

THE WAYFAIRER



The Wayfairers Golf Society Issue 8

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The Wayfairers are Back! -and Gillen Leads the Pack!

After the hibernating winter months of January and February the Wayfairers sprang back to life again, appropriately on a lovely March Spring day, at a new venue - Chipstead Golf Club. Old friendships and old rivalries were renewed as 28 Wayfairers and 8 guests gathered in the clubhouse for coffee prior to teeing up for serious battle!

As the results came in it became difficult to estimate if it was the course that won or whether the Wayfairers were the ultimate victors. The average score was 31 points, but 4 players did improve their handicaps. Needless to say the Handicap Committee will deal with this foolish quartet in an appropriate manner!

The winner with an excellent score of 38 points was **David Gillen**, but we are not quite sure whether or not he was handicapped, or whether he benefited, by the fact that one of his partners - guest **Fred Evans** - was suddenly summoned to a business meeting in London - reducing his playing group to 2 players instead of 3!

Three Wayfairers fought an exciting battle for 2nd place by all scoring 37 points, with the eventual winner on count back of this trio being last year's Spring Cup winner Mike Church.

The majority of the day's golf passed without incident, except for the inevitable groans as players missed putts from mere inches, but special mention must be made of the Editor who thought that his other

two team members were so influenced by 'Toy Story' that he nick named one 'Woody' (Every time he took a tee shot he hit a tree) and 'Buzz Lightyear' (who hit his ball - To Eternity and Beyond - beyond the fairway and into the rough!). Also **John Loader** who having arrived just as the first jugs of coffee had been emptied, ordered more and then proceeded to knock the whole lot off the table - splattering the waitress, flooding the floor and scalding the cat! He was of course a very worthy winner of the 'Plonker Cap'!



THE FULL RESULTS

1st Winner of the 'John Peake Spring Cup' and the 'Wayfairers Trophy' - **David Gillen** 38 points.

2nd **Mike Church** 37 points (C/B)

3rd **Ian Gordon** 37 points (C/B)

4th **Stafford Smith** 37 points (C/B)

Alliance Stableford Team Winners

Alistair Bateson, David Mills & Mike Church 84 points just edging out **Stafford Smith, David Rose** and **Jeff Hogg** 83 points.

Longest Drive Dram

Nick Widdowson.

Nearest the Pin Pint

Malcolm Goman.

Birdie Cup

Peter Storey

Plonker Cap

John Loader

Hedgehog Award

Harry Mills

THE RAFFLE

Major expenditure on 150 new Wayfairer Golf balls plus a build up of stock of future prizes reduced the money in hand prior to our Chipstead day to a mere £1.20!

Syd Tutton however did a great job of selling tickets, and we are now back up to a much healthier sum of £52.20 in the Fund with a good supply of 'paid for' prizes in stock

WAYFAIRERS MILLENIUM GOLFING BREAKS

ETRETAT FRANCE

MAY 2000

This has now been organised but has worked out differently to what was originally envisaged. The idea appealed strongly to some Wayfairers 'other halves' and has now become very much a 'Couples' 4 day break. The very keen and very fit golfers in the group will in the main be attempting to play golf for every moment of daylight hours - but others are combining golf with some local sightseeing, the highlight being a visit to the famous 'Monet's Gardens'. There are ten in the party Mike & Audrey Riddles, Barry & Elisabeth Richards, John & Sue McDonnell, Mike Wilson and fiancée Jan and finally Fred Caterall and John Peake who we hasten to add are in no way related - and hope to remain that way! Bon voyage to this little group of Wayfaring ambassadors who are entrusted to return with some wine and other French delicacies for our prize table!

Odds & Divots

ANOTHER AMAZING SHOT

We've had a Hole in One but at Chipstead we had a net Zero! David Mills scored a birdie on a par three at which he got 2 strokes - the result a net 0. 5 Stableford points on one hole - no wonder he was in the winning team!

We would like to make an earnest plea to all Trophy holders to PLEASE bring them back at the appropriate time so that they can be re-presented. The Wayfairers Trophy, Birdie Cap, Hedgehog Award, the Longest Drive Dram, and the Nearest the Pin Pint are awarded at each

WENSUM VALLEY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB NORWICH

Plans are still being made for this suggested short break. Originally it was envisaged as being an early Autumn Venture but a saving of some £20 per head could be made by going for the first couple of nights in November. The fact that the daylight hours will have been reduced by then wouldn't really matter, as we could still play golf up to 5pm and there is more than enough to do in the evening with the swimming pool, spa bath, sauna, snooker, pool, darts, etc., Mike Wilson might even buy you a drink! (although goodness knows what you would have to do for him in return. Ed.).

When final arrangements have been made regarding the timing and costing, full details will be presented in the following edition of the Wayfairer. In the meantime if interested you might like to pencil in November 1st, 2nd, 3rd 2000 in your diary.

fixture and have to be passed on to someone else. If not returned the new winner does not enjoy the pleasure you got when you won it. If you are not able to attend the next Wayfairers outing please get someone else to bring it back for you or you may win a special trophy - the Plonker Cap!

Clothing

Have a look through the catalogue at Dorking, or call or Fax on 01342 836430.

Just some of the many items available -

Acrylic V Neck Sweaters in Bottle, Navy, Royal Blue, Burgundy, Black.

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It is now exactly a year since the 'Wayfairer' publication took on its new shape complete with newspaper layout. Photographs, Maps and even Cartoons! It is very much a team effort between John B., John McD. and Barry R. but the two Johns would like to thank Barry for the tremendous work he has put in to make this unique publication such a success! The two of us would be completely lost without the vast array of technical equipment that Barry has at our disposal - and of course he knows something that we don't - how to use it all!

