



THE WAYFAIRER



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THE TALE OF CLANDON WAS A VERY WET STORY - BUT BILL & KEVIN SUBMERGED WITH TROPHIES AND GLORY!

17 years of "Wayfairers' Wonder Weather" came crashing to an abrupt halt when the Society gathered recently for their AGM day at Clandon Regis. As the early morning meeting proceeded at its usual brisk pace, anxious looks were constantly being cast outside at an extremely damp dismal day, but at this stage there was no rain falling. The dull but dry conditions continued until all 24 members and 4 guests were out on the Course, with all hoping and praying that the forecast for heavy showers would not materialise. It wasn't to be however and eventually down came the rain - and didn't it come down!

Later the car park became a steamy scene of soaked Wayfairers, all dripping water as they attempted to load their cars with saturated golf equipment. However, following a hot shower and a welcome drink in the cosy bar, things looked much brighter and the usual Wayfairers' ambient atmosphere was carried into the meal where 70 year old John Cunningham was toasted with his own wine and the Society's 17th birthday celebrated in style.

Forgetting the weather what about the golf? Considering the conditions, the Course played acceptably, although extremely long, as was reflected in a final average score for the day of just 22pts. One player, Bill Eslor, rose right above this however. Striking the ball in the wet conditions extremely well, he came in with an excellent total of 34pts. As Bill finished 3 clear points ahead of guest Gerald Winter, his handicap is now down to almost single figures! Bill's achievement won him not only the Wayfairers Trophy, but also the Autumn Cup together with loads of other prizes.

As the Pairs KO Final had not been completed by the deadline date no prizes for this were presented, but Kevin Stacey went home proudly clutching the Society Champion's Trophy. Well done Kevin and well played! Liz Colenutt was announced as the winner of the Ladies Championship, but as she was not at Clandon the trophy will be presented at a later date.

After a very wet day's golf, the journey home proceeded in atrocious conditions not helped by two accidents on the M25 which brought traffic to a standstill in places. Let's hope the weather for the first meeting of our new year was just a blip and not a sign of things to come! See you at Holtys in December and bring your waterproofs!

CLANDON REGIS RESULTS AND ANNUAL AWARDS

Winner of the Wayfairers Trophy & Ron Harris Autumn Cup - Bill Eslor 34pts

2nd Place - Gerald Winter (g) 31pts c/b 3rd Place - Russell Woolley 31pts

4th Place - Andrew Bateson (g) 29pts

Team Competition - Winners Andrew Bateson (g), Bill Eslor, John Bateson & Francis Porter (g)

Team Competition - Second Place Dennis Shelley, Frank Houlihan, Robert Crompton & Sue McDonnell

Team Putting Competition Winners - Competition cancelled

Nearest the Pin - Chris Wilkes

Open LD & 19 & Over LD - Andrew Bateson

Birdie Cap - Peter Smith Hedgehog - Peter Rushton

AND FINALLY OUR TWO SOCIETY CHAMPIONS OF 2012

Society Champion 2012 - Kevin Stacey best 3 scores total 98

Ladies Champion 2012 - Liz Colenutt (Trophy yet to be awarded) best 3 scores total 80

CLANDON OVER 30'S CLUB

Bill Eslor 34pts, Gerald Winter 31pts and Russell Woolley 31pts

AND SO TO OUR NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD AT HOLTYE G.C.
ON FRIDAY 7th DECEMBER 2012

The day's programme begins with coffee & bacon rolls available from 9.15am. with the first playing group out for a 10.00am. start. The Competition is an 18 hole Texas Scramble and incorporated into this will be the usual 2 Longest Drives, Nearest The Pin and the ever popular Shortest Drive! Should any skilful individual manage to get an unaided birdie, then the Birdie Cap could be theirs, and our Match Co-ordinator, after many sleepless nights will somehow or other work out how the Hedgehog can be awarded, despite the absence of an individual competition. Current holders of the Scramble Trophy are Barbara Horsfall, Eddie Stanley, Andy Knight & John McDonnell.

Repeated as in previous years, there is one other little competition. The Christmas Tankard (current holder Eddie Stanley) will go to the player who sinks the final putt on the 18th green and is in the winning Scramble Team. Whoever puts their shot onto this green nearest to the pin will, as the rules state, putt first. The other players will have to agree amicably (or argue like hell!) as to who goes 2nd, 3rd & 4th. If no one sinks their putt the process will begin all over again! The prize can only go to one player so sink it, be in the winning Team and the Tankard will be yours!

This is our annual Bring & Win event. The suggested value of prizes is around £5 and following the decision made at the 2011 AGM please leave your presentation unwrapped. When choosing what to put on the table please also remember the maxim agreed at that AGM by asking yourself the question - "Is this something that I would really want to win?" With all the Bring & Win prizes that have had to be purchased over-spilling on the table, this is the one meeting of the year where we don't have a raffle or something similar.

