

THE WAYFAIRER



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IN THE AUTUMN CUP TROPHY BILL PULLED OUT ALL THE STOPS! –

WHILE IN THE K.O. PAIRS FINAL PETER AND EDDIE WERE TOPS

A rather dull, dank but dry simultaneously play off 2 different tees. Autumn day greeted the This reduced the waiting time Wayfairers for their Annual considerably, so the putting became an General Meeting gathering. après 18 hole attraction, with this small Before the golf a well supported area becoming the focal point, packed AGM was swiftly dispatched, and with weary but cheerful bantering details of all decisions made Wayfairers. Following a most enjoyable appear further on in this edition. meal, at which the Wayfairers toasted their 12th Birthday, a lengthy prize

This was our first ever meeting to be held at Wildwood, which proved to be a long challenging Course with some tight narrow fairways, and water hazards galore! For the 34 Wayfairers and two guests who took part many struggled, and only a very low final average score of 21 pts was achieved.

There were some individual triumphs however. Bill Eslor really took to the 18 holes set before him and came in with an amazing score of 36 pts. This was a clear 5 ahead of second placed Barbara, who found the greens so easy that her putts repeatedly sunk from every angle and distance. Well done Barbara! – just as a good wine you seem to improve every year! Beware the Handicap Committee however!

The first group out had a somewhat different challenge, as not only were they playing individually for glory, but also Peter & Eddie were battling against Hans & Derek to determine who would be the Pairs K.O. Champions for 2007. A very close tussle ensued with the lead changing hands as the holes progressed. Eventually Peter & Eddie became worthy winners with a 2 and 1 victory.

A Team Putting Competition had been organised to keep players busy while waiting to tee off after the AGM, but the Management suddenly offered the opportunity to split the field and

AND SO TO THE WILDWOOD RESULTS & WINNERS

Winner of the Ron Harris Autumn Cup & Wayfairers Trophy Bill Eslor 36 pts

2nd Barbara Horsfall 31pts

3rd Dennis Shelley 30 pts c/b

4th Chris Wilkes 30 pts – off 5 Handicap!

Team Prize Bill Eslor (again! Ed), Ron Harris, Ron Bailey & Nick Widdowson

Team Putting 1st Yet again! Messrs. Eslor, Harris, Bailey & Widdowson (and they are messers! Ed)

2nd Jeff Hogg, Peter Storey, Peer Blakeley & Chris Wilkes

Nearest the Pin Nick Widdowson - who beat Sue McD by inches!

Open Longest Drive Peter Rushton - a tremendous strike!

19 & Over Longest Drive Ron Harris – see what a lay off does for you!

Birdie Cap Derek Reeves – some consolation for losing in the Final

Hedgehog Peter Storey – 12 pts going out but just one coming back! Could be something to do with a recent cataract operation however.



Captain of the Day David Williams Presents the Wayfairers Trophy to Bill Eslor

THE ANNUAL AWARDS PRESENTED ON AGM DAY

In his absence Spencer Atwell was announced as our 2007 Society Champion with a combined score of 102 for his best 3 rounds of the year.

Top Lady of 2007 Barbara Horsfall 102 pts for her best 3 rounds.

Knock Out Pairs Winners Peter Rushton & Eddie Stanley

Runners Up Derek Reeves & Hans Zinke.

And so once again a new year has begun for the Wayfairers.

THE WILDWOOD RAFFLE

With such a big turn out of members and guests the raffle takings far exceeded any other previous normal occasion, with Carl doing a most efficient salesman's job in collecting £170! (Remind me not to buy a motor bike from him! Ed) It was reported to the meeting that £182 had been taken, but this was later found to be incorrect with £170 being the true total. (No! Tony did not embezzle the extra £12 to go towards his next cruise! Ed) No raffle at our Christmas meeting, but read the Wayfairer carefully on page ? and see how you can invest £1 before playing at Limpsfield Chart, and possibly go home with a magnificent prize!

CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE ROLL UP

To be held at Holtye on Thursday 20th December All members and guests extremely welcome. Just turn up for 9am when playing groups will be sorted. Holtye members can sign in non-members at a reduced rate. This is an 18 hole competition for the Christmas Challenge Trophy currently held by Peer Blakeley. Providing you get back to the Clubhouse by 2pm there will be food available at the bar. £1 a head levy to cover prizes.

TROPHY ENGRAVING

If you have a Wayfairers Trophy that is not up to date with engraving, please bring this to our next meeting or get it to John B. as soon as possible.

AND SO TO OUR LAST MEETING OF 2007 TO BE HELD AT LIMPSFIELD CHART G.C. ON MONDAY 3rd DECEMBER

Our annual Christmas meeting is to be held at Limpsfield Chart, a venue that we have visited just once previously, this being back in mid-Summer 2004. For those who don't know the Club it is very old and well established (1889 – nearly as old as Wilson! Ed) with a small cosy Clubhouse and a very tricky, but flat and not over long, 9 hole Course laid out over National Trust common land. These features, together with the very warm welcome that is always extended, should make this an ideal venue for our seasonal gathering.

Location – It is assumed that all of our members who live to the east and south east of Limpsfield will know how to get there. For others, Limpsfield is situated right on the A25 - with the Course on either side of the road – just past Oxted. Coming from the west leave the M25 at Junction 6 and go down the A22 a short way until you come to a roundabout which is the junction with the A25. Turn left on the A25 in the direction of Oxted. You are now on the correct road. Just keep going until you come to Limpsfield Chart with part of the Course to your left and the small wooden Clubhouse on your right. Approaching from the south come up the A22 to the roundabout junction with the A25, turn right on to the A25 and follow the instructions above.

The phone number is 01883 723405 (or 722106). Post code for Sat. Nav. is RH8 0SL.

The day's programme is as follows – From 09.00 Coffee & Bacon Rolls. First Group to tee off at 09.45. At approx. 16.30 a 2 Course Christmas Meal will be served with coffee and wine It might be advisable beforehand to check out the Trolley situation, although Limpsfield last year was open when many other Courses were closed.

The Competition is an 18 hole Stableford and the winner will receive the Christmas Tankard (currently held by Alan Rose) and the Wayfairers Trophy (at present the cherished property of Bill Eslor) Another Trophy also to be contested will be Harold's Special 18th Hole Trophy (holder Peer Blakeley). The winner of this will be the player who is closest to the pin after 3 shots. This competition is particularly suitable for the 18th at Limpsfield because no matter how well the initial tee shot is hit, the 2nd to the green is completely blind. (Sounds like fun! ED)

Please note that this is the annual BRING & WIN Event. Suggested value of prizes £3 up to £5 and preferably wrapped.

The cost for the day will be a very reasonable £35 with this to include Coffee & Bacon Rolls, 18 holes, a Christmas meal with wine??? and coffee, and all competition prizes for the top places & the Team event. Please send your return slip with payment if coming to Tony by FRIDAY 16th NOVEMBER at the very latest. Limpsfield are anxious to have accurate numbers by the following Monday (19th Nov.) Should you wish to be generous and want to donate £2 to our subsidised day just be late with your payment and definitely you will have added to our funds!

If you have a "better half" that you would like to invite to the Christmas meal there is space for this on the return slip. Cost £17 to be added to your £35.

As always our Christmas Raffle won't be a raffle! This year is completely different and very much guesswork. All players will be relieved of £1 before playing (and very relieved that it is only £1! Ed). They then have to give J.McD their estimate of what the combined ages of the top 3 players of the day will be! For example if Doug Wagstaff, John Horsfall & John Loader were all playing and they finished 1, 2 & 3 their total combined age would be over 240 years! What will your guess be? Who will take the top 3 places and how old are they? Try to work it out beforehand and have your £1 ready. Should you be bringing a guest for the meal why not add to the fun and invest a £1 for them as well? There will be 3 excellent age related prizes for the best 3 guesses (probably 3 old socks! Ed) and almost certainly an unwanted booby prize (an even older unwashed sock! Ed). Here's to a big Christmas turn out! -

PICTURES FROM WILDWOOD



Team Competition Experts: Ron Harris, Bill Eslor, Nick Widdowson & Ron Bailey Winning Team & Winning Putters



