

THE WAYFAIRER

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JUBILANT JAN SHOWED THE REST HOW TO PLAY - AS SPRING SPRANG AT GATTON ON SPRING CUP MEETING DAY!

The Wayfairers 3rd annual visit to Gatton Manor coincided with a glorious Spring day much enjoyed by 38 members and 3 guests, as they all joined in battle to compete for the John Peake Spring Cup.

The Course was in excellent condition, although the steeply contoured greens gave much cause for alarm! Be positioned just inches above the hole, but miss it at as your putt trickled past, and then watch your ball pick up speed as it continued to roll and finish some 20 or 30 feet down the slope - the devastating experience of so many! This factor, combined with very tight lies on the short mown fairways, gave an end result of some very low scoring. Out of 41 players, only 6 recorded 30 or more, with 14 all coming in with less than 20pts! The average score of the day was just 22pts - very close to an all time low! Never in the history of the Wayfairers have so many players come in off the Course in the certain knowledge that they have won the Hedgehog, only to find that their hopes have been dashed!

In top place on the final results sheet was the smallest player in the field - effervescent Jan Henshaw, who somehow mastered most of the difficulties to come in with a most creditable score of 36pts - including 4 blobs! One of the raffle prizes was a donated pair of secateurs - most useful to cut that handicap of yours Jan! In second place, just 2pts behind was Mike Colenutt. Mike hasn't been a member for long (and his current handicap won't last much longer either! Ed).

Andy Knight was another star of the day showing both brain & brawn! Against some very stiff opposition he was the winner of the Open Longest Drive, and then he proved the delicacy of his shots by winning Harold's 18th Hole Trophy - nearest the pin in 3.

The Team Prize (4 superb vintage bottles of wine) was won very narrowly by just one point thanks to the combined skill of Jan, Spencer, Malcolm and his guest son Richard who squeezed out Chris, Jeff, Frank & Peter Storey into second place - for which there was no prize - just glory (and recriminations! Ed)

At the meal President Barry was welcomed back after a very long enforced absence, and John B. was sent everyone's best wishes for a speedy recovery for his return to the first tee. Having consumed their hospitality both before and during the meal, everyone was in good voice to wish Mike Riddles a very belated happy 80th birthday, and to congratulate Dennis Shelley on his recent rise to the elevated status of State Pensioner!

And so ended a truly pleasant Spring day.

GATTON MANOR RESULTS

Winner of the Spring Cup and Wayfairers Trophy - JAN HENSHAW 36 pts

2nd Place - MIKE COLENUUTT 34 pts 3rd Place - MALCOLM GOMAN 31 pts c/b

4th Place - JEFF HOGG 31 pts

Team Prize 1st - JAN HENSHAW, SPENCER ATWELL, MALCOLM GOMAN & RICHARD GOMAN (G) 79pts

Harold's 18th Hole Trophy (Nearest the Pin in 3 on 18th) - ANDY (Twice Nightly) KNIGHT

Nearest the Pin - ROBERT (Deadeye) CROMPTON Open Longest Drive - ANDY (I Love Mothers Day) Knight

19 and Over LD - DAMON (You're The Man!) PRITCHARD

Birdie Cap - (Storming) NORMAN LOVELOCK Hedge Hog - (Fearless - but Pointless!) FRED CATTERALL

AND SO OUR NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD AT CRANLEIGH GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB ON TUESDAY 5th MAY

For many years our early May gathering has been held at Holtye, but as Holtye is probably the best Course that we visit for remaining open in severe weather conditions, this venue has now been booked for our Christmas meeting on Friday 11th December. Holtye in May also used to be the only gathering at which we played more than 18 holes, but by a majority vote a limit of 18 holes only was agreed at our last AGM.

So 18 holes it is at Cranleigh G.C. - a venue that will be new to many, but has been visited by the Wayfairers in March 1997 and again in March 2004. Due to circumstances beyond our control the day will be slightly different to usual. Currently Cranleigh is undergoing a £3 million renovation to its beautiful but very ancient timbered Clubhouse. Because of this all facilities are somewhat limited and in portakabins. The 18 hole Golf Course however appeared to be in excellent condition when a brief visit was made recently. Any member wanting a reduced rate voucher (£17 not £20) for a preliminary visit to Cranleigh before our day please contact John McD.

The programme is to gather on Tuesday 5th May from 09.10 for coffee & biscuits. These will be served in a portakabin, so if everyone arrives at once, it should be very friendly! We have 2 tees booked, with some playing groups starting on the 14th at 09.50 and the remainder on the 1st at 10.00.

Following the golf it is entirely up to members whether or not they wish to shower and change. Adjacent portakabins do have showering and changing facilities.

Doubtless you will be pleased to learn that dinner is not in a portakabin! When players are ready they return to their cars and drive to the Bulls Head at nearby Ewhurst which is about one mile from the Golf Club. This is a very pleasant friendly pub with a lovely garden. In the pub we have our own private dining room complete with bar for our exclusive use. A 2 Course meal with coffee will be served at approx. 5.15pm. followed by the usual prize giving.

