

THE WAYFAIRER

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THE TROPHY GOES TO DAVID – THANKS TO MICHAEL OUR GUEST



Our first ever gathering at Hassocks not only had an earlier start than usual, but began in extremely windy and at times very wet conditions. However as the day progressed, a blue sky emerged, and most players finished dry and in some cases with surprisingly good scores.

Altogether 30 Wayfairers and 6 Guests gathered, which was a record number for our September meeting. The results were extremely close with Michael Rosner, now one of our very familiar guests, proving himself to be “player of the day”, notching up a total of 36pts. However as a guest, although he was given many other prizes, Michael was not eligible to win the Wayfairers Trophy, and after some very careful mathematical calculations this went to David Williams, who came in with 34pts. The reason for this close scrutiny of scorecards was that there were 4 other players also on 34pts! Just how close can you get?!

One of these competitors was 79 year old John Horsfall, and when his age was added to his score this gave him the very creditable total of 113 – enough to prove himself a very worthy winner of the “50 Bob Set” by setting a record high score!

Appropriately, this was one of the very few occasions that Wayfairers founder member Robert Marchbank was able to be present at one of our meetings (well, it is a long way from Dumfriesshire to Hassocks! ED.) - and as the “50 Bob Set” was donated to the Wayfairers to

celebrate Robert’s 50th Birthday, it was very pleasing to see him presenting his own Trophy. It really was great to have you with us again Robert and thank you for your most generous donation of six bottles of wine for the Raffle. As was said at the time – “Haste ye back!”

Hassocks day was also the day of the ‘Pink’ Ball Team Competition. If you read your last Wayfairer carefully you will remember that your organisers had predicted that no Team would keep the ball successfully for



Robert Marchbank, who got the prize for the Longest Drive - from Scotland!

the full 18 holes – and how right they were! (One Team maintained that they did do this but were disqualified – for further details of this heated dispute see backpage.) The eventual team winners, who lost the ball on the 10th hole, managed to score 19pts. They were the trio of **Robert Marchbank, Frank Houlihan and John Bateson.**

HASSOCKS RESULTS

Top Individual Score:

Guest **Michael Rosner** 36pts
(Guest or not he will be cut! ED)

Wayfairers Trophy

David Williams 34pts (c/b)

Runner Up **Peer Blakeley**
34pts (c/b)

The “50 Bob Set” - **John Horsfall** (Age 79 plus 34 pts)
= a total of 113.

Pink Ball Team Winners

Robert Marchbank, Frank Houlihan & John Bateson
19pts – ball lost on 10th hole

Open Longest Drive

Peter Rushton

!9 and Over Longest Drive

Guest **Brian Bailey**

Nearest the Pin - **Sue McDonnell**

Further Longest Drive Prize

Robert Marchbank

(Dumfriesshire to Hassocks!)

Birdie Cap

Robert Marchbank (Well done Robert! Prizes galore!)

Hedgehog - **Mike Church**
(winner of a close contest against Mike Wilson!).

The Plonker Cap!

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After several very worthy nominations had been presented, it was agreed unanimously that this should go to Mike Riddles. Recently Mike while playing at Holtie parked his electric trolley by the side of the 3rd green which is situated close to the busy A264. As Mike bent to take his putt he heard a great deal of noise behind him – cars hooting and drivers shouting! Turning round he saw to his dismay his trolley, which had not been switched off properly, weaving its way very cleverly and completely independently through the oncoming traffic! Starting off in hot pursuit he just managed to catch up with it as it turned left down a small side turning. Well

THE HASSOCKS

Many thanks to David Williams who proved himself to be a most popular and efficient raffle ticket salesman. By means of his Welsh charm (and vicious armlock! ED) he managed to persuade those present to part with a very generous total of £84. (Careful David you may get voted in permanently at the AGM! John McD)

Thanks to the kindness of Robert Marchbank, our usual total of 10 prizes was increased by the addition of half a dozen bottles of wine. Syd Tutton was absolutely delighted to win the star prize – 100 wooden clothes pegs but he wishes to state categorically that there is no truth in the rumour that he will use them to hang out to dry his previously won 100 shoelaces!

