

THE WAYFAIRER

The Wayfairers Golf Society Issue 33

September 2003



PEER THE EAGLE WAS PEERLESS –

A scorching hot September day greeted 20 Wayfairers and 7 guests, when they gathered in shorts, sunhats and all liberally covered with sun cream, in order to do battle over the 18 very challenging holes of Chartham Park..

As with all Golf Courses at this time, Chartham was suffering from weeks without rain, and some potentially wicked bounces from rock hard sloping fairways made the Pink Ball Team Game a test where good fortune would count just as much as skill!

At the finish 8 out of the 9 Teams competing had lost their coloured ball somewhere along the way, and each Team member unfortunate enough to have been the individual who made the unforgivable mistake, was presented with a memento badge made specially for the occasion by masochistic **Sue McD.** (As modelled by Michael Rosner Page 3.)

Two Teams lost their balls on the 1st which resulted in a very heated debate about which Group qualified for the booby prize - something that quite surprisingly neither side wanted! Eventually the prize went to the Team comprising Messrs. **Wilson, Bailey & Tutton**, as Mike lost it with after only his second shot of the day! (Oh look! It's gone in the water! ED.)

One Team did manage to steer their ball all the way round but they scored miserably with it, and the ultimate winners were Messrs. **Blakeley, Cooper & Girling** who

had accumulated 30pts. before finally sinking it on the 17th – in the water not the hole!

Peer had a particularly good day! An eagle on the par 5 4th hole gained him 5 pts. for just the one hole, and he walked off a worthy winner of the Individual



Ian Templer - undisputed winner of the '50 Bob Set'.

Competition (on c/b from Nick Widdowson) both of whom finished on 37pts. (Another drastic scissors job! ED.)

And what about the winner of the 50 Bob Set – our coveted Trophy commemorating Robert Marchbank's 50th Birthday, when age is added to Stableford score? We do have a Society rule that states that no guest can win a major Trophy, but as we all know rules are only there to be broken!

Wayfairer **Ron Bailey** finished with a very creditable score of 106 – 76 years added to 30pts. However, when he heard that guest and ex-member 85 year old **Ian Templer** had played and completed 18 holes in blazing hot conditions to finish with a combined total of 111, he insisted that Ian took the Trophy and this kind gesture met with the full approval of all those present. As our Captain for the day Chris Wilkes (our West Chiltonington winner) was unable to be with us, Ian was also invited to present all the prizes.

AND SO TO THE FULL CHARTHAM PARK RESULTS

Individual Winner of the
Wayfairers Trophy **Peer
Blakeley** 37pts.

2nd **Nick Widdowson** 37pts. c/b

3rd **Carl Rosner** 32pts. Only 3 prizes should have been given but as Carl's brother – guest **Michael Rosner** – was just pipped by Carl on count back, Michael was presented with a small consolation prize.

50 Bob Set **Ian Templer** 85 years + 26pts. – 111 Total

Pink Ball Team Winners - **Peer
Blakeley, Ken Cooper &
Brian Girling** 30pts.

Bottom Pink Ball Team **Mike
Wilson, Ron Bailey & Syd
Tutton** Nil pts!

WAYFAIRERS GOLF SOCIETY

8TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2003



Please bring this with you to Chiddingfold

WAYFAIRERS A.G.M. AGENDA

1. Secretary's Report
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Election of (a) President (b) Secretary
(c) Treasurer (d) Auditor
(e) Handicap Committee.
4. Membership Situation
5. Programme for 2004
6. The Raffle
7. Golfing Breaks
8. Handicaps
9. Any Other Business.

participating at each meeting should be recorded was not considered to be appropriate.

3. The meeting was in favour of continuing planning a years programme in advance, and the programme for the next year was accepted without any additional comment from those present.

4. It was agreed that membership of the Wayfairers should not exceed the present limit of 40, but 2 vacancies currently available should be offered to Bob Histed and Ann Hitam who were at the top of the waiting list. This would leave David Williams, and Robert Bissett as next in line, with the possibility that one or two vacancies might occur when annual renewal application forms are issued.

5. The Secretary reported that 2 Golf Breaks had now been organised for 2003. Currently 14 Wayfairers are going to Wensum, near Norwich in late February for a 2 night break and there were still rooms available for anyone interested. In late May, 16 Wayfairers were booked for a 3 night stay at Hardelet in France but there were no further spaces available on this venture. Members were reminded that anyone who has suggestions for future Golfing Breaks should contact the Committee with their proposals which could then be put to the rest of the membership.

6. It was agreed that the ladies handicaps could be extended to a maximum of 45 shots. It was considered to be too unwieldy to publish a full list of members current handicaps in every issue of the Wayfairer. Anyone wishing to know of any changes to their handicap, or any other Wayfairers handicaps as a result of their scores at the previous meeting should contact John Bateson direct. This particular item was raised in relation to the on going Pairs Knockout Competition.

