

# THE WAYFAIRER

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## **THE SPRING CUP IS WON BY SUPERMAN!**

### **WITH 39 POINTS – IT'S KEN COOPER – MAN!**

The ides of March was certainly not a day for Ken Cooper to beware as he registered his first ever claim to the Wayfairers Trophy, and took home with him from North Downs the John Peake Spring Cup as well.

This was all achieved with an excellent score of 39 points, and he was the only player to perform better than his handicap out of a total field of 30 Wayfairers and 5 guests.

No doubt he will be cut! (Hung, drawn and quartered more likely! ED) - as he finished 4 clear points ahead of his closest rival Bill Eslor (yet another one for the gallows! ED)

This was the Wayfairers' first outing of 2005 and our first ever visit to North Downs. Despite very cold, grey and misty weather, those playing enjoyed the challenges of the tricky Course which was in very good condition, and judging from the great atmosphere in the Clubhouse afterwards it was a venue to which we should return.

With such a big field, as the players came in there was going to be quite a long wait for the meal. So to keep everyone occupied our industrious Secretary issued each Team with a handout containing some fiendishly contrived Conundrum Questions. With the exception of Mike Wilson, who immediately turned his answer sheet into a paper aeroplane. (How many times was he expelled when he was at school?...ED) All the others were soon heads down, pens in hand with

puzzled looks on their faces. Later even Mike Wilson joined in but his answers were not as good as his paper aeroplanes(..or Golf!..No! on second thoughts paper aeroplanes! ED)

And then in the late afternoon an excellent meal was served,



**WOEBEGONE JOHN - "I ORGANISE THE WHOLE THING FOR THEM AND HOW DO THEY REWARD ME? - WITH THE PLONKER CAP!!"**

raffle prizes and competition prizes were distributed to all the lucky ones, and the race was on to get home to see Chelsea beat West Bromwich Albion by one fluky goal! It was a very good start to the New Year for the Wayfairers.

### **AND SO TO THE NORTH DOWNS RESULTS**

Winner of the John Peake Spring Cup and the Wayfairers Trophy Ken Cooper 39 pts.

2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Eslor 35pts.

3<sup>rd</sup> Andy Knight 34pts. (on c/b)

4<sup>th</sup> John Bateson 34pts.

Winners of the Team Alliance Stableford Peer Blakeley, Mike Riddles & Peter Hill (guest) with 81 pts. This beat the next Team by 7pts! (How did they do it when they all had only average individual scores!) (Stewards' Enquiry! ED)

Open Longest Drive David Williams (Have a go with his new Yonex Club! Only 50p a go)

19 & Over Longest Drive John McDonnell (Only 25p a go with his new Taylor Made!)

Nearest The Pin Andy "Accurate" Knight

Birdie Cap Chris Wilkes Two Birdies! Andy Knight also had 2 birdies but Barry refused to take any more photos of him!

The Hedgehog Award Jan Henshaw who was not feeling 100% and really shouldn't have been there, but who else was going to keep Mike supplied with drinks!

Team Conundrum Competitions (The prizes matched the answers!)

Question 1 Winners of a two way mirror each Jan, Ken & John Horsfall

Question 2 Winners of a set of Kitchen Scales each Peer, Mike Riddles & Brian (guest)

Question 3 Winners of 2 light bulbs each Norman "Sparks" Lovelock & Barbara Horsfall.

## **- and so to the PLONKER CAP**

It was quite difficult to find nominations for this because no worthwhile blunders or bloopers happened during the day. Eventually John McD was nominated for a very untypical brief moment of absent mindedness on the previous Saturday. He was part of a group of friends all meeting up for a social evening at Holtje. Unfortunately Sue McD was not well, so John had to go without her. He thought that he had taken his house keys with him, but on returning home at gone midnight and with the house in complete darkness he realised that he hadn't! Despite lengthy and persistent doorbell ringing, followed by rocks hurled up at the window, Sue continued her much needed deep restful slumber. John B. & Janet who had given John McD a lift home sat nearby in their car and watched and waited and giggled! There was nothing else for it! Only one thing to do! Borrowing John B.'s mobile, and after only a moment's hesitation, John Mc boldly rang his home number. The upstairs phone is only a couple of feet from Sue's head. Suddenly a light came on – the front door opened – and bravely John McD entered to meet a fate worse than death! A true Plonker!

