

THE WAYFAIRER

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OLD THORNS 10th
ANNIVERSARY



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OLD THORNS WAS IDEAL FOR OUR ANNIVERSARY DAY

WHILE ON THE COURSE JAN SHOWED THE REST HOW TO PLAY!

down to 8th place, there was a room for the day. President Barry had Team competition, and due to prepared display boards with Jan's personal score this was won by her Team.

Following the golf, and gallons of much needed liquid refreshment, an excellent 3 Course meal was served in an atmosphere of laughter, chatter and babble. It was lovely to see non-playing "other halves" with us, enjoying themselves immensely. Much toasting took place and congratulations were extended to Tony & Sylvia, who provided us with wine for the meal in recognition of their recent Golden Wedding. Congratulations went also to Barbara Horsfall who recently celebrated her 80th birthday and to Frank Houlihan, trying to catch up with Barbara, but still with 10 years to go as he has just reached his 70th.

The Secretary proposed a toast to Absent Friends in which many names were mentioned, and Barry ended the formalities with a toast to the continued success of the Wayfairers and thanked everyone personally who had contributed to the special occasion.

This was followed by the prize-giving and the evening ended with further words of thanks to the Committee by Peter Rushton, with presentations being given to the two Johns, Barry & Tony from all the members in recognition of their work for the Society.

A truly memorable day ended outside the room on the patio in the dusk as sparklers were lit and songs were sung.

Full recognition must be given to the management and staff of Old Thorns for the way they looked after us, their excellent service and generosity. Nothing was too

these caused great interest. Somewhere on show was a photograph of every member present.

As players were called on to the first tee by the starter, they were presented with a special 10th Anniversary Wayfairers ball. (Did anyone play with it – and lose it? Ed.)

The golf results were variable with a final average score of 24.5 Way above this though with a total of 36 pts. was Jan Henshaw, this being her first ever capture of the Wayfairers Trophy, which has now been won consecutively by a lady. (Come on you men! Ed.)



Jan Henshaw receives the Wayfairers Trophy from Captain of the Day Annie Hitam

Just pipped by one point into second place was Peter Storey, who came in with a truly excellent score of 35 pts. playing off a handicap of 7! When considering the difficulty of the Course, and the fact that he was walking, this was golf of the highest order. Well played Peter!

Apart from the individual competition, with prizes going

The Location – Old Thorns Hotel & Golf Club, Liphook, Hants.

The Date – Friday 28th July 2006 – and the day that the Wayfairers had been eagerly awaiting, our special 10th Anniversary Day! **And what a day it was!**

In the long running heat wave the weather continued very warm, but there was a slight breeze on the Course and with 90% of the Wayfairers taking buggies, everyone managed to get round an extremely challenging but enjoyable 18 holes.

Prior to playing, 35 Wayfairers and one guest (Spencer Atwell - who has now applied to join) gathered in our

And so to the Old Thorns Results

The Top 8 Players all received prizes –

1st & Winner of the Wayfairers Trophy Jan Henshaw 36 pts

2nd Peter Storey 35 pts 3rd Frank Houlihan 33 pts

4th Bill Eslor 31 pts c/b 5th (guest) Spencer Atwell 31 pts c/b

6th Tony Warrilow 30 pts 7th Eddie Stanley 29 pts c/b

8th Sue McDonnell 29 pts c/b

Team prize Jan Henshaw, Sue McDonnell, Mike Wilson & John McDonnell 80 pts

2nd Team Eddie Stanley, Bill Eslor, Brian Girling & Syd Tutton 76 pts.

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THE PLONKER CAP

The Plonker Cap or “The Mysterious Case of the Missing Sparklers!” An official citation was read out by John McD at Old Thorns which ended with our President, Barry being nominated for the Plonker Cap. This was agreed unanimously by the 35 members present and this was awarded. In order to save space and avoid repetition it is not being printed in this edition, but a copy is going to all those who could not be with us so that they can see just what a plonker we have got for our President!

THE OLD THORNS ANNIVERSARY RAFFLE

John McD really surpassed himself with the prizes for the Anniversary Raffle! There were 14 up for grabs, and they included litres of gin, whisky and brandy, an engraved commemorative tankard, a Head holdall & shoebag, a lightweight golf bag, a Pringle shirt and much more besides. Old Thorns also very kindly presented complimentary golf balls and accessories. Mike Wilson, by an absolute fluke, (and if you believe that you’ll believe anything! Ed.) won a handsome plaque to put out side his bungalow which proclaims to all the world that “A lovely lady and a grumpy old man live here!” (The truth will out! Ed.)

