

THE WAYFAIRER

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NO PLAYER COULD MATCH HIS WINNING SCORE- AS CHRISTMAS CAME EARLY FOR "BANDIT"

Our Christmas meeting was a McD) to victory in the Team Wayfairers' first time Competition (91 pts!) and then gathering at Cottesmore Golf & proceeded to put his tee shot on the Country Club, and what a great day Nearest the Pin hole to just 2 feet it was! We were blessed as ever away. And did he get his birdie? Of (thanks to John & John's course he did – for 5 pts!

organisation of course!) with a beautifully mild winter's day, a Course that was in excellent condition and a really good Breakfast and Christmas meal. (Shades of Slinfold! ED)

The playing condition of the Course resulted in some very good scoring, with an average for the day among 23 Wayfairers and 2 guests of 31 pts. This total however was far exceeded by "Bandit" **Bill Eslor**, firing not pistols, but tremendous tee shots instead, which went time after time straight down the middle! His short game and putting was not far behind this in quality, and eventually he signed his card with a most impressive score of 44 pts!

Don't worry folks he will be cut, as will another "novice" Wayfairer, **Michael Rosner**, who took second place with a total of 40 pts. – 3 points ahead of the next player. (No way for a Wayfairer to behave on his first official outing! ED)

Bandit Bill was not content with just one prize however. He also led his playing group (**Jan & John**



The true Heroes of the Day. They laid on such a splendid Christmas Meeting - and, incidentally, all the other Wayfairer outings during the last nine years. Many, many, thanks John & John!

Despite a wait for some after playing, it was worth it as we were joined by the charming company of **Janet, Elisabeth & Tony** before sitting down to our meal. (You creep! ED)

The Christmas Dinner was as happy and as noisy as ever, with party poppers in the soup, and screaming balloons flying over the diners' heads, as they ducked and weaved their way through the meal!

On this happy note THE FULL COTTESMORE RESULTS

Winner of the Christmas Tankard & Wayfairers Trophy **Bill Eslor** 44 pts.

2nd **Michael Rosner** 40 pts.

3rd **Nick Widdowson** 37 pts.

4th **Mike Wilson** 36 pts.

Team Prize **Jan Henshaw, Bill Eslor & John McDonnell** 91 pts.

Harold's Special 18th Hole Trophy
3rd Shot nearest to Pin **John McDonnell**

Nearest The Pin Pint **Bill Eslor**

Open Longest Drive Dram **Annie**
"Never Off The Fairway" **Hitam**

Old Bailey Tankard -19 & Over
Longest Drive **Mike Church**

Birdie Cap **Nick Widdowson**

- and so to the PLONKER CAP

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THE CHRISTMAS

Over the years Ron Harris has been building up a vast array of rather redundant golf accessories and these formed the bulk of the prizes in the raffle – a raffle in which everyone won a prize! Ron Harris of course had the good fortune not to win not one of his own donations, but a rather nice bottle of wine! (Make him give it back!.. ED)

Apart from the golf accessories there were some outstanding presentations. Mike Riddles was delighted to win a ladies handbag that had been donated by Fearless Fred. (Fearless Fred with a handbag! The mind boggles! ED). John Peake went home happily clutching a jar of pickled onions, and Mike Wilson was resplendent in a flashing Santa’s hat. (Just as long as that is all he flashes! ED)

With just 2 prizes to go, one was a bottle of 8 year old malt Scotch whisky, and the other was a bottle of white spirit. Congratulations to Bob Histed on winning the whisky and commiserations to David Rose, who had to pour white spirit over his Christmas pud before setting it alight!

Back to the normal raffle for our next meeting which hopefully will help swell the funds for our proposed subsidised special gathering in Summer of 2006.

AND SO TO OUR NEXT MEETING THE FIRST IN 2005

This is to be held at yet another new venue – NORTH DOWNS GOLF CLUB an 18 hole Members course near Woldingham, near Junction 6 on the M25. Tel. 01883 653004. Please contact John McD for directions if you need them.

The day to be noted is TUESDAY 15th MARCH and we are looking forward to a big turn out. Hopefully there will be room for guests, so if you wish to nominate one please do so, and we will let you know the numbers situation nearer the time.

Arrive for coffee as from 09.15. The first group out will tee off at 10.00. All those who have given their E Mail addresses to Sue, will receive an E Mail before the day giving their tee off times. Should you not be an E Mail user, please ring either of the Johns for this information no earlier than a couple of days previous.

Our Competitions will as usual be divided into an Individual and a Team event. The winning individual Wayfairer will be awarded the John Peake Spring Cup currently held by Hans Zinke. As at previous Spring Meetings, the Team Competition will take the form of an Alliance Stableford. The best individual score counts for the first 6 holes, then the 2 best for the next 6, and finally all scores count as the round is completed. Also there will be an extra competition for the 18 and under handicap players only. This is for the Jeff Hogg Trophy and just guess who the current holder is. You’re right Jeff Hogg! (He’s been hogging it as usual! ED)

PAYMENT! The total cost for coffee, 18 holes, a 3 Course meal and all prizes is £32. Your payment slip is enclosed, the deadline date for

return is MONDAY 14th FEBRUARY and if we haven’t heard from you by then, your place could well be allocated to a guest!

NO PAY! NO PLAY! So why not PAY UP NOW and get it over and done with!

Secretary’s Report on the Christmas Roll Up

Rollup! What rollup! I should have known it! This was a most devious and carefully planned operation to see me well and truly into my 70th year! The only unplanned item was the weather! It was atrocious and snorkel sets were quickly sold out in the Pro’s shop.

