

THE WAYFAIRER

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ONCE AGAIN "FEARLESS FRED" IS ON TOP OF THE PILE – WHILE THE TREASURER'S TEAM ROMP HOME IN GREAT STYLE

(Incidentally since having lessons with Kevin, Fred has twice been our Champion - so book those lessons now! Ed)

In competing for the prizes on offer, the professionals played off the same tees and on exactly the same terms as all the members, and both scored above the average – Kevin 30 and Sam 32. This put Sam in overall joint second place with **David Rose**, but the Birdie Cap was undeniably his alone with 4 birdies! Congratulations to **Sue McDonnell** and **Chris Wilkes** who managed to overcome the professional opposition in the Nearest the Pin & Longest Drive Competitions.

This was also the day of the Annual 3 Way Team Challenge and how things can change! The holders were the President's Players who had a most convincing win at Hoebridge back in the summer. However despite fielding almost all the same members again, this time they finished last. Treasurer Tony's Team swept the board, pushing the Secretary's Side into 2nd place by a margin of 33pts. (Is there any truth in the rumour that Tony bribed his players with offers of free membership! Ed)

After an extremely bracing Around, the players gathered afterwards in the warm convivial Clubhouse and all had a go at a thought provoking golf poser concerning "holes in one", before enjoying an excellent meal and a

Although the Society's proud record of avoiding the rain continued at the North Downs gathering this was certainly the coldest Wayfairer's day on record! With the bitter wind having completely dried out the Course the ball ran a very long way, but unfortunately across the rolling downs and steep sloping greens this was rarely in the right direction! The ensuing problems were reflected in an average score of just 25 points.

However some 8 points ahead of this, with a total of 33, was **"Fearless Fred"**, who achieved excellent "back to back" wins, having



This space is reserved for a second meeting by Trophy Winner Fred !

been the last winner in 2005 and now the first in 2006. Well done Fred but once again you will be cut. (Cut! More like hung, drawn and quartered! Ed) This result gave Fred the John Peake Spring Cup as well as the Wayfairer's Trophy plus lots of goodies to take home.

Some 29 members took part plus 4 guests, two of whom were PGA professionals from Holt G.C. – **Kevin Hinton** and **Sam Pitcairn**.

And so to the North Downs Results

Team Results 1. Treasurer's 303 2. Secretary's 270 3. President's 250

Top scoring player in the Secretary's Team and top scorer of the day was **Fred Catterall** who won the John Peake Spring Cup & The Wayfairer's Trophy with 33pts. 2nd Top Scorer in this Team was **Sam Pitcairn** 32pts.

Treasurer's Team Top Scorer **David Rose** 32pts. 2nd Top Scorer **Peter Smith** (guest) 31pts.

President's Team Top Scorer **Jan Henshaw** 28pts. 2nd Top Scorer **Derek Reeves** 27pts.

Nearest the Pin **Sue McDonnell** (does it again!)

Open Longest Drive **Chris Wilkes** (also does it again!)

19 + Over Longest Drive "Steady" **Eddie Stanley**

Birdie Cap **Sam Pitcairn** – 4 birdies (I'll tell the RSPB!.. Ed)

The Hedgehog went to **Hans Zinke** who was so concerned with collecting raffle money that he just couldn't score!

Team Golf Poser Competition. Equal Winners were **John Bateson, Alan Rose & Sam Pitcairn and Mike Church, Jan Henshaw & Andy Knight**

THE PLONKER CAP

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Obviously most of the Wayfairers must have made a New Year's resolution not to be plonkers as nominations were extremely sparse. Eventually however, the cap was made to fit the head of our Trophies Organiser **John B.** Following the Two Ronnies Day way back in June (winners Audrey & Hans) the trophy went briefly to Hans before John took it away for engraving. A long time later Audrey asked John what had happened to the trophy because by then she should have had it. Poor John, not being able immediately to trace its whereabouts, fobbed Audrey off with all sorts of pathetic answers, while he desperately searched and made further enquiries. Eventually some 9 months after the Competition took place John found it in his attic! What a plonker!

The big question now however is could the same fate befall Jeff Hogg?! The Hedgehog Award could not be given out at North Downs because Jeff, cannot find it! Our poor little Hedgehog has gone walkabout together with the hedgehog book!

THE NORTH DOWNS RAFFLE

Many thanks to **Hans Zinke** who did an excellent job as our raffle ticket salesman. When handing over the money he estimated that there was about £93 taken. In fact it was £99!

Well done Hans – you certainly have taking ways!

Syd Tutton was once again the lucky winner of the “star prize”! Following his earlier successes with clothes pegs and shoelaces, Syd went home very happy clutching two extremely heavy and hairy coconuts. (He'll do anything to get his photo in the Wayfairer! Ed).

Another Raffle extravaganza is coming up at Holtie in May, and thanks to Eddie Stanley for “volunteering” to do the business **on the day.** (Hope he reads this! Ed).

AND SO TO OUR NEXT MEETING AT HOLTYE GOLF CLUB ON TUESDAY 9th MAY

This is our only 27 Holes Day, consisting of a 9 Hole Individual Stableford in the morning, followed by an afternoon 18 Hole Texas Scramble. And just to increase your appetite before lunch, we have the dreaded Annual Putting Competition to play before you get that most welcome pint in your hand!

TIMING FOR THE DAY

09.00 Coffee & Bacon Baps

09.30 First group out tee off.

11.30 (approx) Putting Competition to be played before lunch.

12 noon onwards a staggered light lunch. Eat as you come in.

13.00 Team Texas Scramble commences

19.15 (approx) Evening Meal followed by Raffle & Prize Giving.

AWARDS

Winners of the Texas Scramble will receive our special Team Trophy (currently held by **Annie Hitam, Andy Knight & Mike Wilson**).

