

Wayfairers Golf Society

The Early Years

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7th November 1995

Dear

The Proposed "WAY - FAIRERS" GOLFING SOCIETY

We are delighted to understand that you are available to join us in our first ever meeting to be held at Chiddingfold Golf Club on Friday 17th November. Altogether we are expecting a total gathering of about a dozen plus of us.

The Golf Club is situated on the left hand side of the A283 just south of Chiddingfold village. Please aim to arrive for between 9.30am. and 9.45am. for coffee. First group tee off at 10.15am.

The cost for the day is £17.50p. to include coffee on arrival, 18 holes of Golf (Stableford Competition), followed by a 3 course meal and prizes.

Following the meal and presentations there will be a short open discussion regarding the formation, objectives and future of our newly found Society.

We very much look forward to seeing you on the 17th.

John Bateson & John McDonnell
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P. S. Date for your diary.

Please note early provisional arrangements have been made already for a second "Way - Fairers" gathering this time at a different venue. The date is Monday 18th December with our golf to be followed by a Christmas meal. Further details to be announced on 17th November.

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Dear Member / Prospective Member,

REPORT ON THE MEETING AT CHIDDINGFOLD GOLF CLUB ON 17th NOVEMBER 1995 AND OFFICIAL FORMATION OF THE ABOVE SOCIETY.

Sixteen players, many of whom are now fully paid up Way-Fairers, attended the inaugural meeting at Chiddingfold where the sun shone on the righteous and a good day's golf was enjoyed.

The Competition results and a financial report on the day are included as an annex to this report.

It was decided that a Society should be formed, open to all, to be known as **THE WAY - FAIRERS GOLFING SOCIETY** and that there should be an initial joining fee of £5 to meet running expenses and the purchase of a suitable trophy.

It was agreed that the aim should be to arrange between 4 to 6 Meetings a year with a current cost target not to exceed £25 for any Winter golf packages. A variety of Courses and costs was to be the objective with an over-riding aim of value for money.

A Handicap Committee consisting of Ron Harris, John Bateson & John McDonnell should review handicaps after each event, and Society handicaps assessed on the basis of Society performance and known abilities should operate (i.e. these may differ from official Club handicaps).

For those wishing to pay to join the Society and for details of the next Golf Day please refer to page 2.

DETAILS OF NEXT MEETING

DATE - Monday 18th December

VENUE - Bletchingley Golf Club, Church Lane, Bletchingley, Surrey - A25 east of Redhill.

TIME - Plan to arrive in time for Breakfast at 9 a.m.

COMPETITION - 18 Holes Stableford. Xmas Bring & Win Event. Please note all players are requested to bring a prize suitable for this festive occasion eg. bottle of wine, confectionery, golf accessories, etc. etc.

ENTRY FEE - £25 to cover full English Breakfast & Coffee on arrival, 18 holes of Golf followed by a Christmas Lunch

PAYMENT - A deposit of £10 per player is required to secure this booking. This deposit is not refundable if cancellation takes place less than 48 hours before the Event. Our booking deadline is MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER. Cheques payable to John Bateson or John McDonnell.

Please detach and return the appropriate slip(s) below. Thank you.

Please return to John Bateson or John McDonnell

Application to join The Way-Fairers Golfing Society

NAME _____

Please find enclosed a cheque for £5 to join the above named Society. (Payable to John Bateson or John McDonnell)

Please return to John Bateson or John McDonnell

The Way-Fairers Bletchingley Society Day

NAME _____

Please find enclosed a cheque for £10 deposit for the Society Day at Bletchingley Golf Club. (Payable to John Bateson or John McDonnell)

CHIDDINGFOLD 17/11/95RESULTS

PLAYER	SCORE	TEAM SCORE
JOHN BATESON	47	93
JEFF HOGG	24	
CHRIS TOMLIN	24	
MIKE MORGAN-ROWE	39	
RON BAILEY	35	86
BILL BRODERICK	24	
RON HARRIS	32	
STAFFORD SMITH	33	
FRANK HOULIHAN	39	94
MIKE SMITH	25	
ROBERT MARCHBANK	38	
DENNIS SHELLEY	33	
JOHN MCDONNELL	25	75
MIKE WILSON	29	
PETER RUSHTON	31	
BERNARD MCDONNELL	11	

Only 'top-end' cards were checked on the day.
 Subsequently a number of errors were found on other cards
 giving in each case an increase in individual scores!
 The corrected scores are shown above. Individual winners
 and team winner were not affected.

WINNERS

1. JOHN BATESON
 2. MIKE MORGAN-ROWE
 3. FRANK HOULIHAN
- LONGEST DRIVE - ROBERT MARCHBANK
 NEAREST PIN - BILL BRODERICK
 JOHN MCDONNELL
 BLUNT TROPHY - BERNARD MCDONNELL

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Dear Way-Fairers,

All those dozen Way-Fairers who managed to play in December at Bletchingley enjoyed a day when the weather was most kind, the Course was in excellent condition and the Clubhouse hospitality memorable. Altogether a most successful day.

Congratulations go to :-

1st PETER RUSHTON Winner of the brand new Way-Fairers Trophy and 1st choice of prize in the "Bring & Win"

2nd CHRIS TOMLIN

3rd MIKE WILSON

Nearest the Pin MIKE WILSON

Longest Drive JOHN BATESON

Better Luck Next Time Trophy FRANK HOULIHAN

Our Society has now become firmly established with 19 paid up members (a contact details list is enclosed) and we are aiming at a maximum membership of 30. Unfortunately some of our members do seem rather accident prone! Our "get well soon" best wishes go to Ron Harris and Bob Marchbank both of whom have suffered from very nasty falls (far away from any golf course or New Years Eve revelry!). We wish them both a speedy recovery.

Financial statement as from the beginning of 1996

INCOME 19 subscriptions of £5 ----- £95.00p

EXPENDITURE (mainly in connection with Bletchingley) Photo-copying £6.52p Postage £1.58p Trophy £16.45p Engraving £11.74p Prizes - 2 Boxes of Biscuits £5.58p Team Prizes were donated.

Total expenditure £41.87p

BALANCE £53.13

FOR FULL DETAILS OF OUR THIRD WAY-FAIRERS MEETING SEE NEXT PAGE

The Next Proposed Meeting

This hopefully will be held on **WEDNESDAY 28th FEBRUARY** at Slinfold Park Golf Club situated on the A29 just south of where the A29 meets the A281, north of Billingshurst. We have chosen this Course because of the excellent value of the offer but there are some disadvantages as detailed further below - however let's start with the good factors!

1. Value £15 for 18 holes followed by a choice of one FREE course from the Bar Menu. A copy of the Bar menu is enclosed. Please choose one main dish from the list and put on the return slip if you decide to play on this day. The normal cost for a weekday round is £20 so the bargain we are getting is obvious. This special offer that we are taking up ceases at the end of February.

If you do wish to play please note that we meet up in the Bar **FROM 9.45 am. ONWARDS** with the first tee booking made **FOR 10.30 am.**

Note We will in fact charge a total of **£17** for the day to include £2 a head for prizes as this is not a "Bring & Win" Event. Slinfold also require a non-returnable deposit of £10.

2 The Course Although we haven't played the Course it looks to be in very good condition, having been closed for only one day throughout this Winter. The day we visited was after heavy prolonged rain and all the normal tees and greens were in play.

3 Looking Ahead Slinfold seems to be offering some competitively priced Summer packages and this could be a good opportunity for the Way-Fairers to assess the possibility of a return visit at some time.

The Disadvantages

Included in the cost for the day is your free main course but should you wish to supplement this with a starter and / or a sweet this will be at your own expense. We will be eating in the Bar Lounge, not in a reserved dining area, and we will not be all sitting down together at the same time for a set meal as at Chiddingfold or Bletchingley. However we will all gather together for our usual prizegiving after the last group in have finished eating, and there will be plenty of time and opportunity for Way-Fairers to socialise in the Bar area. Coffee and Bacon Rolls are obtainable upon arrival but not included in the package cost.

Should you wish to play please return the slip below to John Bateson together with your £10 deposit **BY WEDNESDAY 31st JANUARY AT THE VERY LATEST PLEASE**

Please make your cheque payable to John Bateson. We have been debating as to whether we should open a Way-Fairers Bank Account but so far have not done so. For your information though, we have agreed to split our areas of responsibility so that John McDonnell is now Secretary (ably assisted by Sue McD) and John Bateson is Treasurer.

Here's hoping for a good turn out and an enjoyable day of social golf,
John McDonnell & John Bateson

BALANCE £52.13

FOR FULL DETAILS OF OUR THIRD WAY-FAIRERS MEETING SEE NEXT PAGE

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Dear Way-Fairers,

Mud, double bogeys and FIRE! were probably the most vivid memories of the 18 WayFairers who carried their clubs with bowed shoulders round Slinfold in late February! Nevertheless the day can't have been too bad judging from the Clubhouse atmosphere afterwards, and our guest of the day, Tom Youell, obviously had enjoyed himself as he immediately paid over £5 joining fee to increase our membership to 22. All in all we did get value for money which is one of our main aims.

Thanks again must be made to Ron Harris for offering to put up a new WayFairers Trophy. For those unable to be present it should be recorded that after open discussion it was agreed that this Trophy should be played for annually at Chiddingfold (probably in October) with the format being a 4 Ball Better Ball Stableford, with partners to be drawn on the day. Thanks again Ron --- a most generous gesture.

Regarding the Slinfold results Congratulations go to ---

1st Peter Rushton 32 points - won on Countback. Peter's second consecutive success.

2nd Nick Widdowson 32 points. What a way to start his WayFairers membership!

3rd Jeff Hogg 30 points - won on Countback

4th Stafford Smith 30 points

Team Prize Peter Rushton Ron Bailey & John Bateson

B L N T Trophy John Loader

Nearest The Pin Tom Youell

Longest Drive Peter Rushton

Birdie Cap awarded to Jeff Hogg

Also congratulations yet again to Peter Rushton who must be the WayFairers luckiest member! Not only has he won our last 2 events (handicap now severely cut!) but in the last month he has won also 1) Free Theatre Tickets 2) Free Restaurant Evening Out 3) £2000 plus on the National Lottery and finally 4) A year's free Membership at Dale Hill Golf Club (worth£1200) which was personally presented to him at Dale Hill by Ian Woosnam (did you see it on I.T.V.?). It does make receiving a handshake, a golf ball and a can of beer from John Bateson look rather smalltime doesn't it! Well done Peter - we hope you pass the good luck around!

Interim Financial Statement

SLINFOLD INCOME

18 Players X £17 = £306

TOTAL = £306

EXPENDITURE

18 Players Green Fees x £15 = £270.

PhotoCopying & Postage = £7.06p

Prizes = £29.83p

TOTAL = £306.89p

Slinfold Deficit 89p

Balance in WayFairers Account After Slinfold = £62.24p

AND NOW TO OUR NEXT MEETING

This is to be held on FRIDAY 17th MAY at Shillinglee Park Golf Club which is situated not very far from Chiddingfold G.C. where the majority of Wayfairers have played previously. An easy way to find Shillinglee is to drive south down the A283 passing Chiddingfold G.C. on your left. Continue over the County boundary from Surrey into Sussex until you find yourself approaching a crossroads at which Shillinglee G.C. is signposted to your left. Down this road you will find the Course about a mile along on your left. An alternative route for those travelling from the east is to turn off the A281 (Horsham / Guildford road) at Bucks Green, and follow signs to Loxwood - and from Loxwood on to Plaistow. In Plaistow turn right and further on left to Shillinglee (signposted at this junction). Allow a full hour from the East Grinstead area as it is easy to get lost!

Shillinglee Golf Club is designed and owned by PGA Professional Roger Mace who is well known for his Golf Show (clinic and trick shots demonstration). At one time in his Club professional days he had Ian Woosnam and Barry Lane working for him as his Assistants.

Shillinglee is a 9 hole Course, not particularly long, (par 64) with lots of tricky par 3's, and the accent is on playing for position on this Course rather than trying to hit the ball out of sight! (Nick "Animal" Widdowson beware!) Because it is not long we are planning a 27 Hole day, plus a Pitch & Putt Team Competition round a rather unusual little 6 hole course. Approx Timings -

09.00 Arrive Coffee & Danish Pastry

09.30 A 9 Hole Texas Scramble Begins - Teams of 3 - very different and great fun!

11.30 Still in the same Teams a 6 Hole Team Pitch & Putt Competition Begins

12.30 Lunch (staggered - eat as arrive) Homemade Cottage Pie, Roll & Butter

13.30 18 Holes Individual Stableford Competition Begins.

18.00 Roger Mace's Golf Show put on especially for The WayFairers

19.00 Formal Dinner - Potato & Leek Soup, Roast Lamb, Profiteroles and Coffee

Followed by WayFairers Presentation Prize Giving

Given good weather this could prove to be an excellent and extremely varied Golf Fun Day. Total cost for everything described above is £29.50p (plus as ever £2 for Prizes). There is a deposit of £5 to pay - cheques to John Bateson. It would also be useful to know if you are unavailable (phone or return slip over page) Deadline for Deposits FRIDAY 5th APRIL

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6th June 1996

Dear Way-Fairers,

What a great day we had at Shillinglee and not a drop of rain fell on us ! As hoped it was a day containing an immense variety of Golfing activity, with probably the most memorable moment being when we watched Mike Morgan-Rowe , pale faced and trembling, one hand over his eyes and the other a bit lower down, standing as instructed with legs wide apart just 3 yards in front of a menacing Roger Mace as he prepared for an enormous tee shot! Well done Mike, one can only imagine how you felt at the time! With the Course in lovely condition all in all another good "value for money "day for the Way-Fairers.

We would like to record our thanks for the kindness and generosity of Robert Marchbank, who resides so far away in Dumfriesshire. Robert was unable to be with us at Shillinglee but he sent £5 towards the cost of prizes for the day. Robert as you read this no doubt you will be pleased to know that your money was well spent on "special prizes" which included rewarding Ron Bailey for the impossible feat of somehow losing a ball on the miniature pitch & putt course, and consoling Mike Wilson for losing 4 balls in the various water hazards during the day!

