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DEREK REEVES IS TRIUMPHANT! ALL THE OTHERS SCORE LESS AS CHRIS, JAN, NORMAN & SPENCER ENJOY SCRAMBLE SUCCESS

Tuesday 8th May – the day of winning Team last year. Split them up! Our annual Holtie meeting. They obviously get on too well together! Many members arrived together!

Most Teams finished exhausted after the accumulated effects of playing 27 holes, battling the severe winds and spending so much time looking for balls! However after a welcome shower and a few aperitifs, memories of the golf became almost pleasurable (except to Wilson!... Ed.)

And what happened? Well once again the Committee confounded all the weather prophets. A warm sunny day ensued, together with a wind that seemed to reach 100 miles an hour as it sent golf balls scurrying all over the Course.

A total of 30 Wayfairers and 3 guests took part. The morning round being a 9 Hole Individual Stableford in which “Destructive” Derek destroyed everyone else’s hopes of victory by returning an excellent score of 21 pts, finishing 2 clear points ahead of Alan Rose. This was the day of the “Broderick” and many players took advantage of the opportunity of playing a second tee shot, but all who did so lived to regret it as is explained later in this report!

Before lunch members tackled the tricky 7 hole Putting Course set up by “Devious” John McD, and many were going strongly until they came to the final hole which could be reached only through a maze of tightly stretched string. This hole doubled the score of many competitors with the best recorded result being a 7.

The afternoon saw the Annual Team Texas Scramble, and this resulted in an extremely close tussle being won eventually by just one shot, thanks to the combination of 3 men and a lady – Chris, Norman, Spencer & Jan. (Note to the Match Coordinator. Jan & Norman were also in the

After an excellent meal and during the prize giving, John B. dropped the bombshell that, for anybody who had used their “Broderick”, there was a penalty! - £1 in the charity pot! This unexpected development saw many members stumping up, with some even trying to force a smile as they did so! Not content with this, avaricious John added more to the fund by reading out all the names on the Shortest Drive marker, and so yet further contributions had to be made.

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AND SO TO THE HOLTIE RESULTS

Morning. 9 Hole Individual Stableford competing for the Wayfairers Trophy

1st Derek Reeves 21 pts

2nd Alan Rose 20 pts

3rd John Bateson 18 pts c/b from Mike Wilson & Anne Hitam

Team Texas Scramble Jan, Chris, Norman & Spencer 66 LEVEL PAR.

2nd Peter Rushton, Mike Church, Carl Rosner & Derek Reeves 67

Putting 1st Chris Wilkes 19

2nd Doug Wagstaff 20 c/b

3rd Norman Lovelock 20

Open Longest Drive Peter Storey - thanks to his new driver purchased from Kevin at lunchtime after trying it out on the morning round! (The lengths people will go to just to win a dram of whisky! Ed)

19 & Over Longest Drive Bill “Always on the Fairway” Esler

Nearest the Pin “It’s the same old Storey”! (Ouch! Ed)

Shortest Drive Stuart “Gentle Man” Allan

Birdie Cap Andy “Orchid” Knight

Hedgehog Jan “Keep it in the Family” Henshaw

The Plonker Cap.

There were several nominations for this, the most notable concerning our beloved Committee member John B. who sent an Email to the Secretary regarding Email addresses. In this message he gave as information part

The Plonker Cap...cont

AND SO TO OUR NEXT MEETING AT FOXBRIDGE G.C. ON MONDAY 18th JUNE

of the Email address of regular guest Tom Littmann as Littmann@Littmann. To the initiated this is of course a completely impossible address, which in order to be correct should have read as Littmann@Hotmail. A bad enough mistake, but to compound his error even further John then went on to emphasise the correct spelling of our guest's name. He wrote - Littmann is spelt with a double "tt" and a double "nn" like this - Littmanm! (Man's raving mad! Ed).

