

THE WAYFAIRER

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HOGG HOGS THE TROPHY BUT TWO GUESTS SCORE THE BEST

Our second gathering at Hassocks Golf Club coincided with a long spell of baking hot weather, followed by several days of heavy rain that threatened to continue. In the event, the Course had benefited enormously from the precipitation, and our day was absolutely glorious! Lucky old Wayfairers yet again! Especially as the following morning the heavens opened once more!

31 members plus 4 guests all assembled early for coffee and distribution of the ever popular pink balls. (Shouldn't that be never popular?! Ed.) Last year not one Team had managed to get any further than the 10th Hole before losing their cherished gift, but this year 4 Teams took it triumphantly right round to the 18th Hole.

Looking at the individual scores in Team "D" it seemed certain that this grouping of John Bateson, Bob Histed, Mike Wilson & guest Neville Harrison were going to be the winners with an excellent pink ball total of 33. However in Team "F" comprised of Jan Henshaw,

Hans Zinke, Mike Riddles & Alan Rose, all of whom scored individually less than their afore-mentioned rivals, every time the pink ball came into play they did well with it and finally emerged very close winners with 34 pts.

Poor John B. was seen checking their card, double checking their scores, shaking his head and sighing heavily. But that was the result!

John was also sighing about the guest that he had introduced. This was Neville Harrison, a

charming man, a very competent golfer – but not the sort of guest that we want! With 38 pts on a Course that he had never seen before Neville was a worthy winner. This was not the only indignity that the Wayfairers had to suffer, because in second place was yet another guest, "Steady" Eddie Stanley! After only 8 holes Eddie had scored 23 pts! Unfortunately even he couldn't believe how well it was going, and he managed only another 14 to finish very close behind on 37.



Jeff Hogg lifts the new Wayfairers Trophy.

As is always the case the Wayfairers Trophy has to go to the top Wayfairer, and this after count back went to lucky Jeff Hogg who with 35 pts just got his head (or was it his stomach? Ed) in front of 4th placed Mike Church.

This was a far better finish for Jeff than his start. Being a member of the last group out, there was one player in his Team who shall remain nameless - (Dennis Shelley! Ed) - who with his very first shot on the first tee stuffed the pink ball into deep trouble. Despite 20 minutes looking, with the added assistance of the Course Marshall (that's cheating! Ed) it was never seen again. Their pink ball score – nil points! It was a desolate Dennis and unhappy Hogg at this stage!

And so to the Hassocks Results

Top Individual Score guest Neville Harrison 38 pts

Second guest Eddie Stanley 37 pts

Third and winner of the Wayfairers Trophy Jeff Hogg 35 pts c/b

Fourth Mike Church 35 pts c/b

Pink Ball Team Winners

Jan Henshaw, Hans Zinke, Mike Riddles & Alan Rose 34 pts

Second John Bateson, Bob Histed, Mike Wilson & Neville Harrison 33 pts

Open Longest Drive Michael Rosner

19 & Over Longest Drive John McDonnell

Nearest The Pin Norman Lovelock

Birdie Cap David (I Never Win Anything) Williams

Hedgehog Award David Rose – who left with more prizes than anyone else for gaining this coveted award!

THE PLONKER CAP

And what about the Plonker Cap? This went to our longest hitter Michael Rosner. Michael apparently is living one week in the future from every one else. The following recorded phone conversation will prove this.

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THE RAFFLE

Before the tickets for the Hassocks Raffle were taken out of the box the results of the "Open" Draw were announced as follows –

1st Nick Widdowson who drew Tiger Woods who won with a total of 274, Nick wins a Wayfairers Polo Shirt.

2nd (for the 2nd year running!) was Norman "Lucky" Lovelock who had Colin Montgomerie who finished 2nd with a total of 279. Norman wins half a Wayfairers polo shirt!

Fred Couples & Jose Maria Olazabal both came in with 280 but neither player had been drawn by anyone.

Similarly on 281 Greg Ogilvy (last round 69) and Bernhard Langer (last round 71) were not taken. This gave 3rd place to Michael Rosner (Vijay Singh last round 72) sharing it with Harold Peskett (Michael Campbell last round 72). Michael & Harold win 3 Wayfairers golf balls each.

