

THE WAYFAIRER

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New member Robert is a bit of an upstart As he beats all the others at Limpsfield Chart

Still 3 weeks to Christmas but 33 Hole Trophy. This goes to the player Wayfairers & 3 guests began nearest to the pin in 3 shots, and was on celebrations early. Limpsfield a hole with a difficult approach to the Chart was the chosen Club for our green. It looked certain that Robert seasonal gathering. There were Crompton had won it being only inches fears as the heavens opened on the from the hole. Then Malcolm Goman day previous. (Could it be a seemed to have grabbed it, but closer repeat of last years North Downs examination showed him to be just a fiasco?). However the day dawned fraction further away than Robert. It bright and dry, and the Course looked certain to have been decided, stood up magnificently to the then, with a most amazing shot, Peer torrential soaking received just Blakeley finished up inside Robert's hours before. A wise decision by marker! This was the second year the Committee to have chosen this running that Peer claimed the Trophy, course. and to this he added the Nearest the Pin prize as well. (No wonder they call him Peerless Peer! Ed)

This was the beginning of the countdown to Christmas, but it was the countbacks that really shaped the day!

Robert Crompton & Peter Rushton, playing together, battled for first place and possession of the Christmas Tankard. They both finished with 36, but new Wayfairer Robert just edged out Peter on countback. (A new Wayfairer winning the Wayfairers Trophy! That's no way for a novice to behave! Cut him severely! Ed)

The battle for 3rd place was also a count back. Guest Malcolm Goman and Spencer Atwell, both scored 33 and with the calculator out again it was Malcolm who emerged victorious by just 1 point.

Closer still was the result of the "Guess The Age" competition when 3 countbacks had to be reckoned before prizes could be presented! – but more of this later.

The overall scoring was not fantastic. Nobody played better than their handicap, but it was better than last time out, with an average total of 26 pts being recorded.

Another close competition was the battle to win Harold's Special 18th

As dusk descended the players were joined by our non-playing President Barry and ten lovely ladies – the better halves of some very lucky Wayfairers.

Captain of the Day Bill Eslor Presents the Wayfairers Trophy to Robert Crompton



Unfortunately Jan & Mike had to go early as Jan was feeling unwell, but 45 "cracker happy" members and guests sat down to an excellent Christmas meal at which the wine flowed and there were toasts aplenty. Later loads of prizes were distributed including all the "bring & win" contributions, and everyone went home happy clutching something or somebody!

Altogether a great day!

AND SO TO THE LIMPSFIELD RESULTS & WINNERS

Winner of the Christmas Tankard & Wayfairers Trophy Robert Crompton 36 pts C/B

2nd Peter Rushton 36 pts

3rd Malcolm Goman (guest) 33 pts C/B

4th Spencer Atwell 33 pts

Team Prize Robert Crompton Peter Rushton Peter Storey & Stuart Allan

Runners Up Spencer Atwell Malcolm Goman (g) Mike Wilson & John McDonnell

Harold's Special 18th Hole Trophy Peer Blakeley – for the second year running.

Nearest the Pin Pint Peer again!

Open Longest Drive "Handy" Andy Knight

19 & Over Longest Drive "Steady" Eddie Stanley

Birdie Cap "Crafty" Carl Rosner

Hedgehog Award Ron Bailey – what a way to treat a founder life member!

THE HON SEC'S CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

All the Wayfairers were delighted to discover at Limpsfield that there was no raffle.

This had been replaced however by our evil Secretary with a guessing competition that had members and guests trying to calculate what the combined ages of the top 3 players of the day

THE HON SEC'S CHRISTMAS COMPETITION ..cont.

the day would be. Guesses ranged from as low as 160 (average age of winners – 53) up to 242 (an average age of 81!)

