



THE WAYFAIRER



The Wayfairers Golf Society

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AT HOEBRIDGE THE BATTLE WAS TO FIGHT FOR PEER'S PLATE AND THE WINNER WAS CROWNED AS KING FRANK THE GREAT!

A warm but windy day greeted 25 members and 3 guests as they gathered at Hoebridge on the day of the annual contest to strive to become winners of the now much coveted Peer's Plate.

With weeks having passed by without any real rain whatsoever the Course was extremely dry, and already, although it was only mid-May, it was showing signs of becoming burnt, especially on the short cropped fairways. As a consequence the ball seemed to run on forever. Despite this the Course overall was in excellent condition, with greens as smooth and true as a billiard table.

These favourable conditions lead to some excellent scoring with the average for the day among the 28 players being 27, a great improvement on the 22 recorded at our last meeting at Gatton Manor.

The winner by a clear 2 pts from Norman "My Handicap's Too Low" Lovelock was none other than one of our few remaining founder members Frank Houlihan who came in with an excellent score of 36. Interestingly enough, with only 7 founder members still playing regularly, this was the second consecutive meeting that one of these Society veterans has emerged from the shadows to steal all the glory. Your turn next time Dennis!

Peer first presented his silver plate 2 years ago when we played at Cranleigh, and this year his generosity knew no bounds. Not only did Frank take home the lovely salver, but Peer also donated a bottle of champagne plus a voucher thus giving Frank a complimentary free day on his next outing with the Wayfairers. Thank you very much indeed Peer. Tony is already being inundated with cheques for next year's event!

And of course Frank not content with this little lot also claimed the Wayfairers Trophy and all the associated prizes that go with this. (Greedy B-gger! Ed) For Frank the Great it really was a great day! - but now look out for the scissors, not only for you Frank but for Norman as well! Dare we really cut Norman? Will we ever hear the end of it?!!! But then again he who dares wins! And Norman nearly did!

Another player who had a successful day was Annie Hitam. Annie, one out of only 2 ladies playing, went home with 3 prizes. For this she nearly got cut, but how could we possibly do this to a lady?!

Following the golf and much needed liquid refreshment, Hoebridge produced an excellent carvery meal which was followed by the excitement of the raffle, and the presentation of the many golfing awards and prizes nicely spread out among all those present. Not only for Frank but for everyone else who played - a truly great day!

We shall return!

HOEBRIDGE RESULTS

Winner of Peer's Plate & The Wayfairers Trophy Frank Houlihan 36pts
2nd Norman "Now Off Scratch!" Lovelock **3rd** Bob Russell (guest) 33pts c/b
4th Annie Hitam also 33pts **5th** Damon Pritchard 32pts

Team Prize Annie Hitam John Bateson Tony Roche & Bob Russell (guest) 84pts
2nd David Rose Brian Girling Norman Lovelock & Terry Gearing (guest) 79pts

Nearest the Pin Dennis Shelley **19 & Over Longest Drive** Annie Hitam
Open Longest Drive Peter Smith **Birdie Cap** Tony Roche **Hedgehog** Malcolm Goman

SOCIETY CHAMPIONSHIP

With three of the six qualifying rounds having now been played both competitions remain very open.

Currently in the main section John McDonnell (92) has a very close lead of just one point over Peter Smith (91)

In the Ladies competition Annie Hitam is in pole position (81) followed in second place by Sue McDonnell (74)

With 3 rounds to go the titles could still be anyone's

AND SO TO OUR NEXT MEETING AT FOXBRIDGE ON TUESDAY 21st JUNE

This is the day of the Annual Drawn Pairs Competition playing for the Two Ronnies Trophy. As this is also the day of the year with the maximum daylight hours, we don't rush to get there and start a bit later than usual.

The first group out are due to tee off at 11am. but please aim to arrive at least an hour previous, as we plan to make the draw for playing order & playing partners at 10.20. Coffee & Bacon Rolls available as from 10am.

As ever this is the meeting at which your grasping Secretary takes £3 from each player. There is no raffle, but £2 goes to supplying you with 2 players for the "Open Draw" and your tickets for this will be given to you on arrival. The 3rd £1 is for you to make your annual guess as to how many balls in total will be lost in the water! The player who makes the most accurate guess will walk off with an excellent prize, and the rest of the money invested will go to our Charity. In 2009 79 balls were lost by 32 players and last year 50 were lost by 24 members! And 2011? (Your guess is as good as mine! Ed.)