The standard of prizes was only matched by the income engendered. Eddie Stanley did a fantastic job in taking £175 with his ticket sales. Well done Eddie! A Wayfairers record by about £40! You’ve got the job for life!

The raffle fund can do with this money as it supplemented our Old Thorns day by **£400**. (See elsewhere in this edition for a report from Tony on the true cost per head for the day.) The expenditure on Old Thorns prizes was also a record outlay for the fund, but thanks to Eddie a financial recovery has been made. (So it’s back to the tat again at Hassocks! Ed.) (Careful! I’ll have you selling the tickets! J.McD.)

So who will our next sales person be? Well in 10 years the rota has gone full circle, and it’s back to the beginnings again, with the finger pointing at Fearless Fred! who only has £175 to beat!

THANKS

Many thanks to all our members from John B., John McD., Barry & Tony for your gifts given to us at the end of the Old Thorns evening. Very unexpected but very much appreciated! We would like also, on behalf of all the members, to thank Mike Riddles for becoming our roving camcorder reporter, and we look forward at some time in the future to seeing the results.

THE “OPEN DRAW”

Congratulations to Jan Henshaw (in the headlines again! Ed.) for drawing Tiger Woods in our “Open” draw. Jan wins the traditional Wayfairers polo shirt for this. In 2nd place was Derek Reeves with Chris di Marco granting him a Wayfairers cap or tie. Third was Bob Histed (Ernie Els) and he went home with two Old Thorns logo balls and an Anniversary ball, while Peter Rushton had the same prizes in reverse through his player Jim Furyk. Next year it’s Carnoustie and good luck to everyone!

AND SO TO OUR NEXT MEETING

**TUESDAY 12th SEPTEMBER AT
HASSOCKS G. C.**

The Course is located on the A273 south of Burgess Hill and north of Hassocks and the telephone number is 01273 846630.

Coffee will be available from 09.15 with the first group due to tee off at 9.45. Following 18 holes there will be a 3 Course Meal at approx. 16.15.

As well as competing for the Wayfairers Trophy (current holder Jan Henshaw) this is also the day of the “Pink Ball Team” Competition which last year was won by Jan Henshaw, (that girl again! Ed.) Hans Zinke, Mike Riddles & Alan Rose. Would those who won individual “golfing clowns” for this achievement please start looking for them at home, as they are needed to be re-presented in September. Will any Team succeed in getting the ball all the way round? Last year’s result was an improvement on the year previous, but still many had failed well before the finish.

Also on this day we will be playing for the “50 Bob Set” with the Trophy going to the player who scores the highest when adding their age to their Stableford total. The current holder is Doug Wagstaff – now 80, so be warned!

Guests are welcome but reminded that they cannot win any of the main Trophies, only the wonderful “goodies” that accompany them.

As usual there will be all the other “minor” competitions and prizes galore! And what is the cost for this fabulous day out? A mere £32 which covers coffee, 18 holes, a free pink ball for every Team, a 3 Course Meal and all the aforementioned wonderful prizes. A real bargain!

Please return your slip, either stating your unavailability or enclosing your cheque to Tony Warrilow by **FRIDAY 25th AUGUST AT THE VERY LATEST PLEASE!**

PICTURES FROM OLD THORNS



The Winning Team Sue & John McD, Jan Henshaw & Mike Wilson.



The Raffle at Old Thorns was the best one yet! John Bateson invested well and this superb Commemorative Tankard was the result.



2nd Top Individual score - Peter Storey

A young 70 year old Frank Houlihan came 3rd



The 2nd Winning Team: Brian Girling, Eddie Stanley, Syd Tutton & Bill Eslor.

Right: 4 overwhelmed and very grateful guys, who appreciated very much the nice things that were said about them and the gifts that you showered upon them. All the planning and all the hard work was well worth it to see everyone enjoying themselves in a way that is the 'Wayfairers.'



Jeff Hogg with the Birdie cap - also won the Longest Drive,



Wacker...ED. won the longest Drive 19 & Over,



A distant relative, Ken Cooper got nearest the pin,



& John Horsfall was awarded the Hedgehog!

