

# THE WAYFAIRER



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## ***Pairs Winners at Reigate - Just About! Were Brian 'Stirling' Girling and 'Mac the Gout'***

**O**n a pleasant June day, Reigate Heath Golf Club welcomed 18 eager Wayfairers who gathered to compete for the two Ronnies' Trophy and the other sundry prizes.

**T**he draw for partners was made just minutes prior to the start and the ensuing Competition turned out to be an extremely close one. At the finish of the 18 holes 2 pairs shared a joint lead - each with a total of 44 points - **Mike Church** playing with **Ron Bailey** and **John McDonnell** partnered by **Brian Girling**. Count back revealed that both pairs had scored 22 points for the front 9, and a further 22 points for the home 9. Nothing to split them - and it wasn't until a further count back that the ultimate winners emerged. **Mike** and **Ron** had 14 points for the last 6 holes, but **John** and **Brian** had 15! - 4 points of which were due to a long birdie putt on the 18th green. If only the players had known how important that putt would be!

**S**o **John McD** after 5 years has finally won a major Wayfairers Trophy, (At last we can have a really good go at his handicap! Ed.), and partner **Brian Girling** achieved his best round ever with an individual 31 pts. Only hours before the start John was still very doubtful of playing, having already in the previous 3 days withdrawn from 2 other golfing commitments due to a bad attack of gout! The old adage comes true once again - "Beware the ailing golfer!"

**O**ther excellent individual performances came from **Ron**

**Harris** with 38 pts, **Pat Fudge** off a handicap of 9 with 37 points and **Syd Tutton** who also recorded his best ever round with a score of 35.

**'IF YOU GO DOWN IN THE  
WOODS AT REIGATE HEATH  
YOU ARE SURE OF A BIG  
SURPRISE.'**

**J**ohn Bateson, Barry Richards, Jeff Hogg and Syd Tutton, trying hard to concentrate on their game could not believe their luck when, almost in the rough on the 4th, they came across a wallet. After clearing the green and walking through the woods to the 5th there, half hidden in the pine needles, they stumbled across a set of car keys!



**J**eff and Syd were concerned at how the owner would feel when he discovered the loss, but John and Barry knew immediately who they belonged to having spent years clearing up after him. But this time he was really stretching his chances!

**S**o the Plonker Cap went again to **John McD** with the instruction - **make sure you do your zip up!**

### **REIGATE HEATH**

**T**wo Ronnies Trophy Winners - **John McDonnell & Brian Girling** - 44 pts (c/b).

**2<sup>nd</sup>** - **Mike Church & Ron Bailey** - 44 pts (c/b).

**3<sup>rd</sup>** - **Pat Fudge & Frank Houlihan** - 43 pts.

**I**ndividual Wayfairers Trophy Winner - **Ron Harris** - 38 pts.

**2<sup>nd</sup>** - **Pat Fudge** - 37 pts.

**B**irdie Cap - **Barry Richards** (excellent second shot of some 180 yards plus on the 2nd, which finished one foot from the pin!).

**H**edgehog Award - **Nick** (lost 7 expensive balls) **Widdowson**.

**M**ystery Pairs - Incredibly the 2 players with the top 2 individual scores were drawn together in this post-Match Competition giving no other pair drawn a hope of a chance! - **Ron Harris & Pat Fudge**.

**P**lonker Cap - **John McDonnell** - for the third time! It won't be long before he wins it outright! Not that there is not plenty of competition - the beloved Treasurer came very close by presenting the Two Ronnies Trophy to the wrong pair, and then the Wayfairers Trophy to the wrong player! Totally embarrassing - for anyone except John! - and then there was the Editor who turned up without his shirt and caused a stink! - and we worry there won't be any candidates!

## REIGATE RAFFLE

The usual raffle was not held, but everyone contributed £1 and for this drew the name of one of the worlds top 25 golfers. 3 prizes will be presented at Tilgate to those who were lucky enough to draw the 3 golfers from this group who finished with the best results at the British Open.

### AND THE RESULT WAS -

1st John Bateson - Tiger Woods - 269 strokes.

2nd John Loader - Ernie Els - 277 strokes (Last 18 holes in 71)

3rd Sue McDonnell - Thomas Bjorn - 277 (Last 18 holes in 71)

## Some more Pictures from Reigate Heath



**Ron Harris - Wayfairers  
Trophy Champion**



**Barry Richards wins the  
Birdie Cap**



**Mike & Ron - just missed out on  
count-back**



**Frank and Pat - 3rd in the team  
contest. Pat also visited the table  
for some other prizes!**



**...and finally from Reigate,  
resplendent in the Plonker  
cap, alongside his second  
hand ball stall,...  
Well you know who it is!**

## SOCIETY CHAMPIONSHIP

Position at 25th July 2000 with only the meeting at Hoebridge to go is:-

Mike Morgan-Rowe - 107

Harold Peskett - 106

John Bateson - 104

Coming up on the rails - Ron Harris with a total of 73 and Mike Owens with 72 - both from two outings only.

