



# THE WAYFAIRER



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## **NEW MEMBER RICHARD WHITEHEAD QUICKLY GETS OFF THE MARK SCORING 42 POINTS HE WINS AT HORNE PARK**

This was a difficult day to report on as due to unforeseen circumstances your reporter missed all the prize giving and accounts of who won what. Nevertheless as can be seen from below all the results are published at the foot of this page.

Prior to our Horne Park day the weather forecast was horrendous with heavy persistent rain predicted. However as so often happens the weather gods were on our side and despite being chilly and overcast to start not a drop of the wet stuff fell.

Also prior to the day the organisation was a nightmare for our Secretary. Just a short time before the event Horne Park were confidently given the information that we would have 27 playing and eating. With a then steady flow of drop outs coming in at regular intervals this number quickly dropped down to 22. Most withdrawals were Covid related but the last one received on the evening before the day was not. This was from Derek Allen who had just returned from A & E to inform us that he had been bitten on the hand by his dog at a dog training exercise. Hope all goes well Derek but no extra shots on your handicap! Sorry! Included among our 22 participants were 4 very welcome new members Trevor Bacon, Graham Charlwood, Terry Sleet & Richard Whitehead. Richard made a name for himself on his very first outing by coming in with 42 points and walking off with the Wayfairers Shield, the John Peake Spring Figurine Trophy plus a coveted Horne Park golf cap. Unfortunately Richard could not stay for the meal so was not present to hear all the plaudits and receive his rewards so consequently no photo of him with his cap & cups on page 3. However as a warming consolation his handicap has been cut by 3 shots! Another player also recorded 42 points and this was one of our founder members Jeff Hogg. Normally a score like this would have put him deservedly in 1st place but sorry Jeff - 2nd on count back. The score of 42 puts Richard & Jeff 6 shots above 3rd place. The scissors are out for both of them! The average score for the day was 30 so this places them well above this.

After finishing the golf and back in the Clubhouse there was a nice buzz of conversation with the players all enjoying some very well earned refreshments as they renewed old friendships and then it was time to eat and as always Horne Park provided a really excellent meal. The only tragedy was that in the later absence of the Secretary the pot never got passed round to thank the staff. Something that will definitely need correcting the next time we visit.

And so ended the first outing of a new year for the Wayfairers. Hope to see you all at the next one. Some early details on page 2.

### **HORNE PARK MEETING RESULTS**

- 1st The Spring Trophy, The Wayfairers Shield + a Horne Park Cap - Richard Whitehead 42pts**
- 2nd - Jeff Hogg 42pts c/b**
- 3rd - Terry Sleet 36pts**
- Team Winners - John Benstead Terry King Graham Charlwood Richard Whitehead 86pts**
- Runners Up - Jeff Hogg Dennis Shelley John Bateson Derek Reeves 84pts**
- Nearest/Pin - Terry King**
- Nearest/Pin in 2 (18th) - Terry Sleet**
- 19 & Over Longest Drive - Mick Shiel**
- Open Longest Drive - Terry Sleet**
- Birdie Cap - Jeff Hogg**
- Par 3 Challenge - Mick Shiel**
- Hedgehog - Kevin Stacey wins the Hedgehog with 25pts - the highest Hedgehog score ever!**
- For the Putting Contest no winners were declared as score card results could not be clarified.**
- Nevertheless a good opportunity to warm up before playing. No prizes issued.**

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS AT AT WELLSHURST GOLF CLUB**  
**ON MONDAY 30th MAY**

This is our first visit to Wellshurst which is nicely situated for our members living in the Uckfield or Crowborough areas. It is at Hellingly on the A267 north of Hailsham. Despite the Course being tree lined throughout and tight and tricky in places, it is not long measuring 5372 yards for the men and just 4778 for the ladies. Plenty of bunkers so pack those sand irons! Being situated on the edge of the South Downs one or two holes are a bit of a climb but none of these are very long. No oxygen required but a buggy might be helpful. For Sat Nav. the post code is BN27 4ED and the Course is in North Street Hellingly.

