



THE WAYFAIRER



The Wayfairers Golf Society

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BARBARA, JOHN"MAC", ANDY & EDDIE CLAIMED THE SCRAMBLE BY PLAYING SO STEADY!

Would it snow? Would Holtze be closed yet again for the ever popular Christmas Scramble? These were the questions on everyone's lips but there was no need to worry! The Two Johns & Tony came up trumps as ever, and the sun shone all day out of a blue sky. By nightfall tremendous gale force winds were blowing and the lashing rain was coming down horizontally, but by then all good Wayfairers were safely tucked up in bed. (All in their own of course! Ed) With many last minute amendments and adjustments to the start list eventually 9 teams of 4 proceeded to the first tee, with 4 guests among this total.

The winning combination was the rank outsiders group comprised of Barbara, Andy, Eddie and your very own Hon. Sec. In tricky conditions they finished just one over par gross - with a score of 45 net. They won, but only just, as the final result had to be decided on count back.

The Society Christmas Tankard (our oldest trophy) went to the member of the winning team who sank their final putt and this was none other than Eddie Stanley. Eddie's masterly chip from off the edge of the green sat looking in the hole, and the final tap in was a mere formality. Well done to a team that comprised a wonderful mixture of age and beauty!

The other various minor golfing skill competitions were also fiercely contested with 4 names appearing on the Nearest The Pin marker, the prize eventually being claimed by one of our very senior members, David Rose. The prize nobody wanted was for the Shortest Drive and a very popular winner here was Spencer with a stupendous effort of nearly 5 feet!

Back in the Clubhouse a great seasonal atmosphere prevailed. Further guests joined us for what proved to be an excellent Christmas meal and this was followed by a draw for which all present received a free ticket. The major prize was Spencer's Special Santa Surprise, and much to Jeff Hogg's surprise, he was presented with a bottle of Chinese wine with a resident snake tightly coiled up inside! Velly nice! (And who said the draw was a fiddle! Shame! Ed)

Before everyone departed clutching their precious Bring & Win prizes the Two Johns organised a Seasonal Song Contest and the winning team - despite lots of jealous boos - was Ruby's Dawn Chorus. An excellent note on which to end to an excellent year. See you all in 2012.

HOLTZE CHRISTMAS MEETING RESULTS

Texas Scramble Trophy Winners - Barbara Horsfall, Eddie Stanley, Andy Knight & John McDonnell

Runners Up - Robert Crompton, John Cunnington, Kevin Stacey & John Bateson

3rd Place - Annie Hitam, Bill Eslor, Derek Reeves & John Benstead (G)

Last and Probably Least! - Norman Lovelock, Peter Smith, Roger Sands & Syd Tutton (G)

Open Longest Drive - Chris "Who Else!" Wilkes **Nearest The Pin** - David "Octogenarian" Rose

19 & Over Longest Drive - Norman "You're The Man" Lovelock

Shortest Drive & Hedgehog Combined - Spencer "The Animal" Atwell

Christmas Tankard plus a bottle of "Rosy Nosey" Xmas Ale - Eddie "Sink'em!" Stanley

Special Prize for the only Wayfairer wearing Shorts - Dennis "Breezy Knees" Shelley

"Christmas Song Contest" - Ruby's Dawn Chorus - won by a semi-quaver!

AND SO TO OUR NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD AT GATTON G.C.
ON MONDAY 19th MARCH

As this is our 6th visit to this venue it is assumed that members will know how to get there. Please contact John McD. should you need directions. The phone number is 01306 627555, the post code is RH5 5PQ and the web site is www.gattonmanor.co.uk. Coffee & Bacon Rolls will be available as from 09.15 with the first playing group out at 10.04.

Individually we will be playing not only for the Wayfairers Trophy, at present in the proud possession of Kevin Stacey, but also for the John Peake Spring Cup (currently close in the bosom of J.McD) Also there will be as ever a Team Competition, plus all the other usual exciting minor contests.

Our first raffle of 2012 will set the standard for the rest of the year with a multitude of amazingly original and highly expensive prizes and your ever popular ticket salesman will be Jeff "Snake hips - or should it be Snake lips" Hogg. Remember - if you see something that you think would be suitable as a prize, buy it, give it plus receipt to John McD and you will be fully re-imbursed immediately.

Remember snacks can be purchased on the Course half way round and a memo regarding this will be included with the final email. A 2 Course meal with complimentary coffee is booked for 17.00.

PAYMENT Total cost for coffee & bacon rolls, 18 holes, the meal plus all prizes is £33 - no increase on last year's price. Return slip with availability and full payment if coming to Tony by **SATURDAY 25th FEBRUARY AT THE VERY LATEST**. The first meeting of the New Year is always the fullest. Should we be over subscribed and your payment is late you might well miss out! Should you wish to bring a guest please indicate this on the return slip but send no payment. After 25th February Tony can advise you, and if there is space you can make the guest payment then.

A LETTER TO ALL MEMBERS FROM PRESIDENT BARRY RICHARDS

This letter was received from Barry following our November A.G.M. with a request that it be published in this edition of the Wayfairer.

Dear Wayfairers,

It was with some surprise, followed by incredulity, then proud delight, that I read your letter granting me Life Membership of the Wayfairers Golfing Society, and asking me to continue as President!

All I can say is that, with my medical history I am unlikely to challenge anyone at golf, but I might be able to manage the 19th if I can get a seat!

Bless you, and looking forward to seeing you all at some of our forthcoming meetings.

