

THE WAYFAIRER

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ON HIS DEBUT DEMON DAMON DEMOLISHES THE FIELD - IN THE PAIRS K.O.FINAL BOB & ANNIE DON'T YIELD!

The Wayfairers Autumn gathering at Chiddingfold resulted in a resounding Individual victory, and an extremely closely contested Pairs Better Ball Final.

Early in the day it was announced at a very well attended Annual General Meeting, that due to vacancies membership had been given to Damon Pritchard & Spencer Atwell. This was the long awaited moment that Damon had been hoping for! As a guest at previous gatherings, he had enviously eyed the Society's silverware, but knew he had no chance of possession until his membership was granted. As soon as this was achieved, smiling he grabbed the opportunity, burnt up the Course and came in with an incredible score of 44 pts! This was 5 ahead of (guest) Peter Smith on 39- who was ahead of Hans Zinke on countback. This exposed our two Guests previously hidden inclinations to be "bandits, with their excellent scores. But now the consequences of victory for Damon, Peter & Hans are likely to cause them intense suffering, as the Handicap Committee consider their response!

Following the quick non-contentious AGM, the field split into 2 groups, with some starting at the 1st, while others began their rounds on the 10th, and this play really speeded up the day's proceedings.

As the 34 players set off in a competition for the Ron Harris Cup and the Wayfairers Trophy the sun shone on a gloriously warm Autumn day but, due to earlier torrential rain, the surface underfoot was mud and even more mud! This, together with the long wet grass which the mowers had been unable to cut, resulted in playing conditions being much more difficult than usual, and when considering this fact a lot of the scores were amazingly good. Following the golf the Clubhouse became the usual scene of Wayfairers chatter and ambiance before the time came to eat. During the meal President Barry

proposed a toast of 'Happy Eleventh Birthday to the Wayfairers' from the location where it all started 11 years ago.



**Ron Harris Autumn Cup & Wayfairers Trophy Winner.
New Member Damon Pritchard receives his awards from Captain of the day Carl Rosner.**

Annual Awards Presented on A.G.M Day

Society Champion Eddie Stanley with a total score of 106 pts. for his best 3 rounds.

KnockOut Pairs Trophies Bob Histed & Annie Hitam.

Runners Up Sue McDonnell & Jan Henshaw.

Ron Bailey Award for Top Lady of the Year Annie Hitam average 28.6 pts

And so to the Chiddingfold Results

Winner of the Ron Harris Autumn Cup & Wayfairers Trophy Damon Pritchard 44 pts

2nd Peter Smith (guest) 39 pts on countback from -

3rd Hans Zinke 39 pts

4th Bill Eslor 38 pts on c//b from

5th Mike Church .

Team Prize Chris Wilkes, Eddie Stanley & "Demon" Pritchard again! 89 pts

Nearest The Pin Hans Zinke who just had to win it as he had forgotten to bring back the trophy which he had won on the last outing! (The things people will do to avoid the Plonker Cap! Ed)

Open Longest Drive Peter Smith (whom we shan't invite again!- (ED)

19 & Over Longest Drive John McDonnell ahead by inches from Carl & Harold

Shortest Drive Tony Warrilow who, was cruising along nicely, but went flat out to belt the ball all of two feet!

Birdie Cap Brian ("I had a birdie!") Girling. Awarded to Brian because Derek Reeves who scored a birdie on the 5th & with 2 shots on this stroke index 7 hole scoed 5 stablefod points!

Hedgehog(s) Bob ("K.O. Pairs Winner") Histed



Although nearly all of the players were out in 3 Balls, the first group was a 4 Ball. This match was the Final of the Pairs K.O. Competition, with the current holders Sue & Jan doing battle against Bob & Annie. With just 6 holes to go Bob & Annie were in the commanding position of being 4 up, but Sue & Jan fought back. After 18 it was all square so down the 19th they went. This was familiar territory for Sue & Jan as in two previous rounds they had made the same journey to emerged as victors. This was not to happen today however as Bob sunk a putt for a par 5 (net 4) and this couldn't be matched. So it's congratulations to Bob & Annie for their first ever victory in this competition. Bob was extremely relieved to see his final putt drop as he had not scored all that well throughout the day. In fact later he was awarded the Hedgehog! What an amazing game golf is! Top and bottom prizes in the same

