



THE WAYFAIRER



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**NO SPRINGTIME AT GATTON - 'Twas a DULL AND DAMP DAY
BUT THE SUN SHONE FOR BILL ESLOR AS HE SHOWED THE WAY!**

Gatton Manor was the venue for our Spring Cup meeting, but Spring certainly wasn't in the air - what was however was a miserable cold persistent drizzle! This together with a Course that was surprisingly wet, heavy and extremely soggy under foot made scoring very difficult.

Suffice it to say that out of a field of 36 players (30 members and 6 guests) the top score was only 32pts, this being recorded by Bill Eslor who edged out into second place our Match Co-ordinator John B. who came in with 30. In previous years these scores would have gained very little, if anything, but it just shows how results can be affected by conditions. The average score for the day was a low 23pts.

Bill's efforts gained him the John Peake Spring Cup and also the Wayfairers Trophy but he will pay the penalty! Despite his low winning score, he will be severely cut as on our last outing - a casual gathering at Foxbridge - Bill won yet again! Two victories in two outings! You should be ashamed of yourself Bill! All this will be taken into account and used against you!

Hole 18 saw the challenge for Harold's Special Trophy - nearest the pin in 3 and this contest resulted in an unforeseen complicated situation. Derek was first to put his name on the marker albeit a long way from the hole. Guest Kam was next - on the green in two! - and a good putt left his 3rd shot less than a couple of feet from the pin. However this brilliant effort was narrowly beaten by yet another guest, Malcolm's son Richard. Our rules state that a guest cannot win a trophy on which winners' names are engraved, so Richard, although taking the prize, could not claim the trophy. Neither could 2nd placed Kam as he also was a guest. Despite Derek's name on the marker, many other Wayfairers had been closer than he was, but with no record of who actually was the closest, the trophy could not be awarded. Not all is lost however. We will play for it again at Ifield on their par 5 18th - not too long so the prize is there for any one to take! Sorry - but guests will not be eligible to compete!

Although the atmosphere out on the Course was rather damp and dull this was not reflected in the Clubhouse afterwards, as the drinks flowed together with much animated conversation. Many thanks to our new octogenarian David Rose who provided wine for the meal, this being followed as ever by a prize giving that seemed endless as there was so much to give away.

GATTON MANOR RESULTS

Winner of the John Peake Spring Cup and the Wayfairers Trophy - **Bill Eslor 32pts**

2nd - **John Bateson 30pts** 3rd - **Mike Colenutt 29pts c/b** 4th - **Graham Ward 29pts**

Team Winners **Chris Wilkes Mike Colenutt Damon Pritchard & Bill Eslor 71pts**

Harold's Special 18th Hole Trophy. The prize for this was awarded to **guest Richard Goman** but the Trophy could not be awarded as the member who was closest could not be determined. To be competed for by members only at our next meeting.

Open Longest Drive - **Russell Woolley (guest)**

19 & Over Longest Drive - **Eddie "After an Eagle" Stanley**

Nearest the Pin - **John "Cunning" Cunnington**

Birdie Cap - **Liz "Watch the Birdie" Colenutt**

Hedgehog Award - **Tony "Prickly" Warrilow**

AND SO TO OUR NEXT MEETING - THE BIG ONE - 100 UP!
TO BE HELD AT IFIELD G.C ON MONDAY 24th MAY 2010

Our next meeting is an historic one as it marks the Wayfairers 100th official gathering, with this calculation not taking into account any “casual days” or golf played on any Society residential trips abroad or at home.

As this is a special day which has been publicised for some considerable time, we are hoping for a big turn out. There will be lots of “extras” with the cost to members being heavily subsidised.

Ifield is a new venue for the Wayfairers. Geographically it is ideally situated and is a traditional well established Members’ Golf Club, which opened in 1927 with an 18 hole Parkland Course measuring some 6,300 yards. A few years ago this was a much sought after venue for Pro/Celebrity days, attracting the likes of Harry Secombe, Eric Sykes & Jimmy Tarbuck etc. together with many of the golfing stars of the day. Catering is provided by La Farola so Holtys members will feel very much at home.

As we are expecting full support, and as hopefully in late May, with plenty of daylight we could get some Summer weather, this will not be a rushed day. Coffee & Bacon Rolls will be provided from 09.30 with the first players going out at 10.30. Following the golf a 3 Course Meal will be served with coffee and wine provided on the tables. Meal guests will be most welcome, so why not invite your “other half” for aperitifs, the meal and the presentation ceremony? They can even buy a raffle ticket if they so wish!