## Pictures from Tilgate



**John Bateson and some of his 'gang'  
being presented with the President's  
shield.**



**Top scorer of the day, Dominie Field  
collecting a well earned prize from her  
Team Captain.**



**David Rose lifting the Nearest the Pin Pint  
from the President and later the Birdie  
Cap. Below, "Is this what they are all  
fighting over?"**



# Treasurer's Team Triumphs at Tilgate! - But Dominie Dominates!



In late July, on yet another dry and now typically pleasant Wayfairers Day (that's tempting fate!) - 26 Wayfairers plus 5 very welcome guests gathered at Tilgate to do battle not only on an individual basis, but also in Teams for the new Presidents Trophy Competition.

The Trophy, which is an engraved shield, has been donated by President Bernard McDonnell, and is to be competed for annually by 3 Teams of Wayfairers selected to represent either the President's Team, the Secretary's Team, or the Treasurer's Team.

Despite the utmost care in attempting to produce 3 very equally balanced sides, John Bateson's Treasurer's Team left the opposition absolutely standing with a winning margin of 44 points more than the Secretary's Team, who just crept ahead of the Presidents Team by 11 points.

One of the main reasons for the overwhelming success of John's Team was the outstanding play of one of his selected members - guest Dominie Field - who scored an amazing total of 42 points! (yet another lady has a field day with the Wayfairers!). (Yet another lady to come to the attention of the Handicap Committee to have her handicap bisected! ED). This feat won Dominie the top individual prize of the day, but as our rules state that no guest can win the Wayfairers Trophy, this honour went to Captain

John Bateson with a score of 35 points.

Other individual prizes were presented to the players with the best scores in each of the other 2 Teams and the full results are detailed below.

## THE USUAL PLONKER CAP TURMOIL!

Unfortunately we cannot report on John McDonnell, or any other Wayfairer doing something absolutely incredulous, unbelievable or ridiculous to win the Plonker Cap - and this time it was voted that it be awarded to our editor **Barry Richards** who ran out of film for his camera and could not cover all the prize giving (- against **Syd Tutton** who didn't bring any clothing to change into, or even a towel to cover his predicament! From now on he is to be known as 'Stinker Syd!')

Sources close to the Secretary heard him say 'Hear! Hear! As a 3 times Plonker Cap winner who really knows and appreciates a fellow plonker when he sees one! I honestly believe Syd should have won it!'

On a technical point a digital camera doesn't take film. It has a very expensive 'Smartcard'. One large enough to hold all the pictures for this edition of the Wayfairer would be about £80 - only £2 a head for every Wayfairer! (All donations welcome. ED).

## TILGATE RESULTS

President's Trophy - **John Bateson's Treasurer's Team** - 303 pts., - all worth a mention - **Chris Wilkes, Nick Widdowson, Nigel Botham (guest), David Gillen, Dominie Field (guest), Dennis Shelley, Mike Church, John Peake and Brian Girling (guest).**

Treasurer's Team Individual Winner - **Dominie Field** - 42 pts.

President's Team Individual Winner - **Pat Fudge** - 32 pts.

Secretary's Team Individual Winner - **Barry Richards** - 34 pts.

Individual Wayfairer Trophy Winner - **John Bateson** - 35pts.

Nearest the Pin Pint - **David Rose.**

Longest Drive Dram - **Stuart Harris.**

Birdie Cap - **David Rose** - (2 Birdies!)

Hedgehog Award - **Ian Templer**

Plonker Cap - 'Bandit' (but filmless!) **Barry Richards.**

## TILGATE RAFFLE

£45 taken 'on the day'. Thanks to **Brian Girling** for acting as 'Raffle Ticket Salesman' and **David Gillen** for volunteering to officiate at Hoebridge. Balance in hand now £80.04.

# And so to our next meeting

**HOEBRIDGE GOLF CENTRE -  
OLD WOKING**

**MONDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER**

Our September meeting, will be held as before, to the west of our membership area, and carrying on our Millennium policy of trying out new Courses, it is to be held at Hoebridge Golf Centre, Old Woking.

Meet at Hoebridge at 9.45am for a start time of 10.36am. The cost to include coffee and bacon roll on arrival, 18 holes of golf, a meal comprising ham, egg, chips, roll and butter, dessert and coffee plus all prizes will be £28.

The prizes will be numerous as a variety of competitions are to be included in the day's programme. As well as the usual individual competition for the Wayfairers Trophy, there will also be the now infamous Team 'Orange Ball' Competition. The elder brethren will do battle for the 'Fifty Bob Set' and as an innovation there will be no 'Longest Drive Competition' - (the Course in many places is long, straight and made for long hitters) - but on the back 9 there are 3 tricky and challenging par 3 holes, so there will be 3 nearest the pin competitions, with the coveted 'Nearest The Pin Pint' award going to the nearest on the 18th.

Evening meal anticipated to start at approx. 5.30pm. As this is a completely new venue for the Wayfairers a detailed map has been printed on the preceding page. Course phone number is 0148 372 2611.