And so to the full Shillinglee prize results (with 16 Way-Fairers taking part) :-

Texas Scramble Winners Gross Score of 31 Frank Houlihan Nick (Animal) Widdowson
Bernard McDonnell & John McDonnell

Pitch & Putt Winners Pat Fudge Ron Bailey Mike Wilson & Harry Mills

Afternoon Stableford. Winner of the Way-Fairers Trophy 37 pts. Mike Morgan-Rowe

2nd in the Stableford 36 pts Nick (A) Widdowson

3rd in the Stableford 33pts Noel McClean with brother-in-law Don Woollard also on 33pts but losing on count back over the 2nd 9 holes

B.L.N.T. Trophy Harry Mills

Longest Drive Mike Morgan- Rowe just beating Nick the Anim--! (previously mentioned!)

Nearest The Pin John McDonnell

Birdie Cap Peter Rushton

Apart from the 2 Special Prizes mentioned earlier above congratulations to Bernard McDonnell for also gaining a special prize for a wonderful "blind" chip into the hole on an elevated green from all of 30 yards!



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Current Financial Statement

SHILLINGLEE INCOME

16 Players x £31.50	= £504
Donation	= £5
TOTAL	= £509
Deficit from Funds	= £3.21
TOTAL	= £512.21

EXPENDITURE

Shillinglee Fees 16 x £ 29.50	= £472
Postage & Photo Copies	= £4.90
Prizes	= £35.31
TOTAL	=£512.21

BALANCE IN WAYFAIRERS FUND AS AT END MAY 1996 £69.03

AND NOW TO OUR NEXT MEETING

This is to held at SOUTHWOOD GOLF COURSE on MONDAY 8th JULY and will be a "home" game for our Farnborough area based Way-Fairers, with our September venue to be much closer to East Grinstead. Providing the M25 traffic is flowing the run for members travelling from the east is not complicated. From the M25 turn on to the M3 (Basingstoke Southampton road) at junction 12. Come off the M3 at junction 4A (NOTE not the junction before - junction 4 - even though this is signposted Farnborough). At junction 4A go round a couple of roundabouts following signs to Farnborough. You will soon pass a pub on the left called the Monkey Puzzle and the Golf Course car park is just beyond this on the left. The Course is only a few minutes drive from Junction 4A and on a clear run Lingfield to Southwood can be done comfortably in an hour.

Once again we are looking at "value for money". Southwood is a municipal Course with a very friendly atmosphere, and being much longer than Shillinglee our Society event will be an 18 hole Individual & Team Competition. We are gaining a £4 a head discount if we delay our start until 2pm. so this is what we plan. However should some of our keen and fit players fancy an extra 9 holes we are making arrangements for this in the morning, but it will not be part of the official Society day and those who do play must work out their own side bets & swindles!

Proposed Programme

Morning. For those who want it we will try to organise some tee times for 9 holes starting round about 10am. COST £7 or £4 for Senior Citizens. (Tee times confirmed week before) Remainder of Way-Fairers to arrive before 12.30 at which time a "Pairs Putting Competition" will be organised.

Following the putting get your own lunch & drinks (coffee or otherwise!) in the Clubhouse at your own expense - not part of the package.

2pm. Golf begins 18 holes

7pm approx. 3 Course Dinner & coffee

Anticipated cost depending on final menu selection £18 per head Senior Citizens £14.50p plus the usual £2 a head for prizes.

In order to confirm our provisional booking we need a guaranteed minimum of 16 players all paying a £5 deposit. Cheques sent and payable to John Bateson by Friday 14th June. If unavailable please let either John know A.S.A.P. so we can determine our exact final numbers.

John McDonnell (Secretary)

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21st July 1996

Dear Way-Fairers

What another great day on our first visit to Southwood Golf Club. The Course was in excellent condition which lead to some amazingly good scoring. Be warned because for many of you your Handicaps will come tumbling down! - (especially Stafford's!)

Obviously our guests enjoyed themselves with 3 of them having now paid and joined. So welcome to the Way-Fairers to Harold Peskett (Lingfield), Ian Gordon (High Wycombe) and to our youngest member Stuart Harris (East Grinstead). Membership now stands at 26 but is extremely widespread as regards place of residence, with Robert Marchbank living way up North in Scotland, while Chris Tomlin spends all day sunning himself having moved way down South to Spain! It makes Billericay look almost next door! We are all looking forward to when Chris organises his "home game" for the Way-Fairers!

And so to the full Southwood results with 21 Way-Fairers taking part :-

Individual Stableford Results

1st Stafford Smith 45 points

2nd Dennis Shelley 43 points

3rd Don Woollard 42 points

Longest Drive John Loader

Nearest The Pin Mike Morgan- Rowe

Putting Stuart Harris 16 strokes (including 7 twos and a hole in one on the "impossible" 9th!

Birdie Boys Peter Rushton & Frank Houlihan 2 Birdies each - after deliberation the Birdie Cap was awarded to Frank Houlihan on the policy of moving it around as much as possible.

B.L.N.T. Trophy was awarded to Ron Harris

Team Prize Stafford Smith Dennis Shelley Mike Morgan- Rowe

Particular congratulations go to John Loader who despite his 72 years produced the longest straightest drive showing all the younger ones how to do it! Well done John!

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• And so to our Treasurers report :-

Financial Statement following our Southwood Golf Club Day

Income - 21 players Green Fees £108.50p		Expenditure - Green Fees £108.50	
21 players x £2 for prizes	£42.00	Cost of Prizes	£32.42p
Catering 22 x £10.50p	£231.00	Catering	£231.00p
		Postage, Photocopying	£5.09p

Income £381.50p Expenditure £377.02p Excess Income over Expenditure £4.48p

Society Balance as at 8/7/96 £82.51p (includes subs from 3 new Members)

And now to our next meeting

As announced at Southwood this will be held on MONDAY 16th SEPTEMBER at Paxhill Park Golf Club. This Course is situated near Lindfield which is about 4 miles North East of Haywards Heath in West Sussex. In Lindfield turn off on the B2111 eastwards. This is shown as Lewes Road. Continue eastwards passing a Rover Garage on your left - Lindfield Rover. Take the left fork into East Mascalls Road - cemetery on your left - continue past East Mascalls Farm - Paxhill Park entrance is past the Farm on your left.

Coffee on arrival is available from 10.30am as is Breakfast (at extra cost). First tee time 11.30am. Should you wish to know your tee off time you can always ring either John in advance. Dinner at approx. 5pm. 18 Holes Individual Stableford and Team Competition. As we always try to introduce something slightly different at each gathering this time there will be a Mystery Pairs Prize. All players will be given a number. After the Competition all the numbers will be put in a "hat" and two drawn out at a time. The individual scores of these two players will be added together and the total highest scoring pair will get a prize. Should be fun!

Cost for Coffee 18 holes and 3 Course Meal £25.95 plus the usual £2 for prizes. An £8 deposit is required now please leaving £19.95p to pay on the day. DEADLINE DATE FOR DEPOSITS SATURDAY 10th AUGUST

If you are available please send the deposit punctually- if not available please let either John know as soon as possible. It really helps us to have definite numbers.

Another date for your diary

MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER We have made a provisional booking for our A.G.M. Meeting at Chiddingfold. Further details later.

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1st October 1996

Dear Wayfairers

What a glorious day we had at Paxhill Park - probably one of the finest September days on record. What a pity that for some of us our Golf didn't match the weather as balls disappeared with monotonous regularity into the dreaded rough on either side of the fairways! Well done once again to Don Woollard for turning out with us on his 70th Birthday. Many Happy Returns Don! Sorry your score was 70 plus!

All in all a very pleasant memorable day much enjoyed by the 17 players taking part and giving our Society record to date as 6 played without one drop of rain on us - YET!

RESULTS

For the first time the Wayfairers Trophy was won by a guest - Mike Church. Well done Mike and nice to hear that you will be joining us.

1st Mike Church 37 points
2nd Harold Peskett 36 points (count back)
3rd Dennis Shelley 36 points
Team Prize Harry Mills, David Mills & Mike Morgan-Rowe
Cutting Team Prize Peter Rushton, Noel McClean & Harold Peskett
Mystery Pairs Draw Harold Peskett & (we think but lost paper!) Harry Mills
Mystery Prize Draw Special O.F. Prize Bernard McDonnell & Peter Rushton
Birdie Cap Awarded to Mike Morgan-Rowe with a phenomenal 3 Birdies in the last 9 holes.
Pity about your first 9 holes Mikel!
Nearest The Pin Jeff Hogg
Longest Drive John McDonnell
B.L.N.T. Trophy Mike Wilson

FINANCIAL STATEMENT (regarding Paxhill Park)

Income 17 players X £28 = £476

Expenditure 17 Green Fees £285 Catering £186.15p Prizes £46.07p (plus 3 balls from stock)

Admin Costs £7.39p Total = £494.61p

Deficit £18.61p (plus 3 balls from bulk discount stock)

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AND SO OUR NEXT MEETING

This is to be held at Chiddingfold Golf Club on FRIDAY 8th NOVEMBER (not Monday 4th November as previously indicated). The Golf Course is situated on the A283 (Milford to Petworth road) immediately south of Chiddingfold on the left hand side travelling south. This particular Wayfairers gathering will be our first Birthday Anniversary and following the Prizes Presentation we will hold our A.G.M. Also on this day we will be competing for the first time for the Ron Harris Autumn Cup. Many thanks to Ron for his great generosity in presenting what we are sure everyone will agree is a magnificent Trophy. Please note that this Competition will be an "individual" event and not played for in "pairs" as was agreed originally. Guests are not eligible to win this Cup which is held for a year but they can compete for the Wayfairers Trophy and all other prizes.

DETAILS FOR THE DAY - Arrive for 9.30 to 9.45am. First Tee Off Time 10.26am.

Total Cost £23 to include :- Coffee & Bacon Sandwiches on arrival. 18 holes of Golf. A 3 Course Meal following the Golf. All Prizes. As usual a £5 deposit is required and the return slip is at the bottom of this page. Deadline for returns is Saturday 12th October and please help your Organisers by letting us know by then if you are not available!

Please note the package is for as many holes of Golf as you wish. Should any players want to arrive early in order to play some extra holes then please get in touch with the Club direct to make your own arrangements quoting our Wayfairers booking.

IF COMING TO CHIDDINGFOLD PLEASE BRING THIS SHEET WITH YOU A.G.M AGENDA AND DETAILS FOR DISCUSSION

Points agreed after discussion at our inaugural meeting

1. The name of the Society should be "The Wayfairers".
2. There should be a £5 subscription for the first year. (Subscription to be reviewed annually)
3. Members may bring guests but no guest may reappear and play again in the same financial year without becoming a fully paid up member.
4. Membership is open to all golfers irrespective of age, ability or sex.
5. Membership should be closed in any year that more than 30 golfers become members.
6. A main objective of the Society should be "value for money".
7. The officers should aim at organising some 4 to 6 Society Days in the first year (to be reviewed November 1996).
8. As far as is possible all venues chosen should not entail more than a 75 minute drive from home to Course.
9. A Handicap Committee should be set up to review all members' handicaps following every meeting.

Please turn to page 3 for further details of our A.G.M. Return slip for Chiddingfold below.

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Dear Wayfairers

Starting with our Chiddingfold Review

What a lucky lot we are! After days of gales and torrential rain the sun shone brightly, the Course looked and played delightfully, and all was rounded off by an excellent meal and atmosphere in the Clubhouse. The only drawback was having to shout our way through the AGM and we are still taking the throat lozenges! After two years of this now we may have to consider seriously another venue for our AGM.

Once again many thanks to Ron Harris for donating and presenting his excellent Autumn Trophy and congratulations to Don Jessop on being the first to win it.

Condolences to Stafford for having to buy a new pair of golf shoes. We have spotted his old ones in the local Oxfam Shop. Don't all rush - Stafford takes size 12's!

And so to the results for the day :-

1st and Winner of the Ron Harris Autumn Trophy Don Jessop 45 points

2nd Jeff Hogg 42 points

3rd Ian Gordon 41 points

4th David Rose 40 points

Team Prize Ron Harris, Ian Gordon & John Bateson

The J.McD Nearest the Pin Pint Mike Wilson

The J.V.L. Longest Drive Dram Don Jessop

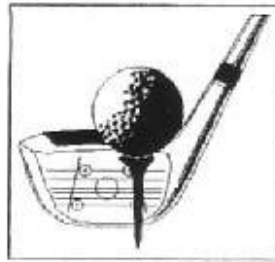
Shortest Drive Dennis Shelley

Birdie Cap Very close but awarded to Noel McClean on degree of stroke index difficulty

B.L.N.T. Trophy Bernard McDonnell

Mystery Prize Draw "Shortest Drive" Dennis & John McDonnell Total 76 points.

Before coming to the financial statement for the day special thanks to Harry Mills for his donation to the prize funds, and also to Robert Marchbank for presenting a bottle of vodka to be used as a special prize on our Xmas Bletchingley Day. Thanks also to Chris Tomlin for his best wishes from sunny Spain - we look forward to you joining us when you can.



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Chiddingfold Financial Statement

INCOME

Fees 25 x £23 = £575.00p

Donation £5.00p

TOTAL £580.00p

EXPENDITURE

Green Fees & Catering £534.75p

Prizes £28.87p

Admin costs £15.86p

TOTAL £579.48p

Surplus Income over Expenditure 52p. excluding 6 golf ball prizes used from stock.

Note. Admin costs higher than is usual for a Society Day due to extra photocopying of AGM documents.

A new up to date list of members will be issued to all Wayfairers in December.

AND SO TO OUR NEXT MEETING :-

BLETCHINGLEY GOLF CLUB, CHURCH LANE, BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY

Date **MONDAY 9th DECEMBER**. The Golf Club can be found from the middle of Bletchingley village by turning down Church Lane to your right approaching on the A25 from the east, to your left from the west. A helpful landmark is the Church.