What a knock out - Winners Peter Rushton & Eddie Stanley



**Left:
Congestion on the putting green!**

**Right:
Barbara - Top Lady for 2007 & 2nd in the Wayfairers Trophy**



**Left:
Derek Reeves, the winner of the Birdie Cap.**

**Right:
A Courageous winner of the Hedgehog award. Peter Storey recent recipient of a cataract operation. (Having had 2 myself All I can say is "He must have played a Blinder"!..Ed.)**



WELCOME

To two new members Robert Crompton & Kevin Stacey. We hope you enjoy a long and happy association with the Wayfairers. (And in true Wayfairers spirit we hope you both soon get your handicaps cut and keep your hands off the silverware! Ed)

The 2007 Society Championship

The Society Championship (reported on the front page) was a very close race with Spencer Atwell putting in a late spurt to win by a short head on 102 points ahead of Barbara Horsfall (Top Lady), Ken Cooper, David Williams, Chris Wilkes and Hans Zinke, all on 101 points. Spencer wins the JB Trophy and a bottle of JB Whisky but as he was not present to collect these awards we might have drunk the whisky by the time he returns."

30 and over Club at WILDWOOD

36 Bill Eslor
31 Barbara Horsfall
30 Dennis Shelley
30 Chris Wilkes

Wildwood proved too much for most of us and the Handicaps we actually played to ranged from 11 to 57! There were many blobs on the difficult stroke index 1 hole but Jeff Hogg recorded a notable par 4.

The Wayfairers Website

Having got the OK at the AGM it has been decided to go live with this edition. Congratulations to Derek Reeves for all his hours of hard work setting up the Webb Site & I hope you enjoy the Colour and Convenience of the Webbwayfairer.

Don't forget you can print it if you want to just like any other webb Page - have fun..ED

LOST, STOLEN OR STRAYED

John Bateson has to report that the Wayfairers Ron Harris Trophy has been lost/mislaid! This is an easily recognisable cup which has a lid mounted with a golfer. It should have been returned, after engraving, to Damon Pritchard at Hoebridge. If I have inadvertently passed the wrong trophy to one of you and you are proudly displaying it in your display cabinet, please return it to me. My search continues at home and overseas as I save up for its replacement. You never know there there might be a reward. (Don't hold your breath...ED.)

HANDICAPS FOR LIMPSFIELD

ALLAN	33
ATWELL	21
BAILEY	33
BATESON	24
BLAKELEY	11
CATTERALL	17
CHURCH	18
COOPER, K	17
CROMPTON	20
ESLOR, B	16
GIRLING	29
HARRIS, R	19
HENSHAW	34
HISTED	19
HITAM	21
HOGG	12
HORSFALL, B	32
HORSFALL, J	36
HOULIHAN	24
KNIGHT	12
LOADER	32
LOVELOCK N	22
McDONNELL, J	23
McDONNELL, S	10
PESKETT	21
PRITCHARD	29
REEVES	27
RICHARDS	31
RIDDLES, A	23
RIDDLES, M	32
ROSE, A	26
ROSE, D	22
ROSNER, C	28
ROSNER, M	22
RUSHTON	16
SHELLEY	18
STACEY	25
STANLEY	19
STOREY	8
WAGSTAFF	23
WARRILOW	30
WIDDOWSON	10
WILKES	4
WILLIAMS	17
WILSON	36
ZINKE	12

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO MAKE LIMPSFIELD OR THE
CHRISTMAS ROLL UP, YOUR COMMITTEE WISH YOU
A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A BLOB FREE
NEW YEAR.



WAYFAIRERS GOLFING SOCIETY

Day at Limpsfield Chart - Monday 3rd December 2007

NAME.....

Please delete below as appropriate and return to Tony Warrilow.

I am available for the above and enclose my cheque for £35

I am available for the above and wish to bring a partner for the evening meal only & enclose a cheque for £52

or Sorry but I am unavailable to play at Limpsfield Chart

Cheques made payable to 'The Wayfairers Golfing Society'

- BY Friday 16 November 2007

OR

Sorry but I am unavailable to play at Limpsfield.