

THE WAYFAIRER



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Wayfairers Celebrate their Last Game of the Century - as 'Guest' Cooper Scoops the Golfing Glory - But the Major Trophies Go to Storey!

The Wayfairers most recent meeting, although now way back in the last century, brought an excellent start to the Christmas Festivities and New Year Celebrations.

Twenty three Wayfairers plus 2 guests gathered at Slinfold for breakfast on a cloudy, windy but completely dry day (as usual!). While demolishing their egg, bacon, sausage, mushrooms, etc., they were all individually interrupted by Secretary John McDonnell demanding their personal forecast for the total number of balls that would be lost during the day's play. For £1 an entry, guesses varied from a very optimistic total of 9 from Pat Fudge, up to a very pessimistic 36 predicted by guest Brian Girling, who was obviously going to lose plenty on purpose! After a nail biting finish, as the last players coming in recorded their losses, the prize of a litre of finest Scotch Whisky went to abstainer and teetotaler Chris Wilkes, who accurately prophesied 27 as the magic number.

The Golf was enjoyed by all (especially by Mike Wilson who, never happier than when he is having the sort of game he can be miserable about, was having a bad game!) but in wintery conditions and blustery high winds scoring was difficult. Guest Clive Cooper was the only player to beat his handicap with an excellent score of 37 points, with new member Peter Storey close behind on 36. Clive walked off with the special prize, but as a full member Peter collected both the Christmas Tankard and the



Wayfairers Trophy.

The fact that there were some very evident 'plonkers' present, was clearly shown by the unusual situation of 3 Wayfairers all desperately vying with each other to win the coveted Plonker Cap. Fred Catterall didn't bring back the Longest Drive Hip Flask for representation because he thought it was his to keep for ever! John Bateson left his Bring and Win prize at home on the table and Janet had to ring her son-in-law Mike Church to dash out and buy a hurried replacement prize. Best of all though was Mike Riddles who having been driven to Slinfold by wife Audrey and was first to arrive, carefully unpacked all his gear and checked it, then cheerfully waved goodbye to Audrey as she drove away with his golf shoes still in the boot! How smart Mike looked in his new £50 golf shoes that he had to buy from the Slinfold Pro. - and how thin his cheque book looked after! Perhaps one Plonker Cap is not enough?!

The Christmas Meal was as enjoyable, noisy and chaotic as ever and after the prize giving the Wayfairers held their 2nd Annual Xmas Song Contest. Voices and harmony seemed to have improved enormously over the past twelve months with the wonderful top prize of three bottles of exquisite wine being won eventually by 'Tutton's Tenors' featuring Syd, Fred Catterall and Brian Girling. We hope the wine kept them in good voice all through the Christmas celebrations!

A memorable evening finally ended with 'Auld Lang Syne' and a toast to the continued success of the Wayfairers in the new Millennium.

SLINFOLD RESULTS

Your treasurer and results analyser wishes to apologise for errors made during the prize giving which he attributes to the mayhem that ensued during and after the Christmas dinner, alcoholic poisoning and senility, (I think he means he was drunk, confused and past it! -Ed) There was no doubt about the winner - (I marked his card!) - Clive Cooper with 37 pts. just pipped Peter Storey with 36pts. In third place was in fact Fred Catterall with 35 pts. on count-back from Mike Morgan-Rowe. I presented third prize to Noel McLean who was in fact the Nearest The Pin Prize winner. (Anyone who can follow all this can have a job on the editorial staff. Don't feel too sorry for Fred; at the end of the evening when he explained this to John, John, who had run out of prizes, gave Fred his own bottle of wine from the Bring-and-Win! - Ed).

The corrected results are as follows:-

1st - Clive Cooper 37pts.

2nd - Peter Storey 36pts.

3rd - Fred Catterall 35pts.

Nearest the Pin - Noel McLean.

Longest Drive - Peter Storey.

18th Hole 'Peskest' Trophy - Mike Morgan-Rowe.

Birdie Cap - Chris Tomlin (Note a Birdie on the 18th Hole!!).

Under 18 Trophy - Peter Storey.

Hedge-Hog Award - former Champion Pat Fudge 22pts. (playing off a handicap of 7 - the lengths some people will go to to get their handicap raised!).

Team Winners - Clive Cooper, Mike Owens, John Bateson.

THE RAFFLE

After deducting the cost of the winner's prize, the 'Lost Balls Competition' made £19.69 giving us a current total of £204.71 in the Fund. Wayfairers Balls are now down to 31 so it's time for some major expenditure. Many thanks to Syd Tutton for being volunteered to run the Raffle at our next meeting.