GOLF COMPETITIONS Individually we will be doing battle for the Wayfairers Trophy (currently held by Bill Eslor) and also this is the day that the winner takes home Peer’s Plate (inaugural winner 2009 Damon Pritchard), together with a competition for Harold’s Special 18th hole Trophy(see page 1). There will also be the usual Team Competition, plus numerous other minor contests of golfing skill (or incredible luck! Ed) Added to this will be a mystery Team prize to fit the occasion of our “100 up!” theme. The format will not be disclosed until after playing! - and the winners announced then!

LOCATION It is assumed that most members will know the location of the Golf Club but please contact John McD. if you do need directions. For Sat. Nav. the Post Code is RH11 0LN, the Pro Shop phone number is 01293 523088 but by ringing 01293 513627 this is a direct information line giving a recorded daily Course update from 7.30am. The web site is www.ifieldgolf.com

COST The total subsidised cost for members for all that is detailed above is £35. The cost for non-members (playing guests) - if space allows - is £50 and the charge for meal guests is £20. Please complete and return the pay slip to Tony by **FRIDAY 23rd APRIL** at the very **LATEST**.

OUR SECOND “CASUAL” GATHERING OF THE YEAR IS AT HORNE PARK
ON FRIDAY 16th APRIL

A day of fun and prizes. The winner today will be presented with the Horne Park (Augusta) green cap which he or she will have to wear throughout the day on future Horne Park days. The winner in true Augusta fashion gets to choose the menu for the next year’s gathering. Individual prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd. There will be a playing group Team competition, but also all players are in one of 3 Teams captained by either Val, Liz or Sue. Prizes of varying distinction for all teams! One Longest Drive Competition and 2 Nearest the Pin Comps.

Currently there are no spaces but reserves are required and should we get sufficient, possibly another playing group could be added. Contact John McD for further details

THE GATTON RAFFLE. Many thanks to Roger Sands - Raffle ticket Salesman Extraordinaire! He took £153 so thanks to all who contributed and I am just sorry you couldn’t all win prizes.

Our next raffle will be at Ifield and will be a bumper one for our “100 Up” day. We can’t promise 100 prizes but there will be more than usual and all of excellent quality. (Nothing ever changes! Ed) And who is to be our lucky sales person? Well for this occasion we are doubling up and asking both Graham & Val to do the business. Graham’s sales will be “strong arm” and Val’s all feminine “charm”.

Should be a great combination! Thanks for involuntarily volunteering!

PICTURES FROM GATTON MANOR



2nd Place
John Bateson



Team Competition Winners
*Bill Eslor, Chris Wilkes,
Mike Colenutt and Damon Pritchard*



3rd Place
Mike Colenutt



Winner of Nearest the Pin
John Cunningham



*Winner of the John Peake Spring Cup
&
Wayfairers Trophy*



Winner of Open Longest Drive
Russell Woolley



Winner of the 19 and Over LD
Eddie Stanley



Winner of the HedgeHog
Tony Warrilow



Winner of the Birdie Cap
Liz Colenutt



4th Place
Graham Ward



*A toast to David Rose on celebrating
his 80th Birthday.
Thanks for the wine David*



*Harold's Special 18th Hole
Trophy with just the prize going
to guest
Richard Goman*

FUTURE PROGRAMME (up until Autumn 2010)

Friday 16th April "Casual Day" at Horne Park

Then The Big One!

Monday 24th May "100 Up Day" at Ifield

Tuesday 22nd June "Two Ronnies Day" at Foxbridge

Monday 26th July "President's Team Trophy" at Cottessmore

Friday 20th August "Casual Day" at Villa (tbc)