The correct total was 185, but this was only hours away from being 186 as one of the golf winners, Peter Rushton was celebrating his birthday next day! (Belated Happy Birthday Peter) Poor Carl missed out on being the Competition winner with his guess of 186 by just a few hours. Never mind Carl, the honour of the Birdie Cap made up for it!

So who did win? There were in fact 4 correct guesses so this was where count back reared its ugly head again. The rule was that in the event of a tie the score that each player had recorded whilst playing golf that day would be the deciding factor.

Determining the overall winner was easy. Peter Storey had 24 pts which no one else could match, so he took home the award winning 10 year old port. The other 3 concerned however all had the same score – 21 pts! and so the dreaded countback began again. Ken Cooper completed the back 9 in 13 which gave him the 2nd prize of a litre of 8 years old Bells Whisky. This beat Derek Reeves by one point, putting him into 3rd place to win a 2 year old vintage wine. But what about the very unfortunate 4th person who had been so close, but with no prize to come? This was meal guest Sylvia Warrilow who had to rely on husband Tony's back 9. Poor Tony had only recorded 11pts, one less than Derek. After a great deal of rummaging around eventually a prize was found for Sylvia & Tony. This was a most ornate and magnificent Father Christmas Snow Globe complete with a wind up musical key. The happy couple were enraptured, not knowing it had been brought back in January last year by a very dissatisfied Wayfairer, who claimed that even his very youngest and most undiscerning grandchild had rejected it!

The proceedings ended with a very pleased Stuart Allan being given some smelly cheese for making the worst guess of the day. He wasn't quite so pleased to be informed however that the cheese was up to its sell by date!

GATTON MANOR MEETING ON TUESDAY 25th MARCH 2008

As this is our second visit to this venue and we had a very good turn out last year it is assumed that most members will know how to get there. Please contact John McD. if you do need directions. For those with Sat Nav. the post code is RH5 5PQ the web site is www.gattonmanor.co.uk & telephone 01306 627555. Coffee & Bacon rolls will be available from 09.15 with the first playing group out at 10.04. We will be playing for the John Peake Spring Cup (current holder Audrey Riddles) and the Wayfairers Trophy (currently in the possession of Robert Crompton)

There will as usual be a Team event and all the other minor competitions. The raffle will be back to normal with a multitude of amazingly original and highly expensive prizes. If you want to buy your tickets now you can do so, and avoid the mad rush on the day. The die has been cast and the ticket salesman nominated, and the chosen one is Hans Zinke! Congratulations Hans, we can see you smiling as you read this!

A memo in advance. Very often you can obtain snacks on the Course so remember to have some money in your golf bag. You order what you require from the nearby hut before playing the short par 3 10th, and collect your order before teeing off down the 11th. We can check that this facility will be available before playing. A two course meal with coffee is booked for 17.00

A further memo is that this is the day after Easter Monday, with Easter being just about as early as it possibly can be. This is mentioned in case anyone is planning to go away at Easter without realising how close it is to our Gatton day.

PAYMENT Total cost for coffee & bacon rolls, 18 holes, a 2 Course meal with coffee plus all the prizes is £33 (exactly the same as last year). Please send the return slip, with payment if playing, to Tony by MONDAY 21st JANUARY at the very latest. The return slip is a little complicated because if you plan to join us at Mannings Heath on our subsidised day (Monday 28th July) we need a £10 deposit per head at the same time as the Gatton return. This means a £43 cheque if attending both days, a cheque for £33 if only coming to Gatton, and a £10 deposit payment if playing at Mannings Heath but not at Gatton. The balance of the money for Mannings Heath will be required in early July. Please be prompt with your payment or else donate £2 to our subsidised day! **IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Guests are welcome at Gatton Manor and can pay now but at this stage **do not send any deposit money for guests at Mannings Heath in July as the guest situation has yet to be clarified.**

SOME OTHER MEETING DETAILS

****Foxbridge G.C. Monday 18th February.** Coffee from 09.15. Play starts 10.00 A 2 Course Meal after golf. Cost £21. A £5 deposit is payable to John McD. now, the balance will be required in late January. £1 a head prizes on the day.