Time. Plan to arrive for Breakfast from 9am. First group tee off 10.00am. The Competition is an 18 Hole Stableford Xmas "Bring & Win" Event. There is no charge for prizes on this day, but each player is requested to bring a WRAPPED mystery prize suitable for the festive season eg. wine, confectionery, golf accessories etc. to an approximate value of £2.50p to £3.

Cost. £25 to cover full English Breakfast, 18 holes of Golf and Xmas meal.

If you have not already returned your availability slip and deposit, which most members did at Chiddingfold, there is one printed out for you at the end of this circular. Please note deposits are due by **FRIDAY 22nd NOVEMBER** at the latest in order to finalise our numbers with the Golf Club. Cheques payable to John Bateson please.

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20th January 1997

Dear Wayfairers,

A very happy Golfing New Year to you all! With Christmas and the arrival of the New Year both come and gone, memories of Bletchingley in mid-December do seem rather remote now, but nevertheless here is a brief resume. Twenty players took part, 18 Wayfairers plus 2 guests, and one of our guests, Frank Harris, was suitably enough impressed to join, despite the fact that he lives in Northampton! Welcome Frank! This brings our total of paid up members for 1997 to 31 which is more than originally intended. We do however have our "exiles" living in Spain and in Scotland, so membership has not yet been completely closed.

For all those not at Bletchingley please find enclosed a current membership details list. Those who did play once again kept dry --- just! It was one of those days on which the damp mist never really lifted, but the Course was in excellent condition with only one temporary green and 15 grass tees in play. The playing surface also was remarkably dry. Christmas festivities in the Clubhouse afterwards included a Christmas Pudding Quiz, but sadly after too much real Christmas Pud many Wayfairers struggled with the answers more than they did with their Golf! Which leads us nicely on to the results -

1st and winner of the Wayfairers Trophy Ron Harris 40pts.

2nd Ron Bailey

3rd Mike Morgan-Rowe

Team Prize David Rose, Ron Bailey, Harry Mills & Mike Morgan-Rowe

The J.V.L. Longest Drive Dram Don Jessop (again!)

The J.McD. Nearest The Pin Pint Chris Wilkes

B.L.N.T. Trophy Stuart Allan

Birdie Cap Chris Wilkes

Christmas Pudding Quiz. The Winner over 18 "Holes" was Harry Mills who walked off with the coveted Xmas Pud! The Runners Up over the "front 9" and the "back 9" received special packs of mince pies, and many thanks to Peter Rushton who, although unable to be present, sent in a donation enabling us to buy these special prizes.

Bletchingley Financial Statement

INCOME

Fees 20 x £25 = £500
Donation £ 5

TOTAL = £505

EXPENDITURE

Green Fees & Catering £500
Admin - Photocopy, Postage etc. £ 9.14p
Prizes (not in "Bring & Win") £ 24.99p
TOTAL £534.13p

Excess expenditure over income £29.13p

Wayfairers Funds as at 1/1/97 £110.19p

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AND SO TO OUR FIRST WAYFAIRERS GATHERING OF 1997

We are pleased to announce that it has been possible to negotiate a special "Winter Deal" for the Wayfairers at The Fernfell Golf & Country Club near Cranleigh in Surrey. (North of Billingshurst. South-East of Guildford)
Fernfell is an 18 Hole scenic parkland Course. The Clubhouse is a magnificent 400 year old barn and for the very keen there is an outdoor swimming pool! The normal green fee is £20 but we have negotiated the following for an all in price of £20 ----

Coffee & Bacon Rolls on arrival, a bucket of range balls for each player, 18 Holes of Golf, a two Course meal comprising Soup followed by Steak & Kidney Pie with Vegetables and also inclusive are all of the Wayfairers prizes for the day! This sounds like an excellent deal though it has been emphasised to us that "we take the Course as we find it on the day" with this statement not implying that it is likely to be particularly "heavy", but that depending on the current weather conditions it could be that we find temporary tees and greens in use.

The Date - **FRIDAY 7th MARCH**

We plan to arrive for 10am. but not tee off until 11.30am. This lengthy time delay is because of the fact that having had coffee and a "bite", no doubt everyone will want to go on the range with their bucket of balls and have a warm up. The last group teeing off could be as late as 12.30, so in order to assist you with planning your day, for this one occasion only, a further circular will be issued to all players in late February listing all the tee off times. Detailed instructions of how to find the Course will also be included.

NOTE BECAUSE OF THIS IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE HAVE AN ACCURATE LIST OF PLAYERS FOR THE DAY! RETURNS & DEPOSITS BY FEB 7th PLEASE (See below)

Please let us know if unavailable.

Planning further ahead please note **MONDAY 19th MAY SHILLINGLEE PARK** The Wayfairers Annual Fun Day! a.m. 9 Hole Texas Scramble plus Pitch & Putt - p.m. 18 Holes Stableford - Coffee & Pastry on arrival - Hot Lunch - 3 Course Evening Meal - All prizes for the day - Inclusive price £30.
Unfortunately no Roger Mace Golf Show as he has left the Club.

John McDonnell

WAYFAIRERS DAY AT FERNFELL G.C. FRIDAY 7th MARCH

NAME	EXPENDITURE	INCOME
I am available for the above meeting and enclose my deposit of £5 payable to John Bateson		
and due by <u>Friday 7th February at the latest</u> .		
		TOTAL

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Dear Wayfairers

Following an excellent turn out of 27 members at Fernfell, we have to report to those who didn't be present the very unusual news that it is the only venue that we have played so far where we had to dispatch a search party to find our first group out for the day! This 3 Ball was comprised of our Captain for the day, Ron Harris, together with Don Woollard and new member John Peake. It wasn't really so much that we wanted to find them, but we wanted to retrieve our longest drive marker which they had placed on the wrong fairway during their wanderings around deepest Surrey! Nevertheless overall a good day was had by all - and once again we didn't get wet!

Losing the Longest Drive Marker wasn't the only cock-up! Three players finished in 2nd place on 37 points - namely Don Jessop, Don Woollard & Nick Widdowson. Apologies to them from John McD. who by mistake did their countback on the first 9 instead of the back 9!!! So it's drinks on John, particularly to Don Woollard, who through this mistake ended up with 4th prize instead of 2nd! Sorry Don! We'll see the Handicap Committee give you at least 2 extra shots next time!

Two important decisions were made by all the members present at Fernfell as follows.

- 1) As our membership numbers have now reached 34 no more new members will be taken at present, and a waiting list set up.
- 2) Members may continue to bring guests, but must wait until the deadline date for posits in order to ascertain from the organisers whether there will be any available spaces for visitors.

Also at Fernfell members were shown a very nice statuette trophy of a golfer which was presented by Ron Bailey for the Wayfairers use. As Ron Harris had kindly agreed to purchase a base and pay for any initial engraving it was agreed to call this The Two Ronnies Trophy and will be played for as a Pairs Competition. Any suggestions as to how and when we include this in our programme to John or John please.

And finally and more recently many thanks to Jeff Hogg who has purchased for us a rather unique "not done so well" golfing prize that will be named after Jeff as The Hedgehog Trophy. It will be on view and played for at Shillinglee and will replace our rather "tatty" and much uncoveted BLNT Trophy. Good luck in winning it Jeff!

FERNFELL FINANCIAL REPORT

Green Fees & Catering £445.50p

Prizes £44.01p

Admin Postage/Photocopy £11.78p

TOTAL £501.29p

RECEIPTS 27 x £20 = £540.00p

Excess Income to Expenditure £38.71p Society Balance at 7/3/97 = £178.90p Credit

FERNFELL RESULTS

1st and Winner of the Wayfairers Trophy Mike Wilson 39pts
2nd, 3rd & 4th all had 37 pts but by mistake prizes were distributed in order of best results on the front 9 holes ie. in the order of Don Jessop, Nick Widdowson & Don Woollard. Apologies again!
Team Prize Pat Fudge, Harry Mills & Stafford Smith
The J.V.L. Longest Drive Dram Ian Gordon (after eventually finding the marker on the wrong Fairway!)

The J.McD. Nearest The Pin Pint Don Jessop
Birdie Cap Mike Morgan-Rowe (the winner had to be drawn with so many equal birdies)
B.L.N.T. Trophy Ron Bailey
Closest Shave Award Harold Peskett

And who won The Lucky Pillock Award? With their usual efficiency the Organisers have lost this information. Answers in a plain sealed envelope to Stafford Smith. The winner will receive one of Stafford's famous second hand glued red and blue tee pegs!

FUTURE DATES

Before moving on to the details for our day at Shillinglee please note :-

THURSDAY 17TH JULY Our 3rd Meeting of 1997 at Reigate Heath Golf Club. PM.
FRIDAY 5th SEPTEMBER Our 4th Meeting of 1997 at Southwood Golf Club. Probably PM.
Further details on these to follow in due course.

SHILLINGLEE DETAILS MONDAY 19th MAY

All very similar to last year. A Golf Fun Day! Arrive for coffee approx. 9.15. Should you wish to check your starting time please ring John B. a day or so beforehand. The first team of 4 tee off at 9.45 for a 9 Hole Texas Scramble. Remaining in the same teams after completing the 9th Hole, you immediately commence a separate 6 Hole Team Pitch & Putt Competition.

There will be a "staggered" lunch - eat when your team finish playing - probably Cottage Pie as last year. At 13.45 the 18 Hole Individual Stableford Competition commences followed at approx. 19.00 by a 3 Course Meal similar again to last years.
The Shillinglee price remains the same as 1996 at £29.50p. for the whole day - plus £1.50p a head for prizes - total £31 - even cheaper than 1996!

It is assumed that everyone knows where Shillinglee is situated - or is likely to be travelling in a car with someone who does know the way. If not please contact John McD. for directions.

Please complete the availability slip below and return to John Bateson by FRIDAY 18th APRIL at the latest. Please note if your slip is not returned by this date your place could be given to a fellow Wayfairer's guest!

Looking forward to a sunny Shillinglee day! We hope!

John McD & John B.

WAYFAIRERS DAY AT SHILLINGLEE PARK MONDAY 19th MAY

NAME _____

Please delete below as appropriate

I am available for the above Wayfairers Day and enclose my deposit cheque for £5 payable to John Bateson.

OR

Sorry I am not available for Shillinglee.

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30th May 1997.

Dear Wayfairers

It had to happen one day and Monday 19th May was the day! The Wayfairers got wet! All was not so bad as it sounds as the precipitation only began as players were coming to the end of the morning Texas Scramble and on to the Pitch & Putt Competition. It absolutely poured down as we were all in the dry having lunch, and somehow miraculously stopped just as afternoon play commenced in what turned out to be perfect golf conditions.

Overall an excellent "fun" day at Shillinglee from 9am to 9pm, and "good value for money" was enjoyed by all the 24 Wayfairers taking part. Special mention must be made of Frank Houlihan who definitely had the longest "drive" of the day (in his car that was!) as he went first to Slinfold Golf Club and sat patiently in the Clubhouse waiting for all the rest of us proudly thinking that he was the first arrival!

And so to the results:-

1st and winner of the Wayfairers Trophy David Rose 40 pts.

2nd Ian Gordon 38 pts.

3rd Noel McClean 35 pts. (count back)

4th Mike Wilson 35 pts. (count back)

Texas Scramble Team Winners with a gross score of 30. Jeff Hogg, Harry Mills, David Mills & Mike Church.

Pitch & Putt Team Competition. This was also won by the above Team with a score of 55 but the prizes were given to the 2nd placed team consisting of John Bateson, Chris Wilkes, David Rose & Frank "I love Slinfold" Houlihan. Somehow they achieved 2nd place with a terrible score of 60! What does it say for the rest of us!

The J.V.L. Longest Drive Dram went to Nick the Animal!

The J.McD. Nearest The Pin Pint appropriately enough went to John McD.

Birdie Cap. Don Jessop - who liked it so much he nearly went home wearing it!

The Hedgehog Award (replacing the B.L.N.T. Trophy) Harry Mills

On the "book" run by "Honest" John Bateson both Jeff Hogg & Dennis Shelley won money with very nice odds of 5 to 1. All the other punters lost their money and John Bateson can now afford another day trip to France!

SHILLINGLEE FINANCE REPORT

EXPENDITURE

Green Fees & Catering £697.50p

Prizes £25.92p

Admin (postage/photocopy etc.) £8.06p

Tote payout £15.00p

TOTAL £746.48p

INCOME

23 Players x £31 £713.00p

1 Player x £20.50p £20.50p

(Above Player left early no meal)

Tote income £22.00p

TOTAL £755.50p

Excess Income over Expenditure £9.02p Society Balance as at 19/5/97 £187.92p

Before moving on to the arrangements for our Reigate Heath day good luck to the 12 Wayfairers taking part in a Match against "The Wanderers" Golf Society on Friday 13th June at Rusper Golf Club. The Team consists of Peter Rushton, Mike Wilson, Noel McClean, Pat Fudge, Don Woollard, Harold Peskett, Ron Harris, Ron Bailey, David Rose, John Peake, John Bateson & John McDonnell. A memo to all these players that if you have not already paid your £5 deposit to John Bateson it is now due and see you at Rusper as from 10am.

AND SO TO OUR DAY AT REIGATE HEATH

As announced previously this will be on THURSDAY 17th JULY and is an afternoon gathering (because it's cheaper after 1pm!). A map is printed below together with the availability and deposit return slip. DEADLINE DATE FOR DEPOSITS TO SECURE YOUR PLACE MOONDAY 23rd JUNE. The total cost is £22 to include 18 holes on a 102 year old 9 Hole Course, a full evening meal and all prizes. It does not include any refreshments prior to playing. It is suggested however that players do arrive at approx. mid-day to purchase their own snacks and drinks in order to be present for the "draw for partners" - this being the meeting at which we shall play for the first time for "The Two Ronnies Trophy". The draw for partners in this new annual pairs competition will be at approx. 12.30. As from 1pm. players will go out with their partners in 4 Balls and there will be included as usual an Individual Stableford Competition for The Wayfairers Trophy. We shall sit down for evening meal at about 7pm. And here's hoping the sun shines on us!