7. It was agreed that for the Holtie Meeting in May (27 holes) the Texas Scramble should be played over 18 holes pm instead of 9 holes am. Should it be possible to use the 9 hole pitch and putt course at West Chiltonington at no extra cost, the Committee should organise a fun competition to be played either before or after the main 18 hole event. Two possible suggestion for this extra contest were a 2 club + putter Individual Competition or a pairs Texas Scramble.

8. At various stages of the meeting thanks for all their work on behalf of the Wayfairers were extended to John Bateson, John McDonnell, Barry Richards, Peter Rushton & Ron Harris.

PROGRAMME

2003-2004

In order that Members can plan their year ahead the following are the dates and venues now fixed:-

2003 Tuesday 4th November
Chiddingfold.
Monday 8th December
Slinfold.

2004 Tuesday 16th March
Cranleigh.
Tuesday 11th May
Holtie.
Friday 11th June
Limpsfield Chart
Monday 26th July **West Chiltonington.**
Tuesday 14th September
Hassocks.

NOTES OF THE 7TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The following were the main decisions made at the AGM held on 5th November 2002.

1. All existing officers were re-elected.
2. Annual membership subscriptions to remain at £5. Joining fee to remain at £5. A suggestion that on the Treasurer's Annual Balance Sheet the number of players



At this time of the year we offer our usual advice regarding Trolleys. Summer seems to go on forever but, inevitably, the Autumn rains will come and so will **Trolley Bans!** In every **Wayfairer** we include the telephone number of the Club we are going to for our next meeting. Give them a ring, and put your carry bag in the car to be sure!

Nearst The Pin **Ron Harris**

Open Longest Drive **Andy Knight**

19 + Over Longest Drive - guest Michael Rosner

Birdie Cap Not Eddie the Eagle! But **Peer the Eagle!** Well done Peer!

Hedgehog Award **Tony Warrilow** - who was too ashamed to take it home to show **Sylvia!**

(Makes him a strong contender for the Plonker Cap next time! ED.)

The special Hogg Award for "Rough Play" & "Always In The Rough" went to **John Bateson**. (Nobody present really understood what it was all about but evidentially it was something to do with a dirty calendar?!...Ed).

And the final presentation – **the APlonker Cap!** The worthy winner was **John McD** who, since our last meeting, had qualified on 3 separate accounts! The most recent incident however is a classic!

Having stayed for just one night in a large Hotel with which John was completely unacquainted, he went down to Breakfast with Sue, prior to a prompt early departure. As he had consumed just a moderate amount of alcohol at a Family Wedding on the day previous, (For moderate read "GALLONS"...Ed) John ate rather slowly and Sue left him to return to their room for a quick final sort out.

Eventually John left the dining room and followed the signs that should have led him to his room – Number 112. However upon arrival at 111 all the rooms ended, although there were 3 doors next to it.

Upon examination none of these doors led to 112. Very puzzled, John retraced his steps to the start and set off again only to end up back at 111 with no 112 anywhere to be found!

He then enquired from a Hotel Employee who informed him that she had only been in her job for a few days but would happily help him. They set off in a different direction but following signs on a circuitous route they ended up at – you've guessed it – room 111!

The girl suggested that they looked in the lift to check the room

numbers displayed in there. They did but, too late, someone already in there had pushed the button, and they were off to the top of the Hotel!

Upon descent the lift doors wouldn't open – not a scenario that poor overhung claustrophobic John appreciated very much at all!

When finally they did escape, the passing friendly Manager of the Hotel Leisure Complex said he would lead them to 112 – only to return to 111 for the fourth time! At last it was decided that the only answer was to ask at Reception where 112 was to be found. After queuing to be dealt with, the receptionist checked carefully on her screen and finally announced "Sorry – but we don't have a room 112." "But," said a bewildered John, "You must have. I slept in it last night."

At this precise moment a furious Sue emerged from round the corner. "Where on earth have you been?" "I've been looking for our room – 112" said a very pathetic looking John. "You stupid b...said Sue. "We were in room 212!"

Oh what a plonker! – or so all the Hotel staff thought! (So do we! ...ED.) It was a quiet journey home.

The Chartham Raffle

Many thanks to **Peer** for acting as our Raffle salesman. (Wayfairers should note that not only did **Peer** "volunteer" to do this, but he also won the Wayfairers Trophy. It could be an omen! So volunteers for Chiddingfold please line up now!) Peer took an excellent total of £75. Many thanks for your generous support..

Recently just under £170 from our Raffle Fund has been spent on purchasing 144 new Wayfairers balls and these will begin to be distributed as from our next meeting, as we have only 3 of our previous ones left. The new balls are Maxfli D - TEC (Distance Technology)... guaranteed to fly strong and long, and never miss the hole!

Incidentally since purchasing our first Wayfairers balls in February

1999 we have to date gone through nearly 600 of them! (591) Perhaps we should have pink ones in future, as they might last longer? (On second thoughts – **No!** ED.)

Finally, many thanks to **Ron Harris** for having donated recently to the Raffle 2 Aussie golf caps, and to **Andy Knight** for putting in a giant box of 200 Spring Bulbs. Anything amusing and/or seasonal for our Christmas Raffle would be much appreciated.

