

THE WAYFAIRER

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CARL TAKES THE TROPHY – TOP SCORE OF THE DAY AS PETER, TONY & SYD KEEP THE PINK BALL IN PLAY!

29 Wayfairers and 5 guests arrived at Hassocks all wearing smiles and most wearing shorts as a hot humid day beckoned, but with the worrying threat of heavy thunder storms to come! As it turned out however, the weather gods were as usual extremely kind to us, and a dull heavy morning turned into a clear but very sticky afternoon.

The gathering on the first tee saw many a nervous Wayfairer anxiously clutching a coloured ball, with all of them saying to themselves “I mustn’t lose it! I mustn’t lose it!” For this was the day of the Annual Pink Ball Event!

Following very heavy overnight rain the Course was green and in excellent condition, with the ball still running well after weeks of dry weather. The shortness of the course was reflected in the results as an average score of 31 pts was recorded – much higher than at recent meetings.

Star of the day was Carl Rosner who played below handicap to come in with an excellent score of 37 pts despite being the unfortunate person in his Team to lose the pink ball! He was by no means the only one however! Eleven Teams competed, but only one came back with their coveted pink possession! Ten Teams fell by the wayside, the only exception being the trio of Peter, Tony & Syd who managed 33 pts with their retained but well worn ball.

Runner up to Carl in the individual competition, also with 37 pts but losing out on count back, was guest John Goodman, while keeping the prizes in the Rosner family was son-in-law Andy just behind with 36. The scissors are out!

A happy sight after the trials and tribulations of the 18 holes was sunshine blazing down on a patio full of tables of chatting thirsty Wayfairers – all of them without jackets,



The Wayfairers Trophy was won by Carl Rosner

and some even minus their ties due to the official decree of the President. (No standards! That’s the trouble! Ed.)

This happy atmosphere continued in the dining area, and after a substantial 3 Course meal and prize giving, Mike Riddles showed a short DVD taken at Old Thorns of our Tenth Anniversary Day. So, many thanks Mike for all your efforts further details back page.

And so to the Full Hassocks Results

1st and winner of the Wayfairers Trophy **Carl Rosner** 37 pts

2nd guest **John Goodman** 37 pts c/b

3rd **Andy Knight** 36 pts

Pink Ball Team Winners **Peter Rushton, Tony Warrilow & Syd Tutton** 33 pts

Also scoring 33 pts with the Pink Ball but losing it on the 17th was the combination of **Hans Zinke, Mike Riddles & Carl Rosner**. A great effort! 33pts with still two holes to complete! Could well have been the winners!

Nearest the Pin **Hans Zinke**

Open Longest Drive **Andy Knight**

19 & Over Longest Drive **Bill Eslor** It must have been enormous because Michael Rosner was almost on the green with his effort which looked impossible to beat.

Birdie Cap This went to the Welsh wizard **David Williams**

The Hedgehog award - **Stuart Allan** - who didn’t receive just the Hedgehog, but also the Hedgehog’s offspring which was

brought all the way from Bexhill where the Hedgehog had been staying on holiday with Michael Rosner. Whilst being with Michael it escaped, fell in love and as a result we now have two very prickly creatures! The President is offering a prize for naming our latest very junior Wayfairer. Suggestions as usual in a plain brown envelope. To help Stuart improve his game John Horsfall had sent along his ‘Swing Meter’ that he had won at Old Thorns - a gadget which when attached to a golf club determines the quality of one’s swing. Stuart demonstrated his swing several times with the gadget loudly proclaiming **SLICE!** Was it rigged as Stuart claimed ?

THE PLONKER CAP

This went to guest and potential Wayfairer Spencer Atwell. Having had a much needed drink from his water bottle he then proceeded to pour the contents into Derek Reeves' bag. An easy mistake that anyone could make, but then it transpires he did exactly the same thing when playing at Old Thorns! Twice is definitely a Plonker! (If only we could get him to repeat this when he removes a Ten Pound Note from his wallet! Ed.)