There is one big difference to these 2 competitions this year. Instead of fumbling for £3 to pay up on arrival with separate boxes for the separate entry monies and problems finding change etc. the £3 will be added in advance to the money paid for the day to Tony. Upon arrival all you will have to do is give your "lost balls" prediction to the Secretary and receive your 2 numbered tickets for the "Open Draw". Later in the day the two players that you have drawn will be revealed.

As regards the golf competitions, as well as playing for the Two Ronnies (holders Carl Rosner & Roger Sands) there will be the usual Wayfairers Trophy Individual Event (current winner Frank Houlihan) and all the other usual minor contests of golfing skill - or luck!

A 2 Course Meal is booked for 5pm. and as this is Foxbridge, with limited men's cloakroom facilities, there is no requirement to change after playing.

Guests are welcome, but payment cannot be accepted until the final number of members playing is verified. Any guests playing will as far as possible be drawn with other guests to form a pair, and should a "guest pair" finish in top place they will take all relevant prizes but cannot win the trophy.

COST FOR THE DAY Cost for Coffee & Bacon Rolls, 18 Holes, a 2 Course Meal and your entry fee of £3 for the above mentioned 2 extra competitions is £33. This is truly excellent value as the cost for our last 3 outings has been £33 and this has not included any charge for extra events. So the final total is £33 with nothing further to pay on the day - except perhaps the small expense of buying your Secretary a drink?!

AND THE DEADLINE TO PAY? This is **MONDAY 6th JUNE**. For our last meeting Tony had to make 8 phone calls because no replies had been received by the due date. Come on Wayfairers, be fair to Tony and please observe the deadlines!

THE HOEBRIDGE RAFFLE

Many thanks to Peter Smith who did an excellent job in gently persuading all those at Hoebridge to part with a total of £125 for our Raffle Fund. £30 of this has immediately been passed to our Treasurer to bolster our Charity Fund. Twelve excellent prizes were on display to all present and eagerly taken by the successful recipients. Well done all those who were winners and thanks to everyone who contributed by buying tickets.

OUR FORTHCOMING CHARITY DAY

We have now been steadily increasing the money in our Charity Fund ever since we set the ball rolling back at Ifield just over a year ago. The final day when the fund raising stops and we send a cheque to our chosen charity is Monday 25th July. This is the day we play for the President's Team Trophy currently held by the Secretary's Team and the venue is Ifield Golf Club.

As in the past on this final charity day we shall hold a raffle but ask you - all the members - to donate the prizes. Please start planning what you can give now. Following the raffle we will as before hold an auction so if you have anything you feel would be suitable for this purpose please bring it on the day. Our charity - Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research was suggested by Chris Wilkes so we will be asking him to be our ticket salesman, perhaps assisted by Peter Storey who was also a very keen advocate for this particular charity.

PICTURES FROM HOEBRIDGE



2nd Place

Norman Lovelock



Team Competition Winners

**Annie Hitam, John Bateson, Tony Roche
& Bob Russell (guest) 84pts**



3rd Place

Bob Russell



Winner of Nearest the Pin

Dennis Shelley



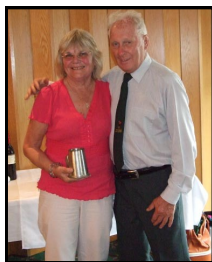
**Winner of Peer's Plate and the
Wayfairers Trophy**

Frank Houlihan



**Winner of the Open Longest
Drive**

Peter Smith



Winner of the 19 and Over LD

Annie Hitam



Winner of the HedgeHog

Malcolm Goman



Winner of the Birdie Cap

Tony Roche



4th Place

Annie Hitam



Grub Up!



5th Place

Damon Pritchard

Future Programme for the Wayfairers Year.

