

# THE WAYFAIRER



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## ON SPRING CUP DAY HANS WEARS THE CROWN HE LIFTS THE TROPHY - TO WIN IT HANDS DOWN!

Following his recent string of successes at Wokefield Park (see back page) people were saying "we zinke zat Hans vill vin ze Spring Cup at Cranleigh." Now these people don't "zinke" it any more – they know that they were darned well right!

And what a glorious day's weather it was at Cranleigh – most apt for a Spring Day Meeting that saw 31 Wayfairers plus 2 guests tuck into bacon rolls and coffee, before tackling a long, heavy and very unforgiving 18 holes.

Only one player out of the 33 managed to play better than his handicap, and this was Hans Zinke, who managed it with a very creditable score of 37 pts. making him the clear winner by 2 pts. from Peter Rushton, who finished in second place.

Without doubt the real winner of the day was the Course, as the average score recorded was only 26 pts. and several players were well below this! This didn't dampen the spirits however, and the atmosphere in the wonderful old Oak Barn area of the Clubhouse afterwards was excellent.

John McD had set three Conundrum posers for the various Teams to tackle during their wait for the meal, and these caused much discussion, debate and laughter – particularly the question dealing with intimate human anatomy!

### CRANLEIGH MEETING RESULTS

Altogether, it was an excellent start to a new year for the Wayfairers.

1<sup>st</sup> and winner of the John Peake Spring Cup plus the Wayfairers



*Hans receiving the John Peake Trophy from - John Peake*

Trophy Hans Zinke 37pts.

2<sup>nd</sup> Peter Rushton 35pts.

3<sup>rd</sup> Peter Storey 33 pts. (an excellent score when playing off 7 handicap!)

4<sup>th</sup> Chris Wilkes 32pts.

Alliance Stableford Team Competition Derek Reeves Chris Wilkes & Hans Zinke 78pts.

2<sup>nd</sup> Ken Cooper Tony Warrilow & David Williams 70pts.

Open Longest Drive Peter Storey

19 & Over Longest Drive John McDonnell

Nearest The Pin Derek Reeves

Birdie Cap Audrey Riddles (her first ever Wayfairer Birdie! Well done!)

Hedgehog Barry Richards (who won the booby prize that he had donated!)

Conundrum 1 won by Sue Hans & Derek

No. 2 won by Audrey Bob & Mike R.

No. 3 won by Barbara, Barry & Peter Rushton.

### THE PLONKER CAP

What a busy little bee our Treasurer John B. is going to be on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May! Not only is he playing all day with the Wayfairers at Holtye, and organising much of the "goings on", but he has also put his name down to play on the same day in a Club Match away against Lewes! Only our beloved John is capable of being in two different places at once, and this amazing feat deservedly won him a strong nomination for the Plonker Cap! Much to John's disappointment however, this honour went undisputedly to your friend and ours! - Mike Wilson.

To cut a long story short – and this story is all about cutting! – Mike, while really getting into

the Christmas spirit, (possibly a whole bottle...ED) decided to dress up a bollard outside his house as Father Christmas. (Yes, it's true, just ask Jan.) Father Christmas when completed looked really great, but just needed a pair of shoes. Going to a cupboard full of old shoes, Mike grabbed a pair and stuck them under the bottom of Father Christmas's trousers. But a problem! They protruding too far!

Undaunted, Mike grabbed a saw and promptly cut both shoes in half. What a pity that he was not wearing his glasses, because it was only then that he discovered that dear Jan had thrown away all his old shoes, and put new ones in the cupboard! Poor Mike, he never stopped crying, but Father Christmas had lovely warm feet! So it's Plonker Mike!

(Sounds like a lot of cobblers to me!...ED).

### **THE RAFFLE**

Many thanks to Derek Reeves who did an excellent job as our Raffle Ticket Salesman by collecting £67. Well done Derek and thanks to all those who contributed, plus congratulations to all those who walked off with eleven excellent prizes. Peter Rushton in particular was delighted with his little bag of compost – so much so in fact that he has volunteered (without knowing it!) to be our ticket salesman for the next meeting. Thank you Compost Pete.

### **APOLOGIES**

A comment has been received regarding our meal at Cranleigh that this was detailed in the last copy of the Wayfairer as being a 3 Course Meal, but that we did not receive a "starter" as expected. The fault was all mine, and in no way anything to do with the arrangements that we had with the Golf Club. The deal was for a 2 Course Meal plus coffee & mints, but your absent minded Secretary wrote down a 3 instead of a 2 when preparing the Wayfairer, and unfortunately this was not spotted when we went to print. Sincere apologies. Incidentally the meal we did have was excellent, and enjoyed in the most atmospheric setting that the Wayfairers have ever experienced.

