

THE WAYFAIRER



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Audacious Audrey Beats all The Boys at Alton

At the inaugural meeting of the Wayfairers, held on 7th November 1995, a momentous decision was made the consequences of which have had far reaching repercussions. This emerged with a vengeance at our Alton gathering!

At this meeting it was agreed that the Society, although there was all male attendance at that time, should not be a permanent bastion of the stronger sex, but be open to ladies as well. What a decision! If this had not been passed some of us mere males would have stood a chance at Alton.

Our one lady member - **Audrey Riddles** completely swept the board! Not only did she win the Wayfairers Trophy with an excellent score of 37 points, she was also a member of the winning "Orange Ball Team", and to cap it all when you add her age (which at her request is not to be disclosed) to her score of 37 points, this gave her a total of 104 to walk away with the 50 Bob Set as well! On any other day **Audrey** would have been awarded the Birdie Cap as well - with a brilliant shot out of a bunker and straight down the hole! - but men can only take so much, so the coveted cap was awarded to **Fred "Orange Ball Birdie" Catterall** instead!

Audrey fear not! Your handicap won't be cut - it will merely be bisected!

All in all an excellent day (especially for **Audrey**!) - the sun shone as ever on the Wayfairers, the course was in perfect condition, and the food was excellent.

Twenty three Wayfairers took part plus two guests, and we also had one spectator! Our fame is spreading (there is no truth in the rumour that he was paid to be there but just to cheer for **Audrey** and **Mike** - after all he was their son). He did however very kindly agree to take the first ever Wayfairers group photograph - not really a pretty sight - but if it doesn't infringe the laws of



decency it will be printed.

One other unusual presentation was the awarding of a new prize - the "Plonker Cap" produced and donated by our seedy clothing manager **Barry Richards**. This is an award to be made to any person who during one of the Wayfairers outings, (not necessarily whilst playing golf), has the misfortune

to forget some vital item of equipment or clothing, does any act verging on the ridiculous or for any other reason causes mayhem. This was awarded for the first time to **John McDonnell** who arrived at Alton without his trolley battery. But for his wife **Sue** spotting that he had left it behind and **John** (late as usual) **Bateson** kindly picking it up for him, he would have had to carry! In addition he is always saying that he never wins anything - so he is be a worthy first recipient! The "Cap" will only be presented when merited and not at every meeting. So be warned for Chiddingfold. It could be you! I mean who wants to go home and say "I was voted plonker of the day!"

Alton Results

Individual Winner of the Wayfairers Trophy - **Audrey Riddles** 37 points, 2nd **Barry Richards** 33 points, 3rd **Mike** (Keep it in the family) **Riddles** 31 points (c/b).

Orange Ball Team Competition - Surprisingly, only three teams lost their precious orb, notably **Mike Owens**, **Chris Tomlin** & **Nick Widdowson** who parted company with their orange ball as early as the second hole having amassed a solitary 1 point. By marked contrast the winners, **Audrey Riddles**, **Fred Catterall**, & **John McDonnell** scored an impressive 35 points (scoring

more on the first 9 holes than most did on 18).

Best Individual Score with the Orange Ball - **John Bateson**.

50 Bob Set - **Audrey Riddles** - score plus age - 104.

Pairs Putting - 1st **Frank Houlihan & Don Woollard** - round in 15. - Last **Fred Catterall & Ron Mason** - a pathetic 23 - but it gained them a prize!

Longest Drive - **Don Jessop**.

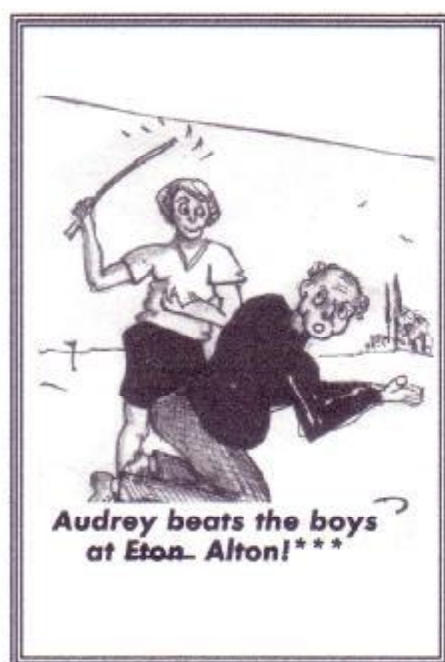
Nearest the Pin - **Don Woollard**

Birdie Cap - **Fred Catterall**, (Third prize of the day).