Barry Richards 15th November 2011

OUR FIRST "CASUAL" GATHERING OF THE YEAR IS AT FOXBRIDGE
ON MONDAY 20th FEBRUARY

Details. Coffee available from 09.15 First group out at 09.56 Following the golf there is a Two Course meal at 4pm The Individual Winner of the day will take the Ron Bailey Tankard and this is the day that everyone wins a prize! There will also be a Team Competition plus Nearest the Pin Contests so it's prizes galore day!

Records show that most members interested in this have paid already. If you haven't and would like to apply to be included (dependent upon numbers) please contact John McD immediately. Cost is £24 to cover everything.

PICTURES FROM HOLTYE



3rd Place Team

**John Benstead (g), Annie Hitam
Bill Eslor & Derek Reeves**



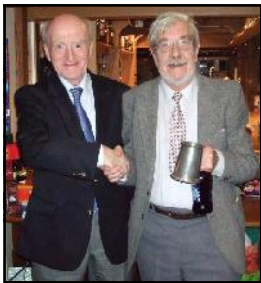
**Scramble Team Competition
Runners Up**

**Kevin Stacey, John Bateson
John Cunningham & Robert Crompton**



The Bottom Team

**Norman Lovelock & Syd Tutton
minus Peter Smith & Roger Sands
who went home crying!**



**Winner of Nearest the Pin
David Rose**



**Scramble Team Competition Winners
Eddie Stanley, Andy Knight
Barbara Horsfall & John McDonnell**



**Winner of Open Longest Drive
Chris Wilkes**



**Winner of the 19 & Over LD
Norman Lovelock**



**Winner of the HedgeHog and Shortest Drive
Spencer "5 feet" Atwell**



**Winner of Spencer's
Special Santa Surprise
Jeff Hogg gets the snake
in the bottle!**



The Christmas Prize Table



**Eddie receives congratulations from
the Captain of the Day for sinking the
winning putt thus gaining
the Christmas Tankard**



**Happy Christmas to all our
readers**

Full Programme For the New Wayfairers Year.

Monday 20th February Casual Day at Foxbridge
 Monday 19th March Spring Cup at Gatton Manor
 Friday 13th April Casual Day at Horne Park
 Monday 21st May Peer's Plate at Hoebridge
 Tuesday 19th June Two Ronnies Pairs at Foxbridge
 Tuesday 24th July Members Subsidised Day at Sutton Green
 Friday 17th August Casual Day at Villa (TBC)
 Friday 7nd September Pink Ball Day at Hassocks
 Friday 19th October AGM & Autumn Cup Day at Clandon Regis

WELCOME TO TWO NEW MEMBERS

A big welcome to new members Russell & Ruby Woolley. We are delighted to have you join us but do remember the golden rule - don't win too much or too often!

CELEBRATE St. PATRICKS DAY!

The Irish public holiday celebration of St. Patrick's Day in 2012 is 19th March, the day that we play at Gatton. A special prize will be awarded to the member who produces the adjudged best after dinner Irish joke. Any other ideas how we could celebrate this special day? Should we resurrect the Broderick? All suggestions to J. McD. please.

SHARING THAT SPECIAL DAY!

On our Holtys Texas Scramble Day two of our members celebrated their birthdays both born on that very same day. The only difference between them was a very long span of years! And who were the happy couple? None other than old Treasurer Tony and young Voluptuous Val! So "Happy Birthday" was sung twice!



Brian prepares to tuck in!



*The Happy Couple
Happy Birthdays to you!*



*While Alan has forgotten
to bring his tie!*

Christmas Roll Up

The annual Christmas Roll Up at Holtys had to be cancelled for the past 2 years due to snow. But what weather we had this year! It was glorious and it attracted 30 players - 20 members and 10 guests. There was a very convivial seasonal atmosphere in the Clubhouse afterwards and prizes were distributed as follows:

1st Di Botham(G) 32pts 2nd A Wilkes(G) 29pts(c/b) 3rd J Bateson 29pts
 4th C Rosner 28pts - Nearest the Pin C Wilkes - N.T.Pin in 3 P Blakeley

Wayfairers Pairs KO Competition

The draw for this years Wayfairers KO will be emailed to all participants in the near future. If you played last year but don't wish to continue please let John B. know NOW

If you didn't play last year but would like to please let John B. know NOW even if you haven't got a partner.

One new pairing we know about already is Ruby & Russell Woolley.

HANDICAP INFORMATION PLEASE NOTE

As there was no Individual Competition at Holtys, all handicaps remain the same as following our Clandon Regis Day .

GATTON MANOR HANDICAPS

ATWELL	21
BAILEY	36
BATESON	26
BLAKELEY	8
CATTERALL	23
CHURCH	17
COLENUT. L	26
COLENUT. M	18
COOPER	21
CROMPTON	16
CUNNINGTON	35
ESLOR	14
GIRLING	28
GOMAN	17
HARRIS	24
HISTED	18
HITAM	25
HOGG	11
HORSFALL. B	36
HORSFALL. J	36
HOULIHAN	19
KNIGHT	9
LOVELOCK N	20
McDONNELL. J	21
McDONNELL. S	10
PRITCHARD	18
REEVES	30
RICHARDS	36
RIDDLES. A	32
RIDDLES. M	35
ROSE. A	32
ROSE. D	26
ROSNER	22
RUSHTON	14
SANDS	29
SHELLEY	19
SMITH	8
STACEY	21
STANLEY	22
STOREY	5
WARD. V	20
WARD. G	12
WARRILOW	36
WILKES	5
WILLIAMS	26
WOOLLEY Ruby	22
WOOLLEY R	21
ZINKE	13

WAYFAIRERS GOLFING SOCIETY

DAY AT GATTON MANOR - MONDAY 19th MARCH

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 GATTON MANOR

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If space allows I would like to bring a guest (name + h/cap below) Fee £33

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

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 25th FEBRUARY

- 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.