

THE WAYFAIRER

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AT HOEBRIDGE BOB HISTED WAS "MAN OF THE MATCH" WHILE THE PRESIDENT'S TEAM SCORED TOO MANY TO

September at Hoebridge, a perfect Summer's day, and 24 Wayfairers and 3 guests just rearing to go! The players were divided into 3 equal Teams, one captained by the Treasurer, another by the Secretary and the third, in the President's absence, by Mike "Woodrow" Wilson – our popular President Elect. (Shouldn't that be President Elect? Ed.) Answers as ever in a plain brown envelope!

Having now set the tone nicely for another editorial masterpiece, let's get on with it! Thanks to the steady play of captain John McD, the Secretary's Team got off to a great start, but sadly this early lead was quickly whittled away, and the competition was "nip and tuck" as the results filtered in. Eventually a pattern emerged, and the President's Team drew further away to finally defeat the Secretary's Team by 18pts, and the Treasurer's by 22. The transfer market for next year's Competition is now open!

This victory was possibly due to the absence of the real President, Barry Richards, allowing substitute Mike Wilson to inspire his players by leadership from the front with an amazing score of 25pts – only 3 below the average for the day! The truth is somewhat less romantic! Wilson bribed and corrupted his Team by handing out a huge bag of goodies to them before the start, and

offering them more if they won! (Shameful! Disqualify him!..Ed) (Sounds alright to me..President) Meanwhile, all that the two Johns had given their Teams was sound advice and a firm handshake! What depths some people will stoop to for goodies!



Bob Histed from the Victorious President's Team takes the Wayfairers Trophy from Captain of the Day Jeff Hogg

The top score of the day (35pts) was recorded for the President's Team by "man of the match" Bob Histed, and this gave Bob for his first time the Wayfairers Trophy. Well played Bob! It was nearly "lady of the match" however, as Audrey, also in Mike Wilson's Team, finished just one point behind Bob with 34pts. Poor Derek Reeves, another member of the same group, received no prize at all, despite recording the third best score of the day (33), while players in other Teams who finished below him went home with smiles on their faces and arms laden. That's life Derek. Join another Team!

The two most senior players of the day had a very exciting battle for the "50 Bob Set" and eventually this was won by Doug Wagstaff (age 79, score 29, total 108) beating John Loader (age 81, score 26, total 107) by just one point!

And so to the Hoebridge Results

Team Results 1. President's 265 2. Secretary's 247 3. Treasurer's 243

This means that over the 8 years that this Team Trophy has been played for, it has been won 3 times each by the Secretary's and Treasurer's Teams, and twice by the President's Players. Very close!

Top scoring player in the President's Team and top score of the day to win the Wayfairers Trophy Bob Histed 35pts. 2nd Top Scorer Audrey Riddles 34pts

Secretary's Team Top Scorer John McDonnell 33pts c/b, 2nd Top Scorer Sue McDonnell also 33pts.

Treasurer's Team Top Scorer Peter Storey 31pts c/b, 2nd Top Scorer Nick Widdowson also 31pts.

The 50 Bob Set Doug Wagstaff 108 (age + score)

Nearest The Pin Doug Wagstaff again (who let him join?!Ed.)

Open Longest Drive Peter "Slam It" Storey

19 + Over Longest Drive Alan Rose (you'll never get full membership if you carry on like this Alan!)

Birdie Cap guest Damon Pritchard – 5 blobs but 2 birdies!

Hedgehog Carl Rosner who went home with so many prizes for this achievement that Angeline will think he was the Champion!

THE PLONKER CAP

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This nearly went to Mike Riddles for using the full facilities of the Ladies Changing rooms at Hassocks and it also nearly went to Doug Wagstaff, who having sold all the raffle tickets sat back with a drink and a sigh of relief, but had completely forgotten to tear out the counterfoils and fold them!

In the event the headgear went to Treasurer John B. He really is a little treasure! Cheques had been received from those attending our meeting at Hassocks and had been duly entered into our accounts. As we operate a postal account the cheques totalling £900 were sealed in an envelope ready for despatch. Due to an oversight (More like a mental aberration ...Ed) by our Treasurer the envelope was left on the sideboard and not posted!! Thus when we paid out dues at Hassocks there were insufficient funds in our account resulting in John McD receiving a phone call from a worried Club Secretary. By

THE RAFFLE

Many thanks to Doug Wagstaff for being our Raffle Ticket Salesman and doing an excellent job in persuading all those present to part with a total of £69. Very many people have been fighting for the honour of doing this job at Chiddingfold, but reluctantly I have to announce that following his success as the winning Captain at Hoebridge Mike Wilson has been awarded this great distinction to be ably assisted by Jan. Jan will charm them, and Mike will disarm them!

The "Star Prize" in the Hoebridge Raffle was a plastic frog that clings to the shower wall complete with built in radio, thus granting the person in the shower instant water music! The first prize winner of the day was Hans who promptly grabbed this monstrosity. Never before in the history of the Wayfairers has the "star prize" gone first!cont. on back page-

AND SO TO OUR NEXT MEETING A.G.M. DAY AT CHIDDINGFOLD TUESDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2005

This is the day that the Wayfairers celebrate their 10th Birthday! As ever our AGM will take place before we play, so please try to arrive in good time. Coffee will be available from 09.00 and the AGM will start PROMPTLY at 09.10. We will allow a maximum of 50 minutes for the Meeting and any unfinished business (hopefully none) will be discussed after the evening meal.

The first golf group is due to start as soon as possible after the AGM and no later than 10.15. Some early starters have been forewarned already with details on the supplementary AGM sheet. Please be ready to play promptly.