John McD. & John B.

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August 8th 1997.

Dear Wayfairers

Reigate Heath Golf Club, founded in 1895 and described by Peter Allis as a "Gem of a Course" was indeed most attractive and made particularly challenging by our accidentally laying from the competition tees! The quality of the greens will remain in memory long after the trials and tribulations of trees, rough and fairway, have long faded. Our apologies to Chris Wilkes for interrupting his viewing of the "Open" and at short notice having to swop Troon for Reigate! Don't worry Chris, loss of memory comes to all with advancing age!

A warm Wayfairers welcome was extended to our two new recruits - Ian Templer & Don Beaumont. Both played well and we trust they both enjoyed their first outing with us. Certainly one in particular has cause to rejoice as the results below will show. Our congratulations to Stuart Harris and Ian Gordon - clear winners of the inaugural competition for the "Two Ronnies Trophy", to Don Beaumont as individual winner and to all other winners.

Full results are:-

"Two Ronnies" Pairs Competition - Stuart Harris & Ian Gordon 46 pts.

Runners-Up - Jeff Hogg & Ron Harris 40 pts.

Individual Winner (Wayfairers Trophy) - Don Beaumont 37 pts. (countback)

The J.V.L. Longest Drive Dram - Jeff Hogg

The J.McD. Nearest The Pin Pint - Don Beaumont

The Birdie Cap - Peter Rushton

The Hedgehog Award - David Mills

REIGATE HEATH FINANCE REPORT

EXPENDITURE

Green Fees & Catering £548.50 Prizes £31.66 Admin postage/photocopy etc. £6.56

TOTAL £586-72p

Receipts from Players £560.00p Excess expenditure over income £26.72p.

Society Balance as at 17/7/97 Cash in hand £16.18p Deposit paid Southwood £100

TOTAL £116-18p

This includes an excess expenditure to income of £6.98p, on our match against Holt & Wanderers held at Rusper Golf Club on 13th June 97 and the purchase of a further trophy to be played for at a future event.

In the challenge match against "The Wanderers" we are pleased to report that the weather was good, the Course quite nice (except for the clover!) and the result was a most convincing victory for the Wayfairers!

Prizes went to Don Woollard, Noel McClean, Jeff Watts & Harold Peskett for the best group result, and special prizes were nicely divided between the two Societies with Peter Rushton winning 2nd shot nearest to the pin on the 10th, Stuart Allan (Wanderers - Traitor!) gaining the longest drive, and unbelievably no-one was nearest the pin on the 159 yard 17th! Out of 24 attempts not one ball was on the green! Harold Peskett won a prize for the best individual Wayfairers score (32 points) narrowly defeating Peter Rushton on count back. A return Match is likely to happen - but it is up to the losers to challenge us.

AND NOW TO OUR NEXT MEETING

This is to be held at SOUTHWOOD GOLF COURSE on MONDAY SEPTEMBER 8th. PLEASE NOTE NOT FRIDAY 5th SEPTEMBER as was originally published. The change of date is due to a double booking error made by the Southwood staff for which they apologise.

The vast majority of our members will be travelling from the East in the direction of Farnborough (Hants). The most direct route is from the M25 turning off at Junction 12 down the M3 (signposted Basingstoke & Southampton). Come off the M3 at Junction 4A (not Junction 4 even though this is signposted Farnborough). From Junction 4A go round a couple of roundabouts following signs to Farnborough. At the next roundabout you will see a pub on the left called The Monkey Puzzle and the Golf Course car park is just beyond this on the left. To give some idea of timing, on a clear run on the M25 it takes about an hour to get to Southwood from Lingfield.

Southwood is definitely a "value for money" venue. It is an 18 Hole Municipal Course and by not starting before 2pm. we gain a £4 reduction per head. The cost for Golf varies according to age. Total for the day for Golf, a 4 Course Meal & all prizes will be — Under 60's £22.50p and Over 60's £19. A £5 deposit is due by SATURDAY 23rd AUGUST AT THE VERY LATEST. Return slip below. Cheques payable to John Bateson.

The charge does not include any refreshments before playing but very reasonably priced lunch-time snacks will be available from the Clubhouse. From 12.30 onwards a putting competition with prizes will be organised (possibly even 2 - an individual & a pairs) prior to our start at 2pm.

Please note we anticipate a very high number of Wayfairers turning out and as we will not be starting before 2pm. it is very unlikely that we will sit down to eat until 8.15pm. at the earliest. Please indicate on the return slip if you will be unable to stay for the meal otherwise we shall have to charge you for it!.

Here's to a good day. John McDonnell & John Bateson

WAYFAIRERS DAY AT SOUTHWOOD G.C. MONDAY 8th SEPTEMBER

NAME _____

I am available for the above and enclose my deposit cheque made payable to John Bateson. Please cross out either or both of the two statements below if they do not apply to you:-

1) I AM SORRY BUT I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO STOP FOR THE MEAL SO PLEASE CHARGE ME FOR THE GOLF & PRIZES ONLY.

2) SORRY BUT I AM UNAVAILABLE TO PLAY AT SOUTHWOOD.

SLIP TO BE RETURNED BY SATURDAY 23rd AUGUST.

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September 19th 1997.

Dear Wayfairers

And once again the sun shone on the Wayfairers with Southwood producing an absolutely magnificent day's weather for the second year running. Frank Houlihan's golf and the ensuing smile truly reflected the blue skies, and he didn't even get lost in driving all of 3 miles from his home in Yateley!

For the first time we discovered that some of the Wayfairers have got remarkable knees under those trousers, as shorts was the dress of the day for many. Perhaps a special Knobbly Knees competition next time we play at Southwood? - with Jeff Hogg as the undoubted favourite to win?!

All those who were present (24 Wayfairers & 2 Guests) will no doubt remember the honourable mention made of absentee David Mills who was imminently due to become a first time father. The news is that David did in fact become the proud father of a lovely son called Patrick at almost the identical moment that we were talking about him! Congratulations to Mum and Dad, and Patrick is now firmly established on the waiting list to become a fully fledged Wayfairers member. Mind you it will be round about the year 2070 before he will have any hope of winning the "50 Bob Set"! Which leads us on very nicely to the Southwood results :-

1st and winner of The Wayfairers Trophy Frank Houlihan 45 pts.

2nd Stuart Harris 41 pts.

3rd Harold Peskett 39 pts.

Team Prize. Frank Houlihan, Stuart Harris & Dennis Shelley 95 pts.

The inaugural winner of "The 50 Bob Set" was John Loader. Total Score + Age 107 pts.

(Belated Happy 50th Birthday Bob and thanks again to your dear wife for setting up this lovely commemorative trophy).

The J.V.L. Longest Drive Dram Chris Wilkes

The J.McD. Nearest The Pin Pint Pat Fudge

The Birdie Cap Nick Widdowson

The Hedgehog Award Noel McClean

Putting - Singles Stuart "Hole in One" Harris. Foursomes Mike Wilson & John McDonnell

SOUTHWOOD FINANCE REPORT

EXPENDITURE Green Fees & Catering £496 Prizes £29.90p Admin(Postage etc.) £7.86

This comes to a TOTAL of £533.76p.

RECEIPTS from players £542. EXCESS income over expenditure £8.24p

Society Funds as at 8/9/97 £127.37p

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY CHRISTMAS MEETING AT SLINFOLD GOLF CLUB IS NOW

MONDAY 1st DECEMBER NOT Friday 5th December. For Bletchingley devotees don't

despair! Perhaps Bletchingley as a Spring (March) venue?

AND SO TO OUR NEXT MEETING

This is our A.G.M. Day to be held at Chiddingfold Golf Club on **FRIDAY 7th NOVEMBER**. As this will be the 3rd time that we have played at this venue it is assumed that all members know the location of the Club. Please contact either of the Johns if any queries. This will also be the second occasion that members have opportunity to compete for the Don Harris Autumn Cup. The inaugural winner in November 1996 was Don Jessop.

DETAILS FOR THE DAY - arrive for coffee 9.30am. onwards. First tee off time 10.20am. Total cost £23 (as last year) to include coffee, 18 holes, 3 Course Carvery Meal and all prizes. Our A.G.M. to be held after the meal in a private room.

As usual a £5 deposit is required and the return slip is below. Deadline for payment and availability returns is **FRIDAY 17th OCTOBER**

A.G.M. AGENDA - (please bring this with you to Chiddingfold)

- 1). Secretary's Report (previous "minutes" listed at the end of the Agenda)
- 2). Treasurer's Report
- 3). Election of a) Secretary b) Treasurer c) Auditor d) Handicap Committee
- 4). Membership situation
- 5). Programme for 1998
- 6). Trophies/Prizes
- 7). Sweatshirts/ pullovers
- 8). A.O.B.

MAIN POINTS DISCUSSED & AGREED AT OUR 1st A.G.M. 9th NOVEMBER 1996

- 1) All existing officers of the Society were re-elected plus Peter Kushton as Hon. Auditor.
- 2) The joining fee for new members should remain at £5 and members should pay an annual subscription of £2 due each November. New members will therefore pay a total of £7 upon joining.
- 3) All monies should continue to be paid to John Bateson although the need and desirability to open a separate Wayfairers Account will be kept under review.
- 4) The Treasurer's circulated financial report was accepted unanimously. There was one slight error as regards the stated number of members as at 30/9/96 which should have read 26.
- 5) All Wayfairers were asked to make every effort to send in their returns for availability or non-availability by the requested dates.
- 6) Clear understanding was reached by all members present that in the event of extreme unfavourable weather conditions on a Society Day, providing the Course remained open for play, it was most likely that the Golf Club would charge fully for green fees and food even if players made personal decisions not to participate.
- 7) 6 members expressed interest in sometimes playing more than 18 holes in a day.
- 8) Agreed that 7 Society Days should be organised in the forthcoming year - a return to Bletchingley, Shillinglee, Southwood and Chiddingfold with the possible addition of Reigate Heath. Also the possibility of a match against "The Wanderers" G. S. in the Spring. Two further venues for Society days are to be sought. Suggestions and details with costs of any known "good deals for Societies" to be forwarded to John McDonnell please.

PLEASE RETURN THE SLIP BELOW BY FRIDAY 17th OCTOBER AT THE LATEST.

Thank you! John McD and John B.

WAYFAIRERS DAY AT CHIDDINGFOLD ON FRIDAY 7th NOVEMBER 1997

NAME _____

AM / AM NOT available for the above.
enclose a deposit cheque for £5 payable to John Bateson.

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November 10th 1997.

Dear Wayfairers

Looking outside while writing this the wind is howling and the rain lashing down and yet only 24 hours ago the Wayfairers were playing Golf on a beautifully warm Autumn day! Aren't we the lucky lot! For those who couldn't be present we can report that the atmosphere was great, the Course in lovely condition, the food really excellent and as the scores below indicate even some of the Golf was good! A total of 25 members took part with no guests on this occasion. And so to the results:-

1st and winner of the Ron Harris Autumn Cup Don Woollard 44 pts

THANKS ONCE AGAIN TO RON FOR PRESENTING THIS EXCELLENT TROPHY

2nd Harold Peskett 42 pts

3rd Dennis Shelley 41 pts

4th (on count back) Chris Wilkes 40 pts

5th also with 40 pts Pat Fudge

Team Prize Don Jessop Stafford Smith & Pat Fudge 89 pts

The J.V.L. Longest Drive Dram Mike Church

The J.McD. Nearest The Pin Pint Chris Wilkes

The Shortest Drive John "Pass The Mustard" Bateson

Birdie Cap (3 Birdies!) Mike Church

Hedgehog Award Ron Harris

Mystery Pairs Dennis Shelley & Mike Owens

Congratulations should go to Chris Wilkes for a particularly fine round of a gross 7 over par! Well played Chris!

CHIDDINGFOLD FINANCE REPORT

EXPENDITURE Green Fees & Catering £480 Prizes £40.90p Admin(Post P/copy etc) £10.72p

This comes to a TOTAL of £531.62p

RECEIPTS from players £565. EXCESS income over expenditure £33.38p.

Society Funds as at 7/10/97 £160.38p. excluding any 97/98 annual subscriptions or advance payments for our Slinfold meeting.

Following the presentation we held our 2nd A.G.M. and these were the main issues discussed and agreed :-

1) All existing officers were re-elected with no additions.

2) Treasurer's Report accepted and a vote of thanks to Treasurer & Secretary for all their work. Agreed that as from our first meeting in 1998 the present initial deposit system be scrapped and the full cost for the day be paid in advance and put through our newly opened Wayfairers giro account.

3) Agreed that the deadline date to renew annual membership (£2) be Friday 21st November 1997 with membership ceasing if no payment received by that date. Agreed unanimously that in recognition of his great support and generosity in the past 2 years that Robert Marchbank be offered honorary life membership of the Wayfairers.

4) Programme for new year agreed as Slinfold Dec.1st, Bletchingley or Chartham Park (if cost acceptable) - March, Shillinglee - May, Rookwood Park - June, Reigate Heath - July, Southwood - September and Chiddingfold - November. Coulsdon Court also mentioned as a future possibility and policy agreed of playing at least one "new" Course every year.

5) Agreed to continue the present policy of match days usually being varied between Mondays and Fridays with other possible weekdays being included as and when required.

6) Agreed Wayfairers funds be used to purchase a Texas Scramble Trophy. Other possible Trophies for the future to be a Xmas Cup and a "Champion's" Trophy as it would be nice to have something special and a bit different each time we meet. (See 8. below)

7) Agreed that for those who wished to make purchases, arrangements should go ahead with our new supplier to order a minimum of 12 short sleeved summer golf shirts incorporating a new logo plus our Society title. Choice of colours to be either green (as shown) or white. Cost approx. £12.50p. (To date 14 probable orders - so going ahead).