THE HASSOCKS LIMERICK COMPETITION

Most owned by Mike Church

Which had flown to the regions of nether!

The worst effort was contributed by Messrs. Marchbank, Houlihan & Bateson. It doesn't rhyme, doesn't scan, only has 4 lines and won them a brand new Commando golf ball each!

The Pink Ball competition caused complaint
From Audrey and Jeff and her mate
As John B's Team whose ruling was made
Came second – I think enough said!
What do you think of it so far?

To keep idle minds busy, and to continue the excellent rapport that had been clearly established in all the Pink Ball Teams – our industrious Secretary had organised a Limerick Competition. Never in the history of poetry have such feeble efforts been produced! The winners were Barbara, Peer & Mike (although we suspect it was all Barbara's work!). This is it – the Winner!

Whilst suffering the miserable weather
Water, bunkers, but gladly no heather
For balls we did search

AND SO TO OUR NEXT MEETING

A.G.M. DAY AT CHIDDINGFOLD
– TUESDAY 2nd NOVEMBER

Congratulations to Dennis Shelley! Read all about it elsewhere in this edition.

COST - £29.00 To cover coffee on arrival, 18 holes, a 3 Course Meal plus coffee and all prizes. This is terrific value, as your hard working organisers somehow have managed to get a reduction on exactly the same package as last year!

Guests will be welcome, providing that our numbers are not so great that it could prove difficult for the last groups out to finish in the daylight (sun sets 16.20 – last group out 11.40 latest). Guests are welcome to attend the A.G.M. but have no voting powers.

Your deadline for return slips and payment is FRIDAY 15th OCTOBER. Enclosed with your slip is a separate sheet detailing the A.G.M. Agenda plus notes from last year's meeting. Please bring this with you if you are coming on Tuesday 2nd November.

As this is our 10th visit to Chiddingfold, and the occasion of the Wayfairer's 9th Birthday, it is assumed that everyone knows the location. The Club telephone number is 01428 685888.

Once again our A.G.M. will take place before we play so please aim to arrive in good time.

Coffee will be available from 09.00. Please take this with you to the Conference Room for the A.G.M. which will start PROMPTLY at 09.10.

Allowing a maximum of 50 minutes for the meeting it should end by 10.00 at the latest – (and definitely will if our Chairman Barry Richards has anything to do with it! ED)

The first golf group is due to go out at 10.20. Early starters will be forewarned so that they can be fully prepared to play just after the meeting finishes.

This is the day of the Annual 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, before they start on the main event.

A 3 Course Evening Meal plus coffee is booked for approximately 17.15.

In the event of there being any A.G.M. matters from the morning still not dealt with, or still unresolved, these will be discussed immediately after Dinner before the usual prize giving.

The main prize of the day will be the Ron Harris Autumn Cup (current holder Mike Church). Hopefully the winners of the Pairs Knock-Out Competition can be announced and presented with their trophies, but at the time of going to print earlier rounds have still to be completed – and time is running out! This is also the occasion when our Society Champion of the year is presented with the much coveted Trophy.

PICTURES FROM HAS SOCKS

ALL THE BOYS WHO LOST THEIR BALLS! -

Derrick Reeves, Peter Rushton, Bob Marchbank, Ken Cooper, Eddie Stanley, Harold Peskett, Mike Church, Hans Zinke, Bob Histed, Michael Rosner & Mike Wilson.



Michael Rosner at 36 the highest individual points winner



David Williams collects the Wayfairers Trophy. Highest Scoring Wayfairer on 34 pts.



Alan Rose & Norman Lovelock collect their prizes for 'The Open.'



Robert Marchbank Presents his 'Fifty Bob Set' to worthy winner John Hordfall.



The Badge, designed and produced by Sue McDonnell and awarded to those who said 'goodbye' to their Team's Pink Ball!



LEFT:

Well! someone has to win it.

Mike Riddles read all about it on

page 1.