****Mannings Heath G.C. This is our chosen venue for our specially subsidised day on Monday 28th July.** Playing the Kingfisher Course the programme will be coffee & bacon rolls, followed by a leisurely 18 holes with a 3 Course Meal including wine to be served in our own private oak panelled room. The cost for members is being subsidised by over 25%, with the final amount to pay for the whole day being just £38 a head. The bargain of the year! If you are available please note that a £10 deposit per head is required by MONDAY 21st JANUARY together with your return slip for Gatton Manor.

SORTING OUT THE TERMINOLOGY

As Secretary I have never been very happy with the terminology of our two different types of gatherings, although I was the one responsible for this distinction. By terming one as "unofficial" we make our main meetings sound very serious and pompous – something that they definitely are not. From now on the suggestion is to change the title of the unofficial days to "Casual Meetings" and leave it at that. For those still not quite sure of how they differ, a "Casual Meeting" is one where money does not go through the Society's books, no Wayfairers Trophies are played for, there is no other fund raising apart from a levy for prizes and meals are taken in casual wear. Handicaps are not affected by the results (unless Eddie Stanley wins again! Ed) and often players are given the choice of choosing their Club or Society handicap.

PICTURES FROM LIMPSFIELD



Team Competition Winners: Peter Rushton (also 2nd overall), Peter Storey, Stuart Allan & Robert Crompton



Team Runners up: Bill Eslor, (standing in for Mike Wilson), Malcolm Goman (reunited with the Wayfairers after an absence of - too long ago & also 3rd overall), I.N.W.A. John McDonnell & Spencer Atwell also 4th overall.



LEFT

**Winner of
Harold's '18th
Hole Trophy'**

& also

**the 'Nearest the
Pin Pint'**

Peer Blakeley,...



**Left
19 & Over
Longest Drive
winner-**

**The one and
only Eddie
Stanley**



**Winner of the Birdie Cap Carl
Rosner
(Suits Him!)**



Left:

**Hedgehog Award
Winner Ron
Bailey clutching
all the equipment
to maintain the
Hedgehog, (and
himself) until the
next Wayfairers
outing!!**



**Andy Knight who won the
Open Longest Drive**



**Barbara - our
Top Lady for
2007**



**Wayfairers & their ladies waiting for Christmas
Dinner**



FUTURE PROGRAMME (up until the end of October 2008)

(** indicates that additional details are given in this edition.)

** Monday 18th February Foxbridge G.C - a Casual Meeting

** Tuesday 25th March Gatton Manor Spring Cup Day

Sometime mid-April date to be announced a Casual Meeting at Horne Park

Tuesday 6th May Holtye G.C. all day Texas Scramble pm. **To Be Confirmed.**

Tuesday 17th June Foxbridge G. C. late am. meeting Two Ronnies Pairs Trophy

** Monday 28th July Mannings Heath, Subsidised Day, President's Team Trophy

Tuesday 9th September Hassocks G.C. Pink Ball Day

Friday 24th October Clandon Regis G.C. AGM Day

30 and over Club at Limpsfield

36 Robert Crompton, Peter Rushton

33 Spencer Atwell, Malcolm Goman

32 John McDonnell, Alan Rose, and Kevin Stacey

Society Championship

Early days, but after two meetings Bill Eslor leads the way on 63 points, followed by Chris Wilkes on 61, and Robert Crompton on 59.

