



THE WAYFAIRER



The Wayfairers Golf Society

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NEW MEMBER PETER SMITH EDGES OUT PETER STOREY - BUT IT'S DOUBLE CHAMPION VAL WARD WHO STEALS THE REAL GLORY

Following a very quickly dispatched AGM at Clandon Regis the Wayfairers went out eagerly to do battle on the first day of their New Year's programme. And what a lovely day it was! After a rather cold start the sun shone warmly out of a clear blue sky, and the Course was in excellent condition complimented by the beautiful surrounding Autumn countryside. (Incidentally as I write this on the next morning the rain is teeming down!)

For a few the quality of their golf matched the conditions, but many found on reaching the well kept greens that the very deceptive contours just would not allow their balls to drop in! Very challenging - and very frustrating!

With numbers constantly changing right up to the last minute, finally 37 players took to the Course with this including one brand new member, less than an hour old, and one guest. The new member was our previous ever present guest Peter Smith, and he did something that no new junior novitiate member should do - he won the Wayfairers Trophy and Autumn Cup - first time out! (Really bad manners Peter! Ed) This is now setting a definite precedent. In October 2008 Tony Roche performed exactly the same despicable feat, and this was repeated in 2009 by Graham Ward. Definitely no new members next year! In winning Peter with an excellent score of 38pts just edged Peter Storey playing off a handicap of 8 into 2nd place. Well played both Peters.

This was also the day that the Society Champion for 2010 was announced, and the new recipient was undisputedly Val Ward who won not only this prestigious Trophy, but also as a result, the Ladies Championship Award as well. Val too was a new member in October 2009, and during the 12 months that she has played her handicap has come down by 12 shots, from 29 to 17! The latest reduction of 2 shots was for coming in at Clandon with 33pts. - nearly 9 shots above the average (24.5) Well played Val. You can't keep a good girl down!

As the golfers came off the Course the putting green became the centre of attraction, as in the glorious warm Autumn sunshine all the playing groups vied with each other to become Putting Team Champions.

Back in the Clubhouse "Happy Birthday To Us" was toasted and sung during the meal, this being the 15th Anniversary of the formation of our Society. As ever the distribution of raffle prizes and presentations seemed to go on forever. However eventually the table was bare, and all went home happy following another extremely successful AGM day.

CLANDON REGIS RESULTS AND ANNUAL AWARDS

Winner of the Wayfairers Trophy & Ron Harris Autumn Cup - "New Boy" Peter Smith 38pts

2nd Place - Peter Storey 36pts c/b 3rd Place - (guest) Terry Gearing 36pts

4th Place - Damon Pritchard 35pts

Team Winners - Bill Eslor, Brian Girling & (guest) Terry Gearing 75pts

Winners of the Putting Competition - Bob Histed, Mike Colenutt & Damon Pritchard

Second Place Putting Competition - Derek Reeves & Frank Houlihan

Nearest the Pin - Mike "Only One on the Green" Colenutt Open LD - Jeff "Hogging It Again" Hogg

19 & Over LD - John "Who Never Wins Anything" McDonnell

Birdie Cap - Graham "Watch The Birdie" Ward

Hedgehog - David "Welcome In the Hillside" Williams

AND SO TO OUR DOUBLE CHAMPION!

Society Champion 2009 - Val Ward & Lady Champion - Who else but Val Ward!

Footnote The format for the Annual Championship is the total of the 3 best Stableford scores during the year October to September. Our winner Val Ward scored 113pts. 2nd was - keep it in the family! - Graham Ward with 102, then 3rd Sue McD (98) followed by Damon Pritchard (95)).

In the Ladies Championship Runner Up to Val Ward was Sue McD (98) with Liz Colenutt In 3rd position (89)

AND SO TO OUR NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD AT HOLTYE G.C.
ON FRIDAY 10th DECEMBER 2010

The day's programme begins with coffee & bacon rolls available from 9.20am. with the first playing group out for a 10am. start. The Competition is an 18 hole Texas Scramble and incorporated into this will be the usual 2 Longest Drives, Nearest The Pin and the ever popular Shortest Drive! Should any skilful individual manage to get an unaided birdie, then the Birdie Cap could be theirs, and our Match Co-ordinator will somehow or other work out how the Hedgehog can be awarded, despite the absence of an individual competition. Current holders of the Scramble Trophy are Barbara Horsfall, Tony Warrilow, Peter Rushton & guest Graham Wells.