And what is the price for all this? **PAYMENT** Total cost for coffee & biscuits, 18 holes. a 2 Course meal with coffee plus all prizes is just £34. A real bargain for this time of the year. Also at no extra cost, before dinner and in the garden Treasurer Tony will entertain all with a masterful display of the ancient art of falconry! Not to be missed! Please send the return slip with payment if playing or not to Tony by **SATURDAY 18th APRIL AT THE VERY LATEST**.

COMPETITIONS At Cranleigh we will as always be playing individually for the Wayfairers Trophy (now held by Jan Henshaw). As we have no other Trophy to go with this which can be played for annually, Peer Blakeley has very kindly and generously rectified this situation. At Gatton Manor he produced a beautiful silver salver which has been engraved as "Peer's Plate". This will go to the winner of our May Competition every year to be held for 12 months. Also for this inaugural competition, Peer has donated an excellent commemorative clock which the first winner of his salver will get to keep. A lovely prize Peer, and many thanks from all of us for this most generous gesture. Also at Cranleigh there will be the usual Team Competition plus all the other varied contests of golfing skill (or luck! Ed)

CONTACT Cranleigh G.C. Tel. 01483 268855 Post Code GU6 7NG

DIRECTIONS to Cranleigh G.C. There are many varying routes but all a little complicated. Probably the majority of our members will be travelling from an easterly direction. For them get on to the A281 (Horsham to Guildford road) at Broadbridge Heath. Go along the A281 and come off at the roundabout joining up with the A29 heading north up to Dorking. Proceed up the A29, but within a very short distance from the roundabout take the very first turn off to the left (possibly signposted Ewhurst? Ewhurst Green? Walliswood? or even Cranleigh? Whatever it reads, take this first left turn from off the A29. Follow this country road all the way up to Ewhurst Green, easily identifiable from the big green on the right with a cricket square in the middle. Continue on until arriving at a T junction on a bend. The pub where we will be eating later (The Bull's Head at Ewhurst) is off to the right, but turn left at this junction and follow the road until you come to a road leading off to the right signposted Shere & Albury. Turn right, keep going and Cranleigh G.C. will appear on your right.

For those travelling from the north, from Shalford (south of Guildford) take the B2128 down through Wonerish & Shamley Green. Look for a small turn off to the left called Smithwood Common Road and go down this until it joins up with Amlets Lane on the left. Go up Amlets Lane and at the T junction turn left and Cranleigh G.C. is immediately on your right.

Bonne chance et Bon Voyage!

THE GATTON RAFFLE Many thanks to Liz & Mike for doing a truly excellent job in taking £167 as the proceeds for our Gatton Raffle. £25 of this is immediately earmarked to add to our McMillan Nurses Cancer Relief Charity Fund. This would seem a good time to remind all members that donated prizes will be requested for our Charity Raffle at Hoebridge on Monday 20th July. A couple have already been gifted for which many thanks. You might like to plan ahead as to what you would like to give, but please don't pass anything on for the moment, as the McDonnell house is bursting at the seams with Wayfairers bit & pieces!

Our next raffle which will also add £25 to the Charity Fund will be at Cranleigh, and this time we are asking Tony Roche to become or ticket salesman extraordinaire! Hope you can make it Tony and thanks in advance!

PICTURES FROM GATTON MANOR



*Winner of Harold's Trophy and
Open Longest Drive
Andy Knight*



*Team Winners
Jan Henshaw, Spencer Atwell
Malcolm & Richard Goman*



*Winner of Nearest the Pin
Robert Crompton*



*2nd Place
Mike Colenutt*



*Winner of the Wayfairers Trophy &
John Peake Spring Cup
Jan Henshaw*



*3rd Place
Malcolm Goman*



*Winner of the Hedge Hog
Fred Catterall*



*Winner of the Birdie Cap
Norman Lovelock
(But No Bottle Ed!)*



*Winner of the 19 and Over
Longest Drive
Damon Pritchard*

FUTURE PROGRAMME (up until the end of 2009)

Friday 17th April Casual Day at Horne Park
Tuesday 5th May at Cranleigh (Peer's Plate Day)
Monday 15th June at Foxbridge (Two Ronnies Trophy pm)
Monday 20th July at Hoebridge (Charity Day & President's Trophy)
August "Casual Day" at Villa Farm (Age Related Day)
Tuesday 15th September at Hassocks (Pink Ball Day)
Friday 23rd October AGM Day at Clandon Regis
Friday 11th December at Holtys (Team Texas Scramble)
Christmas Roll Up at Holtys (Date to be Announced)

HANDICAPS FOR CRANLEIGH

ATWELL	21
BAILEY	36
BATESON	20
BLAKELEY	8
CATTERALL	23
CHURCH	20
COLENUTT L	32
COLENUTT M	27
COOPER K	17
CROMPTON	17
CUNNINGTON	31
ESLOR	16
GIRLING	28
GOMAN	14
HARRIS	19
HENSHAW	28
HISTED	17
HITAM	22
HOGG	9
HORSFALL. B	36
HORSFALL. J	36
HOULIHAN	20
KNIGHT	9
LOVELOCK	22
MCDONNELL. J	23
MCDONNELL. S	10
PRITCHARD	28
REEVES	26
RICHARDS	31
RIDDLES. A	23
RIDDLES. M	34
ROCHE	21
ROSE. A	28
ROSE. D	22
ROSNER. C	28
RUSHTON	17
SANDS	34
SAUNDERS	18
SHELLEY	19
STACEY	26
STANLEY	17
STOREY	8
WAGSTAFF	25
WARRILOW	34
WILKES	3
WILLIAMS	19
WILSON	36
ZINKE	12