This is the day our playing groups compete together as a team to play for the dreaded Pink Ball Trophy and as always the individual winner of the day will take the Wayfairers Trophy. In addition we will be holding the usual Nearest the Pin and two Longest Drive Contests. It is planned to hold a raffle with all of the excellent prizes making a second appearance as our Horne Park raffle though all set up and ready to go never took place. (see below)

Meet up for coffee and bacon baps at 09:15 with the first group out at 10am. A 2 Course Meal will be served at approx. 4.30pm. The Club phone no. is 01435 813636 and the Pro's Shop is 01435 813456. Prior to playing John B. will be issuing pink balls as teams arrive so don't be late as the balls at the bottom of his bag are always the least desirable!

**PAYMENT** As Wellshurst is at the very end of May and we are still in April Kam is not asking for payment until **MONDAY 9th MAY**. You may pay now and a circular memo that payment is due will follow in early May to those still unpaid. The **COST** is £45 to cover coffee and bacon bap on arrival, 18 holes, a 2 course meal & all prizes

**GUESTS** Should you wish to bring a guest please let J. McD have the name and current handicap of your guest. When all the returns are in he will then be able to advise you if there is room for your guest and give you the necessary payment details.

**BUGGIES** An earlier note has gone out to all members asking them to inform J. McD if they are likely to require a buggy and so far just 4 replies received. A final confirmation of a buggy sharing requirement when making your payment would still be very much appreciated.

**A MEMO TO ALL AT THE START OF THE WAYFAIRERS' NEW YEAR**

**HANDICAP ADJUSTMENTS** Members are reminded that at the 2017 AGM it was agreed we should continue the scheme whereby players who recorded scores of more than 5 above the average would lose shots but those who finished with more than 3 shots below the average would be eligible to receive shots back. Just how many shots are to be gained or lost is at the discretion of the Handicap Committee. The average score recorded on our recent Horne Park Day was 30. An up to date Handicap list appears on page 3.

**HORNE PARK RAFFLE - THE RAFFLE THAT NEVER HAPPENED!**

John Benstead did an excellent job in selling the raffle tickets taking £115 resulting in a nice little profit when cost of prizes is deducted. All was set for the winning tickets to be drawn when very suddenly the Secretary became unexpectedly indisposed.

This left the members with a problem. Only the Secretary knew what was hidden in the many bags on the prize table? Were they all raffle prizes? What was the Star prize? Nobody knew.

The members pondered and discussed what to do. If both prizes and tickets were carried over to the next meeting very likely some members here today but not available for the next one would not be present to claim prizes and members not here today but available next time would have to add to the purchase of even more tickets. Ultimately a very generous decision was made. All the prizes would be carried over to Wellshurst but all money taken at Horne Park would go in the Charity Fund. An extremely generous gesture! Thank you one and all. The real spirit of the Wayfairers!

And thank you again JB2 for being our volunteer salesman for the 2nd time in 6 months and sorry all your efforts were in vain as ultimately there was no raffle. At Wellshurst your genial smiling ticket salesman will be Carl Rosner Thank you Carl and hopefully this time all will run smoothly as usual.

# PICTURES FROM HORNE PARK

PRIZES PRESENTED BY OUR BLETCHINGLEY WINNER - PEER BLAKELEY  
PHOTOS COURTESY OF TREASURER KAM



*The AGM gets underway with the Committee all looking duly serious!*

*Winner of the John Peake Spring Trophy & Wayfairers Trophy & Horne Park Golf Cap*

*Richard Whitehead but absent for the Photo Call*



*The Par 3 Challenge Winner Mick Shiel*



*2nd Placed Team John Bateson, Jeff Hogg, Dennis Shelley & Derek Reeves*



*Individual Runner Up Jeff Hogg*



*1st Team Past the Post! Graham Charlwood, Terry King Absent for Photo Richard Whitehead & John Benstead*



*Winners of the 2 Longest Drive Contests Terry Sleet (Open L.D.) Mick Shiel (19 & Over L.D.)*