8) Proposed by Bernard McD. and carried unanimously that at each meeting we should hold some form of raffle (£1 a go) with some of the proceeds going on prizes and the remainder to Society funds, with an expectation that all present would participate. (Further thought next day from Secretary. Would it not be a good idea to use any profit from these raffles to add to our number of presentation trophies? - (see 6.above). Any offers from members to run the raffles on the day?).

9) The secretary reiterated the importance that all members should understand that in the event of a late withdrawal from playing, and especially if this was due to unfavourable playing conditions, it would be very unlikely that they would receive any form of refund. Members were also urged to be punctilious in meeting deadline dates for returning availability slips as this really does help J.B. & J.McD.

AND SO TO OUR NEXT MEETING

This is to be held at SLINFOLD GOLF CLUB on MONDAY 1st DECEMBER.

It is assumed members know the way - please contact either John if any queries. We have booked Breakfast from 9am. with the first group out at 10.00am. You might like at this time of year to check your tee off time the week previous in order to plan your journey. The Competition is an 18 Hole Stableford as usual but is a "Bring & Win" Event so that anyone will get a Xmas present! Each player is requested to bring a wrapped mystery prize, worth approx. £2.50 in lieu of the normal prize money levy. Your cost for the day is £25 to include Breakfast, 18 holes of golf and a Xmas meal (4pm approx). If you haven't already returned your availability slip one is attached. Note the deadline is FRIDAY 21st NOVEMBER AND THIS IS THE SAME DEADLINE DATE TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP. The return slip for this is also attached.

(Finally for those members who did make provisional orders for golf shirts I will be in contact with you when I know the exact price. Any other members who would like further details please let me know. J.McD.).

Looking forward hopefully to seeing lots of you at Slinfold. To those who live a long way away and can't make it all best wishes for a very happy and healthy Christmas and look forward to seeing you in 1998.

John McD and John B.

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5th January 1998

Dear Wayfairers

A very happy Golfing New Year to you all! With Christmas and the New Year celebrations come and gone memories of Slinfold in early December do seem rather remote now, but what a great start to Xmas it was! After a hearty breakfast and a dry day's golf (it rained the day before and snowed the day after!) we all enjoyed an excellent Christmas meal with everyone in fine party spirit. The party poppers popped and self deflating balloons raced each other around the tables, while Nick Widdowson oblivious of all that was going on about him tucked slowly into an enormous plate of second helpings, which cost him another extra £1 in the raffle kitty! When the time for prize-giving came cries of "Send for Hetty Wainthorp" were heard as the mystery of the disappearing Xmas Pudding deepened and deepened, and in the end everyone in the room came under suspicion! In fact the mystery never was solved and the pudding never found - but do ask Ron Bailey, who left early, what eventually he did with it! All in all 27 Wayfairers seem to have thoroughly enjoyed an excellent Christmas gathering.

Before turning to our results for the day many thanks must be recorded to absentee Don "Bottle of Jollop" Jessop for donating a litre of whisky to the overall winner, and to Peter Rushton for his gift of two packets of mince-pies and a Xmas Pudding (of the disappearing variety!) all of which added to the vast array of prizes.

RESULTS

1st and winner of the Wayfairers Trophy plus a litre of whisky Peter Rushton 36 pts.
2nd - narrowly defeated on countback - David Rose 36 pts.
3rd Mike Wilson 35 pts.
Team Prize Don Woollard, Noel McClean & David Rose
The J.V.L. Longest Drive Dram Mike Morgan-Rowe
The J.McD. Nearest The Pin Pint. Not presented! From 27 tee shots not one on the green!
Hedgehog Award Stuart Allan
Birdie Cap Stafford Smith (2 Birdies!) and congratulations to David Rose who also had 2 Birdies but as he won other prizes on the day it was awarded to Stafford.
Christmas Quiz. Front 9 Pat Fudge Back 9 David Rose Overall Winner Pat Fudge.
Lucky Loser's Prize Mike Owens See last paragraph of this circular for further details!

At Slinfold we held our first ever Wayfairers Raffle and this is to be continued at every meeting from now on. Initially all profit will go towards purchasing trophies and on the proceeds of our first venture we have already obtained a very appropriate Team Texas Scramble Trophy to be displayed when we next meet at Bletchingley. Many thanks to Mike Wilson for selling the tickets at Slinfold - a task he performed amazingly well! With 27 playing we anticipated £27 in the kitty but somehow through bribery and corruption he raised this to £34! With an expenditure of £14.76p on prizes we made a profit of £19.24p. Ian Gordon has kindly volunteered to sell the tickets next time. Thank you Ian.



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SLINFOLD FINANCE REPORT (Excludes Raffle which is being accounted for separately)
EXPENDITURE Green Fees & Catering £648 Prizes - other than Bring & Win - £20.63p
Admin. (Postage/Photocopy etc) £11.71p This comes to a Total of £680.34p
INCOME Receipts from players £675 Donations (some prizes) plus £10. Total £685
Excess income over expenditure £4.66p Society Balance as at 10th December 97 £251.16p

OTHER ITEMS. Many thanks to an anonymous Wayfairer who has kindly agreed to put up a Wayfairers Champion's Trophy. This is to be presented annually at our November A.G.M. Meeting and will be awarded to the player with the best 3 combined cards during the year's competitions. The anonymous donor has gone even further by announcing that each year the winner will be presented also with a bottle of J.B. whisky. No prizes however for guessing just who the benefactor is!

For those members who were unable to be present at Slinfold please find enclosed an up to date membership list.

The following members have expressed interest in getting together for a completely unofficial gathering at Chartham Park in February - Mike Wilson, Mike Morgan-Rowe, Chris Wilkes, Nick Widdowson, Ron Harris and the two Johns. A round at Chartham (which is near East Grinstead) normally costs £27 - their winter bargain is £30 for coffee plus bacon sandwiches, 18 holes and a 3 Course Meal. A really excellent offer to play what is undoubtedly one of the finest Golf Courses in Sussex. We need to give the Club approx. 48 hours notice but will not agree a definite date among ourselves or with the Club until we have a fairly sound weather forecast for a few days ahead. Provisionally the suggestion is that we go for sometime from Monday 9th February onwards. Anyone interested in joining us please get in contact with John McD. There is no commitment whatsoever at this stage.

There is however a commitment for our next official meeting. It was agreed at our A.G.M. in November that as from the beginning of 1998 the full cost of each meeting would be sent in advance and not just a £5 deposit. Agreeing this has enabled us to open our Wayfairers Giro Account and will also save our members and particularly our Treasurer extra work on the days of our meetings. Should you have to withdraw after paying the full amount every effort will be made to fully re-imburse you unless we are so close to the meeting date that in all probability you would have been fully charged anyway!

BLETCHINGLEY DETAILS FRIDAY 6th MARCH

Arrive for full English Breakfast as from 9.30am. First Tee off 10.00am. 18 Holes of Golf. Individual & Team Stableford Competition with all the usual extra prizes. Following the Golf a meal consisting of Steak & Kidney Pie, Treacle Tart & Custard & Coffee.

TOTAL COST for everything including prizes is £26 a head payable in advance. As we have played here twice before it is assumed that everyone knows the location. Please contact either John if not sure or if you want to know your tee time which is likely to be available a few days before the meeting. Your availability & payment return slip is below.

NOTE DEADLINE TO PAY IS FRIDAY 13th FEBRUARY

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Bletchingley when Mike Owens has promised to reveal exactly what he did get up to with the Slinfold Lucky Loser's Prize. For those of you who weren't there this was a jar of Chocolate Body Paint with special Paint Brush! The mind boggles Mike! We hope you weren't on a diet! Stafford says that if you haven't used it could he have it Mike? He prefers it to Bognor Rock!

With once again a very Happy Golfing New Year to all Wayfairers! John McD & John B.

WAYFAIRERS DAY AT BLETCHINGLEY GOLF CLUB FRIDAY 6th MARCH

NAME _____ Please delete below as appropriate.

I am available for the above and enclose my payment for £26 (Please make cheques to Wayfairers Golfing Society) OR Sorry I am not available to play at Bletchingley.

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10th March 1998

March came in at Bletchingley like a lion! It wasn't so much a question of the Wayfairers getting slaughtered, but they did look in grave danger of all being drowned - until the Johns produced their usual miracle! As the first group teed off the rain ceased, and the vast majority of players stayed dry throughout the day with just the last few groups experiencing a late light drizzle. Weren't we lucky yet again!

Bletchingley did us proud with their hospitality. What a great full English Breakfast - although we were all glad that Pat Fudge decided not to have the beans! 31 players took part, 29 Wayfairers and 2 guests and all seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves (except Mike Wilson - who never does!) The scoring varied enormously and some very serious adjustments to handicaps will have to be made - both up and down!

One of the most exciting parts of the day was early on after breakfast when everyone was trying to find out just who they were playing with, at what time and what their handicaps were. Meanwhile 10 miles away, John "Battery" Bateson who had all this information was snoozing in bed still waiting for the alarm clock to go off! Don't be mean John! Buy a new battery. You can't go on forever heating the old one up in the oven!

Before turning to the results of the day thanks must be recorded to John Peake and Ron Bailey. John produced at Bletchingley a superb golf figurine trophy which it was agreed should be presented annually to the winner of our Spring Meeting (March). Obviously John has already become much attached to this wonderful statuette as he then proceeded to go out and win it himself! Well done John! Thanks also to Ron Bailey for presenting a small golf trophy which has been agreed should be used as a special putting award. And so to the results -

1st & Winner of the Wayfairers Trophy plus his own presented Trophy John Peake 41pts.

2nd - on count back - Don Beaumont 38pts.

3rd - on count back - Pat Fudge 38pts.

Note Don & Pat's cards were so similar that ultimately the count back had to be reckoned on their scores over the last 6 holes.

4th Ron Harris 37pts.

Team Prize Jeff Hogg, Pat Fudge & Harry Mills

The J.V.L. Longest Drive Dram Stuart Harris

The J.McD. Nearest the Pin Pint John McDonnell

Birdie Cap Chris Wilkes - 2 Birdies - the only player to see any of these elusive creatures all day.

Hedgehog Award Peter Rushton (Captain of the Day! How the mighty have fallen! J.B.)

HELP! Someone seems to have picked up the wrong shoes at Bletchingley. Left in the clubhouse were a pair of brown & white Stylos. Missing are a pair of brown & white footjoys. Any information to us please.

The Raffle The profit on our first Raffle (£19.24p.) was spent on purchasing the Team Texas Scramble Trophy leaving just £2.19p. in the kitty. Thanks to some tremendous sales work by Ian Gordon our Bletchingley raffle raised £64! Well done Ian! Our Raffle prize purchases amounted to £14.58p and this has now been deducted leaving us with a Raffle Kitty profit to date of £51.61p. Thanks to Barry Richards for volunteering to be our next Raffle Ticket Vendor at Shillinglee.

BLETCHINGLEY FINANCE REPORT

EXPENDITURE Green Fees & Catering £765 Prizes £21.47p Admin. (Postage/Photocopy) £8.14p This comes to a total of £794.61p
INCOME Receipts from players £795
EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE 39p
SOCIETY BALANCE (as at 7th March 1998) £241.55p

AND NOW 3 IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MONDAY 11th MAY Wayfairers Day at Shillinglee Park (Further details below)
THURSDAY 4th JUNE Wayfairers Day at Reigate Heath. First Tee Off 1pm.
TUESDAY 14th JULY Wayfairers Day at Tilgate G.C. (Crawley) First Tee Off 11am.
More details regarding the programme for the last two venues will be given later.

SHILLINGLEE PARK MONDAY 11th MAY

All very similar to last year. A Golf Fun Day! Arrive for coffee approx. 9.15am. Should you wish to check your start time please ring either John a day or so beforehand. The first Team of 4 tee off at 9.45 for a 9 Hole Texas Scramble. Remaining in the same Teams after completing the 9th Hole, you immediately commence a 6 Hole Pitch & Putt Competition. There will be a "staggered" lunch. Eat when your team finish playing. At 13.45 the 18 Hole Individual Stableford Competition commences followed at approximately 19.00 by a 3 Course Evening Meal and the usual nonsense afterwards!
The Shillinglee price remains exactly the same as for the past 2 years at £29.50p for the whole day - plus £1.50p a head for prizes - total as last year £31.
It is assumed everyone knows how to get to the Course - or is likely to be travelling with some one who does know the way. If not please contact either of the Johns for directions.

Please complete the availability slip below and return to John Bateson by SATURDAY 11th APRIL at the latest. If you are playing at Shillinglee please forward with the return slip a cheque for £31 made payable to The Wayfairers Golfing Society.

Looking forward to a sunny Shillinglee Day! We hope!

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15th May 1998

Dear Wayfairers

I certainly couldn't have planned for a better day's weather than that experienced at Shillinglee, and it was great to see so many sporting our Wayfairers summer shirts. We very much missed the the company of Ron Harris and we all wish you well for your forth coming operation Ron, followed by a very speedy recovery. We hope to see you at Reigate Heath even if it is only to present your Trophy.

Although the golf at Shillinglee was thoroughly enjoyable it was also terribly slow - as was the service of the meal after! With time pressing, one or two things that should have got mentioned never did. So let's share these little gems with all Wayfairers whether present on the day or not. Things that happened that certainly deserved prizes but never got them!

John Bateson's second shot on the 7th was certainly a tricky one as it meant him having to play his ball from where it was lying stuck in the branches of a tree. It would have been easy for a golfer of John's calibre, if it wasn't for the fact that his ball was forty feet up from the ground! (Note for Stafford. It's still up there if you want it!)

Barry Richard's first tee shot on the 1st hole of the pitch & putt (73 yards) was still picking up speed and lift as it zoomed over the out of bounds wall, and it nearly went into orbit as it flew past the Sussex county boundary and into the depths of deepest Surrey!

Barry's classic comment was "And it was only a sand wedge!"