Tuesday 7th September "Pink Ball Day" at Hassocks

Friday 22nd October "AGM Day" at Clandon Regis

HANDICAPS FOR IFIELD

ATWELL		20
BAILEY	10	36
BATESON	30	20
BLAKELEY	27	9
CATTERALL		21
CHURCH		19
COLENUT. L	25	29
COLENUT. M	29	18
COOPER	18	17
CROMPTON	21	14
CUNNINGTON	25	31
ESLOR	32	15
GIRLING	20	27
GOMAN	24	14
HARRIS	19	23
HISTED		20
HITAM		24
HOGG	25	11
HORSFALL. B		36
HORSFALL. J		36
HOULIHAN	26	22
KNIGHT		9
LOVELOCK N	25	23
McDONNELL. J		24
McDONNELL. S	25	10
PRITCHARD	26	25
REEVES	18	30
RICHARDS		31
RIDDLES. A		28
RIDDLES. M		34
ROCHE		23
ROSE. A	21	29
ROSE. D	21	22
ROSNER		24
RUSHTON	25	15
SANDS	19	34
SAUNDERS		20
SHELLEY	27	16
STACEY	26	24
STANLEY	23	20
STOREY		8
WARD. V	28	29
WARD. G	29	12
WARRILOW	12	34
WILKES	25	4
WILLIAMS		18
ZINKE	20	11

AND AFTER IFIELD IT'S BACK TO CHARITY TIME!

At the Society AGM held in October 2008 it was agreed that every alternate year the Wayfairers should endeavour to raise money for a Charity that should be chosen by the members on a majority vote. It was further agreed that every other year funds should be put aside to subsidise one of our outings and make it a little special.

Our forthcoming Ifield day is our next subsidised day, and after this our attention will turn to our next Charity. For this, we shall on a slow but steady basis, raise money up until July 2011 when we shall hold our bumper Raffle, with all prizes donated.

A sum of £25 from each raffle up until June 2011 will be put aside for the Charity and this will commence as from our Ifield day. At some meetings various "fun" competitions will be added to supplement the income.

At Ifield President Barry will give all members a voting slip with a choice of charities. The Charity chosen will be the one that receives the most votes.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE CHARITY THAT YOU WOULD LIKE US TO SUPPORT? If so please let John McD have brief details regarding the background and purpose of this Charity and it will be included on the list of choices on the voting slip. * Previous Charities that we have supported can be included. The details of your Charity choice are required by Friday 23rd April - the closing date for Ifield payment.

* Our two previous Charities were Saint Catherine's Hospice & MacMillan Cancer Support.

GATTON OVER 30'S CLUB

Out of 36 players only two managed to score 30 or more.

Bill Eslor 32 pts

John Bateson 30pts

Well done both of you

SOCIETY CHAMPIONSHIP

Following our first two eligible competitions for this Championship, Graham Ward has taken a clear lead with 67pts. Current holder Mike Colenutt is in second place on 64pts with Bill Eslor close behind (61pts).

In fourth place is our leading Lady Val Ward who has recorded 58pts.

Wayfairers Pairs KO Competition

On the next page the current up to date results of the Pairs KO Competition are published. Please remember that all Round 2 matches should be completed by the end of June. If you haven't as yet played your Round 1 game please do so a.s.a.p!

Results should be forwarded to John Bateson as soon as these have been established.

HANDICAP INFORMATION PLEASE NOTE

On the review handicap list featured opposite, we now show all players' scores at our last meeting in black numbers.

Justification for handicap changes can thus clearly be seen based on the average score of 23



WAYFAIRERS K.O. CUP 2009/10

DRAW & RULES BELOW.

(Current Holders Carl Rosner & Andy Knight)



ROUND 1 PLAYED BY THE END OF MARCH 2010

QUARTER FINALS PLAYED BY THE END OF JUNE 2010

SEMI FINALS PLAYED BY THE END OF AUGUST 2010

FINAL TO BE PLAYED BEFORE THE OCTOBER AGM

WINNERS



Rules

Any handicap adjustments are to be made as the Competition proceeds. Current Wayfairers Handicaps at the time of playing will be on the website and in the latest editions of the Wayfairer. Any queries regarding handicaps please refer to John Bateson (01342 832602).

The competitions are to be played at a mutually agreed venue on a match play basis. Where one or more players are members of the chosen club all Green Fees are equally divided. Failure to meet any deadline will result in the Match Co-ordinator deciding the winners by the toss of a coin.

Ladies to play off ladies tees and play to ladies card and stroke index. On completion of each match the winning team are requested to notify the result promptly to John Bateson who, when he knows, will inform them who their opponents are in the next round. Also the current situation will be constantly updated on the website.

HANDICAPPING - a reminder. The lowest handicap player plays off scratch and the other players receives strokes on the basis of 3/4 of the difference between their handicaps and the lowest handicap - strokes to be taken at the appropriate stroke index holes.

This draw was made on Wednesday December 30th 2009 by John Bateson, John & Sue McDonnell.