Our Hassocks Raffle Ticket Salesman was Bill Eslor and he did a wonderfully smooth persuasive job to boost our Raffle Fund by £94. Thank you Bill. You've got the job for life! The prizes were varied and numerous and Bill to his delight did manage to win 3 pink balls! (Fiddle!Ed) He says that he is going to use them for practice for next year's competition! Following his infamous paper eating performance, at Rusper, Brian Girling was in raptures when he won a whole pack of edible serviettes. All he needs is the Rennies now!

AND SO TO OUR NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 13th SEPTEMBER AT HOEBRIDGE GOLF CLUB

This is the Wayfairers third visit to Hoebridge, so most of our Members should know the way. Please contact John McD. if you would like details of the location. The Club phone number is 01483 722611.

Coffee and Bacon Rolls will be available as from 09.00 with the first group going out just over an hour later at 10.04. We anticipate sitting down to a 2 Course Meal plus coffee at approximately 17.00.

There will be 3 main Competitions. As usual the member who scores the highest number of Stableford points will win the Wayfairers Trophy, currently held by Jeff Hogg. Players will also be representing one of 3 Teams – The President's, The Treasurer's or The Secretary's. The winning Team will be presented with The President's Trophy, and this will be passed round for each individual to hold at some point or other during the coming year. These players will also all receive a Wayfairers ball to mark their victory. Current holders are The Treasurer's Team. Apologies in advance from our President Barry Richards that he will not be able to be with us at Hoebridge as he is taking some Senior Citizens to Margate! (It's not Margate! It's Ramsgate! Ed) In his absence we are asking his batman, Bombardier Wilson to deputise for him as President for the day. (If he does a good job we'll keep him on!- Ed) (I want to be a Vice-President!- Mike) (Oh no he doesn't! Jan).

As far as is possible, players will represent the Teams that they have played for in the past, with any newcomers or guests slotted in as and where needed to balance the numbers.

The third Competition will be our annual battle for the "50 Bob Set" with the Trophy going to the Wayfairer who scores the highest, when adding their age to their Stableford points total. Current

holder is John Horsfall, now an octogenarian, but unfortunately not able to play this time at Hoebridge.

Guests are welcome but reminded that they cannot win any of the main Trophies, only the wonderful "goodies" that go with them!

As usual there will be all the other regular "minor" Competitions taking place and prizes galore! And the cost for this fabulous day out? A mere £33.00 which covers Coffee & Bacon Rolls, 18 Holes on the Main Course, 2 Course Meal & Coffee and all the afore mentioned prizes.

Please return your slip, either stating that you are unavailable or enclosing your cheque, to **John Bateson** by **FRIDAY 26th AUGUST AT THE VERY LATEST PLEASE!**

AND ANOTHER VERY IMPORTANT DATE!

The Wayfairers celebrate their 10th Anniversary this coming November. No doubt there will be an extra glass or two on the Table at our Autumn Cup Meeting but it's not a great month for golf which after all is the *raison-d'être* for our Society.

So we are planning a special golf Sgathering in the Summer of 2006 for a very full turn out of Wayfairers.

In order that members can plan well ahead we have set the date for **FRIDAY 28th JULY 2006** (the last Friday in July). An appropriate venue is being arranged and will be announced soon. It is intended that this will be a first class course so, in accordance with our principle of 'value for money' we are planning to subsidise the day. (There should, at this time, be about £400 surplus in the Raffle Fund and, who knows perhaps some other money can be raised).

Further details to follow.

PICTURES FROM HASSOCKS



Left: The winning Pink Ball Team - Alan Rose, Jan Henshaw, Mike Riddles & Hans Zinke with Captain of the Day Brian Girling.



Top scorer for the Day Guest Neville Harrison on 38 points



Chris Wilkes catching up with some prizes from Rusper!



Very welcome guest Guest Eddie Stanley receives a bottle of wine for 2nd place.