The prize for perseverance should have gone to Mike Riddles (one of our guests) who having lost his ball trudged back to the tee to play 3 off the tee - AND THIS WAS ON THE PITCH & PUTT! Well done Mike and thank you and Audrey and Jack for joining us on the day, giving us excellent company, and also creating for us the exact numbers that we needed. We very much hope you enjoyed your day. And so to the results.

Texas Scramble Trophy. Pat Fudge Don Woollard Noel McLean & Mike Owens 32 Count Back Pitch & Putt. John Bateson Jeff Hogg Mike Morgan-Rowe & Mike Church 60

Wayfairers Trophy & 1st Prize Pat Fudge 36 points

2nd Dennis Shelley 35 points (count back)

3rd John McDonnell 35 points (count back)

The J.V.L. Longest Drive Dram Jeff Hogg

The J.McD. Nearest The Pin Pint Don Woollard

Birdie Cap First Time Award to David Rose

Hedgehog Award thoroughly deserved by Jeff "Out of Bounds" Hogg

Ladies Section. Overall Winner on Count Back! Audrey Riddles

Society Chapionship 1997-98 (Aggregate of best scores) With two meetings to go Pat Fudge holds a commanding lead with a total of 114 points, chased by Peter Rushton & Don Woollard on 105, with John McDonnell close behind on 103.

The Raffle Following our Bletchingley Raffle we had £51.61p. in the kitty but spent nearly half of this in purchasing the Wayfairers Christmas Tankard at a cost of £25 including all engraving. Following some excellent sales talk at Shillinglee by Barry Richards we raised a total of £42 on the day. This was offset by spending £13.86p. on raffle prizes leaving a profit for the day of £28.14p. and a total of £54.75p. now in the "kitty". Particular thanks must be paid to Ian Gordon who although unable to be present on the day sent in £5 to purchase 5 tickets. Thanks Ian but sorry! - not one of your tickets came up trumps! Thanks also to David Rose for volunteering to sell the tickets on our Reigate Heath day.

SHILLINGLEE FINANCE REPORT

EXPENDITURE Green Fees & Catering £782 Prizes £32.14p. Admin. (postage/photocopy) £7.06p. This comes to a total of £821.20p.

INCOME Receipts from players £837.50p.

EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE £16.30p (over estimated on cost of prizes & admin.) but it all adds to a healthy overall SOCIETY BALANCE which as at 12th May 1998 stands at a total of £257.85p.

Looking ahead A reminder that we meet for the first time ever at Tilgate Golf Club (near Crawley) on Tuesday 14th July.

NEXT MEETING - REIGATE HEATH - THURSDAY 4th JUNE - STABLEFORD PAIRS

This as last year will be an afternoon gathering because it's cheaper after 1pm! DEADLINE DATE FOR DEPOSITS TO SECURE YOUR PLACE IS MONDAY 25th MAY AT THE LATEST!

U have to confirm our final numbers with Reigate the next day. If coming why not send your cheque for £23 now! This cost covers 18 holes (9 hole Course), a full evening meal and all prizes. It does not cover any refreshments prior to playing. It is suggested however that players arrive at approx. mid-day to purchase their own snacks and drinks in order to be present for the "draw for partners" - this being the meeting at which we play for the Two Ronnies Trophy. Current holders are Stuart Harris & Ian Gordon. The draw will take place at approx. 12.30. Tee off from 1pm. for a Pairs Better Ball Stableford Competition. Also there will be included an Individual Stableford Competition for the Wayfairers Trophy, so please record all players' scores. Hopefully we should sit down for the evening meal at about 7pm. And here's hoping we get a repeat of our Shillinglee weather!

As this is our second meeting at Reigate it is assumed that the majority of Wayfairers know how to get there. Please contact us if you are not sure.

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June 9th 1998

Dear Wayfairers

For the 18 Wayfairers who played recently at Reigate Heath the Course looked really magnificent but also extremely daunting - particularly the "carry" with the first shot of the day! As the scoring after the event indicated, for the majority the Course ultimately was the winner, with a fairly common sight being the backsides of many Wayfairers uppermost, as they peered and prodded into bushes and bracken in desperate search of the results of wayward shots! Nevertheless it was a really pleasant, enjoyable and once again rain free afternoon.

It was decided prior to the event that with our Shillinglee day only 3 weeks previous, and with Tilgate coming up in only another 4 weeks, that for this particular day the Wayfairers Trophy would not be presented and the usual Longest Drive & Nearest the Pin Events be given a rest. Instead there were 7 major prizes up for "grabs" and it was agreed that no one player should receive more than one prize.

Following an excellent meal the winners were announced as follows:-

- 1st & Winners of The Two Ronnies Trophy Peter Rushton 36 pts & Stuart Allan 35 pts. with a Better Ball total of 44 pts.
- 2nd Ron Mason 35 pts. & Pat Fudge 32 pts. Better Ball 43 pts. (Won on count back from Houlihan & Bateson)
- Individual Stableford prize awarded to Mike Wilson with 33 pts.
- 2nd Individual John Bateson 33 pts.
- 3rd Individual Frank Houlihan 30 pts. (On count back from David Rose)
- Birdie Cap Pat Fudge 2 Birdies!
- Hedgehog Award John McDonnell (by a unanimous decision - on count back!)

The mean score for Reigate Heath was 29 pts.

Unfortunately Ron Harris could not be with us at Reigate to present his Trophy which was left to Ron Bailey to do on his own. Ron expresses his thanks to all Wayfairers for his special card which in fact we sent from Shillinglee rather prematurely, as at the time of writing this Ron still hasn't had his operation - due to take place on Wednesday 10th June. We all wish you well Ron and hope to see you at Tilgate.

Society Championship 1997-98 (Aggregate of best 3 scores) With just Tilgate & Southwood to come the lead has been maintained by Pat Fudge with an accumulated total of 114 pts. followed by Peter Rushton & Mike Wilson both with 110 pts.

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The Reigate Raffle Following our last raffle we had £54.75p. in hand. Many thanks to David Rose for running the Reigate Raffle which raised £21. As £13.59p had been spent on prizes this left a profit of £7.41p. on the day and a total of £62.16p. is now in the "kitty". One plan is to spend some of this money on "purpose made" markers for our Longest Drive & Nearest the Pin Competitions. If any Wayfairers happen to come across these items on sale in their local Pro's Shop or elsewhere please let J.McD know. Volunteer to run our Tilgate Raffle please? Please also advise J.McD. Thank you.

REIGATE FINANCE REPORT

EXPENDITURE Green Fees & Catering £416 Prizes £38.72p. Admin(Postage/Photocopy) £10.51p. This comes to a total of £465.23p.

INCOME Receipts from players £414

EXCESS EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME £51.23p.

SOCIETY BALANCE (as at 5th June 1998) £206.62p. (of which £170 has now been paid out as deposits for Tilgate & Southwood future meetings).

Planning Ahead Please note our Southwood day is now confirmed as THURSDAY 27TH AUGUST. As it is no longer possible to obtain the £2 a head discount that we received in past years for delaying our start until 2pm., we shall have to pay more but be able to start earlier. We are planning for an 11am. gathering for our annual putting competition with the first group going out at 12.30. This is the day that our Senior Members come into their own by competing for the "Fifty Bob Set" currently held by John Loader.

NEXT MEETING - TILGATE GOLF CLUB - CRAWLEY - TUESDAY 14th JULY

Meet at Tilgate as from 10.15am. Coffee provided. First group out 11am. Please check with either John for your actual tee time if you don't want to be waiting too long. For those who haven't played at Tilgate it is an 18 Hole Municipal Course which does get extremely busy. We have been allocated teeing off times for a likely maximum of 24 players (6 Four Balls). It is unlikely we will be able to extend our booking times so we may well have to accept only the first 24 returns that we receive and list any later ones as reserves. If you want to play be prompt to pay! DEADLINE FRIDAY 26th JUNE (Map enclosed - not easy to find). On the day we will be competing for all the usual prizes but also all players will be divided into one of two teams - the Secretaries or the Treasurers. Most probably the format will be Four Ball Better Ball Stableford Match Play Competition. (Work that one out as you're trying to find your way to Tilgate Mike Wilson!) What we actually decide on in the end will depend on how our final numbers total up. All members of the winning team will receive a golf ball plus reluctant congratulations from the losing team! The cost for the day is £19 to cover coffee on arrival, 18 holes, a 2 Course meal (with choice of main dish - see below) and all prizes. Please note we will not be in a private room for eating but in a public

restaurant area which we hope that at the time we are eating (approx. 5pm) will be fairly quiet so that we can do our presentations without too much disturbance. And may the best team win!

John McD (mine!) & John B. (no mine!) All will be revealed on the day!

WAYFAIRERS DAY AT TILGATE ON TUESDAY 14th JULY

NAME

Please delete below as appropriate and note the deadline is FRIDAY 26th JUNE with possibly only the first 24 returns received being guaranteed certain places.

I am available for the above Wayfairers Day and enclose my full payment of £19. (Cheques payable to "Wayfairers Golfing Society" and forwarded to John Bateson)

R Sorry I am unavailable to play at Tilgate

IMPORTANT! If you are available please cross out or circle below your main dish choice
ALL DAY BREAKFAST/LASAGNE SALAD & FRIES/COD CHIPS & PEAS/HAM EGG & CHIPS

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Dear Wayfairers

We have done it again! At Tilgate Golf Club on the 14th July 1998, a date which coincided exactly with the 209th anniversary of the Storming of the Bastille, the Wayfairers succeeded in re-writing all the History books! The Monarchy and Aristocracy of France became fully restored, and the Citizens (or peasants!) thrown into utter panic and confusion as a result of the win by 3 & a half matches to 2 & a half by John "Camembert" McDonnell's Aristocrats over John "Frogs-legs" Bateson's Citizens. Following the announcement of the result of the Battle, all of the Citizens had to forfeit one ball to the Aristocrats, and Madame Guillotine was there to see fair play and a clean cut! All was not lost for the Citizens however. Within only 15 hours of receiving his special commemorative ball Aristocrat Barry Richards (the Baron of Blindley Heath) stood on the 1st tee at Holtye, proudly teed up his brand new Ultra 500 Distance, and promptly hit it straight into the trees on the left losing it forever! So in the end the last laugh was with the Citizens, although they didn't laugh too deeply in case they broke the stitches! All in all it was another excellent day. The Course played long, tight and was in very good condition, the meal after although plain & simple was plentiful, the weather was perfect and throughout the day a lovely sense of friendly rivalry and ribaldry prevailed. An event definitely worth repeating!

And so to the full results -

As announced previously the Aristocrats beat the Citizens by 3 & a half to 2 & a half but interesting to note is the fact that if the result had been decided on the Team totals of Stableford points and not Match play, the Citizens would have won by one point! The Citizens total was 315 pts compared to the Aristocrats 314!

Individual Winner of The Wayfairers Trophy plus a bottle of French Bubbly was Citizen Nick Widdowson with an excellent score of 39pts. Madame Guillotine will see he is cut!
2nd - winning a bottle of Bordeaux Superieur - Aristocrat Stuart Harris 36pts.
3rd - winning 3 magnums of French confiture (jam!) - Aristocrat Patrick Fudge 33pts.
4th - winning a string of French onions - Citizen Chris Wilkes 32pts.
Equal 5th - and winning French cheese specialities - Citizen John Horsfall and Aristocrat Donald Woollard both with 31pts.
Nearest The Pin Pint - Harold Peskett beating Sir Bernard McDonnell by a mere 6 inches!
Longest Drive Dram - Stuart Harris
Birdie Cap - Nick Widdowson (3 birdies)
Hedgehog Award - Mike Church

Society Championship 1997-98 (Aggregate of best 3 scores) As at 14/7/98 Pat Fudge retains his lead with 114 pts with Peter Rushton (110) unable to close the gap. At top weight and coming with a late run on the rails is Nick Widdowson now on 108, with the Housewives Choice Don Woollard and Stuart Harris both on 106.

The Tilgate Raffle Following our last raffle we had accumulated a total profit of £62.16p. Some of this was spent on purchasing a thousand ticket raffle book (£1.99p) and also we now have official headed "sticky" labels for both the Secretary and the Treasurer (see back of your envelope) at a cost of £16.40p. leaving £43.77p. in the "kitty" before our Tilgate day. Harold Peskett was our raffle salesman extraordinaire at Tilgate selling £43 worth of tickets. Many thanks to Harold who nearly succeeded in selling tickets at the bar to people who weren't even with our Society! Prizes cost £13.99p. giving us a total profit on the day of £29.01p. and an accumulated total profit to date of £72.78p. Thanks to Frank Houlihan for volunteering to be our next salesman at Southwood.

TILGATE FINANCE REPORT

EXPENDITURE Green Fees & Catering £406.80p Prizes £43.38p Admin (Postage/Photocopy) £8.76p. This comes to a total of £458.94p.

INCOME Receipts from 24 players £456

EXCESS EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME £2.94p - which excludes 3 Golf balls put into stock.

SOCIETY BALANCE (as at 15th July 1998) £152.50p.

FOR SALE One brand new (still in the plastic wrapper) Wayfairers Summer short-sleeved Golf shirt. Colour bottle green. Size "L". £13.60p. Contact J.McD. if interested.

NEXT MEETING - SOUTHWOOD GOLF CLUB - THURSDAY 27th AUGUST

Please ignore all timings as detailed in the previous circular. The situation now is that we have to sit down to eat by 5.30pm. at the latest due to another function later on in the dining room. Our revised programme timing is as follows:-

Arrive for coffee as from 10.30am. Please contact either John for directions if you are not quite sure. First group tee off 11.15am. Sit down to eat 4 Course Meal at 5.30pm.

COST - to cover coffee, 18 holes, Evening Meal & all prizes - Under 60's £25 and Over 60's £20.50p. Menu - Soup, Homemade Pie, Sweet or Cheese & Biscuits and Coffee with mints.

DEADLINE for payment and confirmation of availability FRIDAY 14th AUGUST (see below)

Unfortunately there will not be time to fit in our Annual Putting Competition which is usually held on this day. However if we do manage to arrange an "extra" gathering in late September/early October hopefully we can hold this then.

