

THE WAYFAIRER



The Wayfairers Golf Society

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TO WIN THE SPRING CUP AT GATTON BILL PRODUCES HIS BEST BUT RAY MILLECHOPE DEFEATS HIM AND HE'S BILL'S OWN GUEST!

The first full meeting of the year saw a very full turn out at Gatton on a lovely Spring day. Numbers would have been even higher with 40 players booked, but at short notice 3 members fell by the wayside with various bugs and ailments. The turn out was swelled however by the presence of 6 guests, and one of these did what no self respecting guest should do - he won the day!

Wayfairers rules stipulate that no guest may win any of the Society main silverware, so Ray Millichope, a first time guest, had to be content with all the assorted prizes that went with top place (32pts). Ray was Bill Eslor's guest and between the pair of them they dominated the day, as Bill finished 2nd with 30pts thus claiming the John Peake Spring Cup and the Wayfairers Trophy. Be more careful who you invite next time Bill and you might finish first! In fact Bill only just made it, as close on his heels was new member Russell Woolley also with 30pts, but in 3rd place on count back.

Gatton is probably one of the most difficult Courses that we play and this was reflected in the scoring. It's not very often that 32pts would be sufficient to win, but out of the total complement of 37 players, only the 3 named above recorded 30 or above. The average score for the day was just 22pts, exactly the same as last year.

Despite this on a wonderful Spring day, and out in some glorious countryside the Wayfairers had an excellent day's fresh air and companionship, and this happy atmosphere continued in the clubhouse when all the golf was finished.

As the event was taking place so close to St. Patrick's Day there was an Irish element after the meal as several "Paddy & Murphy" after dinner jokes flowed. Voting for the best joke took place, and by an almost unanimous show of hands this was judged to have been told by Ken Cooper who was presented with 2 cans of draught Guinness. Being Ken this was not enough for him, as he proceeded to win a further can by claiming Nearest the Pin!

There then followed the first raffle of the year with Bill Eslor back among the prize winners (see photo page 2) and the evening culminated with all the golfing prizes being distributed to the many eager recipients. An excellent start to 2012.

GATTON MANOR RESULTS

1st Ray Millichope (guest) 32pts

2nd &Winner of the John Peake Spring Cup and the Wayfairers Trophy - Bill Eslor 30pts c/b

3rd - Russell Woolley 30pts 4th - Carl Rosner 29pts c/b

Team Winners - 70pts c/b by John Cunnington Derek Reeves Bill Eslor & Ray Millichope (guest)

2nd Team - also 70pts - Audrey Riddles, Alan Rose, Jeff Hogg & Kevin Stacey

Open Longest Drive - Chris "I'll take the Jameson" Wilkes

19 & Over Longest Drive - John "No way for a guest to behave!" Benstead

Nearest the Pin - Ken "3 Pint" Cooper

Birdie Cap - Damon "Spread It About" Pritchard -

and finally the Hedgehog Award - Peter "Prickly Back " Smith

AND SO TO OUR NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD AT HOEBRIDGE G.C ON MONDAY 21st MAY 2012

As we have played at Hoebridge on many previous occasions it is assumed that members will know the location. If you have any problems please contact John McD. The post code for Sat Nav. is GU2 8JH and the contact Club number is 01483 722611. Why not share cars and save petrol money?!

PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY Coffee & Bacon Rolls from 09.15. Please allow plenty of time for your journey, part of which is likely to be in the rush hour on busy roads. First group out 10.04. Two Course Meal followed by coffee to be served at approx. 16.45 followed by Raffle and Prize Giving.

GOLF COMPETITIONS Individually we will be doing battle for the Wayfairers Trophy (currently held by Bill Eslor) and also this is the day that the winner takes home Peer's Plate (winner 2011 Frank Houlihan). There will also be a Team Competition, plus the usual other minor contests of golfing skill (or incredible luck! Ed)

By the time we play at Hoebridge our new Charity will have been chosen by a majority vote, and the Fund will be up and running on a regular basis. Hoebridge is notorious for its very difficult par 5 17th, and in order to give you an interesting challenge it will be £1 in the charity pot for every blob recorded on this hole!! However should you record an eagle - down in 3 - then we will give you a £1!

<u>RAFFLE</u> As this is one of our formal meetings there will be a raffle, and the very popular ticket salespersons will be none other than our new members Ruby & Russell Woolley. We have been confidentially informed that they have taking ways!

<u>COST</u> The total for all that is detailed above plus all prizes is £ 33. Whether you are coming or not please complete the availability slip - with payment if playing - and return to Tony by <u>SATURDAY 28th APRIL</u> at the very <u>LATEST</u>. Guests are welcome providing space allows, so please let Tony know if you wish to bring a guest, but no payment please until our numbers are known on the 28th.

OUR SECOND "CASUAL" GATHERING OF THE YEAR IS AT HORNE PARK ON FRIDAY 13th APRIL

A day of fun and prizes. The winner not only collects the Ron Bailey Casual Tankard (current holder John Cunnington), but also will be presented with a Horne Park (Augusta) green cap which he or she will get to keep and have to wear throughout the day at future Horne Park gatherings. Individual prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd. There will as usual be a playing group Team competition, but also all players are in one of 3 separate Teams captained by either Liz Colenutt (Liz's Layabouts), Sue McD. (Sue's Supremes) or Ruby Woolley (Ruby's Rebels). Prizes of varying distinction for all team members! There will be 2 Nearest the Pin Competitions plus a Longest Drive Contest. Currently there are no spaces as we have a full complement but should you be interested your name could go on a reserve list in case of any drop outs.