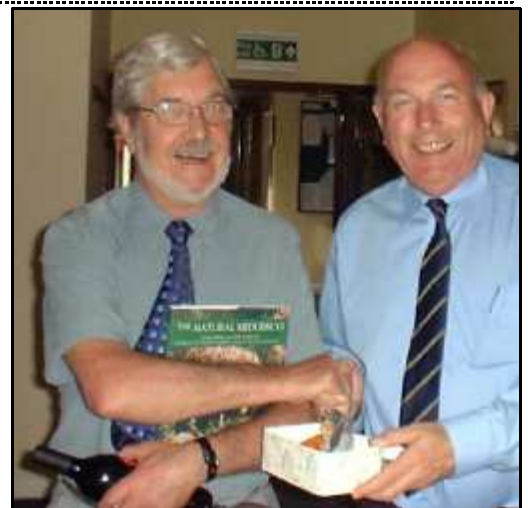
Mike Church 4th place but 2nd in the Wayfairers



Birdie Cap for David Williams



Plonker Cap for Michael Rosner



Hedgehog award for David Rose



Longest Drive 19 & Over (I never Win Anything!) John McDonnell. (I had to squash him in somehow!..Ed).

Progress Report on the Knockout



The situation at Round 3 is as follows:-

Jan Henshaw/Sue McDonnell v John McDonnell/Mike Wilson, round 2 still to be played. Winner to play Bob Histed/Anne Hitam.

Fred Catterall/Audrey Riddles v Ken Cooper/Tony Warrilow round 2 still to be played.

Winner to play Chris Wilkes/Doug Wagstaff



Too ashamed to appear on the picture page and wearing their tearful badges - "The Wayfairers who lost their balls". Bill Eslor, Barry Richards, Dennis Shelley, Frank Houlihan & Peer Blakeley.

HANDICAPS FOR

HOEBRIDGE	
BAILEY	31
BATESON	22
BLAKELEY	14
CATTERALL	21
CHURCH	21*
COOPER, K	18
ESLOR, B	24
FUDGE	8
GIRLING	31*
HARRIS, R	19
HENSHAW	36
HISTED	17
HITAM	24
HOGG	10*
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	22*
ROSNER, C	28*
ROSNER, M	22
RUSHTON	17
SHELLEY	19
STOREY	7
TUTTON	25
WAGSTAFF	22
WARRILOW	30
WIDOWSON	10
WILKES	7
WILLIAMS	16
WILSON	27
ZINKE	12

SOCIETY CHAMPIONSHIP

Still no challengers to Bill Eslor. His excellent early rounds totalling 120 points looks unassailable even though his Hassocks score was modest, possibly due in part to the belated affect of the handicappers

STEPHANIE CHURCH. RIP.

Janet and John Bateson and Michael Church would like to thank the Wayfairers for the many kind thoughts and support received following the sad loss of Stephanie. The condolences received were appreciated and typified the spirit of the Wayfairers.
Thank you all.

THE HASSOCKS OVER 30 CLUB

38	Neville Harrison	32	Spencer Atwell
37	Eddie Stanley		Bob Histed
		31	David Williams
35	Jeff Hogg		Doug Wagstaff
	Michael Church		Audrey Riddles
34	Brian Girling	30	Annie Hitam
33	Sue McDonnell		Jan Henshaw
	John Bateson		Mike Wilson

GOLDEN GREETINGS TO A GOLDEN COUPLE!



Following our last meeting just before the end of June a very special event took place. This was the Golden Wedding Anniversary of our dear President Barry and his lovely "better half" Elisabeth. (Goodness me! Has she really had to put up with him for 50 years! Ed)

They celebrated in true Richards style on the day with all their Family round them in Cambridgeshire. This was followed by further celebrations later on back home in Langsmead with both of these occasions taking place in the midst of

"Wayfairers Weather!" Barry is now the proud possessor of a golden bowler, presented by his granddaughter, obviously with the same sense of humour!

All the Wayfairers give the happy couple all best wishes and hearty congratulations, and here's to the Diamond!



A REMINDER OF FUTURE DATES

Tuesday 13th September
Hoebidge G.C.

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

FRIDAY 28th JULY 2006

Wayfairers Special 10th Anniversary Golf Day.