



THE WAYFAIRER



The Wayfairers Golf Society

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**ANDY & BARBARA & JOHN B. & RUSSELL
ALL PROVED IN THE SCRAMBLE THAT THEY HAD THE MUSCLE!**

The new year for the Wayfairers which began with our AGM in October has not proved too brilliant so far with regard to the weather. Our previous excellent record over 16 years began to look threatened by a severe soaking at Clandon and for our Christmas Scramble at Holtye, play began in a sleety drizzle with frozen puddles everywhere underfoot, but fortunately the clouds lifted and everyone stayed dry - but bitterly cold!

A total of 33 members and 2 guests took to the field. Due to the extremely heavy conditions the Course was playing very long and whereas in most Scrambles every team can usually manage one or more birdies very few were recorded all day.

The winning team was a combination of both brawn and beauty in the shape of Andy Knight, Russell Woolley, John Bateson and Barbara Horsfall. No prizes for guessing who had the brawn and who had the beauty!

It's fortunate that Andy is a very fit person, as he must have been worn out later on as he kept coming up to the prize table to accumulate more and more items. As well as collecting the Scramble Trophy, by being the member of the winning team who sank the final putt he also claimed the Christmas Tankard. Not content with this however, he also won the Nearest The Pin contest and then had the nerve to walk off with two very nice bottles of wine at an after dinner grand charity fund raising "heads or tails" competition. The odds on winning were 42 to 1! How do you do it Andy?!

Two other members of the Scramble Champions Team also collected further prizes. John Bateson won the 19 & Over Longest Drive event and not to be outdone Russell Woolley claimed the Shortest Drive Award which also gained him our coveted Hedgehog.

Back in the Clubhouse a great seasonal atmosphere prevailed as a further 9 guests joined us and eventually 43 sat down to enjoy an excellent traditional Christmas meal. This was followed by some festive charity fund raising (more details on page 2). Then came the distribution of all the many and varied golf prizes and before the Bring & Win items were claimed, the evening was rounded off with a roof raising "Sing & Win" contest. And so ended yet another memorable Wayfairers year with just the Christmas Roll Up to come. See you all in 2013 and please bring some better weather!

HOLTYE CHRISTMAS MEETING RESULTS

Texas Scramble Trophy Winners - **Barbara Horsfall, Andy Knight, Russell Woolley & John Bateson**

Runners Up - **Liz Colenutt, Chris Wilkes, Mike Riddles & Dennis Shelley**

Last and Probably Least! - **Val Ward, John Benstead & John Cunningham (sadly minus a player)**

Open Longest Drive - **Jeff Hogg**

Nearest The Pin - **Andy Knight (again!)**

19 & Over Longest Drive - **John Bateson**

Shortest Drive & Hedgehog Combined - **Russell Woolley**

Christmas Tankard plus a bottle of Christmas Ale - **Andy Knight (yet again!)**

Heads or Tails Charity Competition - **Andy Knight (Oh no! Once a Knight is enough!)**

"Sing & Win" Contest - **A tie between Ruby's Ravers & Val's Vocalists**

AND SO TO OUR NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD AT COULSDON MANOR HOTEL & G.C.
ON MONDAY 25th MARCH

A completely new venue for the Wayfairers. Please contact John McD. should you need directions. The Golf Club phone number is 020 8668 6083, the post code is CR5 2LL and the web site is www.coulsdoncourt.co.uk. Coffee & Bacon Rolls will be available as from 09.15 with the first playing group out at 10.02.

Individually we will be playing not only for the Wayfairers Trophy, at present in the proud possession of Bill Eslor, but also for the John Peake Spring Cup. And who holds this piece of coveted silverware we hear you ask? Why Bill Eslor of course! No wonder he's now playing off 10! As well as the individual contest there will be a team event as usual plus all the other exciting minor competitions.

Our first raffle of 2013 will set the standard for the rest of the year with a multitude of amazingly original and highly expensive prizes and your ever popular ticket salesman will be new member - the silver tongued John Benstead. Get your wallets out now folks! Also remember - if you see something that you think would be suitable as a prize, buy it, give it plus receipt to John McD and you will be fully re-imbursed immediately.