As for last year there is one other little competition. The Christmas Tankard (current holder Barbara Horsfall - that name again!) will go to the player who sinks the final putt on the 18th green and is in the winning Scramble Team! Whoever puts their shot onto this green nearest to the pin will, as the rules state, putt first. The other players will have to agree amicably (or argue like hell! Ed) as to who goes 2nd, 3rd & 4th. If no one sinks their putt the process will begin all over again! No doubt lots of "Ohs & "Ahs" as the ball approaches the hole, but the prize can only go to one player - sink it, and the Tankard could be yours!

This is our annual Bring & Win event. The suggested value of prizes is £3 - £5 and please, following the decision made at the AGM, leave your presentation unwrapped.

It wouldn't be Christmas without raising some money for our Charity - so that's what we will be doing. On entry into the Clubhouse please give John McD £2. £1 of this will be the entry fee for our "Nearest The Christmas Tree" Competition. After coming off the 18th green go back to the first tee. Some 80 yards down the fairway will be a small decorated Christmas Tree. You may all hit 3 balls towards the tree and whoever, out of all the day's competitors, finishes the nearest with one of their balls will win a very nice prize. No raffle today, but the other £1 will buy you one ticket in the Christmas Draw. There will be 4 excellent seasonal prizes, the top one being "Spencer's Special Santa Surprise Prize!". You've got to be in it to win it!

Following the golf at approx. 4pm. we have a 2 Course Christmas Meal with mince pies, coffee and, due to the overwhelming generosity of our Treasurer with your money, wine on the table. As our maximum seating capacity is 44 it is not certain how much room, if any, there will be for meal guests. When final playing numbers are confirmed the situation will be much clearer. Cost for a meal guest is £18 but pay nothing for the moment, Should you wish to invite someone you can indicate this on the return slip, but no guarantee can be given that space will be available.

The COST for the day for **Holtye members is £22** and for **non-Holtye members £33** and this covers golf, all food & drink as described above, and all golf competition prizes. **NOTE! Return slips to the Treasurer by Monday 15th November.** This could prove to be a very popular meeting. Don't miss out - act NOW!

SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS AND APPEALS FOLLOWING OUR AGM

- 1. Should you wish to participate in the next Wayfairers Pairs K.O. Competition please let John B. know now - irrespective of whether or not you have an agreed partner. If you have a partner please submit both names.**
- 2. John McD. would welcome members to purchase what they consider to be popular & suitable raffle prizes. Expenditure to vary between £4 to £12. With your purchase please obtain a receipt and you will be fully reimbursed. At the moment all the prizes on offer are the ideas of just one person. Having more members involved should lead to greater variety and choice.**
- 3. Have you any ideas for new formats for any of our golf competitions? If so please contact John B. and hopefully at some future date we can give your proposals a try.**
- 4. Suggestions to the Committee please of any Golf Clubs in our locality that we have not visited but which might give us an acceptable package deal.**

THE CLANDON REGIS RAFFLE

Many thanks to Peer for doing such an excellent job as our ticket salesman. Thank you also to all the members present for your generosity - £170 taken. However the prizes were well worth your outlay - well "Whisky" Lovelock seemed to think so, even if the others didn't!

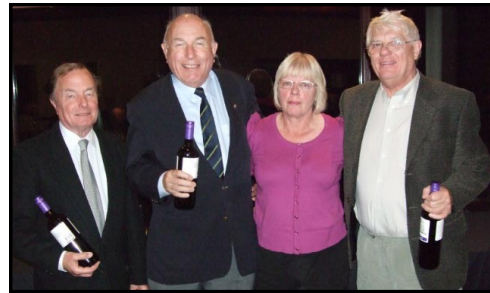
£10 was raised for our Charity by the auction of one of our prizes - a basket of 15 different "Birthday Balls" topped up with an extra Wayfairers ball. John Cunningham is now the proud owner of these. Don't lose them John! The box of freshly picked English apples proved so popular that next year we will make up 2 or 3 boxes to put on the table.

No raffle at Holtye. Robert Crompton is our "volunteer" salesman for our next raffle which will be at Gatton Manor in March.