LEFT: Syd never does things by half, Shoe Laces, Tissues, & now

The mystery of the 'Missing Banana' is solved. Misaid in France-Discovered in Mike Wilson's Bag in Westergate!

Pink Ball Game

A few tears were shed when the Pink Ball Team of Jeff Hogg, Audrey Riddles and Alan Rose, who had apparently managed the very tricky task of steering their pink ball around all 18 holes, were subject to a 'Steward's Enquiry' resulting in a controversial disqualification.

It had been reported (and subsequently agreed by the team) that on an early hole their Pink Ball had been hit into a hedge and a provisional ball had been played. All would have been well if, when the Pink Ball was found, it had been played, instead of play continuing with the provisional ball, which then became the 'Ball in Play'.

The ruling was that the found Pink Ball, having been kept safe in Jeff's pocket, could not be put back into play at the next hole even though it was not technically 'lost'. Any other ruling would have meant that on any 'dangerous' hole the Pink Ball could have been safeguarded by taking similar action, or put back into play at any time should a lost ball be later found.

The team acted in good faith and were understandably disappointed, particularly as they had played the pink ball so well on the second nine holes. (Golf's a Bitch! Our commiserations...ED).



Sue Mac, helped by Syd, makes short work of the 'Nearest the Pin Pint.!!

WAYFAIRER 2004 PAIRS KNOCK-OUT



Semi Finals

Jan Henshaw/Sue McDonnell

To Play

Hans Zinke/Derek Reeves

Winners to Play

Bob Histed/Annie Hitam in the Final.

SOCIETY CHAMPIONSHIP

A valiant effort was made by **Mike Riddles** to retain the Society Championship as he improved his score from 108 to 112, equalling **Dennis Shelley's** previous score. However, Dennis also improved his score and is a worthy winner with a total of 116 points for his best three scores.

Honourable mentions go to **Hans Zinke** on 111 **Barry Richards** on 110, **Bob Histed** on 109, **David Rose** 108, and **David Williams** and **Annie Hitam** on 106.

HANDICAPS FOR CHIDDINGFOLD

2004/2005	H/CAP
1 BAILEY	31
2 BATESON	23
3 BISSET R	23
4 BLAKELEY	13*
5 CATTERALL	18
6 CHURCH	22*
7 COOPER, K	21
8 FUDGE	7
9 GIRLING	36
10 HARRIS, R	19
11 HARRIS, S	7
12 HENSHAW	35
13 HISTED	16
14 HITAM	23
15 HOGG	11
16 HORSFALL, B	32*
17 HORSFALL, J	32*
18 HOULIHAN	23
19 KNIGHT	15
20 LOADER	36
21 LOVELOCK N	20
L/M MARCHBANK	21
22 McDONNELL, J	19
23 McDONNELL, S	8*
24 PEAKE	33
25 PESKETT	23
26 REEVES	33
P RICHARDS	25
27 RIDDLES, A	25
28 RIDDLES, M	29
29 ROSE	19
30 ROSNER	27
31 RUSHTON	16*
32 SHELLEY	19
33 STOREY	6
34 TUTTON	24
35 WARRILOW	28
36 WIDDOWSON	10
37 WILKES	8
38 WILLIAMS	15*
39 WILSON	29*
40 ZINKE	11*

WINTER

WARNING!

Unfortunately whether we like it or not Winter is on the way, and this could of course mean Trolley bans. Unless we get a substantial amount of rain in late October we could well get away with this at Chiddingfold as we are playing there in very early November. However it may well be worth checking, and for our Christmas meeting you are strongly recommended to do so.

OVER 30'S CLUB

16 out of 30 players

- 36 Michael Rosner
- 34 David Williams, Peer Blakeley
Sue McDonnell, John Horsfall.
- 32 Jan Henshaw, Barry Richards,
Mike Riddles, Brian Bailey.
- 31 Bob Histed, Norman Lovelock,
Harold Peskett, Bill Eslor.
- 30 John Bateson, Frank Houlihan.

Average Score at Hassocks was 28.

The telephone numbers of the Clubs we are playing will be published as usual in all copies of the Wayfairer.