NOTICE OF AN UNOFFICIAL GATHERING AT FOXBRIDGE G.C.

Foxbridge G.C. is situated to the north west of Billingshurst, close to the village of Plaistow. The ownership of the Club has recently changed hands and they are anxious to attract Societies. We have been given an excellent offer: coffee, 18 holes and a two Course meal with choice of 3 different menus, for a total cost of £20. (A single green fee is £18 so the value of the offer is obvious.)

It is a 9 hole Course but full length and easy walking with holes cleverly laid out around several water features. Your Committee feel it is ideal for us. The atmosphere is extremely friendly. We would have made an a booking for next year, but until the changing rooms have been extended, it is not suitable for a Society of our size for showering and changing after playing.

Arrangements have been made to play on THURSDAY 5th OCTOBER on an informal basis. Coffee 9.00 Tee off 10.00 Meal at 16.00 At some point payment will be required but at the moment all I want is some idea of numbers. Could you please let me (John McD) know NOW if you are interested – phone or Email.?

Michael Rosner

We were sorry that you could not be with us at Old Thorns and know just how much you were looking forward to it. Get rid of that gout Michael! and we will see you at Hassocks.

Pairs Knockout Latest News



NOTE FROM OUR TEASURER - OLD THORNS - THE TRUE COST

Some of you may be interested in the true cost of our great day at Old Thorns. The package fee for the day (golf and meal) was £70pp, but we only charged members £55pp, giving a subsidy of £15pp. In addition the cost of items such as main prizes (£100), souvenir golf balls (£51), printing etc (£50), all of which could be directly attributable to the Old Thorns day came to £213. As you know we don't have large sums nestling in our Bank account as it is mainly an "in and out" system. But, due to the accumulation of small amounts from the prize fund of each meeting over the years, and a generous donation of £400 from the raffle (swindle - Ed) fund, we were able to cover the additional cost of £540 (£15 x 36) + £213 = £753 - which amounts to a £21pp subsidy. Well worth the money and hopefully one day we shall return - when our funds can stand it again!

Society Championship

There is a late surge in the Championship Race

Roaring into the lead with one lap to go is Eddie (the Eagle) Stanley with a total of 106 points, followed by Peter Storey on 102. This lead looks hard to catch but can anyone close the gap at Hassocks pink Ball and all??

30 & Over Club

See list of winners at Old Thorns for details. **Only 4** - Jan, Peter, Frank and Bill qualified for this elite club!

Round 2
Peter Storey/Barry Richards
Hans Zinke/Derek Reeves

Sue McDonnell/Jan Henshaw
Eddie Stanley/Peter Rushton

Bob Hinstead/Annie Hitam
Norman Lovelock/Alan Rose
(Stop Press-Annie&Bob won)

Chris Wilkes/Doug Wagstaff
David Rose/Peer Blakeley

HANDICAPS FOR Hassocks

ALLAN	29
BAILEY	31
BATESON	20
BLAKELEY	13
CATTERALL	16
CHURCH	21
COOPER, K	18
ESLOR, B	20
GIRLING	32
HARRIS, R	19
HENSHAW	33
HISTED	16
HITAM	21
HOGG	12
HORSFALL, B	35
HORSFALL, J	36
HOULIHAN	22
KNIGHT	14
LOADER	32
LOVELOCK, N	22
MARCHBANK	21
McDONNELL, J	20
McDONNELL, S	7
PEAKE	35
PESKETT	23
REEVES	31
RICHARDS	31
RIDDLES, A	25
RIDDLES, M	28
ROSE, A	30
ROSE, D	21
ROSNER, C	31
ROSNER, M	22
RUSHTON	15
SHELLEY	18
STANLEY	20
STOREY	6
TUTTON	27
WAGSTAFF	24
WARRILOW	29
WIDDOWSON	11
WILKES	7
WILLIAMS	17
WILSON	30
ZINKE	15



Right on the 1st Tee at Old Thorns John Bateson
Left The Presidents Buggy. The 'Baby' was a big bag of Jelly Babies!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2006

Unofficial Day at Foxbridge – Thursday 5th October

AGM Meeting Day at Chiddingfold - Friday 27th October

Christmas Meeting – at North Downs Tuesday 5th December 2006