A further nomination was submitted about the absence of a tax disk on the Presidents car. This has now been reported to the police who have concluded that it had been stolen (in these days a not uncommon event). Advice to all - make sure your car is locked at all times when unattended, particularly when paying after filling up at the garage.

In view of all the facts it was decided, that it was not appropriate to award the Plonker Cap at this meeting.

THE HOLTYE RAFFLE

Very many thanks to Bob & Annie who combined so well together in dragging the fivers out of wallets and purses. (More like Bonnie & Clyde! Ed) The grand total raised was a record sum of £120 – a total only beaten on our very special Old Thorns day. According to our Secretary the amount taken was only matched by the sheer quality of the prizes. (And if you'll believe that, you'll believe anything! Ed)

Andy Knight donated a superb orchid to the prize table and then proceeded to win it, only to present it to Annie for doing such a great job with the Raffle. While mentioning Andy, many thanks to all those who sponsored him so generously, and we wish him "Happy Landings" when he jumps out of that plane in June to raise money for Breast Cancer Research. Don't forget your parachute Andy and good luck!

This is the day of the Annual Drawn Pairs Competition playing for the Two Ronnies Trophy, and our first official gathering at this venue, although back in October twenty Wayfairers did meet here unofficially with all having a most enjoyable day.

The 9 Hole Course is rather "out in the sticks" near Plaistow in West Sussex, but simple directions are as follows – If coming on the A264 from Crawley and through Broadbridge Heath follow the A281 (Guildford road) as far as Bucks Green. Turn left in Bucks Green by a garage on to the Loxwood road. At Loxwood turn left (south) on B2133 heading towards the A272 (Billingshurst). Turn right on the road to Ifold & Plaistow which is sign posted to the Golf Club. Just past Ifold another road to your left will direct you down to the Course. If approaching westwards on the A272 just before Wisborough Green turn right on B2133 heading north up towards Loxwood. The road to Ifold & Plaistow will appear on your left. Turn left and follow the instructions from here in the paragraph above.

The Club phone number is 01403 753303.

As at all our other previous June gatherings this will be an afternoon meeting, and being only 3 days away from the "longest day", darkness shouldn't descend until we are all well on our way home.

The first group out tee off at 12.30, but please aim to arrive about an hour before this as around midday the draw will be made for playing partners and playing order. Please note there is no coffee on arrival as it is anticipated that all members will want to purchase their own refreshments before playing.

As always there will be an Individual Stableford Competition for the Wayfairers Trophy currently held by Derek Reeves, as well as the Pairs Event competing for the "Two Ronnies" Trophy, at present in the safe keeping of Bob Histed & Norman Lovelock.

Guests are welcome, but hopefully there will be an even number as guests will be drawn with other guests to form pairs. Should a "guest pair" finish in first place they will take all the relevant prizes, but not the Trophy which will go to the Wayfairing duo who manage to beat all the other Society pairings.

The cost for the day is £29 (a real bargain!Ed) to include 18 holes, a full 3 Course Meal with coffee and all prizes. The deadline date for returns to Tony is FRIDAY 1st JUNE with late payments subject to the usual penalties!

There will not be a raffle at Foxbridge. Following our usual custom at this time of the year, a draw will be made to give all participants a player (or players) in the forthcoming 'Open' at a cost of £1 for each entry with fabulous prizes – as ever!

As some of our members are aware, Foxbridge does have one serious disadvantage which is the lack of suitable changing and showering facilities for a large gathering.

Three players can change together reasonably adequately, but there is only one shower unit. Because of this, and for this one day only, we are stating that there is no need for jackets and ties, and if you want to take the situation to extremes no need to shower at all – as on unofficial days. Hopefully the weather will be dry, and as playing groups finish their round they can sit on the patio and slake their thirsts before using the changing facilities - as and when they become available. Because of this we are not planning to eat until 7pm which should give us plenty of time.

The Club Management are also happy that the men use the ladies shower (when unoccupied! Ed) but we will have to see how any of our ladies playing on the day feel about this.