Hedgehog Award - **Ron Mason** (Gracious in defeat).

Plonker of the Day - **John McDonnell** (under protest).

Society Championship - **Jeff Shogg** playing on his home course at Alton and having had an early morning practice round, failed to improve on his third place with 112 points. The championship this year is shared between **Ron Mason** and, following her success at Alton, **Audrey Riddles** both with 113 points. The Trophy will be awarded at Chiddingfold and held by each for 6 months. Congratulations to you both.



Alton Raffle

Many thanks to Pat Fudge for collecting £47.01. We think the penny came from our mean clothing manager who is obviously making a profit! We now have in hand a total of £154.86 with just a couple of future prizes in stock, plus 68 Wayfairer golf balls left from our original 150, so over half have been distributed already. One pristine Wayfairers ball was found at Holtys to the left of the tee on hole four. The Secretary and Editor deny ownership but anyone losing this ball should contact the Treasurer when they will learn something to their advantage!

Many thanks to our "all star" **Audrey** for volunteering to get us all to dig deep in our pockets at Chiddingfold.

**And so to
our next
meeting**

A.G.M. DAY at CHIDDINGFOLD

This is our A.G.M. to be held at Chiddingfold Golf Club on Monday 8th November. As this will be the 5th year that we have played at this venue it is assumed that all our members know the location of the Club. Please contact either of the Johns if any queries. The club phone number is 01428 685888. This will be the occasion on which we hold our annual competition for the Ron Harris Autumn Cup, currently held by **Ron Mason**. The result of the Wayfairers 1999 Pairs Knockout Competition will also be given and the trophy awarded.

DETAILS OF THE DAY

Arrive for coffee 9.30am onwards. First tee off 10.15am. Total cost £25 to include Coffee, 18 holes, 3 Course Meal and all prizes. Our A.G.M. is to be held after the meal and the usual prize giving - in a private room if the Clubhouse is busy.

Deadline for Return slips and payment is Saturday 23rd October - slip enclosed.

The notes from last years A.G.M. and the Agenda are on the back page of this issue. Please bring this with you to the A.G.M.

Odds & Divots

WAYFAIRERS 1999 PAIRS KNOCKOUT

Both Semi Finals have now been played. In an epic match between **Ian Gordon / John Loader** and **Nick Widdowson/John Bateson** at Fernfell - Nick and John B. took the lead for the first time on the 18th to win by one hole. In the other semi **Jeff Hogg / Dennis Shelley** played **Stuart Allan / Barry Richards** at Sutton Green Golf Club. Jeff who usually plays short and straight or long and crooked was on this occasion playing long and straight! Stuart and Barry struggled on the first nine but came back in the second only to lose by 2 and one. (Jeff bought the Editor a drink on the understanding that he would write a graphic piece describing how he got a birdie on the 6th by driving over some trees but there isn't sufficient room and also it would be very boring!).

So it is all set for the final. The winners will be announced and the presentation made at the A.G.M.

QUOTE FROM THE D. TELEGRAPH

According to ROSPA three to six people are killed each year by lightning. Their advice, if caught in the open, is to find low ground, crouch down, your feet together and your rear end higher than your head. This will avoid damage to the brain or other vital organs. (I've seen some Wayfairers doing this but I always thought they were looking for their balls! Ed.)

Clothing

Winter draws on - and that is just what we will be doing in a very few weeks time. Now is the time to order that warm sweater - resplendent with the Wayfairers Emblem. Just ask to have a look through the catalogue, or call or Fax on 01342 836430.

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£7.34 size adjustable, with logo

Ties

in Navy, Bottle Green, Grey, Black, Royal Blue, Burgundy.

