

THE WAYFAIRER



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THE TWO MIKES BEAT OFF ALL OF THE REST – WHILE SUE & JAN PROVE THAT LADIES ARE

The 4th November at Chiddingfold saw the 8th Birthday of the Wayfairers, and it really was a day to celebrate! For the 2 Mikes (**Riddles & Church**) it was a memorable occasion. At the evening prize giving, much to Mike Riddles' and everyone's amazement it was announced that he was the Society Champion for the year. His 3 best rounds scored a total of 109 points; 37 at Chiddingfold in November '02, 41 at Hoebridge and 31 at West Chiltington. Well done Mike!

Mike Church, unfortunately an infrequent player this year, was determined to make up for it and collect as many prizes as he could. His excellent score of 45 pts. earned him not only the Ron Harris Autumn Cup and the Wayfairers Trophy, but included 4 Birdies (!) to add the Birdie Cap to his collection. Not content with this, he also won the Over 19 Longest Drive Tankard and his Team came 2nd in the Putting Competition! So "Well done Mike" – but this time Mike Church.

Do spare a thought for poor Dennis Shelley. He had an excellent score of 45 pts., and as anybody would, he must have thought he had won it, but all he got was 2nd place losing the prize on count back! Well played though Dennis! – so near and yet so far!

And what about these two precocious ladies Jan & Sue?! They obviously are a deadly combination. In the Knockout Pairs they saw off Andy & Carl, then Chris & Clive, and finally had a very good win over the formidable partnership of Bob & Annie in the Final. Well done Jan & Sue! So come on you men! Note the Final consisted of 3 ladies and just one man! (Lucky old Bob! Just what was going on in that

bunker?! ED.)

With all the above excitement it was a full day, starting with an AGM that ran like clockwork, then on to the putting green for some groups for the Team Putting Event, while others began to make their way round the Course. All this as ever – in perfect Autumn sunshine and scenery, even if some of the golf didn't quite match it! However 29 Wayfairers and 4 guests thoroughly enjoyed their day.



**Mike Riddles receives the Society
Champion's Cup from Peer
Blakeley**

Another cause for celebrations was the news that Nick Widdowson had become a father for the first time. Hearty congratulations to Nick and Sarah and we welcome Adam Widdowson into the wonderful world of the Wayfairers! Everyone agreed it was no longer to be "Nick the Animal" but "Nick the Daddy!" (Well it's one way of getting a par! (pa!)..SEC). (Note. I refuse to accredit this appalling pun...ED!)

A noisy enjoyable meal was followed as it always is on AGM Day, by a very lively prize giving ceremony, and most members seemed to go away happily clutching something or someone. (I still don't know who that was in the car park...ED.)

THE A.G.M. DAY RESULTS

Society Champion 2003 - Mike Riddles.

Knock Out Pairs Champions - Jan Henshaw & Sue McDonnell.

Winner of the Ron Harris Autumn Cup & Wayfairers Trophy - Mike Church 45pts. (C/B)

2nd Place Dennis Shelley 45 pts. (C/B)

3rd David Rose - 41 pts.

4th Place Barry Richards - 40pts.

Team Prize - Jan Henshaw, David Rose & Carl Rosner 94 pts.

Nearest The Pin - Peter Rushton

Over 19 Longest Drive -Mike Church.

Open Longest Drive - Fred Catterall.

Shortest Drive - Mike (I Hate Golf) Wilson.

Birdie Cap - Mike Church (with 4 Birdies! When does he turn Pro?).

Hedgehog Award - Fred (Longest Drive) Catterall – we might give him half a shot back!

Team Putting 1st -Jeff Hogg, Hans Zinke & John Bateson.

2nd - Fred Catterall, Peter Rushton & Mike Church.

THE PLONKER CAP.

A number of people could have qualified for this including our Secretary, President and particularly our Treasurer (hence he wore the Plonker Cap during the prize presentation). However, your organisers, generous to the last were happy to allow the honour to go to "Gentleman" John Horsfall.

Going up the 7th John hit his best shot of the day, a fairway wood that went all of 200 yards straight up towards the green. It was then that he discovered from a rather irate Lady golfer playing in the early morning Monthly Medal, that he had hit her ball and not his. She was actually playing in the complete opposite direction! Being the gentleman that he is, John apologised profusely, before making her go all the way to retrieve her ball and back again! He said afterwards that he wasn't quite sure what the word "Captain" meant on her cap! (How do you put up with him!).

The Chiddingfold Raffle

Many thanks to Peter Storey for selling the tickets and collecting £63. The prizes were both abundant and expensive, but the real "piece de resistance" was a second hand bin liner won by an ecstatic Tony Warrilow who then to everyone's dismay insisted on modelling it! (See page 3 - He'll never win the Hedgehog and leave it behind again! ED.)

