

# THE WAYFAIRER

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## A WRAPPER A DAY HELPS IMPROVE BRIAN'S PLAY!

It was hot and humid for the first Wayfairers visit to Rusper Golf Club and our 'Two Ronnies Pairs Competition'. The long and testing Course proved too much for many of us, but with a number of notable exceptions.

Two outstanding performances came from our highest and lowest handicappers with Brian Girling (35 pts) pipping Chris Wilkes (34pts.) to the individual title. Audrey Riddles, Mike Wilson, Peter Rushton and Harold Peskett all performed well but the rest of us? We would particularly like to highlight Harold's performance as he plays very little golf and this was his first outing with us this year. Chris, playing off a handicap of 8, proved that with accuracy, the course could be tamed even if the pond at the par 3 hole 4 hole left him fishing.

An apology is due for the late arrival of the dinner. When it did arrive it was adequate but no more. We never did get to the bottom of the reason for the delay but we suspect that "Alfred burnt the cakes" and some remedial work was necessary! Also staff, though amiable, were a bit thin on the ground. A factor could have been the time it took us to get round the 18 holes but this does not seem to be the case in view of the delay between the first and

main course.

### REPORTS FROM THE COURSE

Barbara Horsfall had had few problems off the tee until she arrived at the 18<sup>th</sup> hole with a pond directly in front of the ladies tee. Having twice attempted to emulate Barnes Wallace,



**Brian Girling, Wayfairers Trophy Winner - but that was not all!**

she wisely declined to risk a third ball.

The highlight of Doug Wagstaff's round must have been hitting out of a lateral water hazard to land on the green some 150 yards away and to sink his putt for a par. A better result than at hole 14, when in a difficult lie, he attempted wedge over a tree to the green saw him flat on his back and his ball scuttling into a pond. How the mighty had fallen! The longest drive might have gone to Bill Eslor had it been anywhere near to the fairway he was aiming at! Afterwards, whenever he took out his driver his partners gave out a cry of "Fore" before he hit his ball - to be on the safe side!

### And so to the Rusper Results

Winners of the 'Two Ronnies Trophy' **Hans Zinke & Audrey Riddles** 39pts.

2nd **Peter Rushton & Harold Peskett** 38pts.

3rd **Brian Girling & David Williams** 38pts.

Last on C/B **Bill Eslor & Doug Wagstaff** 31pts.

Wayfairers Trophy **Brian Girling** 35pts.

Runner up **Chris Wilkes** 34pts

3rd **Audrey Riddles** 32 pts.

4th **Mike Wilson** 31 pts.

18 and under handicap Trophy **Chris Wilkes** 34 pts. (Playing off 8)

Open Longest Drive **Chris Wilkes**

19 and over Longest Drive **Barbara Horsfall**

Nearest the Pin **Spencer Atwell**

Birdie Cap awarded in absentia as the only birdie **Chris Wilkes**

Hedgehog Award - very hotly contested - **Ken Cooper**.

### THE PLONKER CAP

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Ian Poulter	Derek Reeves
Jesper Parnevik	David Williams
Justin Rose	Mike Wilson
Nick Price	Derek Reeves
Peter Leonard	Harold Peskett
Scott Verplank	Stuart Allan
Zack Johnson	Andy Knight
Trevor Immelman	Brian Girling
Todd Hamilton	Doug Wagstaff

## THE DRAW FOR THE OPEN

Many thanks to Tony Warrilow who, in John McD's absence stepped in to run our annual draw for THE OPEN. There are still a few players left to be drawn so if you haven't yet got a player please phone John McD.