Following the golf a 2 Course meal is booked for 16.30. As mentioned at the recent AGM this will be one of our several outings where coffee is not provided after the meal.

PAYMENT Total cost for coffee & bacon rolls, 18 holes, the meal plus all prizes is £32- a real bargain. Return slip with availability and full payment if coming to Tony by **SATURDAY 23rd FEBRUARY AT THE LATEST**. The first meeting of the New Year is always the fullest. Should we be over subscribed and your payment is late you might well miss out! Should you wish to bring a guest please indicate this on the return slip but send no payment. After 23rd February Tony can advise you, and if there is space you can make the guest payment then.

THE CHARITY POT GROWS!

The Wayfairers could not let Christmas pass without making some endeavours to increase the money level in our Charity Fund. Following the meal all those present were invited to put a £1 coin on the table in a challenge to win 2 bottles of wine.

John McD. then produced a coin of his own which he tossed and caught. Upon examination this had landed with the head uppermost. All those whose coins also showed a head retained their money, but all those with the tail on top waved sadly goodbye to their investment.

After a similar proceeding had been repeated just a few times it was only Annie & Andy who were left in. So who won the wine? - "Can do no wrong" Andy of course! With the prize money deducted this simple but fun competition had very quickly raised £38 for our Charity.

However it wasn't a day for Andy of all take and no give. He produced a magnificent orchid which Graham our ace auctioneer put under the hammer and after some very competitive bidding it went for an excellent £35. In a second auction Chris had donated 20 small packs of 5 "good as new" balls. These were divided into 5 separate lots and the subsequent bidding raised a further £47.

And so our charity fund has increased by £120 thus putting our current total at above £400. Thank you all for your continued support and thanks to Andy & Chris for donating these auction items.

OUR FIRST "CASUAL" GATHERING OF THE YEAR IS AT FOXBRIDGE
ON TUESDAY 19th FEBRUARY

Details. Coffee available from 09.15 First group out at 09.56 Following the golf there is a Two Course meal at 4pm The Individual Winner of the day will take the Ron Bailey Tankard and this is the day that everyone wins a prize! There will also be a Team Competition plus Nearest the Pin Contests so it's prizes galore day!

Records show that most members interested in this have paid already. If you haven't and would like to be included or bring a guest please contact John McD immediately. Cost is £25 to cover everything. An email with all the final details will go out a few days before the 19th.

PICTURES FROM HOLTYE



*Andy receives congratulations
from the Captain of the Day
for sinking the winning putt
thus gaining
the Christmas Tankard*



*Scramble Team Competition
Runners Up
Chris Wilkes, Liz Colenutt, Dennis
Shelley & Mike Riddles*



*The Bottom Team
who were minus a player
but still smiling
John Cunnington,
Val Ward & John Benstead*



*Winner of Nearest the Pin

not that
Andy Knight again!*



*Scramble Team Competition Winners

Barbara Horsfall, Russell Woolley,
John Bateson & Andy Knight*



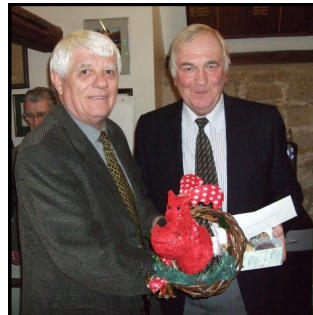
*Winner of Open Longest Drive
who else could it be but

Jeff Hogg!*



*Winner of the 19 & Over
Longest Drive

John Bateson*



*Winner of the HedgeHog and Shortest Drive

Russell Woolley*



*Winner of the Birdie Cap
Rudolph's sister

Sue McDonnell*



*Welcome to our two
novitiate members

Derek Allen & John Benstead*



*Happy 60th Val
and thanks for the wine!
Your turn next year Tony!*



*A belated but well earned
presentation of the
Ladies Champion Trophy to
Liz Colenutt*

Full Programme For the Wayfairers Year 2013

Tuesday 19th February Casual Day at Foxbridge
Monday 25th March Spring Cup at Coulsdon Manor
Friday 12th April Casual Day at Horne Park
Monday 20th May Peer's Plate at Hoebridge
Friday 21st June Two Ronnies Pairs at Foxbridge
Monday 22nd July Our Charity
Finale Day & President's Trophy at Slinfold
Friday 16th August Casual Day at Villa (TBC)
Monday 2nd September Pink Ball Day at Hassocks
Monday 21st October AGM & Autumn Cup at Bletchingley

NEW VENUE FOR OUR AGM DAY

As can be seen from the calendar above, we have moved our AGM venue from Clandon Regis to Bletchingley where we are getting a very similarly bargain priced deal as at Clandon. This is not a completely new venue for the Wayfairers, as we have played there several times before, the last occasion being in 2002. For many years this was the regular venue for our annual Christmas meeting.