John wearing the infamous 'Plonker' Cap, which he was awarded despite stiff opposition from Mike Riddles and Fred Catterall. See Slinfold Results.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome new members Barbara Horsfall, Syd Tutton and Peter Storey and are sorry to report that neither Don Jessop nor Don Beaumont have been able to continue their membership. We do hope however to see them from time to time as guests.

An up to date membership list is enclosed with this newsletter. Please notify us immediately if your details are not correct.

Wayfairers First Meeting of the New Millennium

This is to be held on Friday 10th March 2000 at Chipstead Golf Club. Phone number 01737 555781. A map and directions are on the back page of this issue. Arrive from 9.15 am for coffee. The first group tee off at 10pm. We have the tee reserved until 11am. As past records show that this is usually our best attended meeting of the year, it is advisable to ring either of the Johns a couple of days before to establish your tee time. We are booked for 18 holes to be followed by a 5 course meal (including coffee) to be taken at approximately 4.30pm.

Our competition will as usual be divided into an Individual and Team Stableford Event. The individual winner will be awarded the John Peake Spring Cup (Current Holder Mike Church) together with the Wayfairers Trophy. The Team Competition will be slightly different from usual. With 3 in a Team one best individual score only will count for the first six holes, for the next six holes the best 2 scores will be added, and finally during the last six holes all of the 3 players total points will count! This is known as an Alliance Stableford and is being tried experimentally for this one meeting.

Cost for the whole day including prizes is £27 a head. Your availability and payment slip is enclosed - **TO BE RETURNED BY FRIDAY 4th FEBRUARY AT THE LATEST!**

NEW YEAR & MILLENNIUM RESOLUTION FOR ALL WAYFAIRERS

**I WILL ALWAYS RETURN MY
PAYMENT/AVAILABILITY
SLIP BY THE DEADLINE DATE
- AS I KNOW THIS GREATLY
HELPS THE ORGANISERS.
AMEN.**

MORE PICTURES FROM SLINFOLD



One of Mike's special creations. This one is called 'Condominium!' Harold is undertaking some quality control overseen by Peter Storey.



Frank Houlihan with new boy Syd Tutton and guest Brian Girling.



'Should Auld acquaintance be forgot.....'.



Nick concentrates on the food and leaves Jeff and Chris to get on with the Bon Ami...!

CURRENT TROPHY HOLDERS

Wayfairers Championship Trophy - Ron Mason and Audrey Riddles.

The Wayfairers Trophy - Peter Storey.

Ron Harris Autumn Cup - Mike Morgan-Rowe.

Christmas Tankard - Peter Storey.

John Peake Spring Trophy - Mike Church.

Texas Scramble Trophy - Ron Mason, Ron Harris, Mike Morgan-Rowe & Dennis Shelley.

The Two Ronnies Pairs Trophy - Frank Houlihan & Nick Widdowson.

Fifty Bob Set - Audrey Riddles.

Harold's Special 18 Hole Trophy - Mike Morgan-Rowe.

Pairs Knockout Trophy - John Bateson & Nick Widdowson.

Jeff Hogg 18 and under Trophy - Peter Storey.





HOW TO GET TO CHIPSTEAD - Turn WEST off the A23 into WOODFIELD HILL. Turn LEFT at the T junction (Hollymead Road). Cross COULSDON LANE into HOLLYMEAD ROAD cross HOW LANE into Chipstead Golf Club entrance.

PAIRS KNOCKOUT COMPETITION 2000

This popular event will be run again this spring and summer. I won't need to remind you that this is a Better -ball Match play competition.

Details will be published in the next edition, but you do need a partner. So now is the time to make an arrangement with one of the better players or someone who has managed to preserve their handicap! Please notify John Bateson of your pairing on the Chipstead acceptance Slip.

John, John, & Barry send all the Wayfairers their very best wishes for the New Year.

May your drives be long and straight, your putts be on the right line and just the right weight. May all the bunkers and water hazards keep well out of reach. May your partners brilliance only be surpassed by your own; and your luck only slightly less than ours!

Happy Golfing in 2000.

WAYFAIRERS GOLF BREAKS

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All those Wayfairers who expressed an interest in a short golfing break in France will in the near future receive further details individually.

Our other proposition for an early Autumn short break in this country also met with some favourable support. Following a recent one night 'inspection visit' by 4 Wayfairers, our venue looks likely to be the Wensum Valley Golf and Country Club near Norwich. Further details of dates, price, etc., will be announced both at Chipstead and in our next Wayfairer newsletter

Clothing

Have a look through our catalogue at Chipstead, or call or Fax on 01342 836430.

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