PLEASE NOTE "NO METAL SPIKES ARE ALLOWED & PITCH MARK REPAIRERS ARE MANDATORY".

This is also the day of the Annual Team Putting Competition which can be tackled by early starters after the completion of their 18 holes, but will need to be played by the majority before they start the main event.

A 3 Course meal is booked for approximately 17.15.

The main prize of the day will be the Ron Harris Autumn Cup (current holder John Loader). Hopefully the winners of the Pairs Knock-Out Competition can be announced and presented with their trophies, but at the time of going to print the semi-finals have yet to be played. AGM Day is also the occasion when our Society Champion of the year is presented with this most fiercely contested Trophy. (Some contest! Bill Esler had scored a total of 120 points after just 3 outings! Definitely the bookies favourite! Ed)

COST - £30 to cover coffee on arrival, 18 holes, a 3 Course Meal with birthday wine and all prizes. **How do our organisers do it?**

Guests will be welcome, providing that our numbers are not so great that it could prove difficult for the last groups out to finish in daylight - sun sets at 16.20. Guests are welcome to attend the AGM but have no voting powers.

The deadline for return slips is FRIDAY 14th OCTOBER. Also enclosed with your slip is a separate sheet detailing the AGM agenda plus notes from last year's meeting. Please bring this with you to the AGM.

As it is our 11th visit to Chiddingfold it is assumed everyone knows the location. The Club telephone number is 01428

WINTER WARNING!

Unfortunately Winter is on the way and this could of course mean Trolley bans. Unless we get a substantial amount of rain in late October we could well get away with this at Chiddingfold on 1st November. However it may well be worth checking, and you are strongly recommended to do so for our December and March gatherings. The telephone numbers of the Clubs that we play are always published in the Wayfairer.

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A.G.M. Proposals

(See supplementary slip for the Agenda)

Under Item 2 The Treasurer will be proposing that the members annual subscription be increased from £5 to £10.

Under Item 2 In order to encourage prompter payments by members, anyone who pays for any meeting after the deadline date shall, unless there are exceptional extenuating circumstances, have a further £2 added to the cost. Any extra money generated from this source shall benefit our expenses on July 28th 2006, and after this our Society funds in general (Proposed by John McD - Seconded by Peter Rushton.)

PICTURES FROM HOEBRIDGE



Acting, Unpaid, Substantive, Temporary, Vice-President Mike Wilson leads home the Victorious President's Team - Audrey & Mike Riddles, Derek Reeves, Hans Zinke, Damon Pritchard, Alan Rose, Bob Histed & Jan Henshaw



I.N.W.A. McDonnell - highest score in the Secretary's Team.



Peter Storey-Highest score in the Treasurer's Team & Open Longest Drive.



Alan Rose 19 & Over Longest Drive



Audrey Riddles 2nd highest score in the President's Team



Carl Rosner - A very heavily Laden Hedgehog.



Doug Wagstaff secures the much sought after Age Plus Trophy.



The Plonker Cap went to Cheque Bouncer Bateson!!

Progress Report on the Knockout



In a very close fought semi-final at Haywards Heath Golf Club, which was not decided until the **20th hole**, Sue & Jan clinched the match from **Bob & Anne**. To decide who meets Sue & Jan in the final we await the result of Ken Cooper/Tony Warrilow v Chris Wilkes & Doug Wagstaff
Watch this space!

SOCIETY CHAMPIONSHIP

Still no challenger to -

Bill Eslor!

THE HOEBRIDGE 30 & OVER CLUB

Bob Histed 35
Audrey Riddles 34
John McDonnell 33
Sue McDonnell 33
Derek Reeves 33
Jan Henshaw 31
Peter Storey 31
Nick Widdowson 31

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The reason was revealed when Hans explained that his wife Margaret collects frog replicas, and that they had a house full of them. Unknown to Margaret he stuck the frog in the shower just prior to her performing her morning ritual.

Later that day our Secretary had a phone call from Brian Girling. Evidently that afternoon Brian's wife Sandra had been in a shop in Edenbridge where a very excited lady had been waxing lyrical to all and sundry that she had spent over 2 hours in the shower that morning with a frog radio that her husband had won in a raffle! Now poor Hans can't keep her out of the shower, and his water and electricity bills have doubled! Sadly he realises he should have taken the second hand Golf Balls. Remember never never take the "Star Prize"! **You could live to regret it!**

More Pictures from Hoebridge



Sue McDonnell second highest scorer in the Secretary's team - I wonder who dared to come first!!



Nick Widdowson 2nd highest scorer in the Treasurer's Team with 31pts



HANDICAPS

These handicaps take into account scores at Hoebridge and our annual review

CHIDDINGFOLD	
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	15*
HITAM	24
HOGG	10
HORSFALL, B	33
HORSFALL, J	35*
HOULIHAN	24
KNIGHT	15
LOADER	32
LOVELOCK, N	21*
MARCHBANK	21
McDONNELL, J	21*
McDONNELL, S	8*
PEAKE	35
PESKETT	23
REEVES	30*
RICHARDS	31*
RIDDLES, A	23*
RIDDLES, M	27
ROSE	23*
ROSNER, C	30*
ROSNER, M	22
RUSHTON	17
SHELLEY	19
STOREY	7
TUTTON	25
WAGSTAFF	22
WARRILOW	30
WIDDOWSON	10
WILKES	7
WILLIAMS	16
WILSON	27
ZINKE	12

Introducing guest Damon Pritchard a worthy winner of the Birdie Cap with no less than 2 Birdies. However he endeared himself to all by having 5 Blobs.

Could make a great Wayfainer?!