SOCIETY CHAMPIONSHIP

With Lingfield being cancelled, as far as the Society Championship goes it is too early to read much into the current leaderboard. However top of this is Jeff Hogg on 60pts, followed by Malcolm Goman on 57pts with Jan on 54pts. Cranleigh could change all this!

Watch this space!

GATTON MANOR

30 and over Club

36pts Jan Henshaw

34pts Mike Colenutt

31pts Malcolm Goman, Jeff Hogg

30pts Chris Wilkes, Val Ward (G)



4th Place Jeff Hogg
Back Page Again Jeff!!

Some Truisms From Treasurer Tony

As well as being a terrific Treasurer, Tony is also something of a golf philosopher as well. Here are just a couple of his many extremely profound observations.

- 1) A ball you can see in the rough 50 yards away is not yours!
- 2) It's surprisingly easy to hole a fifty foot putt - for a 10 on that hole! More in the next edition.

HORNE PARK FRI DAY 17th APRIL

Currently we have 30 potential players for this "Casual" Meeting Day which is a maximum number.

Anyone who has not paid the outstanding balance of £20 please let John McD have this A.S.A.P. (Cheques to John McDonnell). First tee off 10am with all further details to be emailed nearer the time or be confirmed personally to those without this facility.

WAYFAIRERS PAIRS KNOCK OUT COMPETITION

As a reminder the draw for this is being published again in this edition. As can be seen from this only one game has been played and the deadline date for completion of the first round is soon approaching!

When matches have been completed please inform John B of the result a.s.a.p.

WAYFAIRERS K.O. CUP 2008/09

DRAW & RULES BELOW.

(Current Holders Peter Rushton & Eddie Stanley)

ROUND 1 TO BE PLAYED BY THE END OF MARCH 2009	QUARTER FINALS TO BE PLAYED BY THE END OF JUNE 2009	SEMI FINALS TO BE PLAYED BY THE END OF AUGUST 2009	FINAL TO BE PLAYED BEFORE THE OCTOBER AGM
Annie Hitam & Bob Histed v Hans Zinke & Derek Reeves			
Audrey Riddles & Fred Catterall v Peter Rushton & Eddie Stanley			
Spencer Atwell & John Bateson v Malcolm Goman & Tony Roche	Malcolm Goman & Tony Roche v Ken Cooper & Tony Warrilow		
Ken Cooper & Tony Warrilow v Bye			
R. Crompton & J. Cunnington v Mike Wilson & John McDonnell			
Chris Wilkes & Doug Wagstaff v Carl Rosner & Andy Knight			
Liz & Mike Colenutt v Norman Lovelock & Alan Rose	Liz & Mike Colenutt v		
Sue McDonnell & Jan Henshaw v Bill Eslor & Brian Girling			

Rules.

Any handicap adjustments are to be made as the Competition proceeds. Current Wayfairers Handicaps at the time of playing will be on the website and in the latest editions of the Wayfairer. Any queries regarding handicaps please refer to John Bateson (01342 832602).

The competitions are to be played at a mutually agreed venue on a match play basis. Where one or more players are members of the chosen club all Green Fees are equally divided. Failure to meet any deadline will result in the Match Co-ordinator deciding the winners by the toss of a coin.

Ladies to play off ladies tees and play to ladies card and stroke index. On completion of each match the winning team are requested to notify the result promptly to John Bateson who, when he knows, will inform them who their opponents are in the next round. Also the current situation will be constantly updated on the website.

HANDICAPPING - a reminder. The lowest handicap player plays off scratch and the other players receives strokes on the basis of 3/4 of the difference between their handicaps and the lowest handicap - strokes to be taken at the appropriate stroke index holes

This draw was made on 28th October 2008 by John Bateson, John McDonnell & Sue McDonnell

WAYFAIRERS GOLFING SOCIETY

Day at Cranleigh – Tuesday 5th May 2009

Name.....

Please tick below as appropriate.

☐ I am available for the above Fee £34

☐ I would like to bring a guest (name + h/cap) Fee £34 – Name Handicap

☐ Not available for Cranleigh

This slip & applicable cheque for the relevant amount (excluding playing guest fee),
made out to:

“The Wayfairers Golfing Society” must be forwarded to:

Tony Warrilow, 16 Orchard Way, Shirley, CR0 7NG.

Tel: 02087777346

BY SATURDAY 18th April

N.B. 1) Unless advised previously, it is expected that members and their guests remain
until after the competition prizes have been awarded.

2) Members wishing to bring playing guests will be advised if a vacancy exists after
the deadline date. Payment must be received at least 7 days before the meeting.