

# THE WAYFAIRER



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## **SPENCER SQUEEZES PAST DAVID TO SCRAMBLE ON TOP – AS SYD'S TRIUMPHANT PINK BALL TEAM SEES ALL OTHERS FLOP!**

What is it about Syd Tutton and The Course was in excellent condition the pink ball event? After with the exception of the greens which reluctantly resigning his had been sanded recently, something membership last year, having just that all golfers have to put up with at won this prestigious competition, some time or other.

he then proceeded to present a magnificent Pink Ball Team Cup as the future award, returned as a guest at Hassocks and promptly won his own trophy!

The only difference this time was his choice of team mates. He cast aside Peter Rushton & Tony Warrilow as rejects, and cannily examining current form, lined himself up with Barbara, Hans & Eddie. Going out first they strolled round the Course with the pink ball never out of sight (except when it was in Syd's pocket! Ed) (which was most of the time! Sub-Ed) – and with it they recorded a formidable 28 points. Five of the other seven teams never scored so much as one point each, all losing their interest on the first hole, and some with the very first shot! The only possible rivalry came from the combination of Annie, David W., Tony & Alan, who managed 14 pts before dispatching their ball into oblivion on the dreaded 11th!

So, for the second year running, only one team managed to keep this precious possession all the way round to the 19th hole. At this point we have to record a heartfelt plea from the Treasurer to play with much cheaper balls next year – or as Chris Wilkes suggested with ones that float!

This was our 4th visit to Hassocks for this annual event and the day was well supported by 29 Wayfairers and 3 guests. As always the sun shone brightly on what turned out to be a glorious late Summer's day, and after playing, the patio area was crowded with thirsty Wayfairers.

As regards scoring in the Individual Event no-one managed to better their handicap. There was however a very tight tussle to seize possession of the Wayfairers Trophy and for this a count back was required. When the maths were done Spencer Atwell had just edged David Williams into second place, with both recording 35 pts.



Octogenarian Doug Wagstaff played exceedingly well to finish just one point behind this in third place. Well done Doug!

When all players were in and watered, an excellent 3 Course meal was served and this was followed by the usual banter of the Raffle and the Prize Giving, with many members leaving the proceedings far richer than upon arrival, and with Syd smiling as he returned home with his pink ball intact! See you next year Syd, same time – same place – and probably the same ball!

### **AND SO TO THE HASSOCKS RESULTS**

1st and winner of the Wayfairers

Trophy Spencer "Count Back King" Atwell 35 pts

2nd David "Welcome in the Hillside" Williams 35 pts

3rd Doug "Life begins at 80" Wagstaff 34 pts

4th John "I Don't Win Much" McDonnell 33 pts

Pink Ball Team Trophy Syd "Pink Ball Glutton" Tutton, Barbara Horsfall, Hans Zinke & Eddie Stanley 28 pts with the ball still intact

The Jeff Hogg 18 & Under Trophy Who else but Jeff Hogg with 32 pts

Nearest The Pin Eddie "Nearly a Hole in One" Stanley

Open Longest Drive Bill the Basher Eslor

19 & Over Longest Drive Annie Hitam. Do it a third time and it's yours to keep Annie!

Birdie Cap Jeff Hogg hogging it

again!

The Hedgehog Award Bob Histed Not to worry Bob! – you got loads of prizes and definitely some shots back! Also, in recognition of his unique feat in winning the Hedgehog twice consecutively, (something no other Wayfairer has ever dared to attempt) John Bateson was presented with his own personal hedgehog which he has been given to keep forever in memory of this most outstanding achievement!

## THE RAFFLE & OPEN DRAW

Many thanks to Damon for doing such an excellent job with the raffle tickets and handing over £114 for our funds. Thank you also to all those who supported the raffle so generously. Doubtless all those who were lucky winners felt it was money extremely well spent! (Just what has Ken Cooper been getting up to with his prize Bermuda balls? Is it really true that he keeps them in his Bermuda shorts? A proper little Bermuda Triangle!Ed)

Currently the Raffle Fund is looking very healthy although some heavy expenditure will be required next year when our present stock of Wayfairers golf balls runs out.

And whose turn is it to be our salesman on AGM day? This honour goes to a delighted Carl "Catch'em Quickly" Rosner who just can't wait to get his hands on those tickets again! Thanks for "volunteering" Carl – it won't come around again until after the London Olympics!

## NEWS IN BRIEF

Many thanks to Robert Marchbank for his most generous donation of £60 to the Wayfairers as a celebration of his 60th Birthday. As most members know already, some of this money has been put aside for the setting up of the proposed Wayfairers Website should this be approved at the AGM.

Congratulations to David Rose on scoring a hole in one in a recent game at Holtye. (Next time do it with the Wayfairers so that we can all celebrate! Ed)

Plans for an "unofficial" gathering at Cuckfield G.C. on October 2nd have had to be postponed until early next year, as the notice given to members was too short to elicit sufficient support.

With Winter approaching all members are advised to check on possible trolley bans for our next 3 meetings.

## AND SO TO OUR NEXT MEETING OUR AGM DAY TO BE HELD AT WILDWOOD GOLF CLUB ON FRIDAY 26th OCTOBER

We look forward to a very full turn out for our 12th Annual General Meeting Day to be held at Wildwood Golf Club. This is our first ever gathering here, and we have been assured of a very warm welcome as the Management are most anxious that we now make this our regular AGM venue as a replacement for our past loyalty to Chiddingfold.

