

THE WAYFAIRER

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CHRISTMAS AT LINGFIELD? IT NEVER TOOK PLACE --- BUT JOHN B'S BIRTHDAY ROLL UP TURNED OUT TO BE ACE!

The scene is Lingfield G.C. on a damp morning in early December, and once again the Wayfairers never got wet - but unfortunately most of them never got to play! Due to over night very heavy rain the Course was closed and although it did open at 10.30am, the decision taken after some discussion was at that late stage not to proceed with the meeting.

At 10.30 some 20 very keen members decided not to waste the opportunity but to go out to enjoy 13 or, in some cases, the full 18 holes. Afterwards the verdict was that although the Course was heavy in some places, the majority of the fairways were fine and all the greens in excellent condition. A great pity that just a couple of hours closure had spoilt what should have been a most enjoyable occasion.

Following this disappointment all members were asked for their views and suggestions regarding the future of this event, and details regarding the response are published elsewhere in this edition.

Although the Christmas gathering did not go as planned, the Annual Christmas Roll Up certainly did! This was carefully contrived to coincide with John B's 70th Birthday, although he was blissfully unaware as to the extent of all the scheming that was going on behind his back! The big day dawned dull but dry and very mild, and Holtye was in excellent condition. 23 Wayfairers "rolled up" and with 7 guests added to this the final playing number totalled 30.

Scoring was not great with an average of around 25 - but everyone very much enjoyed the golf on this social occasion. Back in the Christmas atmosphere of the Clubhouse John B. announced all the results and gave out all the prizes - and then it was our turn! After being appropriately serenaded, John was presented with a special "I'm now 70" medal and given a card covered with Wayfairers signatures and messages. He also received a bottle of "champers" and a directory together with 10 associated 2Fore1 vouchers, all valid until June 2010. (Suddenly he's got lots of friends now! Ed)

The piece de resistance came at the end when to John's great surprise the announcement was made that back at "Box Cottage" Janet had been slaving away all day and it was now "Open House" to carry on the celebrations. All those who could go did so, and would all like to thank Janet very much for a fitting end to a most enjoyable day. Also John thanks again for your generosity in setting up the first round for everybody at Holtye. Cheers!

AND SO TO THE "ROLL UP " RESULTS

On this occasion we play for the Christmas "Roll Up" Tankard presented several years ago by Jeff Hogg. Among our field of 30 players was Ken Cooper's young 15 old grandson Kieran. He obviously is a "chip off the old block"! as showing all the bandit like tendencies of his grandfather, he came in with a truly excellent score of 36 pts. playing off a handicap of 31 - now being carefully scrutinised by the appropriate Holtye Junior Committee! Well done Kieran but what a pity you couldn't take the bottle of whisky that went with the Tankard. This was given to Grandpa who said "It's rightfully mine. I taught him all he knows!"

1st Kieran Peters (guest) 36pts. 2nd Nigel Botham (guest) 33pts. 3rd Bill Eslor (a member at last!) 31pts.

Bill just edged out yet another guest Peter Smith into 4th place on count back.

Longest Drive Chris Wilkes Nearest the Pin Carl Rosner Shortest Drive Tony "Heather" Warrilow

Best Birdie Sue McD and finally the Hedgehog Award with numerous prizes went to Alan "Prickly" Rose

NOTE As with "casual" days Wayfairers current handicaps (following Clandon Regis) are not affected by the "Roll Up" results.

AND SO TO OUR SPRING CUP MEETING TO BE HELD AT GATTON MANOR ON TUESDAY 24th MARCH

As this is our third visit to this venue it is assumed that most of our members will know how to get there. Please contact John McD if you do need directions. The phone number is 01306 627555, the post code is RH5 5PQ and the website is www.gattonmanor.co.uk. Coffee & Bacon Rolls will be available as from 09.45 with the first playing group out at 10.36.

Individually we will be playing not only for the Wayfairers Trophy, at present in the proud possession of Tony Roche, but also for the John Peake Spring Cup (current holder Chris Wilkes).

As usual there will be a Team Event and all the other minor competitions. Also, as the Lingfield meeting was cancelled, we will play for Harold's 18th Hole Trophy. Nearest the Pin in 3 on Gatton Manor's tricky 18th should prove to be an extremely difficult challenge! Can Peer win the Trophy for the 3rd time running? (My money is on Warrilow! Ed)

Our first raffle of 2009 will display a multitude of amazingly original and highly expensive prizes, and Mike & Liz Colenutt have set an example to all by unknowingly volunteering to sell the tickets on this occasion! Why not buy yours now and avoid the mad stampede on the day! £25 of our profits will go to our chosen charity.

A memo way in advance. Very often you can obtain drinks and snacks on the Course so have some money with you. Before playing the short Par 3 10th you order from the hut what you want and collect your purchases before teeing off down the 11th. We will need to check that this facility is available before playing. A 2 Course meal with coffee is booked for 17.30.

PAYMENT Total cost for coffee & bacon rolls, 18 holes. a 2 Course meal with coffee plus all prizes is £34. Please send the return slip with payment if playing or not to Tony by **FRIDAY 30th JANUARY BY THE VERY LATEST**. However should you be one of the players who paid £34 for our cancelled Lingfield Day, you are in credit for this amount and you need to pay nothing, but please indicate this clearly on the return. If you paid an extra £17 for a meal guest Tony will reimburse you. Should you be in credit but cannot play at Gatton Tony will also reimburse you. Remember should we be oversubscribed for Gatton, first places will go to those who paid on time! Hopefully there will be space for guests. Should you wish to invite one please indicate this on the return slip but send no payment at this stage. On the 30th January Tony will be able to advise you of the numbers situation and any payment due can be made after this.