However there was a terrific turnout for the wonderful lunchtime buffet put on by Anne and her staff, - 36 present I believe - but only a dozen managed to wade round the full 11 holes to compete for the John Bateson Christmas Challenge Trophy. This was deservedly won by Jeff Hogg with 22 pts, closely followed by Dennis Shelley. Peter Storey claimed 3rd place on count back from Birthday Boy (myself!) and thanks to John B. we all won fantastic prizes. (Is this really the man who never wins anything! ED)

Following the prize giving, I was truly overwhelmed by the many and varied birthday presentations given to me. When I spend the voucher (£80!) to which so many of you kindly contributed, I will have the critical decision to make as to what oversized driver I should get to finally win that Hedgehog Trophy! Should it be the King Cobra or the Taylor Made? What do you think? (Get a putter! ED)

Thanks also to all those who signed and personalised my huge Birthday card that I received. I never had the chance to read it properly and enjoy it until I got home.

The final thanks must go to John & Barry, and to anyone else deeply and deviously involved behind the scenes. I didn’t have a clue and it was a day that I will never forget !



PICTURES FROM COTTESMORE



Left: Bill Eslor winner of the Wayfairers Trophy at the Christmas Meeting.

Right: The Winning Team, (led by "I never win anything" McDonnell) with Jan



The Prize Table

It pays to keep them on the fairway! Anne Hitam wins the Open Longest Drive.

Birdie Man of Mystery? Nick Widowson under the hat!



Water Tower Demolition Expert Michael Rosner - Read all about it on Page 1.



"I never win anything" McDonnell giving J.B. a kiss for presenting him with Harold's 3rd Shot Trophy!



Caption Competition

A Bottle of wine for the best answer :--

"What has Jan just said to the 3 Mikes?"

To be submitted in writing please, judged and awarded at the March 15th

Winning Wayfairers since November 1995

Present Winners	1st	2nd	3rd	Past Winners	
BAILEY	1	1		MORGAN-ROWE	2
BATESON	2	2	1	SMITH	1
BLAKELEY		1	1	JESSOP	1
CATTERALL	1		2	BEAUMONT	1
CHURCH	3	2		WOOLLARD	1
COOPER, K		1	1	MILLS	1
ESLOR	1	1		MASON	2
FUDGE	2	1	2	COOPER C	2
GIRLING				GILLEN	2
HARRIS, R	4			HARRIS, S	3
HENSHAW					
HISTED					
HITAM		1			
HOGG	3	3			
HORSFALL, B	1				
HORSFALL, J	1				
HOULIHAN	3		2		
KNIGHT	1	3			
LOADER	1				
LOVELOCK N		1	1		
MARCHBANK					
McDONNELL, J			3		
McDONNELL, S			1		
PEAKE	1		1		
PESKETT		2	4		
REEVES		1			
RICHARDS	2	2			
RIDDLES, A	1	1	2		
RIDDLES, M	2	1	2		
ROSE	2	1	1		
ROSNER C	1	1	1		
ROSNER M		3			
RUSHTON	4	1	2		
SHELLEY		5	3		
STOREY		1	2		
TUTTON	2	1			
WARRILOW					
WIDDOWSON	2	3	2		
WILKES	1	3	1		
WILLIAMS	1				
WILSON	3	2	5		
ZINKE	1	1			
ROSE A (Guest)			1		

Michael Rosner had 2 of his 2nd places as a guest, and on one of these occasions he would have won the Wayfairers Trophy if he hadn't been a guest.

Bill Eslor had his 2nd place as a guest before becoming a full member.

30+ Club at Cottesmore

44 pts Bill Eslor

40 Michael Rosner

37 Nick Widdowson

36 Mike Wilson

35 Alan Rose

35 Derek Reeves

35 Ken Cooper

34 Brian Girling

33 John McDonnell

33 John Bateson

33 John Peake

32 Jan Henshaw

31 Peter Rushton

30 Eddie Stanley

Pairs Knockout 2005

The annual Pairs Knockout will start in the Spring with details of the draw in the next Wayfairer. Would pairs who wish to compete please give John B. this information **NOW**.

If you are a new member and have not taken part in it before, or a member who doesn't have a partner but would like to take part, please let us know and we will do our best to arrange pairings to suit you.

Current Trophy Holders

Society Championship Dennis Shelley

Wayfairers Trophy (when the new one is finished) Bill Eslor

Pairs KnockOut Figurines Derek Reeves & Hans Zinke

The Ron Harris Autumn Cup John Loader

The John Peake Spring Cup Hans Zinke

The Christmas Tankard Bill Eslor

The Two Ronnies Trophy Peter Rushton & John Peake

The Texas Scramble Trophy Ron Bailey, Ron Harris, Nick Widdowson plus Ian Templer

The President's Team Trophy won by the Treasurer's Team and rotated monthly to winners

The 50 Bob Set John Horsfall

Harold's Special 18th Hole Trophy John McDonnell

Jeff Hogg's 18 and Under Trophy Jeff Hogg

The Pink Ball Golfing Clowns John Bateson, Frank Houlihan & Robert Marchbank

The Ron Bailey Trophy for Top Lady Player Jan Henshaw

The Hedgehog Award John Horsfall

Open Longest Drive Dram Hip Flask Annie Hitam

Nearest The Pin Pint Tankard Bill Eslor

Old Bailey Tankard – 19 and Over longest Drive Mike Church

HANDICAP

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

**A Happy New
Year to you
all from...ED**