In order to give our Southwood day a flavour of something just a little bit different (as we try to do on every Wayfairer's occasion) it is officially declared "Pink Ball Day!"

Playing in 3 Balls every group of players will be presented with a pink ball. Following a strict rota order different players in the team will use it as their ball on different holes. eg. Player "A" will play it on holes 1, 4, 7, 10, 13 & 16. Player "B" will use it on the next series of holes and so on. A team score just for the pink ball will be recorded and the team with the highest pink ball score at the finish will win the team prize. Should one of your players lose the pink ball your team score will be totalled at that juncture and that will be your final score! What a responsibility! Even worse than that of David Batty!

There will also be all the usual individual prizes including our annual Competition for "The 50 Bob Set" in which both age plus a reasonable score need to be combined in order to emerge as the winner - (currently held by 74 year old John Loader).

The fast spreading rumour that Justin Rose, who plays just up the road at North Hants, has asked to join us at Southwood has no foundation, but hopefully his great grandfather David will be putting in an appearance! Hoping to see lots of Wayfairers there.

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September 5th 1998

Dear Wayfairers

Our sunny Southwood day produced a record entry of 28 fully fledged Wayfairers with no guests joining us on this particular occasion. This even number divided up nicely into 7 groups of 4 for our inaugural Pink Ball Team Competition, which proved to be a happy success for all those groups who managed to retain their brightly coloured orb until the 19th hole - but a bit of a disaster and an anti-climax for those whose balls quickly came to rest forever amid the deep murky depths of the Southwood pond life! We have it on good authority that Stafford is at present busy painting all his white balls pink in eager anticipation of next year's event!

Southwood produced many surprises not least of all when we had to pay for our free coffee! - and when the caterers expected us to be eating at the same time as we were due to be out playing! Ultimately this was all sorted out amicably with profuse apologies from the catering manager.

The biggest and nicest surprise of the day however was a Wayfairers record breaking individual score of 49 points(!) from David Mills (the Bandit from Billericay!) Well done David. This was a fantastic score but be warned the guillotine is about to fall really heavily on your handicap!

Competition for the "50 Bob Set" looked like being fairly close, but with our eldest member achieving a very creditable 33 points to add to his four score years, Ian Templer emerged victorious with not only a few points, but also a few years to spare! Well done Ian!

And so to the results :-

1st and Winner of the Wayfairers Trophy David Mills 49 points!

2nd - Mike Owens 43 points

3rd - Harold Peskett 39 points (on count back from Pat Fudge who also had 39 points)

Pink Ball Team Winners - Nick Widdowson, Ron Mason, Noel McLean & Mike Owens

The 50 Bob Set - Ian Templer - 33 points plus 80 years - Total 113

The J.McD. Nearest The Pin Pint - Chris Wilkes

The J.V.L. Longest Drive Dram - Mike Owens

Birdie Cap - Pat Fudge (2 Birdies)

Hedgehog Award - Mike "Prickly" Wilson

Society Championship 1997-98 (Aggregate of best 3 scores) Although he couldn't manage 49 points at Southwood Pat Fudge did manage 39, and so increases his lead in this ongoing Competition with a total of 117. Moving into 2nd place with 112 points is Harold Peskett, followed by Nick Widdowson with an aggregate of 111. And so to Alton for our last qualifying day for this particular Competition, before formally announcing our winner at our A.G.M. Can Harold make up 6 points on Pat? Could Nick possibly improve on Pat's best by 7? Make sure to be at Alton when all be revealed!

SOUTHWOOD FINANCE REPORT

EXPENDITURE Green Fees & Catering £531. Admin(Postage/Photocopy)£12.40p. Prizes £46.70p. This comes to a total of £590.10p.

INCOME Receipts from 28 players £623.50p.

EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE £33.40p. *

SOCIETY BALANCE (as at 28th August 1998) £245.98p.

*This surplus was created partly by a reduction in the catering charges as we paid for our own coffee. It was agreed that this money should be used to subsidise a future meeting.

The Southwood Raffle Following our last raffle we had a very healthy overall profit of £72.82p. Frank Houlihan did such a good job as our salesman at Southwood that it was voted unanimously that he be given the job for life - an offer he graciously declined with just a couple of expletives! £49 was raised on the day so well done Frank! With an outlay of £15.11p on prizes this gave us a Southwood raffle profit of £33.89p, and a current overall profit of £106.71p. which is burning a hole in our pockets! It is proposed to spend £10 on a professionally made "nearest the pin marker" but otherwise there are no firm plans on how to spend this money, which no doubt will accumulate even more as further meetings are held. Perhaps one definite agenda item for our November A.G.M. should be "how do we use our raffle profit money?" As all playing members contribute, really it should be on something that benefits all members, and not just those present at any one particular gathering (eg.Competition entry fee subsidy etc.). Thanks to Jeff Hogg for "volunteering" to be our raffle salesman at Alton.

NEXT MEETING - ALTON GOLF CLUB - MONDAY 5th OCTOBER 1998

This "extra" meeting has been proposed and agreed so that we don't go through what can be the two lovely early Autumn months of September and October without a gathering. As we have not yet managed to fit it in at any other venue this year, it is planned to incorporate our annual Putting Competition into the day, and of course there will be the usual Individual & Team Stableford Events.

Details Meet at Alton G.C. from 10.30am. for first tee off at 11am. Cost per player (non-Alton members) will be £21 to include coffee on arrival, 18 holes of Golf (very well established 9 hole Course), an evening meal (menu yet to be agreed) and all prizes. Putting competition immediately after playing golf. Alton Members will be advised of the exact amount of their reduced cost later as this has yet to be settled with the Club Management.

DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT & RETURN OF AVAILABILITY SLIPS MONDAY 21st SEPTEMBER

How to get there. The Club is just north of Alton off the B3349. From the M3, leave at junction 5 along the A287 turning off right along the B3349, through South Warnborough turning left at The Golden Pot Inn. The Club is a short distance along this lane on your right. Approaching from the South go through Alton, which is North of the A31, take the B3349, turning right at The Golden Pot.

Here's hoping for a good turn out for our last meeting of The Wayfairers Year before our A.G.M. to be held in November at Chiddingfold.

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October 10th 1998

Dear Wayfairers

Nineteen of our members and one guest player experienced it all at Alton! Hills, valleys, rain, birdies, birthdays, apples, a putting green hole with a par of 6 and even an illegal hole in one!

The Course was in excellent condition and ultimately was the winner on the day with no one managing to play to handicap. The rain although very heavy came as one long shower, and we even saw a brief glimpse of the sun in the mid-afternoon. Stuart Allan celebrated his 72nd Birthday - so congratulations Stuart - and Mike Wilson on the 180 yard "nearest the pin" 12th hole celebrated a hole in one! The only problem was that the miracle shot was achieved with his provisional ball! - his first ball having disappeared forever into the depths of the nearby forest! Poor old Mike! He didn't know whether to laugh or cry. In the end he laughed when he realised he wouldn't have to buy everyone a drink! With a 2 stroke allowance on the hole, he scored 4 points with just 2 shots including a lost ball! Unfortunately this excluded him from winning the nearest the pin prize which went to Mike Morgan-Rowe, who managed to 3 putt his birdie putt from just 4 feet! What a day! On the subject of putting, Alton member Frank Houlihan managed to bring up the rear in the 6 Hole Putting Competition with a very creditable score of 31 putts for 6 holes! This included 14 putts for the first short 5 holes, and a 17 for the infamous string hole! Never mind Frank. There can't be a winner without someone coming last! We hope the new putter bought 2 days later is working for you!

And so to the results:-

1st and winner of the Wayfairers Trophy Stuart Harris 33 points

2nd - Ian Gordon also 33 points - lost on count back

3rd - John McDonnell 32 points

4th - Frank Houlihan 29 points

Team Prize - Chris Wilkes, Ian Gordon, Barry Richards & Ron Mason 101 points

The J.McD. Nearest The Pin Pint - Mike Morgan- Rowe

The J.V.L. Longest Drive Dram - Stuart Harris

Birdie Cap plus Provisional Ball Hole in One! - Mike Wilson

Finally, Harold Peskett not only had the distinction of winning The Putting Trophy that was kindly presented by Ron Bailey, but the dubious distinction as well of winning The Hedgehog Award! The first shall be last and the last shall be first! Well done Harold!

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT Alton was an extra meeting which came after the end of our Financial Year (closes 30th September) and for which a full financial report will be presented at our November A.G.M. Alton's receipts totalled £376 and expenditure was £365.42p. excluding additional prizes from stock valued at £28.55p. The excess of £17.97p. was covered by our coffee refund from the Southwood meeting.



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The Alton Raffle What a wonderful job Jeff Hogg did by presenting us with 2 small trophies as well as selling a bumper amount of raffle tickets. He obviously missed his true vocation. Henceforth to be known as "4 for 3" Hogg! £52 was raised on the day and with an outlay of £14.32p. on prizes this gave us a profit of £37.68p. and an overall profit to date of £134.39p. Since our previous raffle which was at Southwood £10 has been spent on a very smart looking official marker which can be used either for "nearest the pin" or the "longest drive". Use of raffle money profits will be a discussion item at our A.G.M. Many thanks to Ron Mason for agreeing to be our raffle ticket seller at Chiddingfold.

Date for your diary Our Xmas Bring & Win gathering at Slinfold is booked for Friday 4th December. Cost £26 (breakfast, golf, dinner & some prizes). Full details in next circular.

AND SO TO OUR NEXT MEETING

This is our A.G.M. Day to be held at Chiddingfold Golf Club on FRIDAY 6th NOVEMBER. As this will be the 4th time that we have played at this venue it is assumed that all our members know the location of the Club. Please contact either of the Johns if any queries. This will be the occasion on which we hold our annual competition for the Ron Harris Autumn Cup, currently held by Don Woollard. At the prize giving John Bateson will also announce the inaugural winner of The J.B. Wayfairers Championship - a new Competition that has been ongoing over the past 12 months with a very nice prize for the winner. DETAILS FOR THE DAY - arrive for coffee 9.30 onwards. First tee off 10.20. Total cost £23 to include coffee, 18 holes, 3 Course Meal and all prizes. Our A.G.M. is to be held after the meal and usual prize-giving - in a private room if the Clubhouse is busy.

DEADLINE FOR RETURN SLIPS & PAYMENT is FRIDAY 23rd OCTOBER. - slip attached.

A.G.M. AGENDA - (please bring this with you to Chiddingfold)

- 1). Secretary's Report (previous "minutes" listed at foot of Agenda)
- 2). Treasurer's Report
- 3). Election of a) Secretary b) Treasurer c) Auditor d) Handicap Committee
- 4) Membership situation
- 5) Programme for 1999
- 6) The Raffle
- 7) A.O.B.

MAIN POINTS DISCUSSED & AGREED AT OUR 2nd A.G.M. 7th NOVEMBER 1997

- 1) All existing officers were re-elected with no additions.
 - 2) Treasurer's Report accepted and a vote of thanks to Treasurer & Secretary for all their work. Agreed that as from our first meeting in 1998 the present initial deposit system be scrapped and the full cost for the day be paid in advance and put through our newly opened Wayfairers Giro account.
 - 3) Agreed that the deadline date to renew annual membership (£2) be Friday 21st November 1997 with membership ceasing if no payment received by that date. Agreed unanimously that in recognition of his great support and generosity in the past 2 years that Robert Marchbank be offered honorary life membership of the Wayfairers.
 - 4) Programme for new year agreed as Slinfold Dec.1st, Bletchingley or Chartham Park (if cost acceptable)- March, Shillinglee - May, Rookwood Park - June, Reigate Heath - July, Southwood - September and Chiddingfold - November. Coulsdon Court also mentioned as a future possibility and policy agreed of playing at least one "new" Course every year.
 - 5) Agreed to continue the present policy of match days usually being varied between Mondays and Fridays with other possible weekdays being included as and when required.
 - 6) Agreed Wayfairers funds be used to purchase a Texas Scramble Trophy. Other possible Trophies for the future to be a Xmas Cup and a "Champion's" Trophy as it would be nice to have something special and a bit different each time we meet.
 - 7) Agreed that for those who wished to make purchases, arrangements should go ahead with our new supplier to order a minimum of 12 short sleeved summer golf shirts incorporating a new logo plus our Society title. Choice of colours to be either green (as shown) or white. Cost approx. £12.50p.
 - 8) Proposed by Bernard McD. and carried unanimously that at each meeting we should hold some form of raffle (£1 a go) with some of the proceeds going on prizes and the remainder to Society funds, with an expectation that all present would participate.
 - 9) The secretary reiterated the importance that all members should understand that in the event of a late withdrawal from playing, and especially if this was due to unfavourable playing conditions, it would be very unlikely that they would receive any form of refund. Members were also urged to be punctilious in meeting deadline dates for returning
- availability line as this really does help J.R. & J.McD.

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10th November 1998

Dear Wayfairers

"Shirt sleeve order" was the dress of the day for many of the 20 Wayfairers and 4 guests taking part in our recent annual Chiddingfold gathering. Despite fairly heavy conditions underfoot, the sun shone warmly on what must have been the first day for weeks without any rain. And so the Wayfairers did it again! The weather certainly seemed to perk up several of our members as generally the scoring was very creditable. The results were as follows:-

1st and winner of the Ron Harris Autumn Cup Ron Mason 41 pts.

2nd Don Beaumont 40 pts.

3rd Ian Templar 37 pts.

Team Prize Mike Owens, Dennis Shelley, Chris Wilkes & Dave Gilham Total 125 pts.

The J.V.L. Longest Drive Dram Chris Wilkes

The J.McD. Nearest The Pin Pint Stuart Harris

The Birdie Cap Ian Templar (despite Chris Wilkes correctly claiming he had two!)

Hedgehog Award Chris Tomlin Welcome back Chris!

Mystery Pairs Was a real mystery! We can't find the result! We think it was the two Dons?

