

THE WAYFAIRER

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LIFE MEMBER LOADER ROMPS HOME IN FIRST PLACE -

After very heavy overnight rain a record 38 Wayfairers and 2 guests turned up at Chiddingfold on a grey day. An early start was essential in order to complete the business of the Annual General Meeting before playing. All items on the agenda were fairly speedily resolved without need for too much discussion, (notes on decisions made appear on the back page of this edition).

So the golf began. The Course was found to be very heavy with 5 hastily constructed temporary greens. The good news was no trolley ban. With mats well in front of normal tees and temporary greens well short of the greens what is normally a short course was reduced in length even more. This produced some very high scores.

At the AGM, founder member **John Loader** had been granted **Honorary Life Membership** in recognition of having passed his 80th Birthday. What no one knew at the time was that John's Birthday weapon was a Taylor Made wood with a head larger than a frying pan! John proceeded to clout tee shot after tee shot dead straight and miles past the shots of his playing partners, none of whom were real duffers!

These enormous drives, added to some nice work round the greens, plus a very healthy handicap brought him an incredible score of **47 pts!** – 3 better than any other player! (Cut his bl---y handicap in half! **BROTHER IN LAW!**)

With 4 players in each group – the best 2 scores on each hole

counted for the Team Event. 4 groups came in quietly confident that they must be the winners. Unbeknown to each other they each had 100 pts! Some kind of complicated count back seemed inevitable. Then Jan, Andy, Ken & Alan reported in with a total of 102! Unbeatable!

While all this was going on, the first playing group were involved in a very different sort of tussle. Due to many of the matches in the Knock Out Competition being



Honorary Life Member & Winner of the Wayfairers Trophy- all in 1 day!

delayed this was the only day left to play the Final. In this, last year's losing Finalists Bob & Annie were up against Hans & Derek. After a closely fought battle Hans & Derek were the victors and they now hold the joint trophies for the next year. Bad luck Bob & Annie! Perhaps 3rd time lucky?

CHIDDINGFOLD RESULTS

Society Champion 2004

Dennis Shelley Well done Dennis! Now a winner of a major prize at last!

Knock Out Pairs Champions
Derek Reeves & Hans Zinke

Winner of The Ron Harris Autumn Cup & Wayfairers Trophy **John Loader** 47 pts.

2nd **Mike Riddles** 44 pts.

3rd **Andy Knight** 43 pts. on c/b.

4th **Jeff Hogg** 43 pts.

Team Prize **Jan Henshaw, Andy Knight, Ken Cooper & (guest) Alan Rose** 102 pts.

The Ron Bailey Award for top lady of the year **Jan Henshaw** 31.8 pts.

Nearest The Pin **David (Bullseye) Williams**

Open Longest Drive **Jeff Hogg**

19 & Over Longest Drive **John Bateson** (not Hans Zinke!)

Shortest Drive **Eddie Stanley** (Now that's the way we expect guests to behave!)

Birdie Cap **Pat** (Tweet Tweet) **Fudge**

Hedgehog Award **Barry Richards** (What a way to treat our President!)

Team Putting 1st **Peter Rushton, Pat Fudge, Carl Rosner & Mike Church** 48

(Won on C/B) 2nd **Ken Cooper, Jan Henshaw, Andy Knight & Alan Rose** 48.

There were several

The Plonker Cap!

There were several nominations for this, but the eventual popularly acclaimed winner was Hans Zinke, for something that actually happened during the day! Hole 9 had been chosen for the Longest Drive (for 19 or over handicap). Hans was in the first group to have a go at this. Later, John McD walking down the fairway paused at the marker to see which name had been entered on the card. "Oh! Well done Hans", he thought. Then it suddenly hit him! "Hans! It can't be! He plays off 11!" But it was! And Hans's name had to be deleted, and later he was voted his **first ever Plonker Cap!** (I bet it's not his last! ED.)

The Chiddingfold Raffle

Many thanks to our Society Champ Dennis Shelley, for selling an amazing total of 112 tickets at £1 a time. No doubt the thoughts of many Wayfairers when they made their purchases were already concentrated on Summer 2006, when hopefully some of this money will be used to subsidise a special Wayfairers' gathering to celebrate our 10th anniversary.

..AND SO TO OUR LAST 2004 MEETING

Monday 6th December

Pottage on the road to Colgate and Roffey. Should you require a more detailed map please ask John McD.

We do have two requests from Cottesmore. Players are asked to use the Visitors Changing Rooms, and when on the Course to please keep the play moving and keep up with the group in front.