THE RAFFLE

Fearless Fred did a truly wonderful job at Hassocks and managed to sell tickets to the value of £117. Later another £1 was found, so this was put in as an extra prize and duly went to a delighted Brian Girling who proceeded to buy drinks for all with it. After heavily subsidising Old Thorns expenses, and paying for a magnificent collection of prizes on our Anniversary occasion, the raffle fund had been looking rather poorly, but it is now extremely healthy again. Well done Fred!

And many thanks to Ken Cooper for not realising that he is the chosen one for our next meeting at Chiddingfold. Thank you Ken for volunteering – you're bound to be a winner!

The Knockout



One semi-final due to be played is the Ladies pairing of Jan & Sue up against the formidable male partnership of Hans & Derek. May the best pair win!

In the other section of the draw stalemate seems to have been reached as Bob & Annie patiently await the result of the quarter final between David & Peer versus Doug & Chris.

Hurry up please – time is fast running out! We want to be able to present the Trophies at next month's A.G.M.

AND SO TO OUR NEXT MEETING A.G.M. DAY AT CHIDDINGFOLD TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY 27th OCTOBER 2006

Hopefully we will have a very full turn out for our 11th Annual General Meeting to be held as ever at Chiddingfold G.C. There are a couple of changes this year both of which should be for the better. We are playing one week earlier than usual, which means the clocks will have not gone back, so we should get one more hour of daylight. Also we have been given two starting tees – the 1st and the 10th – so this should reduce waiting time by half. Despite this time saving, we will as usual hold the team putting competition which was introduced originally to give players something to do while waiting to tee off. With the extra daylight, teams can tackle the putting either before or after playing the Course.

Coffee will be available from 9am and the A.G.M. will as in previous years start promptly at 09.10. A maximum of 50 minutes will be allowed for the meeting, and any unfinished business left for discussion after the evening meal.

The first two groups out are due to tee off at 10.12 and early starters will be forewarned by Email or phone so that they can be ready for this time. NOTE. CHIDDINGFOLD COURSE RULES STATE "SOFT SPIKES ONLY".

A 3 Course meal is booked for 4.30pm.

The main prize of the day will be the Ron Harris Autumn Cup (current holder Eddie Stanley). Hopefully the winners of the pairs Knock-Out Competition can be announced and presented with their prizes, but at the time of going to print semi-finals have yet to be played. A.G.M. Day is also the

occasion when our Society Champion of the year receives his or her award.

Cost - £33 to cover coffee on arrival, 18 holes, a 3 Course meal and all prizes. Guests are welcome and they can attend the A.G.M. but have no voting powers.

The deadline for return slips and cheques is FRIDAY 6th OCTOBER and please remember (as mentioned elsewhere in this edition) to return this slip with your £10 annual subscription if you intend to rejoin. Should you not be coming to Chiddingfold but wish to rejoin please let Tony have your £10 by the same deadline date. With your slip is a separate sheet detailing the A.G.M. agenda plus notes from last year's meeting. Please bring this with you to the A.G.M.

As it is our 12th gathering at Chiddingfold it is assumed that everyone knows the location.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS – EARLY PAYMENT

Our Treasurer Tony is not just a pretty face! – he has ideas too, and occasionally some of these are quite bright! Instead of chasing subscriptions on the day of the A.G.M. Tony is asking for £10 payments in advance, together with your payment for our next meeting. If you are not able to attend at Chiddingfold just send him your annual subscription, due by **Friday 6th October**. This means that we will know before the A.G.M. who has or hasn't re-joined, and we will be able to offer any vacancies to those on the waiting list before our next meeting. Well done Tony! PLEASE NOTE! If you haven't paid your subscription by Friday 6th October it will be assumed that you no longer wish to retain your membership! Tony goes away for a fortnight just 36 hours after this deadline date so please make sure he gets your return on time!

PICTURES FROM HASSOCKS



Left Acting Captain of the Day Audrey Riddles presents the winning Team with their Trophy & prizes.