### **BEST WISHES TO BERNARD**

We are very sorry to have to report that founder member and ex-President of the Wayfairers, Bernard McDonnell, was recently admitted to Hospital in extremely poor health. The good news is that he is slowly recovering, but it has been

necessary for him to move into a Residential Home where he is receiving good care and attention. Best wishes Bernard from all the Wayfairers and keep practising the putting!

### **AND SO TO OUR NEXT MEETING - AT HOLTYE GOLF CLUB ON TUESDAY 11TH MAY**

A 27 Holes Day! - 9 in the morning Individual Stableford, and an 18 Hole Team Texas Scramble in the afternoon. And just so that nobody gets bored with too little to do, our Annual Putting Competition follows on straight after the morning round! A day not to be missed! – prizes galore!

#### **TIMING FOR THE DAY**

09.00 Coffee on arrival

09.30 First Tee Off

11.30 (approx.) onwards Putting Competition – play before lunch

From 12 noon – a staggered light lunch

13.00 Team Texas Scramble commences

19.15 approx. Evening Meal & Coffee followed by Raffle Draw & Prize Giving

Awards - Winners of the Texas Scramble will receive our special Team Trophy for this event (currently held by Peer Blakeley, Ken Cooper, John Horsfall & Peter Rushton) The winner of the Individual Stableford will receive the Wayfairers Trophy (currently held by Hans Zinke).

The COST inclusive of coffee on arrival, 27 holes, a light lunch, Evening Meal and all prizes will be £33 for Non Holtye Members and £20 for Holtye Members.

Directions – The Clubhouse is on the right hand side of the A264 approximately 4 miles out of East Grinstead travelling in the direction of Tunbridge Wells. Phone No. 01342 850957

Returns - please complete the enclosed availability slip and return to John Bateson with your money (if playing) by MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL at the very latest please.

### **A REMINDER OF FUTURE DATES &**

FRIDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE Limpsfield Chart (note PM.!).

FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup> JULY West Chiltington **NOTE!** Not Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July as originally published.

TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER Hassocks

**NOTE** - With this copy of the Wayfairer is a separate sheet with full details of this year's KNOCKOUT - and please note that on the back there is an 'open letter' to all Wayfairers from **Andy Knight**.

### **REMINDERS**

Please remember that in all Wayfairers Competitions everyone must putt out on every hole (if they can score) and **GIMES ARE NOT PERMITTED!**



# PICTURES FROM CRANLEIGH



**Left: It took 2 of them to hold him down!! Mike Wilson wins the Plonker Cap. See Page 1.**

**Right: Hans Zinke receives the Wayfairers Trophy.**

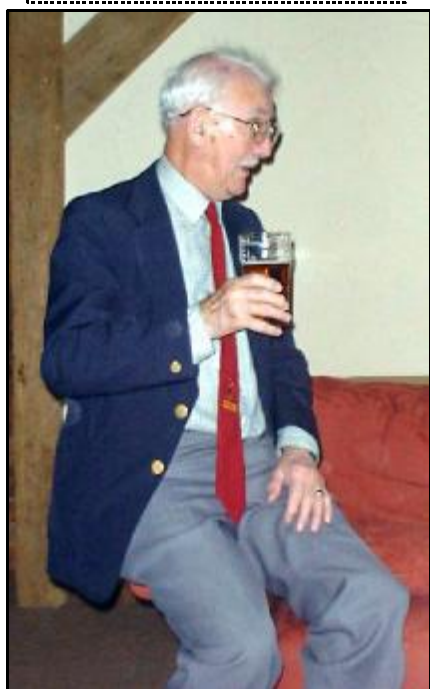


**Above: Audrey Riddles wins the Birdie Cap and creates a picture for the family Album.**

**Above Peter Rushton 2nd in the Individual Competition.**



**Above: Peter Storey Wins The Open! --  
Longest Drive Competition!**



**Above: It was nice to see John Loader at Cranleigh - especially with a pint in his hand. Don't tell him but he is our most Senior Wayfairer**

**Above: The Winning Team (minus Chris Wilkes), Hans Zinke & Derek Reeves all equipped now for nighttime golf at Holtye!**



**Above: "I never win anything" McDonnell, disproving it all, with the Old Bailey Tankard.**



**Above: Not a good day for the President! - Barry gets the Hedgehog Award!**



## THE WAYFAIRERS VISIT WOKEFIELD

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February – “Valentine’s Day” – was an entry this year in many Wayfairers diaries, being the day that 18 Wayfairers, plus 4 non-playing wives, descended on Wokefield Park Golf Hotel in Berkshire for an eagerly awaited 2 night stay.