*Hedgehog Winner Smiling Kevin Stacey who recorded the highest ever Hedgehog winning score*



*Winners of the 2 Nearest the Pin Contests Terry Sleet (N/Pin in 2 on 18th) Terry King (N/Pin on 15th) and in between them Mick Shiel 4th Overall*



*Birdie Cap Winner Jeff Hogg*



*In 3rd place Terry Sleet*



## Programme For the Wayfairers Year 2022

Following our recent Horne Park AGM Day we have -  
**MONDAY 30th MAY** Pink Ball Trophy at WELLSHURST  
**MONDAY 11th JULY** Peer's Plate at CHERRY LODGE  
**MONDAY 8th AUGUST** Casual Day at CHIDDINGFOLD playing for the  
 Barry Richards Hole in One Memorial Bubbly  
**MONDAY 5th SEPTEMBER** at IFIELD The David Rose Rosebowl plus the  
 50 Bob Set  
**MONDAY 17th OCTOBER** at Villa playing for Ron Harris Autumn Trophy  
 plus the Vardon Trophy  
 Our Christmas December Meeting yet to be arranged & confirmed

PLEASE NOTE AT EACH MEETING THE INDIVIDUAL TOP  
 PLAYER OF THE DAY WILL RECEIVE THE HUGE WAYFAIRERS SHIELD  
 LATER TO BE ENGRAVED. IT COULD BE YOU! OR YOU!

### HORNE PARK 30 PLUS CLUB

**TREVOR BACON JOHN FROST TERRY KING + SUE MCD 30**  
**CHRIS LAVENDER 32 DEREK REEVES 33 ROBERT CROMPTON 34**

**AND THE TOP 4!**

**MICK SHIEL 35 TERRY SLEET 36**  
**JEFF HOGG 40 RICHARD WHITEHEAD 42**

### NOTE TO NEW MEMBERS - WINNING & RETURN OF TROPHIES

Please note should you play well and win one of our trophies that is engraved you will have your name added to the list of recipients and it is yours to keep until next contended. The exception to this is The Wayfairers Shield which is played for at every meeting. Should you win an award that is not engraved such as a hip flask or tankard this is returned to be competed for at the next meeting. Any "goodie" prizes won with this award are usually consumables and yours to enjoy. Should you ever win the Birdie Cap then after you have had an historical photo taken of you wearing it please return it immediately and do not take away. The only exception to all this is the Shortest Drive Award. It is always played for at Christmas, not engraved and kept by the new proud owner for 12 months!

**FOLLOWING THE AGM notes regarding the meeting went online to all members, The AGM was a very stirring occasion as can be seen from this photo!**



### HANDICAP INFORMATION PLEASE NOTE

On the reviewed handicap list opposite all players' scores at Horne Park are shown in **RED** numbers. Handicap changes are highlighted & shown in **BLACK** numbers. Justification for handicap changes are based on an average score at Horne Park of 30.

H/caps for Wellshurst		
E. ADAMS		32
R. ADAMS		17
ALLEN		25
ATWELL		27
BACON	30	26
BATESON	24	36
BENSTEAD	25	28
BLAKELEY	28	15
CHARLWOOD	29	23
L. COLENUTT		29
M. COLENUTT		21
L. CROUCH		36
M. CROUCH		24
CROMPTON	34	25
ESLOR		20
FROST	30	21
HOGG	40	15
KING	30	23
LAVENDER	32	20
LOVELOCK	28	28
S.McDONNELL	30	11
P. MORRIS	27	18
REEVES	33	36
ROSNER		23
RUSHTON	28	23
J. SAMWAYS		24
E. SAMWAYS		14
SHEIL	35	33
SHELLEY	26	18
D. SLEET		25
T. SLEET	36	8
D. SMITH		23
P. SMITH		18
STACEY	25	27
STANLEY		29
V. WARD		18
G. WARD		15
R.WHITEHEAD	42	20
C. WILKES	27	14
K. WONG	29	10