top Scorer in the Treasurer's Team - Dennis Shelley 35pts.

TTop Scorer in the Secretary's Team - Ken Cooper 36pts C/back

SSecond Top Scorer in the Secretary's Team - Norman Lovelock 36 pts C/back

TTop Scorer in the President's Team - John Loader 33 pts C/back

SSecond Top Scorer in the President's Team - David Williams 33 pts. C/back

Short Course Results

- 1st Brian Girling net 28
- 2nd Michael Rosner net 29
- 3rd Carl Rosner net 30c/b

NNearest The Pin - Chris (I don't want the Pint!) Wilkes.

OOpen to all Longest Drive – Ken (Don't Touch My Handicap!) Cooper

19 & Over Longest Drive – Frank (Straight Down The Middle) Houlihan

TThe Hedgehog – Jeff (I don't want to "hog" it!) Hogg 20pts (but he signed for 21! Ed.)

The Birdie Cap – thanks to your Organisers, both equally responsible for the complete and utter shambles of the presentations by this time, this most important and valued award was completely forgotten and it is now nesting in the Secretary's top drawer at West Chiltington G.C. We feel sure it must be missing all of us (except Wilson! Ed.), so should anyone be passing the Club in the next few weeks who could cage him and bring him back into the fold please advise J.McD. Thank you. (I think what the Secretary is trying to say, with all this waffle, is that he will be happy to swap the Birdie Cap for the Plonker Cap!...ED).

The Plonker Cap went most deservedly to one of our guests John B.'s brother-in law Bob Mileham. Bob arrived at John's house all the way from Leicestershire in good time for Janet's recent 60th Birthday Celebrations. (By the way – HAPPY 60th JANET FROM ALL THE WAYFAIRERS!) Upon arrival he immediately and very sheepishly asked if he could use the phone. Despite trying to be very discreet, he was overheard talking to his next door neighbour requesting him to break into his house as he had left the telly switched on! Yet another plonker - plucked from the Bateson Family Tree!

THE WEST CHILTINGTON RAFFLE

With the "Open" Championship having been completed only hours before our Meeting, as well as having the usual Raffle, the results of the Wayfairers' Open Draw were also announced. When the initial draw was made, no-one had been lucky enough to be given the eventual winner **Ben Curtis**, as no-one had even heard of him! (Never mind! You'll meet him at our next gathering as he has promised to come as Mike Wilson's guest! Ed)

The next 4 places in the "Open" however had all been drawn by lucky Wayfairers. Top prize of a Wayfairers' logo polo shirt went to Annie Hitam (T. Bjorn) with Bob Histed taking a magnum of magnificent red wine in 2nd place (Vijay Singh). Behind them Brian Girling & Mike Church battled in a

count back between Tiger Woods & Davis Love to take home their chosen prizes of a Nike Shoe Bag and Wayfairers' golf balls.

Many thanks to Barry Richards, still recovering slowly from a delicate and unmentionable operation (he's got my support! Ed.) for acting as our non – playing Raffle Salesman and collecting a magnificent total of £72. (He ought to have the Op. more often! Deputy Ed.)

The "star prize" was displayed and passed round during dinner, and after very close examination many stalwart and senior Wayfairers were seen to be tearing up their tickets before the draw was even made! For those not privileged to be there the description is as follows - The prize was an extremely tasteful and magnificent photo frame, cleverly and cunningly surrounded on the exterior with protruding golf motifs which all led in to a breath - taking centrepiece made up of 3 extremely handsome autographed photographs of the President, the Treasurer & the Secretary.! (Briefly described as "tat" by golf clock expert Derek Reeves!)

Sadly this valuable prize was rejected by many of the early undiscerning raffle prize winners, but with a smile on her face and a gleam in her eye it was seized gladly by Annie Hitam. When clutching it and passing by the Secretary she was heard to mutter "Don't worry! This is only the beginning. It will be back – when you least expect it!"

WEST CHILTINGTON AVERAGE SCORES & HANDICAPS

Secretary's Team 30.1 24

Treasurer's Team 29.1 20.2

President's Team 28.2 24.3

And so to our next meeting

This is to be held on Monday **September 15th** at **CHARTHAM PARK GOLF CLUB**, which is situated just past Felcourt on the right hand side of the road that runs from Lingfield to East Grinstead. This is our second visit to Chartham, but for those who aren't sure of the exact location please contact John McD. who can give you a map giving full directions. Telephone number of the Clubhouse is 01342 870340.

Tea or coffee will be available as from 09.30 with the first group out teeing off just after 10.30. Following 18 holes a two Course Meal plus Coffee will be served at approximately 16.30

The prizes will be numerous as a variety of Competitions are to be included in the day's programme. As well as the usual individual tussle for the Wayfairers Trophy, there will be the ever popular "Pink Ball" Team Event, (unlikely to be 'Pink' as only 3 Pink balls have survived!...ED.) while the elder brethren will once again do battle for the coveted "Fifty Bob Set" (Stableford Score plus age!).