THE GATTON RAFFLE.

_At last we have found Jeff Hogg's forte and it's not golf! Jeff was our raffle ticket salesman and what a splendid job he did! He took the staggering amount of £173 which has swelled our Raffle Fund very nicely. Hopefully those who contributed will get some payback when we come to agree our price for our special subsidised day at Sutton Green on Tuesday 24th July.

Bill was delighted to win the star prize - a pair of car wash mitts!



PICTURES FROM GATTON MANOR



2nd Place Bill Eslor with the Wayfairers Trophy & Spring Cup



Team Competition Winners

John Cunnington, Ray Millichope,
Derek Reeves & Bill Eslor



3rd Place
Russell Woolley



Winner of Nearest the Pin

Ken Cooper



1st Place
Ray Millichope (Guest)



Winner of Open Longest Drive
Chris Wilkes



Winner of the 19 and Over LD

John Benstead (Guest)



Winner of the HedgeHog

Peter Smith



Winner of the Birdie Cap

Damon Pritchard



2nd Place Team Competition Alan Rose, Jeff Hogg, Kevin Stacey (& Audrey Riddles absent for photo)



4th Place
Carl Rosner



Checking the cards - how can we fiddle a win!

Future Programme For the Wayfairers.

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

A BIG THANK YOU FROM LEUKAEMIA & LYMPHOMA RESEARCH

No doubt members will recall that thanks to their splendid support over 12 months, we were able last Autumn to present a cheque for £1420 to our chosen charity Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research. Here are 2 extracts from 2 different letters relating to this presentation. The first is from the Charity's local rep. - an ex golfer and previous Holtye member.

"It was a great pleasure to hear from you, because in addition to the wonderful support for LLR, it took me back to Holtye where I started my golf nearly 60 years ago. It was also, very interesting for me to hear about the Wayfairers, how it was formed, how it operates, how it supports various charities and how much the members enjoy their golf and fellowship. I really appreciate your efforts and can assure you just how important your support has been for LLR. Again my thanks for your wonderful donation and best wishes for your continued enjoyment of the game of golf."

The 2nd extract is from a letter from LLR headquarters to the local rep. following their receipt from him of our cheque. ""It is a wonderfully generous amount of £1420 donated by the Wayfairers G. S. We cannot thank everyone involved enough for all the hard work, time and effort put into raising these vital funds. Funds that not only change lives but also save them. Without support like this L&LR would simply not be where it is today."



Jeff fiddles the Raffle tickets!

GATTON OVER 30'S CLUB

32pts Ray Millichope (guest) 30pts





Frank gets 2 shots back!

SOCIETY CHAMPIONSHIPS - OPEN AND LADIES.

With only two of the six qualifying rounds having been played both competitions have a very long way to go.

Currently in the Open Section Kevin has 61 followed by Spencer and Norman on 55. Annie leads the Ladies Competition with 44, followed by Val on 42.

Wayfairers Pairs KO Competition

The draw has been circulated to all members involved. First round matches to be played by the end of April please and results forwarded to John Bateson as soon as games have been played.

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 22

HANDICAPS FOR Hoebridge		
ATWELL	27	21
BATESON	21	26
BLAKELEY	28	7
CATTERALL		23
CHURCH		17
COLENUT. L		26
COLENUT. M		18
COOPER	19	21
CROMPTON		16
CUNNINGTON	17	35
ESLOR	30	12
GIRLING		28
GOMAN		17
HARRIS		24
HISTED	20	19
HITAM	22	25
HOGG	27	11
HORSFALL. B		36
HOULIHAN	14	21
KNIGHT	23	9
OVELOCK N	26	20
AcDONNELL. J		21
AcDONNELL. S		10
PRITCHARD	20	18
REEVES	17	30
RIDDLES. A	24	32
RIDDLES. M	10	36
ROSE. A	14	34
ROSE. D	17	26
ROSNER	29	21
RUSHTON		14
SANDS	20	29
HELLEY	23	19
мітн	13	10
STACEY	24	21
STANLEY	22	22
STOREY		5
VARD. V	25	20
VARD. G	26	12
WARRILOW	12	36
VILKES	27	5
VILLIAMS		26
WOOLLEY Ruby	17	21
WOOLLEY R	30	20
INKE	27	13
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WAYFAIRERS PAIRS K.O. 2012 DRAW & RULES BELOW.



(Current Holders Peter Smith & Spencer Atwell)



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 <u>mutually agreed</u> 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 <u>definitely</u> 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 Wednesday 29th February by Tony Warrilow.

WAYFAIRERS GOLFING SOCIETY

MONDAY 21st MAY - HOEBRIDGE		
NAME		
Please tick below as appropriate		
I am available for the above - Members Fee £33		
Sorry but I am unavailable to play at Hoebridge		
If space allows * I wish to bring a playing guest (name + h/cap below) Fee £33		
Playing Guest's Name		
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 28th April		
Unless advised previously, it is expected that members and their guests remain until after the competition		
prizes have been awarded. *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.		

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