Our Society now has several members who require buggies and as Clandon only has one, we had to turn away 2 of our players who wished to attend for the recent AGM meeting and the golf. Bletchingley is well provided with buggies and they have also made arrangements so that we can split our numbers and tee off simultaneously on the 1st & 10th, thus doing away with the necessity for a "time filling" putting competition.

A GOOD IDEA FOR OUR CHARITY FROM CARL

Carl has offered a suggestion that could increase our Charity fund total when we visit Coulsdon in March. £1 will be collected from each player and everyone must record how many putts they take on each green. The player who takes the fewest in total will walk away with a nice prize and all the profit left from the income will go to our charity. For any hole in which a ball has to be picked up early because the player has run out of shots, the score will count as a 3 putt. Once on the green players must putt out regardless of how many points they have on that particular hole. As ever our Charity total will be boosted also with £30 from the day's raffle takings.

Christmas Roll Up

Despite 24 hours of torrential rain on the day & night previous, our annual Christmas Roll Up at Holtye went ahead but with a very depleted turn out, as the Course was barely playable and more wet weather was on the way.

Because of the conditions the competition was reduced to 11 holes, although several of the very keen ones went on to complete the full 18 and everyone stayed dry. In the Clubhouse after there was a great festive and convivial atmosphere until eventually all the prizes were presented as follows-

Trophy Winner - Norman Lovelock 2nd - Derek Allen c/b 3rd - Bill Eslor
 Nearest The Pin 7th Brian Girling Nearest The Pin in 3 9th Norman (again!)

As players were allowed to play off Society or Club h/caps it's interesting to note that the top 3 all played off their Club h/caps and were winners!

Perhaps the Wayfairers h/caps really do even out the playing field?!!

HANDICAP INFORMATION PLEASE NOTE

As there was no Individual Competition at Holtye, all handicaps remain the same as following our Clandon Regis Day .

H/Caps for Coulsdon Manor

ALLEN	22
ATWELL	20
BATESON	26
BENSTEAD	22
BLAKELEY	7
CATTERALL	23
CHURCH	17
COLENUT L	25
COLENUT M	19
COOPER	18
CROMPTON	16
CUNNINGTON	34
ESLOR	10
GIRLING	31
GOMAN	17
HARRIS	24
HISTED	19
HITAM	26
HOGG	8
HORSFALL,B	36
HOULIHAN	22
KNIGHT	9
LOVELOCK N	17
McDONNELL, J	25
McDONNELL, S	10
PRITCHARD	17
REEVES	32
RIDDLES, A	33
RIDDLES, M	36
ROSE A	32
ROSE D	29
ROSNER, C	22
RUSHTON	16
SANDS	31
SHELLEY	16
SMITH	10
STACEY	18
STANLEY	22
STOREY	5
WARD V	22
WARD G	12
WARRILOW	36
WILKES	5
WILLIAMS	27
WOOLLEY R	17
WOOLLEY, Ruby	22
ZINKE	11

WAYFAIRERS GOLFING SOCIETY

DAY AT COULSDON MANOR - MONDAY 25th MARCH

NAME.....

Please tick below as appropriate

- ☐ I am available for the above - Members fee £32
- ☐ Sorry but I am unavailable to play at Coulsdon Manor
- ☐ If space allows I would like to bring a guest (name + h/cap below) Fee £32

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

- ☐ **Should you intend to book a buggy please tick this box. By doing so you will be put into the same playing group as another member requiring one. *Once you are told who this person is, it will be your joint responsibility to book & pay for the buggy.***

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

SATURDAY 23rd FEBRUARY

- 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.