The new Wayfairers balls

Maxfli D.Tec. – recently purchased through Raffle Fund profits were issued for the first time and we now wait anxiously for news of how far they go and how easy they are to lose!

AND SO TO OUR CHRISTMAS MEETING

After an absence of 4 years the Wayfairers return for their Christmas gathering to Slinfold Golf Club.

Note the date - Monday 8th December. maps are available from John McD for any of our members not sure of the location, and the phone number is 01403 791555. You are advised to check the "Trolley Situation" in advance.

Breakfast will be available from 09.00 with the first group out on the tee at 10.06. You might like to obtain your tee time beforehand by contacting either of the 2 Johns.

The Competition is an 18 Hole Stableford and the winning member will receive the Christmas Tankard (currently held by Jeff Hogg) and the Wayfairers Trophy (currently held by Mike Church). Two other Trophies also to be contested will be Harold's Special 18th Hole Trophy - which goes to the player nearest to the pin with their 3rd? shot - and the Jeff Hogg "18 & Under" Trophy. Current holders of these two awards are Barry Richards &, you've guessed it! - Jeff Hogg!

Guests will be most welcome providing we have the spaces, and **please note THIS IS A BRING & WIN EVENT.** Suggested value of prizes £2 to £3 and probably more exciting if wrapped. If you have a non-golfing "other half" that you would like to invite to join us for the Xmas Meal they would be most welcome, please mention it to either of the Johns well in advance. The cost for guests, (meal only) will be £14.00.

This two course Christmas Dinner will be served at approximately 5pm. to be followed by the usual prize

giving, and hopefully one or two little bits of sweet but short seasonal nonsense!

Cost for the day to include full Breakfast, 18 Holes, Xmas Meal with wine, and all prizes (except bring & win) is £33.00 An availability/payment slip is enclosed to be returned at the latest please by **FRIDAY 21st NOVEMBER.**

Following our usual pattern there won't be a Raffle but once again a competition based on predicting golfing results. This year in return for parting with the princely sum of £1 at Breakfast, you will be asked to predict the combined total number of "blobs"? recorded during the day when added to the total number of "birdies"? So it's "Birdies & Blobs" Day! Prizes as ever will be incredible, and even better and more expensive than last year's infamous Golfing Clock! In the event of a tie the prize will go to the person who had the better personal Stableford score earlier in the day.

Membership

The annual membership subscription remains at £5. All members who to date have not received a renewal form will find one enclosed Deadline date for payment is Friday 21st November.

It is hoped that a full and updated list of members will be available to hand out at Slinfold.

Seasons Greetings

We hope to see you all at Slinfold.

To those who can't make it - All our Best wishes for a very happy Christmas, and in the New Year may your putts be almost as good as ours! .

John McD., John B., & Barry

PICTURES OF A.G.M. DAY AT



Left:
After a summer of competition Sue McDonnell & Jan Henshaw collect their trophies and prizes as Wayfairers Knockout Champions.

RIGHT

Peer Blakeley, Captain of the Day, presents Mike Church with the 'spoils of the Day'



Runner-up in the overall competition Dennis Shelley. 45 points would normally have been enough to clinch it! Well played Dennis.

Above The winning Team at Chiddingfold: Carl Rosner, Jan Henshaw & David Rose.



The delighted Putting Team winners, who triumphed on a very testing and tricky green: Jeff Hogg, John Bateson & Hans Zinke.



Tony Warrilow caught up in a Load of John McD's Raffle Rubbish!

Obviously not daunted by being made President, ...Ed, (alias Barry Richards) came 4th and collected a prize of some pots of mustard. (We will soon find out if he can cut it!)



A very sporting and worthy winner of the Plonker Cap - John Horsfall. Read all about it on page 2.



'If you want to get ahead wear a hat!' Jeff Hogg - clearly delighted with his raffle prize!

Wayfairers Golfing Breaks 2004

Saturday 14th February to Monday 16th February staying at Wokefield Park Golf Hotel near Mortimer, south of Reading. Package includes 3 Rounds of Golf, 2 nights Bed, Breakfast & Evening Meal, full use of indoor heated pool plus sauna & jacuzzi for a total cost of £90 a head (based on sharing twin bedded accommodation). 17 Wayfairers booked and confirmed at present.

Sunday 30th May to Wednesday 2nd June. Proposed 3night/4day trip to France to stay at "Les Hauts de Montreuil" on a demi-pension basis. Montreuil is just under an hour's drive south of Calais. Golf to be arranged most probably at nearby Nampont, Hardelet, Belle Dune & St. Omer but no compulsion to play every day. 15 Wayfairers have expressed serious interest at the moment.

For further details on either of these Breaks please contact J.McD now. There are still available rooms at Wokefield Park but these may well be taken soon, and as regards the French Trip we have a deadline to book our required rooms by Tuesday 18th November at the latest.