Right Tony fondles his little clown presented to the team for preserving the Pink Ball all round the course!



Left Hans Zinke wins the Nearest the Pin Pint.

Right Bill Eslor 19 & over Longest Drive



Birdie Cap for David Williams .



**Plonker Cap Guest Spencer Atwell
(..and he still wants to join?!!**



John B checking the scores in the sunshine .

UNOFFICIAL GATHERING AT FOXBRIDGE ON THURSDAY

Currently we have 20 Wayfairers getting together for this "unofficial" meeting. Further details of times, playing groups, competitions etc. will be issued nearer the time. Many thanks to all those who have paid up so promptly

SOCIETY CHAMPIONSHIP

At this time of the Year
we go quiet on this
subject to build the
suspense for the
announcement at the
AGM
Better luck next year!

THE HASSOCKS OVER 30 CLUB

37 Carl Rosner

36 Andy Knight

35 Jeff Hogg, David Williams

34 Norman Lovelock, Peter Rushton

33 Barry Richards, Tony Warrilow

32 Mike Riddles, Audrey Riddles, Alan Rose

31 Doug Wagstaff, Frank Houlihan,
Brian Girling,

30 Fred Catterall

In addition our guests John Goodman
37, Mike Manning 32, and Damon
Pritchard 30

WINTER WARNING!

Unfortunately winter is on the way and this could at some time mean trolley bans. Unless we get a substantial amount of rain in October this should not affect our Chiddingfold meeting, but you are strongly recommended to check the situations for our December and March gatherings. The telephone numbers of the Clubs that we play are always published in the appropriate edition of the Wayfairer.

OLD THORNS D.V.D. PURCHASE

Once again many thanks to Mike Riddles for taking his camcorder to Old Thorns and making a 14 minute record of our day. This was shown at Hassocks and much enjoyed by all those present. Should you want your own copy Mike is prepared to produce these at a cost of £3 each. After production expenses any profit will go into The Wayfairers Fund. Please contact Mike direct if you would like to take advantage of this offer.

*I too ashamed to appear on the picture
page and wearing their tearful badges -
"The Wayfairers who lost their balls".*



I would like to say that the reason why this
Picture is blacked out was to preserve the
anonymity of the felons who unremittingly
parked their Pink Balls in ponds and hedges.
The truth is that my trusty camera has lost it's
flasher and I have to get a new one!
(Not before time! Ed.).

Just consider that you all had a let off!

HANDICAPS FOR

Current Handicaps

ALLAN	30*
BAILEY	31
BATESON	20
BLAKELEY	14*
CATTERALL	16
CHURCH	21
COOPER, K	18
ESLOR, B	20
GIRLING	32
HARRIS, R	19
HENSHAW	33
HISTED	16
HITAM	21
HOGG	12
HORSFALL, B	35
HORSFALL, J	36
HOULIHAN	22
KNIGHT	14
LOADER	32
LOVELOCK N	22
MARCHBANK	21
McDONNELL, J	20
McDONNELL, S	7
PEAKE	35
PESKETT	23
REEVES	31
RICHARDS	31
RIDDLES, A	25
RIDDLES, M	28
ROSE, A	30
ROSE, D	21
ROSNER, C	28*
ROSNER, M	22
RUSHTON	15
SHELLEY	18
STANLEY	20
STOREY	6
TUTTON	28*
WAGSTAFF	24
WARRILOW	29
WIDDOWSON	11
WILKES	7
WILLIAMS	17
WILSON	30
ZINKE	15

FUTURE CLOTHING ORDERS

Unfortunately our supplier of golf clothing bearing the Society logo is no longer in a position to deal with single "one off" orders. Any shirts, caps and sweaters etc. will have to be ordered in batches of a minimum of 8. Don't be too put off however. If you let Barry know your requirements, there may be others that he has listed who are also looking to make some purchases and he can advise you of the current situation. Obviously you still have your own choice of size and colour.