And so to our next meeting

Tuesday 4th November 2003.

Cost - £31 to cover coffee, 18 Choles, a 3 Course Meal & all prizes.

Following last years very successful experiment of holding the A.G.M. prior to playing this will be repeated with the day's programme as follows -

Arrive for coffee at 09.00. Take a coffee to Conference Room for the A.G.M. which will start **PROMPTLY** at 9.10.

Allowing a maximum of 50 minutes for the A.G.M. it should end by 10.00 at the latest. Barry Richards has as last year kindly agreed to Chair the meeting.

First Golf group out at 10.20. Early starters will be forewarned so that they can be fully prepared to play just after the A.G.M. finishes.

There will be a Team Putting Competition which can be tackled by the very early starters after the completion of their 18 holes, but will need to be played by the majority of Teams, if they wish to compete, before they start on the competition.

The 3 Course Evening Meal is booked for approximately 17.15.

In the unlikely event of their being any A.G.M. matters still unresolved these will be dealt with

.....**Continued on back page**

PICTURES FROM CHARTHAM PARK



Pink Ball Team winners- Peer Blakeley, Ken Cooper & Brian Girling & The proud losers- Mike Wilson Syd Tutton &



Winner of the Wayfairers Trophy Peer Blakeley.



2nd in the Wayfairers Trophy Nick Widdowson.



Ron Harris - Nearest the Pin



Guest Michael Rosner wins the 19+ Longest Drive.



We don't often get an Eagle - well done Peer!

Right ->

A happy but reluctant Tony Warrillow accepts the Hedgehog Award!



immediately after Dinner before the usual prize giving.

The main prize of the day will be the **Ron Harris Autumn Cup** (current holder **Frank Houlihan**), but also the result of the Pairs Knock-Out Competition will be announced (still to be decided between **Annie & Bob** versus **Sue & Jan**) and the ultimate Winner of the 2003 Society Championship finally confirmed.

Deadline for return slips and full payment is **FRIDAY 17th OCTOBER**. Your slip is enclosed, together with a separate sheet detailing the A.G.M. agenda plus notes from last year's meeting. Please bring this with you if coming on November 4th.

As this is our 9th visit to Chiddingfold, and the occasion of the Wayfairers 8th Birthday, it is assumed that everyone coming knows the location. Please contact **John McD** if you have any problems. The Club telephone number is 01428 685888.

The 30 Plus Club at Chartham Park

Peer Blakeley	37
Nick Widdowson	37
Carl Rosner	32
Michael Rosner	32
Barry Richards	31
John Bateson	31
Norman Lovelock	31
Ron Bailey	30
Brian Girling	30
Jan Henshaw	30
David Williams	30

Average Score for the Day

28

WAYFAIRERS GOLF BREAKS

A fairly strong tradition of 2 annual Society Golf Breaks (one Home & one Abroad) has been established over the past few years, and it is hoped to repeat this in 2004.

As yet nothing has been arranged definitely except the dates. There will be a 2 night/3 day break somewhere in England running from Sunday 15th February to pm. on Tuesday 17th February..

Our 5th French Trip will once again be for a duration of 3 nights & 4 days, with an early morning start on Sunday 30th May to a late evening arrival home on Wednesday 2nd June. Possible Hotel & Golf Course venues are currently under review.

Please let John McD. know if you are likely to be interested in either (or both) of these ventures. There is no commitment whatsoever at this stage, but it would be useful to ascertain likely numerical support when making enquiries.



John & his sister Eileen, enjoying the family wedding - just before he lost his way and won the Plonker Cap!

(I thought he was already wearing it!...ED)

HANDICAPS

2002/2003		CHARTHAM		NEW H/C
		handicap	score	
1	BAILEY	31	30	
2	BATESON	21	31	
3	BLAKELEY	15	37	13*
4	CATTERALL	17		
5	CHURCH	24		
6	COOPER, C.	17		
7	COOPER, K.	21	23	
8	FUDGE	7		
9	GIRLING	35	30	
10	HARRIS, R	19	24	
11	HARRIS, S	7		
12	HENSHAW	36	30	
13	HISTED	17	28	
14	HITAM	23	25	
15	HOGG	12		
16	HORSFALL, B	28		
17	HORSFALL, J	34		
18	HOULIHAN	22		
19	KNIGHT	15	28	
20	LOADER	35		
L/M	MARCHBANK	21		
21	McDONNELL, J	18	22	19
22	McDONNELL S	9		
23	PEAKE	32		
24	PESKETT	23		
25	REEVES	33	29	
26	RICHARDS	24	31	
27	RIDDLES, A	24		
28	RIDDLES, M	32	26	
29	ROSE	21		
30	ROSNER	27	32	
31	RUSHTON	18		
32	SHELLEY	24		
33	SMITH	32		
34	STOREY	7		
35	TUTTON	27	27	
36	WARRILOW	27	21	28
37	WIDDOWSON	12	37	11
38	WILKES	8		
39	WILLIAMS	18	30	
40	WILSON	28	21	29
Average		21.976	28.1	