### **THE RAFFLE**

Many thanks to Fearless Fred for acting as our Raffle Ticket Salesman. He collected an excellent total of £80 and this – less the cost of prizes – puts our Raffle Fund into a very healthy position, which is exactly what we want as our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary draws nearer. Many thanks also to Bill Eslor, who although he doesn't know it, has volunteered to be the ticket salesman for our next meeting to be held at Holtje in May. Well done Bill! What an honour!

### **AND SO TO OUR NEXT MEETING – AT HOLTJE GOLF CLUB ON TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> MAY**

Our only 27 Holes Day! With 9 in the morning – Individual Stableford – and an 18 Hole Team Texas Scramble in the afternoon. In case that's not enough, we will also include our Annual Individual Putting Competition, just in order to make

the thought of that lunchtime drink seem even more attractive!

### **TIMING FOR THE DAY**

09.00 Coffee

09.30 First Tee Off

11.30 (approx) onwards. Putting Competition to be played before lunch.

12 noon onwards. A staggered light lunch. Eat as you come in.

13.00 Team Texas Scramble commences.

19.15 (approx) Evening Meal & Coffee followed by Raffle and Prize Giving.

### **AWARDS**

Winners of the Texas Scramble will receive our special Team Trophy (currently held by Ron Bailey, Ron Harris, Nick Widdowson & Ian Templer). The winner of the Individual Event will receive the Wayfairers Trophy (current holder Ken Cooper).

### **THE COST**

The cost inclusive of coffee on arrival, 27 holes, a light lunch, Evening Meal and all prizes will be £ 34 for Non Holtje Members and £ 20 for Holtje 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 01342 850957

### **RETURNS**

Please complete the enclosed availability slip and return to John Bateson with your money (if playing) by MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> APRIL at the very latest please.

### **'THE BRODERICK'**

This is essentially a fun day-Texas Scramble, 'String', Shortest Drive, and in the morning warm-up round the introduction of "The Broderick".

Dear old Bill Broderick was a stalwart of Holtje in the early days of our Society, also a Wayfairer. His well known saying has gone down in the annals of history. After someone had hit a disastrous tee shot his comment, full of Irish blarney, was "You should have played your second shot first". In memory of Bill, you will be allowed one "Broderick" in the morning round. One tee shot which you may discount without penalty. Not a word to the R& A !

## **APOLOGIES TO PEER, NICK & CARL**

In the last copy of the Wayfairer (January 05) a list of "winning Wayfairers" was published showing the number of times different Wayfairers had finished in the top 3 positions since our formation. Unfortunately, as has been pointed out, the results of our meeting at Chartham Park in September 03 were inadvertently omitted.. On this particular day Peer finished top, with Nick in second place and Carl was third. Our records have now been amended to include this information. At the end of the year we will publish another up to date list. Good luck everyone in getting ticks in the columns next to your name!

It's not only apologies to Peer but congratulations. Peer is now the new Captain of Edenbridge Golf Club. We wish you a very happy and successful year Peer.

### **THE WAYFAIRERS INVADE DEEPEST DORSET**

In mid-February, 19 Wayfairers plus 7 non-playing "better halves" left home early one Sunday morning for a 2 night stay at the Dorset Golf & Country Club. Very unexpected snow blizzards were encountered en route, but all arrived safely to begin what proved to be a most enjoyable three days.

The golfers spent the first afternoon tackling the Championship Course but competitive golf was reduced for most players to 9 holes, as the air outside was not only wet at times but decidedly nippy, and the lure of warm drinks plus England v. Wales on TV. became more and more appealing! (They should have done the full 18! England lost by one point! Ed.)

Fortunately the temperature had risen by the next day, and golf was played over 18 holes on a challenging Course that was in excellent condition.

Non-golfers, and those who decided to combine their golf with a bit of sight-seeing, enjoyed local visits to Wareham, Poole, Swanage and Lulworth and some had an hour or two in the amazing nearby Tank Museum at Bovington.