Having said all this plans are in hand to completely refurbish and extend this area of the Clubhouse, and there is even a faint possibility that this could be done before our meeting, but for the moment however we will stick to Plan "A" as indicated in the previous paragraph.

Finally, John "Sweet Charity" Bateson is on the prowl again! Foxbridge has yellow flags for the first 9, and red for the back 9 with both sharing the same large greens. Should you by mistake purposely play to the wrong coloured flag be prepared to pay up! - (no doubt your playing partners will make sure you do! Ed) and should your ball get wet be prepared for more financial embarrassment! No real need to worry however as there are only 7 water hazards (with all 7 sharing at least 2 holes! Ed)

Here's to a great day!

PICTURES FROM HOLTYE



Winner of the Wayfairers Trophy in the 9 hole morning competition Derek Reeves

(Notice he is hanging on to the beer & wine leaving Audrey, our Captain of the day, to display the trophy!!)

Right

Alan Rose looking surprised at coming 2nd - (or is it because he has just found he has three hands!!)



Left

3/4 of the winning team in the Texas Scramble:

(still hungry) Spencer Attwell, Jan Henshaw, Norman Lovelock, Absent: Chris Wilkes.



Above 2nd in the Texas Scramble: Derek (I've had a good day) Reeves, Carl Rosner, Peter Rushton & Mike Church



Peter Storey Open Longest Drive (Read about his brand new driver!)



Bill Esler seems to be collecting more than just his prize for 19 & over Longest Drive!



Andy Knight wins the Birdie Cap



Some Pictures from Horne Park



BIG TURN OUT FOR OUR UNOFFICIAL DAY AT HORNE PARK

Friday the 13th sounds a little ominous, but this was certainly not the case for 21 Wayfairers and 7 guests who turned up on a gloriously warm April morning for an "unofficial" fun day at Horne Park.

The turn out could have been even bigger as we had 3 reserves standing by, but due to Golden Wedding celebrations following hard on the heels of our late afternoon meal, the Club could not accommodate any more.

With players choosing to play off either their Club or Society handicaps, the scoring was good (average 32). This was helped by the ball running miles in the extremely dry conditions, although trying to hold the ball on the greens was a bit of a nightmare!

Eddie Stanley, who quite rightly was cut down recently to 17 by the Handicap Committee, provided written evidence (which wouldn't stand up in Court! Ed) that with another Society he was off 27! He immediately became hot favourite for the day, and this backing proved very sound as he romped home in first place with 43 pts, and also had the nerve to win the Longest Drive as well! However, feeling that this was too much of a good thing, the L.D. prize was awarded to Barry "New Eyes" Richards, in recognition of playing so well (20 pts back 9!) after having had such a long lay off following two eye operations.

Following a happy noisy meal prizes were distributed and thanks to J.McD's splendid bargain hunting shopping expeditions, everyone went home with a prize despite the fact that there were 35 prizes on the table with an income of only £28!

And so ended another successful Wayfairers gathering with a similar "unofficial" one to be planned for sometime in the Autumn.

RESULTS

1st Eddie (more than a Bandit! – more like a Bank Robber!) Stanley 43 pts

2nd Jan (what's the word for a lady Bandit?!) Henshaw 42 pts

3rd Kevin (not the way for a potential Wayfairer to behave!) Stacey 41 pts

Team Prize Brian, Bill, Harold & Kevin (not a lady present! Chauvinists!) 111 pts

L. Drive by unanimous decision awarded to President Barry – first name on marker

N. Pin Sue (Dead Eye) McDonnell

No Hedgehog Award – but Audrey who did struggle was awarded the star prize of Fork Handles (don't you mean 4 Candles?! Ed) Sorry, yes – 4 Candles! We hope that they brightened your day Audrey.

Pictures of Horne Park on page 3.