The winner of the Individual Event will receive the Wayfairers Trophy (current holder **Fred Catterall**) (You wait-He won't let it go now!ED)

THE “BRODERICK”

Continuing our annual dedication to Bill Broderick – one of our founder members who sadly died a few years back – we will once again include the “Broderick” in our morning round. This means that you can retake just one tee shot without penalty. Once this second shot is played it becomes the ball in play.

DIRECTIONS

The Clubhouse is on the right hand side of the A264 approximately 4 miles out of East

Grinstead travelling in the direction of Tunbridge Wells. Phone 01342 850957

THE COST

The cost including coffee on arrival, 27 holes, a light lunch, Evening Meal and all prizes will be £37 for Non Holtie members and £25 for Holtie Members.

RETURNS Please complete the enclosed availability slip and return to Tony Warrilow with your money by **MONDAY 17th APRIL** at the very latest - **unless you want £2 added to your bill!**

ALSO PLEASE NOTE! If you are coming to Old Thorns and you have not yet paid your £55 for the day this is also due by **MONDAY 17th APRIL**. If you are staying the night at Old Thorns please send £20 a head deposit for the accommodation as detailed on the return slip. Thank you.

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One Sunday morning in mid-February, 16 Wayfairers plus 3 golfing guests and half a dozen “better halves”, headed north across the Thames, travelling up to a very secluded part of the County of Suffolk. Their destination was the Stoke By Nayland Golf Hotel, and here they enjoyed a memorable 2 night stay, in what proved to be an excellent venue laid out in a truly magnificent setting.

Rain and drizzle throughout Day 1 curtailed the Golf Competition to 9 Holes, although half the field kept going to complete the full 18. This was on the “Constable Course”, which proved to be a real test of golf and hill walking ability! (Don't let anyone kid you that the Essex/Suffolk border is flat! Ed)

With time afterwards for that welcome drink, plus a relaxing dip in the pool and jacuzzi, the aches and pains quickly disappeared, and all that could be remembered was that excellent tee shot over the lake and the thirty foot putt that went straight down!

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PICTURES FROM NORTH DOWNS



Peter Storey gets the drinks in for Guests Kevin Hinton & Sam Pitcairn.

Mr. TREASURER'S WINNING TEAM .



Who else but Syd would be lucky enough to win a pair of hairy nuts!?



The Birdie Cap, won with 4 birdies by Sam Pitcairn



The Wayfairer's prize table at North Downs



David Rose highest score in the Treasurer Team.



Sue McDonnell is making Nearest the Pin "her event"!

Showing no nervousness whatsoever, our confident Treasurer awaits the results!



Jan Henshaw - top scorer in the struggling Presidents Team

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FANCY A HALF PRICE 2 NIGHT SPRING BREAK?

Also should you want any "2 Fore 1" vouchers to use during your break your Secretary has plenty of these in supply. (£3 a voucher covers 2 players)

Your Secretary has some Daily Telegraph vouchers which entitle the holder to a 2 Night Bed & Breakfast Short Break for two, at a choice of over 400 Hotels & Pubs in the U.K.

Many of these are genuine half price breaks.

As an example, he and his dear wife are off to stay at a 15th Century Inn in a little village near Canterbury in early April for just £20 each per night for B&B. (50% discount).

The offers are open until the end of May, and with the necessary vouchers comes a full detailed guide to all the participating Hotels & Pubs in the scheme.

Why not take your other half away for a short Spring Break at a fabulous discounted price?

A set of vouchers plus the guide costs £5, and this money will be put into funds for our "Old Thorns" day.

WISHING YOU WELL RON

Ron Harris has had a pretty bleak New Year so far, but hopefully things are now improving. Just after Christmas he entered hospital for a major operation but unfortunately this was not successful, and he had to endure it all over again for a second time. The good news is that the results now are much more positive, and he is even talking about swinging a club! Keep up the recovery Ron and we hope to see you soon.

Society Championship

Some might think that this must belong to Fred Catterall with his 2 wins in a row - but you would be wrong. He has just 96 points. No lesser person than our match co-ordinator and handicap guru John Bateson has amassed an astounding 101 points! A good outside bet, with several months yet to go, is Bill Eslor with 69.

30 PLUS CLUB AT North Downs

33 Fred Catterall.

32 David Rose

32 Sam Pitcairn

31 Peter Storey

30 Kevin Hinton

30 Tony Warrilow

30 Stuart Saunders



Annual Pairs Knockout Competition

With this copy of the Wayfairer please find enclosed a separate sheet giving the draw and full details of the 2006 Annual Pairs Knock Out Competition.

HANDICAPS

HOLTYE	
ALLAN	29
BAILEY	31
BATESON	19
BLAKELEY	14
CATTERALL	16*
CHURCH	20
COOPER, K	18
ESLOR, B	22
GIRLING	32
HARRIS, R	19
HENSHAW	36
HISTED	15
HITAM	23
HOGG	12
HORSFALL, B	35
HORSFALL, J	36
HOULIHAN	24
KNIGHT	15*
LOADER	32
LOVELOCK N	21
MARCHBANK	21
MCDONNELL, J	21
MCDONNELL, S	7
PEAKE	35
PESKETT	23
REEVES	30
RICHARDS	31
RIDDLES, A	26*
RIDDLES, M	27
ROSE, A	29
ROSE, D	21*
ROSNER, C	31
ROSNER, M	20
RUSHTON	16
SHELLEY	18
STANLEY	20
STOREY	7
TUTTON	27
WAGSTAFF	22
WARRILOW	30*
WIDDOWSON	10
WILKES	7
WILLIAMS	16
WILSON	29
ZINKE	15*