The following is the draw so far:-

<b>Tiger Woods</b>	Nick Widdowson
Ernie Els	Ken Cooper
Vijay Singh	Michael Rosner
Phil Mickelson	Jan Henshaw
Retief Goosen	John Horsfall
Sergio Garcia	Mike Riddles
Luke Donald	Chris Wilkes
Padraig Harrington	Norman Lovelock
Adam Scott	Carl Rosner
Darren Clarke	Sue McDonnell
Davis Love	Hans Zinke
Lee Westwood	Mike Church
Jim Furyk	Barbara Horsfall
David Toms	Mike Wilson
Stuart Appleby	Jan Henshaw
Thomas Bjorn	Spencer Attwell
Angel Cabrera	Audrey Riddles
Chad Campbell	Pauline Rosner
Chris DiMarco	Bernard
Colin Montgomerie	Norman Lovelock
Justin Leonard	Bill Esler
Michael Campbell	Harold Peskett
Mike Weir	Peter Rushton
Paul Casey	Chris Wilkes
Robert Allenby	Alan Rose
Stewart Cink	David Williams
Charles Howell	John McDonnell
Graeme McDowell	Barry Richards
John Daly	John Bateson
K.J.Choi	Ken Cooper
Kenny Perry	Mike Riddles
Miguel-Angel Jimenez	Peter Rushton
Stephen Ames	Pauline Rosner
David Howell	Alan Rose

## AND SO TO OUR NEXT MEETING FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JULY AT HASSOCKS G.C

For those who didn't play at Hassocks last year and are not sure of the location, the Course is on the A273 south of Burgess Hill and north of Hassocks. Anyone requiring a map please contact John McD.

The telephone number of the Club is 01273 846630. Coffee will be available as from 09.15 with the first group due to tee off at 10.00. Following 18 holes there will be a 3 Course Meal at approx. 16.30.

Wayfairers may nominate guests to attend this meeting but warn them to bring plenty of balls! Quite a lot were lost last year including 11 pink ones!

Once again Hassocks is our carefully selected venue for the "Pink Ball" Team Competition.

Last year this was won by Messrs. Marchbank, Houlihan & Bateson who managed to score 19pts. before losing it on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Can your Team do better this year?! (I doubt it! Ed.)

As usual we will also be competing for the Wayfairers Trophy (current holder Brian Girling plus all the other regular "bits & pieces").

Cost for the day will be £30 to include coffee, 18 holes, a 3 Course Meal and all prizes.

Please help your hard working organisers by returning your slip and cheque by FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JULY and please advise us by then if you are unavailable.

## HOEBRIDGE VOUCHERS

We are playing Hoebridge in September. They have sent us several 18 hole vouchers at £15 (normally £21). Please contact John McD. if you would like a 'Warm up' round!

## LES WAYFAIRERS EN FRANCAIS

The Annual Wayfairers trip to France this year attracted 10 stalwart golfers plus two "better halves" who tried as unsuccessfully as ever to keep everyone in order! There was in fact an extra participant in the shape of "Lady Jane", Tony Warrilow's ace Sat. Navigator. Under the spell of her beautifully cultivated voice, Tony frequently found himself parked in dis-used quarries or at the far end of rather non-descript back street cul-de-sacs! C'est la vie! Et c'est l'amour pour Tony! (Don't tell Sylvia! Ed.)

Some very keen golfers played every day, some on 3 occasions and a couple went out just twice. In every case, on every day the Course proved to be the worthy winner with most competitors vying with each other for last place!

Heavy rain curtailed play on Day 1 (Hardelot) but this cleared overnight, and the weather turned out nice for the 10 who challenged Le Touquet the next morning. Belle Dune, which was in excellent condition and bathed in sunshine, was the venue for a FourBall on the Tuesday, while the rest of the group visited the fantastic Nausicaa Sea Centre in Boulogne – a truly excellent exhibition.

With a full complement of 10 players on the last day, the weather was sunny but windy on the very exposed links Course at Wimereux. Here scoring was at an all time low! Tony Warrilow however did manage 24pts, (best male score of the day!) to take the Men's Open European Trophy – much to Lady Jane's delight! – while Annie came top in the Ladies equivalent. The trophies had kindly been donated the year previous by Mike & Audrey.