Following the golf at approx. 4.30pm. we have a 2 Course Christmas Meal with mince pies, coffee and due to a certain nameless lady member (Val Ward) who celebrates her 60th birthday, there will be wine on the table. As our maximum seating capacity is 44 it is not certain how much room, if any, there will be for meal guests. When final playing numbers are confirmed the situation will be much clearer. Cost for a meal guest is £15 but pay nothing for the moment, Should you wish to invite someone you can indicate this on the return slip, but no guarantee can be given that space will be available.

The COST for the day for **Holtye members is £20** and for **non-Holtye members £30** and this covers golf, all food & drink as described above, and all golf competition prizes. **NOTE! Return slips A.S.A.P to the Treasurer and no later please than by Monday 12th November**. This could prove to be a very popular meeting. Don't miss out - act NOW! Should you wish to invite a playing guest please indicate this on the return slip, but send no money until the response from members is known as to how many are coming.

AND AFTER THE AGM

Don't forget to look out on the web site for John Bateson's "Order of Merit" details which will show you exactly how you performed during the last 12 months in relation to the average and all the other members. This information should help you to realise how and why you have the handicap that you hold. Also please check the new handicap list (page 4) carefully as several changes have been made.

Also on the web site will be published the contact details of our clothing supplier plus some examples of what can be provided and at what cost.

Interested in playing in the KO Pairs Competition next year? If so why not sort out a partner now and be ready to give Eddie your details when requested.

THE CLANDON REGIS RAFFLE

Many thanks to Bill Eslor for doing an excellent job as our ticket salesman at Clandon. He raised £135 and as most of the prizes had been purchased in the previous financial year this was nearly a 100% profit. £30 was donated immediately to our Charity fund. Possibly Bill has established a new record as it cannot be remembered when the raffle ticket salesman was also the winner on the day. Well done Bill!

Our next raffle is at Coulsdon Manor in March when hopefully one of our new members can be "persuaded" to sell the tickets.

PICTURES FROM CLANDON REGIS



Team Competition Winners
Andrew (g), Bill, John & Francis



2nd Place Team Competition
Dennis, Frank, Robert & Sue



Winner of Nearest the Pin
Chris Wilkes



*Winner of the Wayfairers Trophy
&
Ron Harris Autumn Cup*
Bill Eslor



*Winner of Open Longest Drive
& 19&Over LD & 4th Overall*
Andrew Bateson (g)



2nd Overall
Gerald Winter (g)



Winner of the HedgeHog
Peter Rushton



Winner of the Birdie Cap
Peter Smith



3rd Overall
Russell Woolley



Wayfairers Society Champion
Kevin Stacey



Last place Team Competition
Alan, John, Tony & Norman
all complete with Xmas ties.

Full Programme For the New Wayfairers Year.

Friday 7th December Christmas Texas Scramble at Holtye

Friday 21st December Xmas Roll Up at Holtye

Tuesday 19th February Casual Day at Foxbridge

Monday 25th March Spring Cup at Coulsdon Manor

Friday 12th April Casual Day at Horne Park

Monday 20th May Peer's Plate at Hoebridge

Friday 21st June Two Ronnies Pairs at Foxbridge

Monday 22nd July Charity Finale Day & President's Trophy Slinfold

Friday 16th August Casual Day at Villa (TBC)

Monday 2nd September Pink Ball Day at Hassocks

THE TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS ROLL UP AT HOLTYE

We now have a date for this - FRIDAY 21st DECEMBER. All welcome including guests. Green fee Holtye non-members £15. Many prizes including the Xmas Trophy. Entry fee £1. Roll up from 8.45. Snack lunches available after play.

CASUAL DAY AT FOXBRIDGE TUESDAY 19th FEBRUARY

If interested in playing in the above the total cost for coffee. 18 holes, a 2 course meal plus all prizes is £25 and it's our "Prizes For All" Day! Money & names will be collected at Holtye on 7th December, but if the credit crunch is hitting you too deeply at this time of year a £5 deposit will suffice, with full payment of the balance of £20 required early in January.

Cheques payable to J. McDonnell please. If you wish to play but won't be at Holtye on the 7th please advise John McD. of your availability before this date. Thank you.



WELCOME!

A big welcome to new members Derek Allen & John Benstead. We look forward to initiating you in our traditional manner at the next meeting! Please remember the golden rule for new members - don't win anything!



Eddie looking
20 years younger
in his "Star Prize"
Ian Poulter Cap
What a head of hair!

Treasurer Tony
smiles and relaxes
after successfully
fiddling the books!



If you are unable to make the Scramble Day or the Roll Up your Committee wish you
**A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND BIRDIES GALORE IN
THE NEW YEAR!**

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.

Those members highlighted in grey are changes due to Annual Review - those in yellow as a result of scores at Clandon.