SYD'S BACK IN THE FRAME - THE SAME OLD STORY ONCE AGAIN HE ROLLS UP TO REVEL IN GLORY

The recent Annual Christmas Roll Up attracted a large number of both Wayfairers & guests, with a total of 22 players taking part. One of these was "Hissing" Syd Tutton, who despite no longer being a member, does enjoy turning up on the odd occasion to walk off with all the silverware! That's the second time this year Syd! (Behave yourself! Ed). The very high turnout was quite amazing considering the fact that during the night before, the temperature plummeted down to minus 6! Holtye was indeed a winter wonderland, as the many multi coloured golf balls slipped, skidded and bounced through and over the greens, only to finish up inevitably either out of bounds or in a frozen bunker! However the sun came out, the air was invigorating and a great time was had by all. Final note. If you are intending to play next year remember – Don't tell Syd!

Results: Winner of John B's Roll Up Trophy Syd Tutton 32 pts on c/b from John B. who nearly won his own trophy. 3rd was Peter Storey with 30pts and this also was a c/b win from Peer Blakeley. Peer featured again among the prize winners with the longest drive, while guest Di Botham took the Nearest the Pin award. Controversy arose over the shortest drive result but eventually the winner was declared to be Peter Rushton.. At the other end of the field David Rose narrowly won the Hedgehog with 17 pts on c/b from Alan Rose. (You could say they both rose to the occasion! Ouch! Ed).

THE HEADLINE COMPETITION

The winning headline in this exciting competition is proudly displayed on the front page, and the winner is that literary genius Tony Warrilow. Well done Tony! You win the prize of a free copy of the Wayfairer plus a vintage and much travelled bottle of 2005 Dormansland Red. (Aren't you the lucky one! Ed) Other entries were as follows – From John B. we had **"Christmas came early for our latest new member, As Robert pips Peter on a day to remember!"** Verdict? Not bad John but don't give up the day job! Next was this entry from Ken Cooper who followed the rules of the competition meticulously! **"Santa's goodies came early for Allan, Rushton, Crompton & Storey, As they "sleigh" Limpsfield Golf Course"** Verdict? Don't contact us Ken, we'll contact you! And finally the one that should have been the winner – **"On the countdown to Christmas the countbacks mount up, As Robert Crompton beats Peter to take home the cup!"** This was entered under the name of Mike Wilson and unanimously declared the winner until the panel discovered that Mike Wilson was a "ghost" name for our poetical Secretary. An immediate red card was issued! Sorry Mike!

Current Membership Waiting List 1 Malcolm Goman 2 Stuart Saunders 3 Tony Roche

HANDICAPS FOR Gatton Manor

ALLAN	33
ATWELL	19
BAILEY	34
BATESON	24
BLAKELEY	11
CATTERALL	17
CHURCH	18
COOPER, K	18
CROMPTON	17
ESLOR, B	16
GIRLING	29
HARRIS, R	19
HENSHAW	35
HISTED	20
HITAM	21
HOGG	12
HORSFALL, B	32
HORSFALL, J	36
HOULIHAN	24
KNIGHT	12
LOADER	32
LOVELOCK N	22
McDONNELL, J	22
McDONNELL, S	10
PESKETT	21
PRITCHARD	29
REEVES	28
RICHARDS	31
RIDDLES, A	23
RIDDLES, M	33
ROSE, A	25
ROSE, D	22
ROSNER, C	28
ROSNER, M	22
RUSHTON	14
SHELLEY	18
STACEY	24
STANLEY	19
STOREY	8
WAGSTAFF	23
WARRILOW	31
WILKES	4
WILLIAMS	17
WILSON	36
ZINKE	12



WAYFAIRERS GOLFING SOCIETY

Day at GATTON MANOR - Tuesday 25th March 2008

NAME.....

Please delete or tick below as appropriate.

I am available for the above and enclose my cheque for (£33 made payable to:- The Wayfairers Golfing Society) OR Sorry but I am unavailable to play at Gatton Manor but

I wish to attend the subsidised Meeting at Mannings Heath on 28th July 2008

and enclose a deposit of £10.

(Note £43 total if attending Gatton Manor and Mannings Heath)

(£10, if attending Mannings Heath Only)

All to be paid to Tony Warrilow by by Monday 21st January 2008.