Following a final meal in Calais which all enjoyed - except Barry & Elisabeth who had to make an early Channel crossing nursing a flat battery! – the group broke up and headed for home with Tony once again enjoying being seduced by Lady Jane! A happy and memorable 4 days! Vive la France et les Wayfairers!



# PICTURES FROM RUSPER

**Winners of the 2 Ronnies Trophy - Hans Zinke & Audrey Riddles with 39pts.**



**Right - Honest Tony, Notorious Croydon Bookmaker, conning or taking the punter's money in the Wayfairers British Open Draw.**



**Guest Spencer Atwell lands his ball nearest the pin and wins the 'Nearest the Pin Pint'**



**Very few achieve the DOUBLE - Wayfairers Trophy and the Plonker**



**It just shows you that the longest drive is not all to do with brute force. Can I have some lessons Barbara?**



**Well some team has to come last and it can't be bad if you have some biscuits to take home!**



**The President gives a very sad looking Ken Cooper the Hedgehog award - very relieved that he hasn't got it himself!**



**Second in the Team Competition- Peter Rushton & Harold Peskett come in with a sound 38pts.**

## Progress Report on the Knockout



The situation at Round 2 is as follows:-

Jan Henshaw/Sue McDonnell

v

John McDonnell/Mike Wilson

David Williams/Barbara Horsfall

v

Bob Histed/Anne Hitam

Chris Wilkes/Doug Wagstaff

v

Andy Knight/Carl Rosner

Fred Catterall/Audrey Riddles

v

Ken Cooper/Tony Warrilow

## Society Championship

No change. **Bill 'Jammy Dodger' Eslor** on 120 pts seems to be in an unassailable position

## Get well Soon

We are sorry to hear that one of our Founder Members, **Ron Bailey**, is sick.

We all hope you will soon be back playing with us Ron.

## The Wayfairers at La Mer course, Le



*A happy bunch of Wayfairers & a fine sunny day. As desert veterans Richards & Wilson felt quite at home in the sandy conditions - but it didn't last long!*

## BERNARD McDONNELL

### R.I.P.

It is with great sadness that we have to report the sudden death of **Bernard**, one of our founder members, who was granted honorary life membership when ill health prevented him from continuing to play the game that he loved.

He had not been at all well for several months, and been hospitalised for much of this year. Nevertheless his death came very unexpectedly. His funeral day coincided with our Wayfairers' meeting at Rusper, and all our members there paid a special tribute to his memory.

He was our first ever President, and in September we will be playing for the Trophy that he presented when he was in office. Condolences go to his family, and in particular to Wayfairers John & Sue McD. and to brother-in-law John Loader. Rest in peace **Bernard**. We shall miss you.

## AND CONGRATULATIONS JOHN!

On a much happier note, congratulations and all best wishes to John Horsfall who very shortly will become an octogenarian. John's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday is on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Go out and shoot 80 John! (What peasants or partridges? Ed.) (No, not those sort of birdies! Sec.)

We all wish you a great day and many happy returns John

## HANDICAPS

### The Wayfairer Draft 45

2004/2005	HASOCKS	
MEMBERS	H/CAP	SCORE
BAILEY	31	
BATESON	22	
BLAKELEY	14	
CATTERALL	21	
CHURCH	22	
COOPER, K	18*	
ESLOR, B	24	
FUDGE	8	
GIRLING	32*	
HARRIS, R	19	
HENSHAW	36	
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	22	
McDONNELL, S	9	
PEAKE	35	
PESKETT	23	
REEVES	31	
RICHARDS	30	
RIDDLES, A	24*	
RIDDLES, M	27	
ROSE, D	20	
ROSNER, C	27	
ROSNER, M	22	
RUSHTON	17*	
SHELLEY	19	
STOREY	7	
TUTTON	25	
WAGSTAFF	22	
WARRILLOW	30	
WIDDOWSON	10	
WILKES	7*	
WILLIAMS	16*	
WILSON	27*	
ZINKE	12	

## A REMINDER OF FUTURE DATES

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

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September** Hoebidge G.C.

"President's v. Treasurer's v. Secretary's Teams."