LOOKING AHEAD

Following our Foxbridge gathering, our next meeting is on MONDAY 23rd JULY at HOEBRIDGE G.C. This is the day that we will be playing in 4 Teams (captained by Committee members) to compete for the President's Trophy. It is also our long awaited Charity Day with plenty of "fun" golf related fund raising activities. Further details regarding our chosen charity appear *BELOW*.

TUESDAY 18th SEPTEMBER is the day we gather at HASSOCKS G.G. and Teams will once again be competing, but this time for the brand new Syd Tutton Pink Ball Team Trophy. As always all those who lose their Team's pink ball will be subject to ignomy and shame!

Hopefully at some time in late September / early October another "unofficial" meeting can be arranged.

Our A.G.M. Day is booked for FRIDAY 26th OCTOBER at WILDWOOD G.C. Already we have one apology for absence, and this believe it or not has come from our Treasurer who will be too busy to grace us with his presence at this time, because he will be away on yet another cruise! (Obviously he doesn't want the embarrassment of being present when we look through his accounts! Ed) We can already hear the cries of "Wilson for Treasurer!"

As regards our annual December Christmas get together nothing has been arranged so far, but we need to be looking for a Course that if possible stands up to the vagaries of the winter weather, (how about the Bahamas! ED)

Possible dates for our Christmas Roll Up at HOLTYE are likely to be THURSDAY 20th or FRIDAY 21st DECEMBER.

Heading into the New Year by popular demand we return to GATTON MANOR for our Spring Cup meeting on TUESDAY 25th MARCH Our "unofficial" meeting at HORNE PARK proved so popular that a similar venture may well be repeated next April with FRIDAY 12th APRIL being a reciprocal date to this year's gathering.

Finally our annual Team Scramble Day at HOLTYE now seems to be part of an established pattern, with the day after the early May Bank Holiday next year being TUESDAY 6th MAY.

HANDICAPS FOR Foxbridge

ALLAN	33
ATWELL	24
BAILEY	31
BATESON	20
BLAKELEY	14
CATTERALL	17
CHURCH	18
COOPER, K	18
ESLOR, B	19
GIRLING	30
HARRIS, R	19
HENSHAW	35
HISTED	18
HITAM	21
HOGG	12
HORSFALL, B	32
HORSFALL, J	36
HOULIHAN	24
KNIGHT	12
LOADER	32
LOVELOCK N	23
MARCHBANK	21
MCDONNELL, J	20
MCDONNELL, S	8
PESKETT	23
PRITCHARD	28
REEVES	27
RICHARDS	31
RIDDLES, A	24
RIDDLES, M	28
ROSE, A	25
ROSE, D	22
ROSNER, C	28
ROSNER, M	22
RUSHTON	17
SHELLEY	19
STANLEY	18
STOREY	6
WAGSTAFF	24
WARRILOW	29
WIDDOWSON	10
WILKES	6
WILLIAMS	17
WILSON	33
ZINKE	14

OUR CHOSEN CHARITY FOR 2007

ST. CATHERINE'S HOSPICE

Many thanks to all of you who have contributed already to this very worthy cause. St Catherine's is Crawley based providing a service in the Surrey, Sussex area. Like similar hospices it provides specialist care for people living with an incurable illness. The specialist care combines pain relief with practical, emotional and social support for patients and their families, friends and carers. Care is provided by their specialist trained staff who provide In-Patient, Home and Day care, Outpatient clinics, as well as Hospital and Bereavement help and advice. Such organisations are not NHS funded and can only survive with voluntary support. It costs some £4M per year to run St Catherine's but fortunately people do recognise the valuable work that is being undertaken and many fund raising projects are initiated as an ever growing number of us, by force of circumstance, come to appreciate the work that is undertaken at such Hospices. Most charities are very worthy and we had to select one. I hope that you agree that this cancer related charity warrants our support. Our contribution may seem like a drop in the ocean but every little helps. THANK YOU.



The Knockout