£11.74 with logo



Finance

Inclusive of £11.55 worth of Wayfairers balls issued from stock our expenditure at Alton exceeded our income by £37.43. This loss was offset by a generous donation of £25 from David Gillen who was forced to withdraw on the morning of the competition due to injury. We hope you will be fit and back swinging with us soon David. This money will go towards our Christmas Celebrations.

CHRISTMAS VENUE

Approaches have been made to three clubs Bletchingley, Slinfold and Chipstead.

Bletchingley is at present undergoing a clubhouse extension and to a certain extent this is reflected in their price - up by three pounds with this not including any Christmas table extras.

Consequently we have settled yet again for Slinfold on Monday 6th December. We will be getting full English Breakfast, 18 holes, a two course Christmas meal, followed by coffee with this to include the inevitable crackers and poppers. The total cost for this to include prizes plus the famous Harold's special Sinfold prize on the 18th is £28. per head.

Chipstead nearly equalled the Slinfold offer but not quite, and as it is a bit of an unknown factor we have gone for Slinfold but we are keeping Chipstead in mind for a future occasion.

Advance Warning! No matter where we go at this time of the year it is likely that there could be a Trolley Ban. You might like to check this for Chiddingfold as well.

We recommend our engraver and Jeweller to our members as he has given the Society excellent service - see advert. opposite.

CALLING ALL WAYFAIRERS

Saturday Night Fever

For those within reach of Holtye Golf Club please note in your diaries **SATURDAY 27TH NOVEMBER**. On behalf of Holtye G.C., John Bateson is putting on a very informal (casual wear) party evening with "REVIVAL" a talented and popular sing-along band and entertainers. It is hoped that as many Wayfairers as possible (whether or not Holtye members) will support this event and help make it a success. The size of the club means that numbers are limited, so please let John know if you can make this date.

Tickets are £6.50 to include a fish or chicken and chips supper reserved for you. Tee off 8.00 for 8.30 winding down at about 11.30 p.m.

Now here is an offer you can't refuse! Should you not enjoy the evening your money may be refunded in full!!



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**Wayfairers Golf Society Notes of
the 3rd Annual General Meeting
Held on
6 November 1998**

The following were the main issues discussed and agreed:-

- 1) All existing Officers were re-elected.
- 2) Both the Secretary's & Treasurer's report were accepted by the meeting with votes of thanks by all present.
- 3) It was agreed that our membership limit be increased to 40 with this number being a definite final maximum. It was further agreed that any member who does not participate at any of the Wayfairers gatherings for a period of one year (Nov. to Nov.), unless there are exceptional circumstances, should not be invited to renew their membership, and any member who does not appear at least twice in the same period of time shall be requested to consider relinquishing their membership to the top person on the "waiting list", and instead become an "occasional guest".
- 4) It was agreed that the proposed programme of meetings for 1999 be accepted, with the Officers being given the task of ensuring that at least one new venue be incorporated, and that "value for money" be a high priority when choosing between two or more possible venues for any one particular meeting. Agreed to hold 7 meetings in the forthcoming year.

5) With a sum of £158.13p in hand following the Chiddingfold raffle it was agreed that as soon as this amount rose to £170 the money be spent on purchasing golf balls incorporating the Wayfairers logo. Also agreed that one major raffle prize be purchased for each meeting to go with the other subsidiary prizes.

6) It was agreed that an "Identities" clothing & accessories catalogue should gradually be circulated around all the members (only got one copy) to give them an opportunity if they so wish to purchase clothing and/or articles incorporating the Wayfairers Logo. A minimum number of 12 separate purchases are required by "Identities" in order to make setting up the screen worthwhile. Positively no orders to be given to "Identities" until members are notified of what would be the exact cost of their likely purchase(s). Cost of a minimum number of Wayfairers ties (12) also to be investigated with a report back to members.

7) It was agreed that 2 identical golf figurine trophies (kindly presented by Jeff Hogg & mounted by Chris Wilkes) should be played for on a Pairs (4 Ball Better Ball) Matchplay Knock-out basis with further details to follow to all members.



A.G.M AGENDA

Monday 8th November 1999

Please bring this with you to Chiddingfold