Shortest Drive (only competed for annually - always at Chiddingfold) Ian Templar

his being our AGM meeting the Wayfairers Champion's Trophy was presented for the first time and given to the member who had produced the best 3 cards during the previous year. Congratulations to Pat Fudge for being the first Wayfairer to win this prestigious Cup and many thanks to John Bateson for awarding it - plus a bottle of J.B. whisky! The Cup has to be returned next November, but Pat also takes an engraved commemorative shield which is his to keep. His best 3 cards were scores of 40 + 39 + 38 = Total 117. Well done Pat! Remember the first cards to start off the 1998/99 year are your Chiddingfold ones, so both Ron Mason & Don Beaumont in particular have already made a good start!

CHIDDINGFOLD FINANCE REPORT

RECEIPTS £562 EXPENDITURE was £526.61p plus prizes taken from stock to a value of

£32.33p equating to an EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE of £3.06p.

SOCIETY BALANCE as at 6/11/98 excluding any 98/99 subscriptions stands at £178.13p.

Chiddingfold Raffle Many thanks to Ron Mason for doing an excellent job selling raffle

tickets. £42 was raised on the day with an outlay of £18.26p on prizes. This gave a profit

on the day of £23.74p and an overall profit to date of £158.13p. For further details

regarding the raffle see AGM note No.5 on the next page. Many thanks to Don Beaumont

for volunteering to "do the business" at our Slinfold Xmas meeting.

WAYFAIRERS GOLFING SOCIETY 3RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 6/11/98

The following were the main issues discussed and agreed :-

- 1) All existing Officers were re-elected.
- 2) Both the Secretary's & the Treasurer's reports were accepted by the meeting with votes of thanks by all present.
- 3) It was agreed that our membership limit be increased to 40 with this number being a definite final maximum. It was further agreed that any member who does not participate at any of the Wayfairers gatherings for a period of one year (Nov. to Nov.), unless there are exceptional circumstances, should not be invited to renew their membership, and any member who does not appear at least twice in the same period of time shall be requested to consider relinquishing their membership to the top named person on the "waiting list", and instead become an "occasional guest".
- 4) It was agreed that the proposed programme of meetings for 1999 be accepted, with the Officers being given the task of ensuring that at least one new venue be incorporated, and that "value for money" be a high priority when choosing between two or more possible venues for any one particular meeting. Agreed to hold 7 meetings in the forthcoming year.
- 5) With a sum of £158.13p. in hand following the Chiddingfold raffle it was agreed that as soon as this amount rose to £170 the money be spent on purchasing golf balls incorporating the Wayairers logo. Also agreed that one major raffle prize be purchased for each meeting to go with the other subsidiary prizes.
- 6) It was agreed that an "Identities" clothing & accessories catalogue should gradually be circulated around all members (only got one copy) to give them an opportunity if they so wish to purchase clothing and/or articles incorporating the Wayfairers logo. A minimum number of 12 separate purchases are required by "Identities" in order to make setting up the screen worthwhile. Positively no orders to be given to "Identities" until members are notified of what would be the exact cost of their likely purchase(s). Cost of a minimum number of Wayfairers ties (12) also to be investigated with a report back to all members.
- 7) It was agreed that 2 identical golf figurine trophies (kindly presented by Jeff Hogg & mounted by Chris Wilkes) should be played for on a Pairs (4 Ball Better Ball) Matchplay Knock-out basis with further details to follow to all members.

AND SO TO OUR NEXT MEETING

To be held at SLINFOLD GOLF CLUB on FRIDAY 4th DECEMBER. TEL.NO. 01403 791555.

It is assumed that members know the way - please contact either John if any queries.

A "staggered" Breakfast has booked from 9am. with the first group out at 10.30am. You might like at this time of the year to check with John Bateson your tee off time a few days previously, in order to plan your journey and your personal Breakfast timing! The Competition is an 18 hole Stableford as usual but also a "Bring & Win" Event so that everyone gets a Xmas present! Each player is requested to bring a wrapped mystery prize worth approx. £2.50p. in lieu of the normal prize money levy. Your cost for the day is £25 to include Breakfast, 18 holes of golf and a full Xmas meal (4.30pm. approx.). A usual

availability/payment return slip is below. Note that the deadline date is FRIDAY 20th NOVEMBER AND THIS IS THE SAME DEADLINE DATE FOR RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP (£2) IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO ALREADY!

Those not at the AGM will find a renewal application form on the enclosed AGM paper.

Looking forward hopefully to seeing lots of you at Slinfold. To those who live a long way away and can't make it all best wishes for a very happy and healthy Christmas and look forward to seeing you in pursuit of that little white ball in 1999! John McD. & John B.

WAYFAIRERS XMAS "BRING & WIN" FRIDAY 4th DECEMBER 1998 AT SLINFOLD

DEADLINE TO RETURN THIS SLIP IS FRIDAY 20th NOVEMBER

NAME _____ I am available to play in the above and enclose my cheque for £25 to be sent to John Bateson made payable to "Wayfairers Golfing Society"

OR

Sorry I am unavailable for the above.

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5th January 1999

Dear Wayfairers

A very happy Golfing New Year to you all! With Christmas and the New Year celebrations come and gone memories of Slinfold in early December do seem rather remote now, but what an excellent start to Christmas it was! With 29 present, following a hearty Breakfast and yet another dry and sunny Wayfairers day (even if a little nippy), the Party spirit emerged to the full during the extremely noisy flying balloon Christmas meal that followed. There were many highlights - (especially the setting on fire of paper hats as people wore them by Pyromaniac Chris Wilkes!) - and here are just a sample few, some of which will be news even to those who were present!

- 1). Audrey went home blissfully unaware of what she had picked up as her prize in the wrapped Bring & Win Competition. Mike Morgan- Rowe (her unknown gift donor) later revealed it was a pair of MENS golf socks - extra large! Didn't husband Mike do well!
- 2). Harold celebrated his winning of the Hedgehog Trophy in fine style by promptly smashing his newly acquired "Song Contest" prize bottle of wine upon the floor of the mens toilet! No, he didn't bend down and lick it up. Too much broken glass about!
- 3). Barry Richards waxed lyrical about the quality and quantity of the Brussels sprouts and John McDonnell also enthused about his one! (Bloody greedy lot on his table!).
- 4). Jeff Hogg, John Bateson & Frank Houlihan were all sharing long swigs of hip flask brandy on the 15th tee, they teed off and were nearly arrested by Pat Fudge for drinking and DRIVING! (What a dreadful joke Pat!)
- 5). The following little episode has forced the Committee to introduce a new Wayfairers rule! When Mike Riddles, Peter Rushton & Mike Church all stood up to be congratulated on their Birthdays and receive some nice little presents, Mike Wilson also stood up and loudly announced the dates of his forthcoming 5 different Birthdays! New rule! - no Birthday presents without production of a Birth Certificate! You can blame Mike for this!

No disappearing Christmas puddings this year but the Brussel sprouts on our table didn't half disappear quickly! Before detailing the results, on behalf of all the Wayfairers we should like to thank honorary member Robert Marchbank for his great generosity in presenting a magnificent bottle of de luxe Malt Whisky for the winner of the day. A very happy New Year to you Robert - do try to come and join us for one of our meetings this year if you can. We should be so pleased to see you.

The Results

1st & Winner of The Wayfairers Trophy, The Wayfairers Christmas Tankard & Robert Marchbank's Malt Whisky - Barry Richards 40pts. (It just shows you what new clubs do!)

2nd - Jeff Hogg 33pts. Count back.

3rd - Clive Cooper 33pts. Count back.

Also on 33 pts was new Wayfairer Fred Catterall who just missed a top 3 place on Count back. Bad luck Fred! A very good first outing. We will be closely watching your Handicap!

The Results (continued)

Team Prize - Mike Church, Mike Morgan- Rowe, Ron Bailey & Noel McLean.

The J.V.L. Longest Drive Dram - Don Beaumont

The J.McD. Nearest The Pin Pint - impossible to decide between Pat Fudge & Barry

Richards. Awarded to Pat Fudge as *Barry won so much - including the Raffle whisky!

Birdie Cap. Chris Wilkes (2) Barry Richards (2) - awarded to Chris Wilkes - see *above!

Harold's Special Slinfold 18th Hole Prize - Jeff Hogg.

Hedgehog Award - Harold "let's crack a bottle" Peskett.

Wayfairers 1998 Xmas Song Contest - deservedly won by "Noel's Christmas House Party Team" - Noel McLean, Don Woollard & Harold Peskett. Won with their wonderful tear - jerking rendition of "White Christmas!"

Finance Report Receipts £725. Expenditure £725-62p. Excess Expenditure over Income was the princely sum of 62p! (Would have been greater but for the generosity of our honorary member Robert Marchbank donating the first prize, and non-diners declining a refund for meals not taken). Society Balance as at 15/12/98 stands at £282-75p.

Slinfold Raffle Report Many thanks to Don Beaumont for doing an excellent job as our Raffle Salesman Supremo! £56 was raised on the day with an outlay of £21.88p. on prizes. This gives a profit on the day of £34.12p. and an overall profit to date of £192-25p. This now gives us more than enough in hand to proceed with organising and ordering our supply of special Wayfairers Golf Balls. Hopefully we will have these in time to use as both "main" prizes and raffle prizes at our next meeting. Many thanks to John Peake for volunteering to be our next ticket salesman.

Before coming to the details of our next meeting there are one or two other items of interest which we are including to make this a Bumper New Year's Newsletter!

Society Championship Just a reminder that the Championship Trophy is awarded annually at Chiddingfold (November) to the player with the best total score from 3 cards taken over the whole year. In the lead for the 1999 presentation at the moment is Ron Mason who has 72 pts. but he is being closely chased by Don Beaumont & Chris Wilkes both with 69. However other hot contenders who so far have only played one game, are Barry Richards on 40, and Stuart Harris & Ian Templer both on 37. Reigning Champion Pat Fudge playing off a seriously reduced handicap of 7 trails at this stage with 63 pts after 2 games - but there is a long long way to go to next November!

What constitutes a guest?

Some members have queried how a guest is different from a member particularly if a member can bring a guest to several different meetings. Basically there are 4 differences.

- 1). Guests will not receive a newsletter. If members wish to give information to a prospective guest they must photocopy their own circular and pass it on.
- 2). A guest may win a minor prize, but cannot win The Wayfairers Trophy, or any other of our major Trophies which involve engraving of names.
- 3). Should there be any restriction on numbers at any of our meetings, guests would only be able to take any vacant places left after all Wayfairers had opportunity to meet deadline dates for availability.
- 4). Guests may attend our AGM and enter discussions but have no voting powers.

Wayfairers Ties (& Other Clothing/Sundries bearing a Wayfairers Logo)

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have turned to yet a third Company prepared to supply us with golf clothing and other sundries, complete with what has to be another new Wayfairers logo! The new Company is Papillon Embroidery of Lingfield, and unlike our last supplier "Identities", they are prepared to do "one off" orders at a very reasonable price, which does away with the present necessity of having to make up bulk orders before we can order anything. Having said this obviously bulk orders will qualify for a discount, and our initial transaction will be to order a dozen plus Wayfairers ties, providing we have sufficient enough takers. The ties, which will cost approx. £10, will have an embroidered logo and if you want to see what the new logo looks like ask John Bateson to show you his Special 60th Birthday Presentation. (Covering "thank you" letter from John enclosed.) Further details of Logo Clothing and ordering at our next meeting and in the next circular.

Pairs Knockout Competition 1999 This new Competition will run during the early Spring and Summer of 1999 on a Better-ball Match-play basis. Wayfairers handicaps current at the time are to be used, with strokes being taken on the normal basis of threequarters of the difference in handicaps taken from the lowest handicapper.

You may choose your own partner, but anyone wishing to play who hasn't a partner will be allocated one (and you can't all have Pat Fudge!)

Matches are to be played on a mutually agreed Course. Where this venue is one (or more) of the player's home Course, then any green fees must be shared between all players.

Should you wish to choose to play on one of the many local "2 Fore 1" Courses then details and vouchers can be obtained from John McD.

It is anticipated that there will be very few rounds, for if the Competition attracted 16 players there would be just 8 pairs in Round 1, reduced to 4 pairs in Round 2, and 2 pairs in the Final, giving an absolute maximum of 3 games to play for any one pair. Should however there be an entry of more than 8 pairs there would have to be a preliminary round to qualify for entry into the 1st Round Proper.

The draw and any possible "zoning" of pairs will be notified later but in the meanwhile should you be interested please complete the appropriate return slip at the very bottom of this page.

ADVANCE NOTICE SHILLINGLEE FRIDAY 14th MAY ALL DAY Despite the limitations of this Course (length, Changing facilities etc) where else can we get a full Summer's day's golf, with initial refreshments plus cooked Lunch & Dinner for under £30! (Less prizes)
ROOKWOOD PARK - Secretary v. Treasurer Teams - FRIDAY 18th JUNE. As agreed at our AGM we should try at least one new Course every year - and this is one.

AND SO OUR FIRST MEETING OF 1999 - TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 8th MARCH 1999

This is to be held as last year at BLETCHINGLEY GOLF CLUB. Arrive for full English breakfast as from 9.30am. First tee off 10.20am. 18 Holes of Golf. The usual Individual & Team Stableford Competitions with all the usual extra prizes plus The John Peake Spring Cup to be awarded to the Wayfairer with the best individual score. (Trophy currently held by John Peake) Following the golf a meal consisting of Steak & Kidney Pie, Treacle Tart & Custard & Coffee. This will be at around about 4.30pm. depending on our numbers. TOTAL COST for everything including prizes is £27 a head payable in advance (up £1 on previous years). As this is our 4th visit to Bletchingley it is assumed everyone knows the location. Please contact either John if not sure, or if you want to know your tee time which is likely to be available a few days before the meeting. Your availability & payment slip is below and this must be returned by FRIDAY 12th FEBRUARY AT THE LATEST!

Hoping to see an excellent Wayfairers turn out at Bletchingley and until then a Very Happy & Successful Golfing New Year to all our readers! John McD & John B.