The Competition is an 18 Hole Stableford and the winner will receive the Christmas Tankard (currently held by Mike Riddles) and the Wayfairers Trophy (currently held by John Loader). Two other Trophies also to be contested will be Harold's Special 18th Hole Trophy – which will go to the player nearest to the pin with their 3rd shot (Current Holder– (Mike

Church) and the Jeff Hogg "18 & Under" Trophy" (Current Holder–Jeff Hogg who somehow or other seems to have held on to his own Trophy for 2 years, as it doesn't appear to have been awarded at all last year!) (Jeff will go to any lengths to fill his Cabinet! ..ED)

Guests will be most welcome providing that our numbers allow.

Please note that this is a **BRING & WIN EVENT**. Suggested value of prizes £2 to £3 and more exciting if wrapped!

If you have a non-golfing "other half" that you would like to invite for the Christmas Meal please mention it to either of the two Johns well in advance. Cost £15.

The cost for the day for the players will be £33, to include Breakfast as detailed above, 18 Holes, 4 Course Christmas Meal with wine provided, and all prizes except the Bring & Win. An availability/payment slip is enclosed. **Please** return it with your cheque, at the very latest by, **SATURDAY 20th NOVEMBER.**

WARNING! For our last meeting one or two Wayfairers didn't meet the payment deadline and very nearly missed inclusion. If you want to guarantee your day out **please send your cheque and return promptly.**

There will not be the usual Raffle at our Christmas meeting. (Hurrah! ED) Instead everyone will be asked, before going out to play' to choose a number and pay £1. The numbers available will correspond with the number of players. Each number will have been allocated to a prize before any numbers are sold at all. This means that if we have 34 players there will be 34 prizes. As this will have brought in only £34 to spend on prizes (plus we will want to show some sort of profit) it means that some of the 34 prizes will not be all that valuable but - Some of the prizes will be most acceptable. It could be your lucky day! (or your unlucky one! ED).

The Wayfairers plan to visit 3 new venues during our current year. This is one of them.

Our Christmas meeting will be held at Cottesmore Golf & Country Club, (and this time we hope for no 18 temporaries all with bucket holes, no cold Christmas pud. and no flu bug!). Whatever happens, Cottesmore have assured us of a very warm welcome. The programme for the day as follows :-

From 09.00 a Mini Breakfast will be served consisting of 2 rashers of bacon, 2 fried eggs, mushrooms, toast & tea or coffee.

Golf begins at 10.06am on the Phoenix Course and we have the tee reserved until 11.10am. At approximately 5pm. a 4 Course Christmas Meal will be served followed by coffee & mints.

You might like to obtain your tee time beforehand by contacting either of the 2 Johns. The phone number is 01293 528256 and it might be worth checking the Trolley situation in advance. The Club is south of Crawley, to the west of Pease

JOHN BATESON'S CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE ROLL UP

This annual unofficial gathering is being held at Holtys G.C. and this year will be on Friday 17th December. All are welcome including guests. Just turn up at approximately 9am. Playing order will be sorted out on arrival. Holtys members will be able to sign in non-members at a reduced green fee. The competition is for John's Challenge Trophy currently held by Norman Lovelock. Providing you get back in by not much later than 2pm. there will be food available at the bar. Hope to see you!

PICTURES FROM CHIDDINGFOLD



LEFT:-

The winning Team:-

Jan Henshaw

Andy Knight

Alan Rose

Ken Cooper

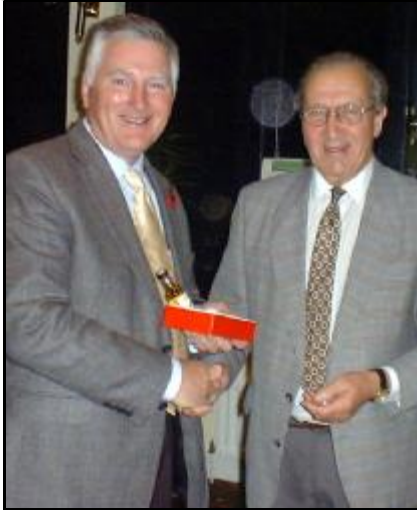
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Knockout

Winners

Derek Reeves &

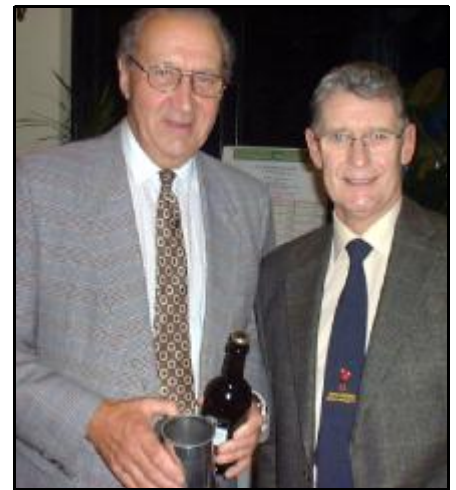
Hans Zinke



Jeff Hogg lifts the Longest Drive Dram - Open Competition



**Society Champion 2004
Dennis Shelley**



As well as being Captain of the Day David lifts the prize for nearest the Pin!