Wildwood is a beautifully laid out Parkland Course with plenty of water features (oh no! Ed) and comprises 27 holes as well as a Par 3 Short Course. We shall be playing Loops B & C which measures just over 6,000 yards off the yellow tees, making it somewhat longer than Chiddingfold. The Club is situated on the A281 Horsham to Guildford road just south of Alford crossroads before you get to the "Alford Barn" pub when approaching from the south. The phone number is 01403 753255 – post code GU6 8JE – web site [www.wildwoodgolf.co.uk](http://www.wildwoodgolf.co.uk) Coffee will be available from 9am. with the AGM starting punctually at 09.10. A maximum of 50 minutes will be allowed for the meeting with any unfinished business left for discussion after the evening meal.

The first group out are due to tee off at 10.12 and early starters will be warned in advance so that they can be ready in good time. In order to occupy those who will have a long wait before playing we will as usual hold the Annual Team Putting Competition at this time. Those playing in the first few groups can do this after completion of their 18 holes. The clocks do not go back until the next day so we will have some daylight saving. A Two Course meal is booked for 5pm

NOTE. WILDWOOD IS A SOFT SPIKE ONLY COURSE due to USA sand-based bent grass tees & greens. They ask us to point out to our members that ANYONE FOUND WEARING METAL SPIKES WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE IMMEDIATELY WITHOUT A REFUND.

The main prize of the day will be the Ron Harris Autumn Cup (current holder Damon Pritchard) with the winner taking the Wayfairers Trophy as well (at present in the possession of Spencer Atwell).

This will also be the day that the Society Champion of the year is announced, and hopefully by then the Pairs K.O. Competition will have been completed in time for the winners to receive their prizes.

Cost - £30 to cover coffee on arrival, 18 holes, a 2 Course meal and all prizes. Guests are welcome and they can attend the AGM but have no voting powers.

The deadline for return slips and cheques is MONDAY 8th 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 Wildwood but wish to rejoin please let Tony have your £10 by the same date which is the deadline for renewal. With your slip is a separate sheet detailing the AGM agenda plus notes from last year's meeting. Please bring this with you to the AGM

## ANNUAL SUBS PAYMENT DUE NOW!

If you are coming to Wildwood and renewing your Society annual membership please pay this £10 annual subscription with your cheque for Wildwood. If you want to rejoin but can't make it to Wildwood please send Tony your £10 subscription by MONDAY 8th OCTOBER.

We do have 3 potential members on our waiting list and they will be offered membership for any vacancies that have occurred after 8th October. If you are leaving a short note or message of resignation would be appreciated before this date. Thank you.



# PICTURES FROM



***The men who lost  
their Team's Pink Ball  
will not be named  
- they have suffered  
enough already!!***



***Left: Winners of the  
Pink Ball  
Competition:  
Eddie Stanley,  
Barbara Horsfall,  
Hans Zinke & our  
old friend, who  
donated the Trophy,  
Syd Tutton. He can't  
bear to part with it!***



***Left***

***"Well actually Hans you must  
realise that I never win  
anything, and what you are  
seeing now is a total illusion!"  
John McD and maybe  
something about coming in  
4th?***

***A splendid result for Doug  
Wagstaff (3rd in the Wayfairers  
Trophy). Nice going for 80+***



***Left: Another good  
day for Jeff Hogg  
with the Birdie Cap  
and the 18 & under  
Trophy***

***Right: Our Anne,  
putting the men  
to shame, with  
the 19 & over  
longest Drive.***



# SOCIETY CHAMPIONSHIP

What a close run thing, not decided until the last putt at Hassocks! Hot favourite Hans Zinke struggling at the last hurdle having been nobbled by the handicap committee. With a score of 26 at Hassocks Hans, was this good enough? With over 100 points each we have Bill Eslor, Barbara Horsfall and Chris Wilkes but making a late surge with a score of 35 points at Hassocks, we have Spencer Atwell. Good scoring but is this good enough?.

Of interest to the handicap committee is the wide difference in handicaps of the front runners, ranging from 5 to 34, indicating that everyone has a chance if they play well to their individual handicaps. Congratulations or commiserations go to Chris Wilkes who had an excellent and consistent year reducing his handicap from 7 to 5 - no mean feat. So all of us who moan about our handicaps, spare a thought to the task that faces Chris.

Other close contenders are Brian Girling 99, Jeff Hogg 98 and John McDonnell 97. But to find out who this years champion is - it will be announced at the AGM!

## The Knockout



### Round 2

**Eddie Stanley & Peter Rushton**

v

**Andy Knight & Carl Rosner**

### SEMI FINAL

**(Winners OF THE ABOVE TO  
PLAY Brian Girling & Bill Eslor**

**Annie Hitam & Bob Histed**

v

**Hans Zinke & Derek Reeves**

## 30 and over Club at Hassocks

- 35** Spencer Atwell,  
David Williams
- 34** Doug Wagstaff
- 33** John McDonnell
- 32** Jeff Hogg
- 31** Barbara Horsfall,  
Jan Henshaw,  
John Bateson,  
Derek Reeves
- 30** Peter Rushton

## HANDICAPS

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

## The Wayfairers Website

For those who were not at Hassocks, you may not have heard, that we are considering having our own Wayfairers Website. Some preliminary work has been undertaken by Derek Reeves and Barry Richards and a very basic site has been set up, as part of a feasibility and cost study. It has been decided in committee that the final decision to proceed should be discussed and made at the A.G.M. by all members. Before that Wayfairers can visit the basic site to 'Get a taste' (Please contact Barry Richards by Telephone if you want the Web Address and password ). The advantages of having a site are: The immediate transmission of the Wayfairer in a full colour printable version, the saving of distribution cost and effort, printing cost, paper and postage. Handy and fast reference by members to information, Maps, notices, and back numbers of the Wayfairer. Rest faithfully assured that if you do not have a computer you will still receive all the news in a paper copy bourne by a postman or our overworked Secretary. Further details at the A.G.M.