Tuesday 21st June Two Ronnies Pairs at Foxbridge
Monday 25th July Charity Day at Ifield
Friday 19th August Casual Day at Villa (Age Related Day)
Friday 2nd September Pink Ball Day at Hassocks
Friday 21st October AGM Autumn Cup at Clandon

NOTE FROM JOHN B. THE RATIONALE FOR SELECTING THE HOEBRIDGE PLAYING GROUPS. As a change from our normal practice, at Hoebridge players of roughly similar handicaps were grouped together and it was interesting to see how the resulting team scores worked out. The view that with the best 2 from 4 scores to count would see the "Star Team" of Peter Smith (8), Graham Ward (8) Peer Blakeley (8) and Jeff Hogg (11) walk away with the Team Competition was proven wrong. The vagaries of golf won the day. The group containing all the highest handicappers whom it was thought might struggle as a team did in fact do reasonably well.

AND THE LAST LAUGH WAS ON EDDIE! John McD knowing how John B. had chosen the playing groups thought he might have a laugh at Treasurer Tony's expense. In the final email to all those playing at Hoebridge John mentioned that John B. was selecting the playing groups using a previously untried procedure. He suggested that members might like to guess what this procedure was, and that if anyone guessed correctly, Treasurer Tony would give them a valuable prize. He did this without consulting Tony, and awaited an explosive email or an abusive phone call in response.

Eddie Stanley however took the challenge very seriously and spent hours poring over past Wayfairers trying to work out a solution. Eventually he decided it was groups playing together who had all won the Hedgehog, or all won the Birdie Cap or Nearest The Pin etc. He then sent the fruits of all his labours to Tony who completely bewildered sent a message to the Hon. Sec saying "Eddie Seems To Have taken A Turn For The Worse!" Poor Eddie all that research and no prize! Never mind Eddie, Tony might find something for you.

HOEBRIDGE OVER 30'S CLUB

Frank Houlihan 36pts Norman Lovelock 34pts

Bob Russell (Guest) & Annie Hitam 33pts

Bob Histed 32pts

Sue McDonnell, Tony Roche & Ken Cooper 31pts

John McDonnell & Paul Yarranton (Guest) 30pts



Whose round next?!



And on the 3rd green I missed this tiny putt!

HANDICAPS FOR FOXBRIDGE

ATWELL		21
BAILEY		36
BATESON	28	25
BLAKELEY	29	8
CATTERALL		23
CHURCH		19
COLENUT. L		29
COLENUT. M		18
COOPER	31	18
CROMPTON	21	16
CUNNINGTON		34
ESLOR		14
GIRLING	23	28
GOMAN	18	17
HARRIS		24
HISTED	32	19
HITAM	33	25
HOGG	20	13
HORSFALL. B		36
HORSFALL. J		36
HOULIHAN	36	19
KNIGHT		9
LOVELOCK N	34	23
McDONNELL. J	30	20
McDONNELL. S	31	10
PRITCHARD	32	19
REEVES	28	33
RICHARDS		33
RIDDLES. A		31
RIDDLES. M		35
ROCHE	31	25
ROSE. A	22	32
ROSE. D	27	24
ROSNER		23
RUSHTON		16
SANDS	29	33
SHELLEY	24	16
SMITH	27	8
STACEY		24
STANLEY	24	20
STOREY		5
WARD. V		17
WARD. G	29	8
WARRILOW	23	36
WILKES		6
WILLIAMS		24
ZINKE	28	13

HANDICAP INFORMATION PLEASE NOTE

On the review handicap list featured opposite, we now show all **players' scores** at our last meeting in **black numbers**.

Justification for handicap changes can thus clearly be seen based on the average score of **27**



WAYFAIRERS K.O. CUP 2010/11

DRAW & RULES BELOW.

(Current Holders Chris Wilkes & Peter Storey)



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 **definitely** 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 Saturday 5th February by John Bateson, John & Sue McDonnell.

WAYFAIRERS GOLFING SOCIETY

TUESDAY 21st JUNE - FOXBRIDGE

NAME.....

Please tick below as appropriate

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I am available for the above - Members Fee £33*

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Sorry but I am unavailable to play at Foxbridge

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If space allows ** I wish to bring a playing guest (name + h/cap below) Fee £33

Playing Guest's Name.....H/cap.....

*Please note your £33 includes the full cost for the day plus entry into the "Open Draw" for which you will receive the names of 2 players and also entry into the "Guess The Number of Lost Balls in The Water" Competition.

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 Monday 6th June

- 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.