Guests are welcome. Deadline for full payment of £28 is Friday 18th August. Complete your return slip and cheque NOW!

**AWAY BREAK TO WENSUM  
VALLEY**

A number of Wayfairers have expressed interest in this trip. **More information in the next issue.**

## Wayfairers Abroad

C'était une vacance formidable et tres memorable! - for the 7 Wayfairers plus 3 guests who spent 4 days based at Etretat, Normandy - at the end of May.

There are far too many holiday episodes to recount here - see those who went if you want to hear more of the lurid details! 3 Competitions were held and 'beacoup des felicitations' to all prize winners.

At Saint Saens 1st on c/b Barry (he always plays well abroad!) Richards 27 pts. Mystery Pairs 2nd placed Audrey Riddles immediately drew third placed Sue McDonnell and with both on 27 pts no one else had a look in!

At Etretat. Despite being cut 2 shots for her day 1 performance Audrey won again with 33 pts. 2nd was Sue McD and Nearest the Pin (Off the Green!) was Mike Wilson.

At Dieppe. A Team Competition was won by Barry Richards, John Peake and John McDonnell (Vive les Hommes!) Special prize for the most improved player was Jan Henshaw who can show partner Mike Wilson a thing or two! (Don't worry we will print anything. Ed)

Overall winner of the Wayfairer French Open Championship - a trophy all of 1 1/2 inches (3.8cms) high! - plus a bottle of bubbly - was Sue McD with a 3 day total of 87 pts. This most coveted and valuable Trophy will be competed for again next year. Wayfairers Rendez vous une autre fois - Etretat Mai 2000.

P.S. One tale that must be told - John McD, who will go to any lengths to win the Plonker Cap, was loading up his car on the final morning when a seagull decided to give him a plonker of it's own. How this bird managed to take off carrying such a load and with such a severe stomach disorder is a mystery of aeronautics. Be that as it may it must have gained immense relief by depositing this problem all over John's head, car, clothes, and luggage. This is one occasion when he wished he had been wearing the Plonker Cap.

## Some Pictures from France



*The highlight of the evening - waiters unveiling the main course*



*Mike Wilson, Sue McD and Mike Riddles after their round at Dieppe.*



*Elisabeth Richards, Mike & Audrey Riddles and John Peake on the second course!*



*Not all Golf - John McD enjoying Monet's Garden in the rain!*



*The nineteenth at Saint Saens, Normandy and almost the end of our 'Longest Day'*



# WAYFAIRER 2000 PAIRS KNOCK-OUT

## PRELIMINARY ROUND 1

1. Mike Riddles 27/  
John Horsfall 27
2. Audrey Riddles 20/  
Fred Catterall 22
3. David Gillen 17/  
Chris Wilkes 9
4. Peter Rushton 18/  
Ron Mason 15

## ROUND 2

2. Audrey Riddles 20/  
Fred Catterall 22
3. David Gillen 17/  
Chris Wilkes 8
5. John Bateson 21/  
Nick Widdowson 15
6. Frank Hoolihan 24/  
Ian Gordon 20
7. John McDonnell 19/  
Mike Wilson 27
8. Stafford Smith 30/  
Ron Bailey 31
9. Peter Storey 8/  
Barry Richards 24
10. Jeff Hogg 14/  
Dennis Shelley 25

**HANDICAP  
ADJUSTMENTS WILL BE  
MADE AS THE  
COMPETITION  
PROCEEDS**

## ROUND 3

3. David Gillen 17/  
Chris Wilkes 8
5. John Bateson 21/  
Nick Widdowson 15
7. John McDonnell 19/  
Mike Wilson 27
9. Peter Storey 8/  
Barry Richards 24

## ROUND 4

**TO BE PLAYED BY THE  
23 OCTOBER**

**WINNERS**

## A REMINDER OF HOW THE BETTER BALL MATCH PLAY COMPETITION IS RUN

The competitions are played at a mutually agreed venue on a match play basis. Where one or more players are members of the chosen club all Green Fees are equally divided. Details and vouchers for '2 for 1' courses can be obtained from John McDonnell (01342 833747).

Wayfairers handicaps current at the time of playing are to be used and confirmation of handicaps can be obtained from John Bateson (01342 832602). Handicaps at 10th May are shown above. On completion of each match the results are to be notified promptly to John Bateson by the winning Team who, when it has been decided, will be told who they are playing in the next round.

## HANDICAPPING SYSTEM

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

The winners of this competition receive at the A.G.M. in November a prize and the Wayfairers Pairs Knockout Figurines currently held by Nick Widdowson and John Bateson - (he doesn't organise it for nothing!).

## FOR INFORMATION THE CURRENT MEMBERSHIP WAITING LIST IS: -

- 1) Brian Girling
- 2) Clive Cooper
- 3) Malcolm Goman
- 4) Carl Rosner
- 5) Peter Waygood
- 6) Alistair Bateson