Confirmation of the Programme for 2003-2004

2003

Monday 8th December Slinfold

2004

Tuesday 16th March Cranleigh

Tuesday 11th May Holtie (all day)

Friday 11th June Limpsfield Chart (pm.)

Monday 26th July West Chiltington

Tuesday 14th September Hassocks

Early Notice of John B's Annual Christmas Bash!

Our annual unofficial Xmas RollUp at Holtie, which last year attracted 15 Wayfairers, will take place this year on Tuesday 23rd December. Not only will we be competing for John Bateson's Christmas Challenge Trophy (current holder J.McD) but it's also John B's 65th Birthday! How will he spend that first OAP pension payment? Why not turn up and find out! We will gather as in past years at approx. 9.00 am. and sort out the playing groups.. Hope to see you! Guests most welcome.

HANDICAPS

This month has seen a first in the production of the Wayfairer. All copy & the Handicaps have been sent electronically or by EMail between three computers, and the master copy is now printed in A3 format. It may not mean much to you but it should save us time, and some swearing in the

	2003/2004	CHIDINGFOLD	SLINFOLD
	handicap	score	handicap
1	BAILEY	31	31
2	BATESON	21	33
3	BISSET R	24	24
4	BLAKELEY	13	29
5	CATTERALL	17	26
6	CHURCH	24	45
7	COOPER, C	17	17
8	COOPER, K	21	33
9	FUDGE	7	32
10	GIRLING	35	35
11	HARRIS, R	19	33
12	HARRIS, S	7	7
13	HENSHAW	36	33
14	HISTED	17	40
15	HITAM	23	35
16	HOGG	12	32
17	HORSFALL, B	28	33
18	HORSFALL, J	34	27
19	HOUHAN	22	38
20	KNIGHT	15	35
21	LOADER	35	35
22	LOVELOCK N	21	21
L/M	MARCHBANK	21	21
23	MCDONNELL, J	19	30
24	MCDONNELL, S	9	35
25	PEAKE	32	32
26	PESNETT	23	23
27	REEVES	33	33
P	RICHARDS	24	40
28	RIDDLES, A	25	32
29	RIDDLES, M	32	33
30	ROSE	21	41
31	ROSENER	27	36
32	RUSHTON	18	25
33	SHELLEY	24	45
34	STOREY	7	35
35	TUTTON	27	27
36	WARRLOW	28	35
37	WIDOWSON	11	39
38	WILKES	8	8
39	WILLIAMS	18	39
40	WILSON	29	32
Average		21.76	34.66
			21.52

NOTES OF THE 8TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The following were the main decisions made at the AGM held on 4th November 2003

1 Elections - President. As Bernard's ill health over the past 2 years, had prevented him from attending any of our meetings his resignation was reluctantly accepted. Barry Richards, was elected in his place in recognition of all his work on behalf of the Society. The meeting expressed all best wishes to Bernard for improved health, with the hope that he would be able to join in again from time to time in the future. He was to be thanked for all his help and support in the past years, and it was agreed unanimously that as a founder member he should be granted honorary life membership.

Handicap Committee. Because of frequent absences abroad Ron Harris expressed his wish to stand down from this Committee and it was agreed unanimously that Sue McD. should take his place. All other existing officers were re-elected.

2 The meeting fully accepted the economic fact that individual costs per meeting had to rise from our original maximum aim of £30 (back in 1995!) up to a likely average of £32 from now on.

3 After some discussion it was agreed that our membership total should not exceed the present limit of 40, but that any members who were not in a position to play reasonably regularly should consider their continued membership, as there were some 5 "guests" all very anxious to join. It seemed very likely that at least 2 of these could be offered membership following possible vacancies after the forthcoming deadline for annual subscriptions was reached.

4 All those present accepted the programme for the next 12 months enthusiastically without any adverse comment.

5 The Secretary reported that 2 Golf Breaks were being organised. Currently 17 Wayfairers were booked to go to Wokefield Park Golf Club Hotel for a weekend break in mid-February with some rooms still available. This was emphasised as being a real "Bargain Price Break". Also in late May a 3 night/4 day Break was being organised in France to play a maximum of 4 Courses and stay on a demi-pension basis at a 3 Star Hotel in Montreuil. 15 Wayfairers had taken up places to date with vacancies still available but only for a very short time.

6 Some discussion took place regarding the days of the week chosen as Wayfairers meeting days (next year 4 Tuesdays, 2 Mondays plus 1 Friday) but eventually it was accepted that most Golf Clubs did limit Society bookings to certain set week days only. It was also agreed that what suited some members did not necessarily suit others, and that the planned programme as it stood did contain some variety.

7 At various stages of the meeting official thanks were recorded to John Bateson, Barry Richards, John McDonnell, Peter Rushton and Ron Harris for all their work on behalf of the Society.