The weather throughout the 3 day break was ideal for golf, because although mainly dull, it was extremely mild, the wind never stirred and not a drop fell from above! The only time any of the party really got wet, apart from in the en-suite bathrooms, was in the indoor pool and jacuzzi following their exertions out on the Golf Course!

And these exertions were not slight! The cry throughout the weekend was “Thank goodness there’s no trolley ban!” The Course was very long, and although fairly open, the frequency of water and sand hazards, plus the cunning placing of pin positions made scoring extremely difficult. This can be seen from the results. In 53 cards handed in over 3 days, only one player played better than handicap. On one round Hans Zinke, managed to record an excellent 37 pts. and finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place on Saturday, and 1<sup>st</sup> on both Sunday & Monday, he was undoubtedly the “Man of the Matches!”

A variety of Competitions were introduced in the various rounds, including Individual, Team, Drawn Pairs, Mystery Pairs, Pink Ball and Nearest The Pin etc. and most Wayfairers went home with a prize or two. Even Mike Wilson was seen to smile (once!) when he finished 2<sup>nd</sup> on Day 3 and our beloved Secretary can no longer say he never ever wins a prize because he did! – a full 25cl. bottle of wine! (Knowing him – gone in 2 gulps! Ed.)

Hotel facilities were excellent, and with free tea, coffee and chocolate provided at any time of the day, the party did not go thirsty – or hungry! – as we think that we now hold the world record for the greatest number of doughnuts ever

eaten at one sitting! All provided free – just help yourself!

It was a very weary, but happy and replete group of Wayfairers who eventually made their way home on Monday afternoon.

### THE OVER 30's CLUB AT CRANLEIGH

38	Hans Zinke
35	Peter Rushton
33	Peter Storey
32	Chris Wilkes
31	David Williams
30	Audrey Riddles
30	Ken Cooper
30	Harold Peskett

### CURRENT CHAMPIONSHIP POSITION

Hans Zinke	111
David Rose	109
Mike Riddles	106

Biding their time, but in good position to challenge, are Dennis Shelley with rounds of 45 and 42 recorded, and in spite of his disastrous display at Cranleigh, our beloved President has already posted scores of 40 and 38, and is now working on reducing his handicap in order to make a real bid for the Championship!(If he only knew! ..Ed)

## HANDICAPS

2003/2004	CRANLEIGH		HOLTYE	
	handicap	score	handicap	score
BAILEY	31		31	
BATESON	22	25	22	
BISSET R	24	22	24	
BLAKELEY	13	26	13	
CATTERALL	18	27	18	
CHURCH	20		20	
COOPER, K	21	30	21	
FUDGE	7	29	7	
GIRLING	35	27	35	
HARRIS, R	19		19	
HARRIS, S	7		7	
HENSHAW	35	27	35	
HISTED	16	22	16	
HITAM	23	26	23	
HOGG	10		10	
HORSFALL, B	28	25	28	
HORSFALL, J	36	21	36	
HOULIHAN	22		22	
KNIGHT	15		15	
LOADER	35	20	36	
LOVELOCK N	21	29	21	
MARCHBANK	21		21	
McDONNELL, J	19	23	19	
McDONNELL S	9	24	9	
PEAKE	32	12	33	
PESKETT	23	30	23	
REEVES	33	28	33	
RICHARDS	23	11	24	
RIDDLES, A	24	30	24	
RIDDLES, M	28	26	28	
ROSE	19	17	19	
ROSNER	27		27	
RUSHTON	19	35	17	
SHELLEY	19		19	
STOREY	7	33	6	
TUTTON	27	30	27	
WARRILOW	28	27	28	
WIDDOWSON	10		10	
WILKES	8	32	7	
WILLIAMS	17	31	17	
WILSON	30	18	31	
ZINKE	16	37	12	
Average	21.357	25.806	21.4878	#DIV/0!



My thanks to Tony & Sylvia Warrilow for this superb picture of all the gang at Wokefield Park.