Guests are most welcome. The cost for the day including coffee or tea on arrival, 18 holes, meal as indicated above, plus all the prizes will be £32 a head (£18 for Chartham Park Members). As a normal weekday green fee at Chartham is now £35 a round you can see just what a good deal your organisers have managed to arrange on your behalf! Miss it at your peril! Both the Hedgehog and the Plonker Cap are looking for new loving owners! It could be your lucky day!

Deadline for payment is Friday 22nd August. Please help your organisers by returning the enclosed slip & cheque, if you can play, - as soon as possible.

Thank you.

PICTURES FROM WEST CHILTINGTON



The Victorious Secretary's Team - John McD., Tony Warrilow, Ken Cooper, Mike Wilson, Norman Lovelock, Carl Rosner, Fred Catterall, Brian Girling, John Peake, Peter Rushton, Barbara Horsfall & Andy Knight.



Winner of the Wayfairers Trophy & Top Scorer in the Treasurer's Team - Chris Wilkes.



Ken Cooper gets the prize for the highest score in the Secretary's Team



Meanwhile on the 'Short Course' Brian Girling came in with the highest score -



with Guest Michael Rosner (Carl's brother) Second.



Left: Back from his travels, someone we always like to see, Dennis Shelley 2nd Top scorer - Treasurer's Team.

Right: A worthy winner of the Hedgehog Award Jeff Hogg!



WAYFAIRER 2003 PAIRS KNOCK-OUT



HANDICAPS

SEMI FINAL

Clive Cooper/
Chris Wilkes
v.
Jan Henshaw/
Sue McDonnell

Ken Cooper/
Tony Warrilow
v.
The winners of
Bob Histed/
Annie Hitam
v.
David Rose/
Peer Blakeley

Semi Final to be Played
before our next meeting
Monday 15th September.

FINAL

Knockout News

After a stirring battle Aken Cooper & Tony Warrilow just pipped Barbara Horsfall & David Williams to win 2 and 1 to gain a place in the semi finals.

Congratulations also go to Jan Henshaw & Sue McDonnell - the first all ladies pair to reach the semi finals. They did this with a comfortable win over the family pairing of Andy Knight and father-in-law Carl Rosner.

2002/2003	W. CHILTINGTON		CHARTHAM	
	handicap	score	handicap	score
BAILEY	31		31	
BATESON	21	30	21	
BLAKELEY	15	25	15	
CATTERALL	17	31	17	
CHURCH	24	28	24	
COOPER, C.	17	28	17	
COOPER, K	22	36	21	
FUDGE	7		7	
GIRLING	35	33	35	
HARRIS, R	19		19	
HARRIS, S	7		7	
HENSHAW	36	31	36	
HISTED	17	32	17	
HITAM	23	26	23	
HOGG	11	21	12	
HORSFALL, B	28	27	28	
HORSFALL, J	34	29	34	
HOU LIHAN	22	29	22	
KNIGHT	15	30	15	
LOADER	36	33	35	
MARCHBANK	21		21	
MCDONNELL, J	18	25	18	
MCDONNELL, S	9		9	
PEAKE	32	32	32	
PESKETT	23		23	
REEVES	32	23	33	
RICHARDS	24		24	
RIDDLES, A	24	28	24	
RIDDLES, M	32	31	32	
ROSE	21		21	
ROSNER	27	31	27	
RUSHTON	18	27	18	
SHELLEY	24	35	24	
SMITH	32		32	
STOREY	7		7	
TUTTON	27	33	27	
WARRILOW	27	31	27	
WIDDOWSON	12	32	12	
WILKES	10	38	8	
WILLIAMS	18	33	18	
WILSON	27	23	28	
Average	22	29.7	21.976	

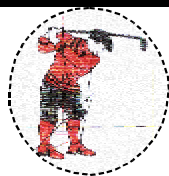
The 30 Plus Club at West Chiltington

A reminder to all Members

In matchplay you may agree to Gi'mme's or concede the hole at any time.

However in our Stableford Competition the ball should be holed out, unless you are unable to score, when the ball should be picked up to speed the flow of play.

Chris Wilkes	38
Ken Cooper	36
Dennis Shelley	35
John Loader	33
David Williams	33
Brian Girling	33
Syd Tutton	33
John Peake	32
Nick Widdowson	32
Bob Histed	32
Fred Catterall	31
Jan Henshaw	31
Mike Riddles	31
Carl Rosner	31
Tony Warrilow	31
John Bateson	30
Andy Knight	30



Wanted for our next meeting

Any one who has any shiny pink Balls in pristine condition and would be prepared to part with one or more of these we could be in need of them for our next meeting. If you have any spare please forward to J.B. for closer scrutiny.

Thank you.

Handicaps- include the loss of one shot by John Loader on General Play (i.e.Consistently outdriving both the Secretary & Treasurer!).



**Frank
Houlihan
winner of
the 19
and over
Longest
Drive at
West
Chilting-
ton**

SOCIETY CHAMPIONSHIP

Still in the lead is Andy Knight on 105 just ahead of Fred Catterall on 104 and Dennis Shelley on 103. Others requiring one more good round in order to challenge the leaders include Ken Cooper, Peter Rushton & Chris Wilkes.