THE PLONKER CAP

This was awarded to Jan Henshaw. One of the Hon. Sec's responsibilities is to make sure that all trophies are returned for each meeting. Knowing that the K.O. Pairs Trophy would be needed, he telephoned the holder Jan who promised to bring it with her to Chiddingfold. When asked for it to be put on the prize table a shocked Jan put her hand up to her face - she had forgotten it! Jan desperately tried to defend herself by pleading just how difficult it was to have to live with Mike, and although this did receive a great deal of sympathy from everybody present, the evidence was against her and the Plonker Cap was hers! Congratulations Jan!

AND SO TO OUR LAST MEETING OF 2006 TO BE HELD AT NORTH DOWNS G.C. ON TUESDAY 5th DECEMBER

For the first time we are holding our Christmas meeting at North Downs, a Club where we always receive a warm welcome (but hope that the Course is not covered in cold snow! Ed.)

The programme for the day is as follows - From 08.50 Full English Breakfast. First Group tee off at 09.45. At approx. 16.30 a 3 Course Christmas Dinner will be served.

You are advised to check the trolley situation beforehand. The Pro's Shop number is 01883 653004 and the main Office number is 01883 652057. P.code CR37AA As we have played North Downs on two previous occasions it is assumed that all members will know the location. Please contact John McD should you require directions.

The Competition is an 18 hole Stableford and the winner will receive the Christmas Tankard (currently held by "Fearless" Fred) and the Wayfairers Trophy (at present in the safe hands of Damon Pritchard). Another Trophy also to be contested will be Harold's Special 18th Hole Trophy (holder Peter Storey). This will go to the player who is nearest the pin in 3 shots but not on the 18th hole - instead it will be the 17th! This may sound rather Irish but for those who remember the 17th (named on the card as "Cardiac Hill") this is the perfect hole for this unusual competition. **Please note** that this is the annual **BRING & WIN** Event. Suggested value of prizes £3 up to £5 - preferably wrapped. The cost for the day will be £40 with this to

include Breakfast, 18 holes, a Christmas meal with wine provided and all prizes, except the ones brought for the bring & win. Please send your return slip, with payment if coming, to Tony by FRIDAY 17th NOVEMBER at the very latest. Guests are welcome.

If you have a "better half" that you would like to invite to the meal please let either John know well in advance. Cost £16.50.

As always our Christmas Raffle won't be a raffle! This year before playing all members will be relieved of the princely sum of £1. This will buy them, rather like our "Open" swindle a player, but this time instead of this golfer being a top professional it will be a fellow Wayfairer! So whoever draws the winning Wayfairer, will themselves win a money prize! Prizes will go to the top 3 places, and if we dig deep enough into our coffers we might even find sufficient for a prize for the unfortunate member who draws the player who finishes last! Should you draw your own name then it's up to you to go out and sweep the field and the jackpot!

This annual unofficial gathering will be at Holtys G.C. It was announced at Chiddingfold that this would take place on Friday 22nd December. **Unfortunately this date has had to be changed** and will now take place on **Thursday 21st December**. Thursday is normally Ladies Day but their Captain & Committee have very kindly agreed to allow us access to the course on the understanding that any ladies wishing to play go off first or may join us in our competition
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PICTURES FROM Chiddingfold



The winning Team:
Damon Pritchard,
Chris Wilkes,
Carl Rosner,
& Eddie Stanley.



Bob Histed
& Anne Hitam,
ultimate winners of the Society Knockout Competition, at the 19th hole!



I,N,W.A. McDonnell captures the '19 and over Handicap' Longest Drive, and looks delighted!
Well done John!



How to avoid the Plonker Cap?

'Win the Trophy you left at home!!'
(Hans Zinke wins Nearest the Pin)



Guest - Peter Smith who capped second place in the Autumn Cup with the Open Longest Drive

THE CHIDDINGFOLD RAFFLE

Many thanks to Bill Eslor Ticket salesman extraordinaire for doing such an excellent job in taking £105. The Raffle Fund is now looking extremely healthy and your Hon. Sec. is off to the £1 Shop this very week to build up a stock of more magnificent prizes. No raffle at North Downs though – instead the usual McDonnell Christmas swindle. Further details on page 2.