HANDICAPS FOR HOLTYE

ALLEN	27	22
ATWELL		20
BATESON	25	26
BENSTEAD		22
BLAKELEY		7
CATTERALL		23
CHURCH		17
COLENUT L		25
COLENUT M		19
COOPER		18
CROMPTON	23	16
CUNNINGTON	22	34
ESLOR	34	10
GIRLING		31
GOMAN		17
HARRIS		24
HISTED	24	19
HITAM	20	26
HOGG		8
HORSFALL, B		36
HOULIHAN	22	22
KNIGHT		9
LOVELOCK N	15	17
McDONNELL, J	26	25
McDONNELL, S	26	10
PRITCHARD	20	17
REEVES		32
RIDDLES, A		33
RIDDLES, M		36
ROSE A	14	32
ROSE D		29
ROSNER, C		22
RUSHTON	13	16
SANDS		31
SHELLEY	28	16
SMITH	22	10
STACEY	18	18
STANLEY	19	22
STOREY		5
WARD V	25	22
WARD G	24	12
WARRILOW	7	36
WILKES	24	5
WILLIAMS		27
WOOLLEY R	31	17
WOOLLEY, Ruby	21	22
ZINKE		11

NOTES FOLLOWING THE WAYFAIRERS AGM HELD AT CLANDON REGIS GC ON THE 19th OCTOBER 2012

Apologies for Absence received from Barry Richards, David Williams, Derek Reeves & Spencer Atwell, who was representing the Society at the funeral of Doug Wagstaff's wife. Chris Wilkes also sent apologies as he would be arriving late. The chair for the meeting was taken by Peter Rushton.

Secretary's Report During the year the average attendance including guests at full meetings had been 32, with "casual days" attracting a record average of 31 players. The highlight of the year was the day at Sutton Green attended by 34 members and 2 guests, when members were subsidised by nearly 40% from the Society & Raffle Funds. This special day also attracted a temperature of over 30 degrees, so it was memorable for more than one reason.

Earlier in the year members had opportunity to nominate a new Charity to be adopted and when it came to voting The Alzheimer's Society won majority approval. Fund raising had been ongoing and would continue until the culmination day in July 2013. It was reported that 2 new members Ruby & Russell Woolley were invited to join the Society at the end of 2011 and had accepted. Finally thank yous were issued to Sue McD, Derek, Tony, John B. and Peter Rushton for all their work for the Society over the past year.

Treasurer's Report After some brief explanations from the Treasurer the audited accounts were fully approved and accepted by the meeting

Match Co-ordinator's Report The M.C. asked the meeting for suggestions for new formats for the coming new year but as none were forthcoming and everyone seemed satisfied with the status quo, it was agreed to continue at all the various meetings as previously. Following a query concerning the distances some members had to travel to reach venues, the meeting was assured that no Golf Courses were chosen that were more than one hour's journey from home given normal traffic flow and this assurance satisfied all those present.

Election of Officers All officers were re-elected en bloc.

Membership John Bateson reported that despite membership being very high, 2 regularly attending guests Derek Allen & John Benstead recently had been invited to join and had accepted, with the result being that there would be no further membership vacancies for the foreseeable future.

Future Programme The outlined programme for 2013 met the full approval of the meeting. The venue for the meeting on 22nd July was now confirmed as Slinfold G.C. and negotiations were due to take place with Holtye Management regarding finding a possible date for the Xmas Roll Up. Members were warned that following many years of little or no price increases, future gatherings were likely to cost around £35 for the full day's package and on some occasions after dinner coffee would not be included.

Raffle The accounts for the Raffle Fund were approved and accepted with the Secretary reporting that the Fund was in a healthy position thanks to the support of all the members.

Handicaps John Bateson had produced an "Order of Merit" based on players' handicaps and performances during the year and this was to be displayed for examination on the website. The review showed that the vast majority of members were all within 3 shots of the average. As a result of the review, 3 members have been reduced by one shot each and 4 players have been given back a shot.

Pairs KO Tournament As the final had not been played and decided before the deadline date it was announced that this year's competition was to be abandoned. Eddie Stanley volunteered to take over organising the competition and stated he would be in contact with all members early in 2013.

Wayfairers Clothing As some members expressed interest, agreed the contact details of our supplier, together with some of the clothing on offer and prices should be displayed on the website.

A.O.B. Due to the inclement weather it was agreed to cancel the traditional AGM putting competition. (As it turned out a very wise decision!) Peter Rushton was thanked for taking the chair.

WAYFAIRERS GOLFING SOCIETY

DAY AT HOLTYE - FRIDAY 7th DECEMBER 2012

NAME.....

Please tick below as appropriate

☐ I am available for the above - **Holtye Members Fee £20 - Non Holtye Members £30**

☐ Sorry but I am unavailable to play at Holtye

☐ If space allows I would like to bring a guest to the Christmas Meal but understand there may not be sufficient room and await your response. (Meal cost £15)

☐ If space allows I would like to bring a playing guest (name + h/cap below)

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

BUGGIES Buggy availability at Holtye is very limited. Contact John Bateson to check demand.

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 12th NOVEMBER 2012

- 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.