

# THE WAYFAIRER

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## **CHRIS & AUDREY SEIZE VICTORY AS BEST OF THE PAIRS - PETER SMITH & PEER BLAKELEY AGREE TO SPLIT SHARES.**

Our first ever full Society as he was acting as honorary Captain of the day, he was able to present the Trophy that he & Ron Harris had donated to the Society over a decade ago.

Without doubt if play had commenced at our usual time of 10am. the whole field would have got very wet indeed. As it happened however, this was the one day of our year on which we hold an afternoon meeting, and not only had the rain stopped by the time that we started, but by halfway round the sun was beating down as ever on an extremely happy band of Wayfairers.

The only things that got wet – and usually lost as a result – were a vast number of golf balls! Foxbridge is notorious for its very cleverly placed water features, all of which resemble giant hoovers as they suck in ball after ball! (Sounds like a great venue for the Pink Ball Event! Ed)

Cunning charity organiser John B. made very good use of this knowledge when he announced before play began that it was £1 in the pot for any player's first ball in the water, and 50p for any subsequent one after that! And the result? £47.50p for our chosen charity ( and a heck of a lot of lost balls! – and naughty language! Ed)

This was the day of the draw for playing partners, with all the ensuing pairs competing on a better ball basis for the Two Ronnies Trophy. Appropriately enough, the winning duo was a mixed combination – Audrey & Chris – who between them came in with an excellent total of 46 pts, giving them clear victory and joint ownership of the silver ware.

It was very pleasing to see Ron Bailey present on this occasion after a long enforced absence, and

As regards the individual Stableford event, this turned out into a really close battle between guest Peter Smith and Peer Blakeley. Peter emerged as the victor with 36 pts and went home with all the spoils, but not with the Wayfairers Trophy as rules state that this cannot be won by a guest. And so the much coveted award went to Peer who finished by just one point behind Peter, with an excellent 35.

After the draw for players in the forthcoming Open Championship and a very pleasant meal, all present agreed that Foxbridge was an excellent new venue to add to our list, and that plans should be made to return next



## **AND SO TO THE FOXBRIDGE RESULTS**

Winners of the Two Ronnies Trophy

Audrey Riddles & Chris Wilkes 46pts

2nd Guests Ian Warrilow & Robert

Crompton 44pts

3rd Ken Cooper & Spencer Atwell

42pts C/B

4th Jan Henshaw & Brian Girling

(another mixed combination) 42pts

Top Individual Score of the Day guest

Peter "All Bran" Smith 36pts

Winner of the Wayfairers Trophy

Peer Blakeley 35pts C/B

3rd Chris Wilkes 35pts

Open Longest Drive Bill "Grip It & Rip It" Eslor

19 & Over Longest Drive guest Robert Crompton (no way for a guest to behave especially as this pushed our Secretary into 2nd place!)

Nearest the Pin Accurate Annie Hitam

The Hedgehog Award Poor John!

Our much loved and esteemed Match Co-ordinator whose idea it was to financially penalise players for getting their balls wet, couldn't keep out of the water himself! He finished shattered and broke, with just 7pts on the back 9 and a total of 17. Never mind John the hedgehogs love you

## THE RAFFLE

Due to the Open Draw there was no Raffle at Foxbridge. There will however be a special one at our next meeting. Read all about it in the details for Hoebridge and please support the featured appeal for donated prizes.

### TREASURER'S RAMBLINGS

Thanks to the abundance of water at Foxbridge and the lack of sympathy from your charity fund raiser at the multitude of lost balls, our charity fund increased by £47.50, with a further £1 to come from Chris Wilkes. (Chris lost a ball?! Never! Ed) The total in the fund now with this extra £1 amounts to £152.50p.

Our next meeting as detailed in this newsletter is our official Charity Day and you will need to make sure that your wallets and purses are stuffed full, as doubtless devious methods will be devised to empty them! Unless, of course, you play the perfect round which our fund raiser will make sure that you don't!