PICTURES FROM CLANDON REGIS



*Putting Competition Winners
Damon Pritchard, Bob Histed
& Mike Colenutt*



*Team Competition Winners
Terry Gearing (G), Brian Girling
& Bill Eslor*



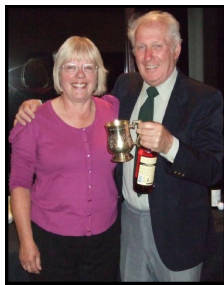
*Winner of Nearest the Pin
Mike Colenutt*



*Winner of the Wayfairers Trophy
&
Ron Harris Autumn Cup
New Member
Peter Smith*



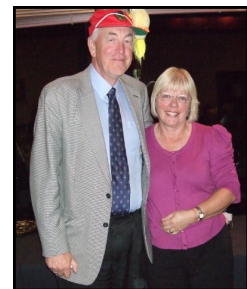
*Winner of Open Longest Drive
Jeff Hogg*



*Winner of the 19 and Over LD
John McDonnell*



*Winner of the HedgeHog
David Williams*



*Winner of the Birdie Cap
Graham Ward*



*3rd Overall
Guest
Terry Gearing*



*Wayfairers Society Champion and Lady Champion
Val Ward*



*4th Overall
Damon Pritchard*

Full Programme For the New Wayfairers Year.

Friday 10th December Christmas Texas Scramble at Holtye

Tuesday 21st December Christmas Roll Up at Holtye

Monday 21st February Casual Day at Foxbridge

Monday 21st March Spring Cup at Gatton Manor

Friday 15th April Casual Day at Horne Park

Monday 16th May Peer's Plate at Hoebridge

Tuesday 21st June Two Ronnies Pairs at Foxbridge

Monday 25th July Charity Day at Ifield

Friday 19th August Casual Day at Villa (*TBC)

Friday 2nd September Pink Ball Day at Hassocks

CHRISTMAS ROLL UP TUESDAY 21st DECEMBER AT HOLTYE

All members & guests are welcome. Just turn up for 9am. when playing groups can be sorted. Holtye members can sign in guests at a reduced rate. This is an 18 hole competition for the Christmas Challenge Trophy currently held since 2008 by Ken Cooper's grandson Kiernan. Due to bad weather there was no competition in 2009. Food will be available to purchase after play at the bar. £1 a head levy will be collected to cover prizes.

CASUAL DAY AT FOXBRIDGE MONDAY 21st FEBRUARY

If interested in playing in the above the total cost for coffee. 18 holes, homemade meat pie and a pudding plus all prizes is £24 and it's our "Prizes For All" Day! Money & names will be collected at Holtye on 10th December, but if the credit crunch is hitting you too deeply at this time of year a £4 deposit will suffice, with full payment of the balance of £20 required early in January.

Cheques made payable to J. McDonnell please. If you wish to play but won't be at Holtye on the 10th please advise John McD. of your availability before this date. Thank you.

The Role of Match Co-ordinator What Does He Do? Is There a Better Title?

Our Match Co-ordinator has the following responsibilities in relation to all our full meetings - To arrange the playing groups and playing order for the day together with deciding the Team Competition format. Preparation of all the Individual & Team cards for the day. Purchase of all competition prizes and direction of distribution. Preparation of the Master Board for the day which contains all the relevant information of what is happening. Responsibility for overseeing the checking of all the score cards before the prizes presentation. Arranging collection of trophies and subsequent engraving. Organising the Annual Pairs Knock Out Competition. Essential close liaison with the Secretary & Treasurer.

Many of these responsibilities relate to the smooth running and organisation "on the day". Perhaps a more apt title would be DAY ORGANISER? or MATCH DAY ORGANISER?

CLANDON REGIS 30 and OVER CLUB

Peter Smith 38pts, Peter Storey 36pts, Terry Gearing (G) 36pts

Damon Pritchard 35pts, Graham Ward 34pts, Val Ward 33pts

and Bill Eslor 31pts

If you are unable to make the Scramble Day or the Roll Up your Committee wish you
**A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND BIRDIES GALORE IN
THE NEW YEAR!**

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 **25**

HOLTYE HANDICAPS

ATWELL		21
BAILEY	15	36
BATESON	17	25
BLAKELEY	26	9
CATTERALL		23
CHURCH	29	19
COLENUT. L	25	29
COLENUT. M	23	18
COOPER	26	17
CROMPTON		14
CUNNINGTON	25	34
ESLOR	31	14
GIRLING	24	28
GOMAN	24	14
HARRIS		
HISTED	25	18
HITAM	23	25
HOGG	24	11
HORSFALL. B		36
HORSFALL. J		36
HOULIHAN	29	22
KNIGHT		9
LOVELOCK N	24	23
McDONNELL. J	27	24
McDONNELL. S	17	10
PRITCHARD	35	19
REEVES	21	30
RICHARDS		33
RIDDLES. A	17	31
RIDDLES. M	21	35
ROCHE	28	25
ROSE. A	29	31
ROSE. D	21	22
ROSNER	29	23
RUSHTON	27	16
SANDS		33
SAUNDERS		22
SHELLEY	22	16
SMITH	38	8
STACEY	25	24
STANLEY	29	19
STOREY	36	5
WARD. V	33	17
WARD. G	34	8
WARRILOW		36
WILKES		6
WILLIAMS	17	24
ZINKE	20	13