BELATED HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

At Chiddingfold Stuart Allan who had celebrated his 80th Birthday in early October received congratulations from all the Wayfairers present, and we feel sure that those not there echo our sentiments. We reckon we now have 5 of our members all in their eighties. Perhaps a special competition is called for?!

THE CHIDDINGFOLD OVER 30 CLUB

44 pts: Damon Pritchard. 39pts: Hans Zinke. 38pts: Bill Eslor &, Mike Church. 36pts: Barbara Horsfall, Nick Widdowson & Chris Wilkes. 35pts: Spencer Atwell, Jeff Hogg & John McDonnell 34pts: Barry Richards 33pts: Carl Rosner, 32pts: Alan Rose, Tony Warrilow & Mike Wilson 31pts John Bateson, 30pts: Derek Reeves.

MEMBERSHIP MOVEMENTS

It was with sadness that your Committee recently received the resignations of two stalwart and very supportive past members, John Peake and Syd Tutton. John had been a member since way back in the early days, and was a very keen supporter of all our residential trips both at home and in France. Unfortunately John suffered bad health right through last year and still doesn't feel up to playing. He has kindly stated that he doesn't wish to continue to hold a membership which he doesn't use, and in so doing prevent a prospective keen member from joining. We all wish you well John and hope that you do recover soon. If this happens there will always be a place for you. For newer members who don't know John it is his Trophy that he donated (the Spring Cup) that we play for every March.

Syd will always be remembered for his great good fortune in so often winning the star prize in the raffle. He went home with hundreds of shoelaces, tissues, countless clothes pegs and on one occasion two dried up coconuts (which is still the subject of a law suit! Ed.) Not only that he once won the prize of a golf bag that was so big that he used to take it with him when he went camping – to live in! Unfortunately over the past few months Syd has found that the journeys to and from our various venues have got just too much for him, and even with frequent lifts with Brian he still always has the final journey back to Tunbridge Wells. As he said he always returned home “completely knackered!” We are so sorry to lose you Syd and thank you so much for your extremely generous parting gesture. Remember Holtye is close to Tunbridge Wells and we want to see you there in May.

HANDICAPS

NORTH DOWNS H/CAPS	
ALLAN	33*
ATWELL	24
BAILEY	31
BATESON	20
BLAKELEY	14
CATTERALL	16
CHURCH	19*
COOPER, K	18
ESLOR, B	18*
GIRLING	32
HARRIS, R	19
HENSHAW	34*
HISTED	18*
HITAM	21
HOGG	12
HORSFALL, B	34*
HORSFALL, J	36*
HOULIHAN	23*
KNIGHT	14
LOADER	32
LOVELOCK N	23*
MARCHBANK	21
MCDONNELL, J	20
MCDONNELL, S	7
PESKETT	23
PRITCHARD	27*
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	19*
STANLEY	20
STOREY	6
WAGSTAFF	24
WARRILOW	29
WIDDOWSON	10*
WILKES	6*
WILLIAMS	17
WILSON	30*
ZINKE	14*

If you are unable to make North Downs or the Christmas Roll-Up We wish you a very Happy Christmas and Golfing New Year from all the Wayfairers.

Christmas Challenge

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All Wayfairers are welcome including guests. Just turn up for about 9am. Playing order will be sorted out. Holtye members can sign in non-members at a reduced rate. The 18 hole competition is for the Christmas Challenge Trophy, currently held by David Rose. Providing you get back to the Clubhouse no later than 2pm. there will be food available at the bar. £1 ahead will be levied to cover Prizes.

FAREWELL TO CHIDDINGFOLD AFTER 11 YEARS

It was felt after our recent day at Chiddingfold that the situation there is very much in decline, particularly in relation to the standard of the course and the meal we received. It was also noted that planning permission was being sought to turn the Clubhouse into a private dwelling, and the Club is to change from having a membership priority to a Play & Pay policy. With great regret after 11 happy years at the Club we feel that we should be looking for a new venue for our A.G.M. Day. At the moment your Committee are considering all sorts of possible new venues and members will be advised of the outcome.