So thank you Barry not only for your time and all your efforts (plus substantial financial savings!) on behalf of all the Wayfairers - but also for the coffee and doughnuts you provide every time we have an editing and publishing session! We feel sure that these thanks are echoed by all your fellow Wayfairers

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plus 156 Wayfairer Balls. Thank you Syd. Thanks must also go to Mike Morgan-Rowe for volunteering to be our ticket salesman at the next meeting.



John McDonnell and guests Peter Waygood and Brian Girling seem quite cheerful on the 18th despite their 69 points!



Not looking quite so cheerful Mike Church, David Mills and Alistair Bateson who won the team Stableford Prize!



And so to our next meeting

DORKING GOLF CLUB

TUESDAY 9TH MAY

Our 5th Annual Golf Fun Day to be held at a new venue for us - DORKING GOLF CLUB. The club celebrated its centenary in 1997 and was designed in its present layout by the famous Golf Architect and Open Champion - James Braid. (Ian Templar can probably remember him. Ed.). Although only 9 holes and not incredibly long at a total of 5163 yards (Shillingee is 5032) beware it is extremely hilly! Because of this we have changed our programme for the morning to 9 holes singles (to find our way round and test the vertigo) - and an 18 hole Team Texas Scramble in the afternoon; an easy format which gives plenty of time to catch ones breath!

The practice putting green outside the Clubhouse is also on a severe slope and should give an interesting challenge for a lunchtime putting competition - without any strings attached!

TIMINGS

9.15 Coffee

10.00 9 Holes Individual Competition

12.00 - 13.30 Staggered Lunch (Ploughman's) Putting Competition during lunchtime - play before, during or after eating.

13.30 Team Texas Scramble

19.15 (approx) Evening 3 Course Meal followed by the Raffle Draw and Prize Giving.

COST FOR THE DAY

For 27 holes of golf, coffee on arrival, ploughman's lunch, 3 course evening meal and prizes only £32.00.

Winners of the Texas Scramble will be awarded our special Trophy for this (currently held by Ron Mason, Ron Harris, Mike Morgan Rowe and Dennis Shelley). The winner of the morning 9 Hole Competition will receive the Wayfairer Trophy.

HOW TO GET THERE

The Golf Club is situated on the left hand side of the A24 going South from the junction (roundabout) where the A25 meets the A24. It is a narrow entrance which you come on fairly suddenly. Look out for the Golf Club Notice Board which has a logo of a Cockerel and be prepared to go straight away uphill on a single track! The phone number is 01306 886917

REPLIES

Please complete the availability slip enclosed and return to John Bateson by **SATURDAY 15TH APRIL** at the latest. Enclose the full payment please if playing.

FURTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 29th June - Reigate Heath (2 Ronnies Pairs Trophy P.M.).

No venue or date has been fixed as yet for our July gathering when we compete in Teams (Treasurer v Secretary). As soon as arranged members will be informed. (Watch this space).



We can all have one of those days!

WAYFAIRER 2000 PAIRS KNOCK-OUT

PRELIMINARY ROUND 1	ROUND 2	ROUND 3	ROUND 4
<p>1. Mike Riddles 27/ John Horsfall 27</p> <p>2. Audrey Riddles 20/ Fred Catterall 22</p> <p>3. David Gillen 17/ Chris Wilkes 9</p> <p>4. Peter Rushton 18/ Ron Mason 15</p>	<p>5. John Bateson 21/ Nick Widdowson 15</p> <p>6. Frank Hoolihan 24/ Ian Gordon 20</p> <p>7. John McDonnell 19/ Mike Wilson 27</p> <p>8. Stafford Smith 30/ Ron Bailey 31</p> <p>9. Peter Storey 8/ Barry Richards 24</p> <p>10. Jeff Hogg 14/ Dennis Shelley 25</p>		
<p>TO BE PLAYED BY THE 8TH MAY</p> <p>HANDICAPS AS AT 1ST APRIL - ADJUSTMENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED AS THE COMPETITION PROCEEDS.</p>	<p>TO BE PLAYED BY THE 10TH JULY</p>	<p>TO BE PLAYED BY THE 11TH SEPTEMBER</p>	<p>TO BE PLAYED BY THE 23RD OCTOBER</p> <p>WINNERS</p>

A REMINDER OF HOW THE BETTER BALL MATCH PLAY COMPETITION IS RUN

The competitions are played on a mutually agreed venue on a match play basis. Where one or more are members of the chosen club all Green Fees are equally divided. Details and vouchers for '2 for 1' courses can be obtained from John McDonnell (01342 833747).

Wayfairers handicaps current at the time of playing are to be used and confirmation of handicaps can be obtained from John Bateson (01342 832602). Handicaps at 1st April are shown above. On completion of each match the results to be notified promptly to John Bateson by the winning Team who, when it has been decided, will be told who they are playing in the next round.

HANDICAPPING SYSTEM

Just a reminder - the lowest handicap player plays off scratch and the other players receive 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.

The winners of this competition receive at the A.G.M. in November a prize and the Wayfairers Pairs Knockout Figurines currently held by Nick Widdowson and John Bateson - (he doesn't organise it for nothing!).

HEARD ON THE RADIO

Football Coach being interviewed about his next match. His team had been depleted after suffering from a stomach virus.

"I feel very confident that we shall have a satisfactory turnout. We've also been having a good run!"