NOTES FOLLOWING THE WAYFAIRERS AGM HELD AT CLANDON REGIS GC ON THE 22nd OCTOBER 2010

Apologies for Absence received from Spencer Atwell & Bill Eslor

Secretary's Report Average attendance at full meetings during the year had been 33 with this figure reduced to 30 for "casual days". Highlight of the year had been the successful "100 Up" Day at Ifield in May. Members had voted by a majority to support the charity "Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research" with fund raising ongoing from June 2009 to July 2010. £30 of the profit from every raffle held between these dates was to go to the charity, together with the proceeds from any golf related "fun competitions" and other minor events held. The culmination would be a grand Charity Day planned for our visit to Ifield in July 2011. Thank yous were expressed to Derek Reeves for all his website endeavours, to Sue McDonnell for her work on The Wayfairer publications, to Peter Rushton our Auditor and to all the Committee including Brian Girling who would be standing in for John Bateson as Match Co-ordinator during John's hospitalization and consequential recovery process.

Treasurer's Report A healthy state of affairs for the accounts was reported, and following some minor explanation of figures acceptance of the report was accepted with thanks to the Treasurer.

Match Co-ordinator's Report The M.C. commented that the underlying ethos of our Society golf should be "fun" and requested feedback on any competitions that were not popular, together with any suggestions for new formats. He reported that attempting to produce equal teams was not always possible, and the policy was to mix players up in playing groups and playing order. Following discussion it was agreed that the K.O. Pairs Competition should continue but that John Bateson be given draconian powers in the event of deadline dates for rounds not being met.

Election of Officers All officers were re-elected en bloc.

Membership The Secretary reported no resignations and following discussion it was agreed that the closed waiting list should be re-opened to grant Peter Smith membership and then closed again immediately. Peter's donation of £20 should be split into £10 for our charity and £10 membership.

Future Programme The Committee's proposed programme for the next 12 months was approved, although the Secretary pointed out that the policy of visiting one new Club each year would not be followed in 2011. This was due to the fact that the use of Clubs in our locality offering acceptable package prices seemed to have reached saturation point. However suggestions of any Clubs we hadn't used that met our criteria needs could be put to the Committee for future programmes. Peer Blakeley suggested Edenbridge and it was agreed to add this to the list of any other proposals for the Committee's consideration and follow up.

Raffle The accounts for the Raffle Fund were accepted and approved. An appeal was made to members to purchase what they considered would be popular prizes and they would be re-imbursed the costs.

Handicaps John Bateson had produced an "Order of Merit" based on players' handicaps and performances during the year and this was displayed to be examined by members and put on the website. As a result of this review a few members had gained shots but none lost any.

Dress Code & Wayfairers Clothing Following discussion led by Tony Warrilow it was agreed that the dress code for men should be "smart casual". This meant jacket & tie, jacket & smart polo neck or jacket with no tie. The wearing of jackets would be at the President's discretion in warm weather. At the next meeting Tony would display some golf clothing with our logo for either immediate purchase or order. Clothing not purchased would be used for prizes.

A.O.B. Suggested and agreed that prizes for the Christmas Bring & Win should not be wrapped. A vote of thanks to all members of the Committee was proposed and carried. And then the golf began!

WAYFAIRERS GOLFING SOCIETY

DAY AT HOLTYE - FRIDAY 10th DECEMBER

NAME.....

Please tick below as appropriate

☐ I am available for the above - **Holtye Members Fee £ 22 - Non Holtye Members £33**

☐ Sorry but I am unavailable to play at Holtye

☐ If space allows I would like to bring a guest to the Christmas Meal but understand there may not be sufficient room and await your response.

☐ If space allows I would like to bring a playing guest (name + h/cap below)

Guest's Name.....H/cap.....

This slip & applicable cheque for the relevant amount (**excluding playing guest fee**)

made out to:

“The Wayfairers Golfing Society”

Must be forwarded to:

Tony Warrilow, 16 Orchard Way, Shirley, CR0 7NG

Tel: 02087777346

BY

MONDAY 15th NOVEMBER

- 1) Unless advised previously, it is expected that members and their guests remain until after the competition prizes have been awarded.
- 2) Members wishing to bring playing guests will be advised if a vacancy exists after the deadline date. Payment must be received at least 7 days before the meeting.