### HAPPY LANDINGS FROM ANDY

Andy Knight wishes to thank all the Wayfairers who generously sponsored him in undertaking his first parachute jump, the Money raised going to the Breast Cancer Research fund. When the big day came Andy had to be at the airfield near Salisbury for 7.30am. An early start to a very long day. He and fellow volunteers then experienced an intensive 8 hour training session from members of the Parachute Regiment and, a physical and theoretical examination which he passed with flying colours and then "Ready to go!" After a very long and anxious wait he was told at 20.30 that the cloud had lifted sufficiently to go ahead. Very soon he was up at 7,000 feet and by his own admission "Never been so terrified in my whole life!" but his training stood him in good stead, and after taking the plunge downwards at an initial 120 mph, his chute opened for a more gradual 4 minute descent. This venture has benefited his chosen charity by some £1500, with payments still to be made. His comment on landing "I'm not going to waste all that training! I shall return!" Well done Andy. If only your putts drop as well as you did!

## AND SO TO OUR NEXT MEETING AT HOEBRIDGE G.C.

Our next meeting is our long anticipated Charity Day, when John B. will hope to add a few more final pounds to our coffers before sending off a cheque to St. Catherine's Hospice. It is also the day of our annual Team Competition in which the victorious playing group will walk away with the President's Trophy, donated several years ago by Bernard McDonnell before his sad demise in 2005.

This year there will be 4 Teams competing rather than the usual 3. Each of the 4 Committee members – Barry, Tony, John B. & John McD. will captain a Team and playing groups will be announced a few days before July 23rd. Fund raising will be golf related as agreed at our A.G.M - 1) Any player who cannot beat the score of the top scoring Committee member will be asked to put a £1 in the pot. 2) Any player who blobs the very easy 17th hole (piece of cake! Ed) also has to contribute a £1. 3) Only one Team can win the President's Trophy. If you are in a losing Team sorry! – but it's another £1 out of your pocket! In order to save your money just make sure that you beat the best Committee member, don't blob on the 17th and be in the winning Team! (Should be easy! Ed). Don't be surprised if J.B. has other little tricks up his sleeve to break us out in mirthful glee!

Holders of the President's Trophy are Tony the Treasurer's Team. As usual all members of the winning Team will receive the Trophy to hold for a month during the next year. All these members will also receive a Wayfairers ball for their splendid efforts. (Does our generosity have no bounds?! Ed)

Another painless way that we shall raise money on this day is through the Raffle. The appeal is for donated Raffle prizes. If all the prizes (usually 12) are donated, it has cost our funds nothing, and all the money taken will be profit which can go into the Charity fund. Thanks already to Peter Rushton for donating a bottle of whisky, to our President for putting up the "star" prize, and to the Pro's Shop at Horne Park for also supplying many gifts for this day. If you can give anything please let John McD. have it beforehand please.

Programme for the day. Gather for Coffee & Bacon Rolls at 09.15.

The 4 Captains tee off at 10.04. Two

Course meal at 17.00 approx.

Back to FORMAL ATTIRE for dinner please.

Other prizes. The member who comes in with the best score of the day will win the Wayfairers Trophy currently held by Peer Blakeley, and there will be all the minor Competitions as usual. Another Competition always fiercely fought at this time among our older brethren is the "50 Bob Set" and this will be there for the taking. The current holder according to our records is Doug Wagstaff.

This trophy which was donated by the wife of life member Robert Marchbank goes to the player with the best result when his age is added to his or her Stableford score.

As this is our 5th visit to Hoebridge it is assumed that everyone knows the location. Please contact John McD. if you want travel details. The Club phone number is:

01483722611.

And the price! Just £33 for coffee, bacon rolls, 18 holes, a 2 Course meal and all prizes. Of course if you want to pay more and contribute extra to our charity just pay Tony after the deadline date which is FRIDAY 9th JULY. The return slip is enclosed. Guests very welcome on this Charity day.



# PICTURES FROM FOXBRIDGE



*The 'Two Ronnies Trophy, won at Foxbridge by Audrey Riddles & Chris Wilkes, being presented by Ron Bailey, who donated the Trophy (together with Ron Harris) 10 years ago.*

*Nice to see you Ron, and looking so fit!*

**2nd were Guests Robert Crompton & Ian Warrilow (Son of the famous Father)**



**3rd Ken Cooper & Spencer Atwell**

**4th Jan Henshaw & Brian Girling**



**Below Winner of the Wayfairers Trophy Peer Blakeley**

**Below Top Individual Score of the day - Guest Peter Smith**

**Below Bill Eslor winner of the Open Longest Drive**



**Left:**

**A n n i e  
H i t a m  
wins**

**N e a r e s t  
the Pin**

**Right: The Winner of the Hedgehog Award was none other than our 'Collector of Charity Money' John B. This time it was mostly his own!**