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# PICTURES FROM NORTH DOWNS



**Left: Ken Cooper, ecstatic winner of the John Peake Spring Cup (before he had his handicap totally decimated!)**



**Right: The Wayfairers in wrapped attention!**



**Above: Fred the Raffle Man - did a splendid job of relieving us of our loose change!**



**Above: The winning team Peer Blakeley, Mike Riddles and guest Peter Hill**



**John Bateson, with his new NHS dentures, picks up the fourth prize.**



**"I never win anything McDonnell" wins the 19 and over longest drive. That new driver was worth every penny!!**



**Another golfer with a new driver - David Williams collecting the prize for the Longest Drive Open Class.**



**In addition to coming 3rd Andy also received the Nearest the Pin Pint.**



## THE WAYFAIRERS IN DEEP EST DORSET...cont. from

Further Competitions took place on Day 3. Although the full list of prize winners is too long to relate here, Sue McD, Ken Cooper & Norman Lovelock all had plenty of "souvenirs" to take home!

On Day 1 Alan Rose had won the equivalent of the Hedgehog Award, and was presented with a special musical Valentine's tie which he had to wear to Dinner on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>. The ladies very much enjoyed standing close to him, and pressing his sensitivity button, to hear the moving musical theme from "Love Story" emerging from his stomach region!

Talking of dinners, the food was really excellent and the staff all extremely friendly. Bob Histed won the Limerick Competition but Gemma, one of our waitresses, out-did him. Unfortunately her entry was too late, as Bob had been presented with his prize already – a bottle of "Gnats Piss" – vintage 2004! Dorset! We shall return! If they'll have us!

## Over 30 Club at North Downs

39 Ken Cooper  
35 Bill Eslor  
34 Andy Knight  
John Bateson  
33 Peer Blakeley  
Bob Histed  
Michael Rosner  
32 Mike Riddles  
Ron Harris  
31 John McDonnell  
John Peake  
Eddie Stanley  
Chris Wilkes  
30 Annie Hitam  
Barry Richards  
Hans Rosenmaier  
Nick Widdowson

## Society Championship

The Championship this year looks to be already won, as before we could properly knobble him (I believe this is the Handicap Committees 'Street Talk' for lowering his handicap...ED.) Bill Eslor has scored 41, 44, & 35 points for a total of 120, which looks unassailable. Ken Cooper leads the chasing pack on 114. Only another Bandit (There they go again...ED) would stand a chance – someone like Derek Reeves, Mike Wilson or Mike Riddles? Doesn't seem likely. Jeff Hogg has only made one start so far this year scoring 43 points. Could he, with his new power driver mount a challenge?

## We Wish You a Speedy Recovery Peter!

Those playing at North Downs will recall that Peter Rushton did not stop for the meal because after playing he was not feeling too well.

It was quite a shock later for some of us to discover that shortly after returning home, he was in an ambulance on his way to Hospital suffering with heart problems!

Peter was kept in for 10 days, but is now out and the good news is that although he must take things easy, he is allowed to play golf. (Good news for Peter – but not so good for all those that he regularly takes money from! ED)

All best wishes Peter from all the Wayfairers for a speedy and full recovery.



*The Wayfairers at the Dorset Golf and Country Club, enjoying a splendid meal after a cold but pleasant day on the course.*

## HANDICAPS

2004/2005	HOLTYE	
MEMBERS	H/CAP	SCORE
BAILEY	31	
BATESON	23*	
BLAKELEY	14	
CATTERALL	20	
CHURCH	22	
COOPER, K	17*	
ESLOR, B	24*	
FUDGE	8	
GIRLING	36	
HARRIS, R	19	
HENSHAW	36*	
HISTED	17	
HITAM	24	
HOGG	11	
HORSFALL, B	33	
HORSFALL, J	34	
HOULIHAN	24	
KNIGHT	14*	
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	25*	
WAGSTAFF	21	
WARRILOW	30*	
WIDDOWSON	10	
WILKES	8	
WILLIAMS	15	
WILSON	28*	
ZINKE	12	

## A REMINDER OF FUTURE DATES

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June** Ruser Golf Club. The "Two Ronnies Trophy" pm. start.

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July** Hassocks Golf Club "Pink Ball Event"

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September** Hoebridge G.C. "President's v. Treasurer's v. Secretary's Teams."