It's only the Wayfairers who can embarrass their guests by awarding them with the Shortest Drive Award! !

Right Pat Fudge gets the Birdie Cap



It happens to all of us sooner or later - Hans Zinke is awarded the Plonker Cap - citation on page 2.

NOTES OF THE 8th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The following were the main decisions made at the AGM held on
2nd November 2004

1. Elections. All existing officers were re-elected but John Bateson did express a wish to be relieved of some of the Treasurer's work in order to a) give someone else who might be interested an opportunity to become involved in the running of the Society and b) allow John to concentrate more on his role as Match Co-ordinator. It was agreed that anyone who wished further information should contact John.
2. Reports. The annual reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were accepted by the Meeting with thanks.
3. Membership. It was reported that reluctantly both Robert Bisset and Stuart Harris were resigning because pressure of work made it impossible for them to attend meetings regularly. Their places were to be offered to Bill Eslor & Michael Rosner. A proposal was approved that once any Founder Member passed his 80th Birthday he be granted Honorary Life Membership. Currently this would apply to just one Wayfairer, John Loader. With John accepting this offer, the way would then be open to invite Doug Wagstaff to take up full membership. Members were informed that there was now in operation an official waiting list to join, and anyone wishing to do so should contact the Secretary for an application form. Assuming that all those mentioned above did take up their opportunity to join, the waiting list would now read 1) Stuart Allan 2) Alan Rose 3) Eddie Stanley.
4. The Raffle. It was proposed that any surplus profit from the Raffle should be aimed at subsidising a day's meeting some time in June/July 2006 in order to celebrate the Society's 10th Anniversary. The Course selected should be of high standard, reasonably centrally situated for all members and perhaps with residential facilities. Several months notice of date and venue should be announced.
5. Programme. Hoebridge was confirmed as our venue for September 2005 and it was announced that the President's Team Trophy would be played there, with the Pink Ball Team Event being moved to our July gathering at Hassocks.
6. Golf Breaks. The Secretary reported that arrangements had been made for a 2 Night /3 Day Winter Break at Dorset Golf & Country Club near Wareham. So far 9 double rooms had been booked at a bargain price of £105 a head. This price included Dinner, B & B & unlimited Golf. Plans for any other Breaks had not yet been arranged, but it was hoped that the regular late May venture would happen as in past years. Okehampton had been considered as a possible venue, but for various reasons when muted this had not received sufficient support to proceed further.
7. Handicaps. It was announced that the Handicap Committee were now holding an annual review of all members' handicaps based on average scores over the year. The present policy that all winners would receive a reduction in their handicap irrespective of their actual score was to continue.
8. A vote of thanks to all the organisers of the Society was carried unanimously.

GOLF BREAKS

A booking has been made on behalf of the Wayfairers at Dorset Golf & Country Club (between Wareham & Bere Regis) for the nights of Sunday 13th February and Monday 14th February. Golf on the 3 loops of 9 holes is unlimited for the 3 days (depart pm. on the Tuesday). Tee times have already been reserved as follows- Sunday start 12.04, Monday start 09.56, Tuesday start 09.32.

So far 15 Wayfairers (plus 3 non-golfers) have paid deposits of £30 a head. Cost for the golf and 2 days Dinner, B & B is £105 a head with no reduction for non-golfers. A supplement would be payable for a single room. (for further information regarding the venue use the web site to visit www.dorsetgolfresort.com).

To join the party please advise John McD as soon as possible because there are only 16 rooms.

Details of any other Golfing Breaks in 2005 will be announced in due course. **Watch this space.**

HANDICAPS

The query has again been raised as to why one should lose a shot when only scoring 34pts.

The scores at Chiddingfold clarify the position.

The average score was 38, (our highest ever). Only those with 43pts. or less would qualify to have their handicap considered. Thus when the average score is 27 or less, a score of 34 would result in the loss of a

HANDICAPS FOR CHIDDINGFOLD

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

shot but with an average of 38, even those with 42 would not have their handicap reduced

OVER 30'S CLUB

This is not reported on in this issue as only two didn't reach this total (no names mentioned but see elsewhere in this issue as to clues to their identity).

**If you don't make Cottesmore -
A Very Happy Christmas &
Good Golfing in 2005,**