# WHO DREW WHO?

## HANDICAPS

S.Allan – M.Campbell & A. Cabrera	S.Atwell – R. Allenby & R.Goosen
R.Bailey – N.Fasth & R.Sabbatini	J.Bateson – D.Clarke & J. Olazabel
P.Blakeley - J.Furyk & G.Ogilvy	K.Cooper – S. Garcia & A. Baddeley
R.Crompton – P.Mickelson & Z.Johnson	B.Eslor – K.Ferrie & D.Toms
B.Girling – C.Montgomerie & P. Harrington	J. Henshaw – M.Weir & I. Poulter
B.Histed – J.Daly & P.Hanson	A.Hitam – M.Jiminez & R.Green
B.Horsfall – S.Elkington J.Horsfall – E.Els	N.Lovellock – H.Stenson & A. Hansen
J.McDonnell – L.Janzen & T.Woods	S.McDonnell – C.Petersson & A. Scott
B.Richards – L.Donald & C. Schwartzel	M.Riddles – S.Appleby & T. Bjorn
A.Riddles – T.Immelmán & L. Westwood	A.Rose – P. Casey & D.Howell
D.Rose – C.Campbell & V.J. Singh	C.Rosner – W.Austin & R. Karlsson
P.Rushton – S.Stricker & P.McGinley	P.Smith – B.Watson & P. Broadhurst
T.Warrilow – T.Hamilton & S.Verplank	I.Warrilow – T.Clark & S.Ames
C.Wilkes – C Howell & B.Curtis	D.Williams – J.Rose & C.DiMarco
M. Wilson – S.Cink & G.McDowell	D.Reeves – N.O'Hern

### The Knockout



#### Round 2

**A. Hitam & B.Histed**

v

**Winners of B.Richards & P.Storey against**

**J Henshaw & H. Peskett**

**F. Houlihan & D.Pritchard**

v

**M. Wilson & J. McDonnell**

**B.Girling & B. Eslor**

v

**C.Wilkes & D. Wagstaff**

**A.Knight & C. Rosner**

v

**Winners of J Bateson & N.Widdowson against E.Stanley & P. Rushton.**

**Contact John McD for 2 for 1 vouchers if needed.**

The short par 3, hole 5 in the first half and hole 14 the second time round, was straight forward and simple - or was it? Guarded by a single bunker it appeared to hold no threat but proved to be strangely difficult for many. True, Annie Hitams winning nearest the pin shot at the 14th must have been close to get inside those of Chris Wilkes and Audrey Riddles. but overall there were more blobs than pars! The list of blobs includes winners Audrey Riddles and Peer Blakeley. Others failing to gain a single point on one or other of these holes (in some cases 2 blobs!) were Robert Crompton, Carl Rosner, Mike Wilson, David Williams, Stuart Allan (2), Tony Warrilow (2),

Perhaps next year we should make the nearest the pin the par 3 18th, a far harder hole but one that produced far better scores.

HOEBRIDGE H/CAPS	
ALLAN	33
ATWELL	24
BAILEY	33
BATESON	22*
BLAKELEY	11*
CATTERALL	17
CHURCH	18
COOPER, K	17*
ESLOR, B	19
GIRLING	29*
HARRIS, R	19
HENSHAW	34*
HISTED	17*
HITAM	20*
HOGG	12
HORSFALL, B	34*
HORSFALL, J	36
HOULIHAN	24
KNIGHT	12
LOADER	32
LOVELOCK, N	23
MARCHBANK	21
MCDONNELL, J	20
MCDONNELL, S	6
PESKETT	23
PRITCHARD	29
REEVES	27
RICHARDS	31
RIDDLES, A	23
RIDDLES, M	28
ROSE, A	25
ROSE, D	22
ROSNER, C	22
ROSNER, M	22
RUSHTON	17
SHELLEY	19
STANLEY	18
STOREY	6
WAGSTAFF	24
WARRILLOW	30*
WIDDOWSON	10
WILKES	5*
WILLIAMS	19*
WILSON	33
ZINKE	14