DECEMBER WAS "BIG BIRTHDAY" MONTH!

Congratulations and many happy returns to all those Wayfairers who celebrated special birthdays in December.

The list is long! - Mike Riddles (80th) Tony Warrilow (75th - free TV licence!)

Derek Reeves (70th) John Bateson (70th) and baby Peter Rushton (65th - state pensioner!)

Well done all of you. If only some of you could score your age for 18 holes!

We hope we haven't left anyone out. Remember our planned "casual" day at Villa in August is our Age Related Competition day! Bets can now be taken!

CASUAL DAY AT FOXBRIDGE MONDAY 16th FEBRUARY

If interested in playing in the above the total cost for coffee, 18 holes, ham, egg & chips + a pudding and all prizes is £20 per head.

Currently we have a total of 25 players. The vast majority of these have paid in full but some have paid just a £5 deposit with one member having paid £10. Could I please request the balance to be paid by the end of the second week in January - Saturday 17th. Thank you. Cheques to J.McDonnell. Reminders will be sent.

Please note that there will be one extra non-golf competition and this will cost you £1 on arrival. At Lingfield we were due to have a "Guess the Combined Handicaps Total of the Top 3 Players". As this competition has been all set up we will run it at Foxbridge instead. 3 excellent prizes plus an unattractive "booby" and any profit will go in the Raffle Fund as planned previously.

PICTURES FROM THE CHRISTMAS ROLL UP



*Open Longest Drive
Chris Wilkes*



*Seventy Today
John B is very pleased with a bottle
and a bird in the hand!!*



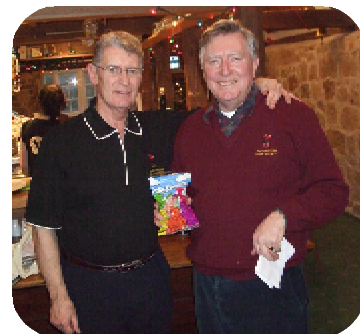
*Nearest the Pin
Carl Rosner*



*Winner of the Best Birdie
Sue McD*



*In First Place
young Kieran while
Grandpa Ken benefits from having
a useful Grandson!*



*Tony "I've got the shortest!"
Warrilow wins the Shortest
Drive*



*Alan Rose is so proud - and we
promise not to tell Norman!*



*Bill Esler makes the news again!
3rd place in the Roll Up*



Guess Who???
*Who is this Wayfairer trying to
impress his fans!!*
*Answers on a post card or
email to Sue McD*

FUTURE PROGRAMME (up until Autumn 2009)
Monday 16th February "Casual Day" at Foxbridge
Tuesday 24th March at Gatton Manor (Spring Cup)
April "Casual Day" at Horne Park (Date to be Announced)
Tuesday 5th May at Holtys (Texas Scramble)
Monday 15th June at Foxbridge (Two Ronnies Trophy pm)
Monday 20th July at Hoebridge (Charity Day & President's Trophy)
August "Casual Day" at Villa Farm (Age Related Day)
Tuesday 15th September at Hassocks (Pink Ball Day)
Friday 23rd October AGM Day at Clandon Regis

A MESSAGE TO MY BENEFACTORS

As the Wayfairers have had a spate of significant birthdays recently I was surprised at the extent and generosity shown to me on my birthday at our Christmas Roll Up. Perhaps I had benefited from the cancellation of our Lingfield Meeting!

The day was lovely in so many ways not least that "you know who" had arranged for the sun to shine on the righteous. 70 years ago to the day, I am told, there was thick snow. My heart felt thanks to you all; you have made an old man very happy.

John B.

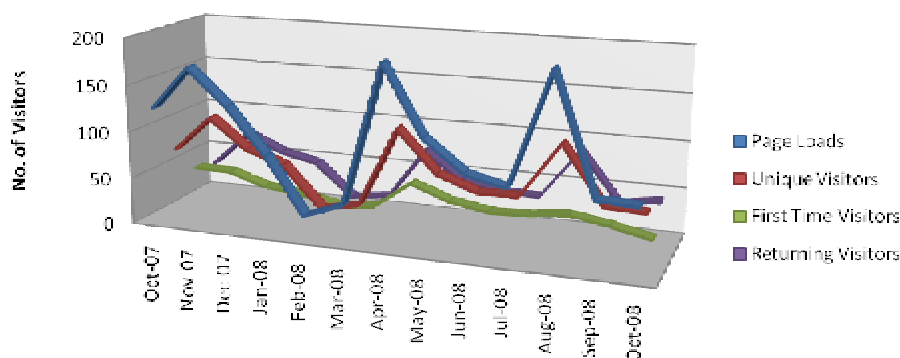
THE FUTURE OF OUR CHRISTMAS EVENT

Thanks for the many replies regarding members' thoughts concerning future Christmas Events. Obviously opinions and suggestions were varied but three main areas of majority agreement would seem to have been established. These are -

- 1 The Christmas Meeting should definitely continue.**
- 2 A Course with good winter drainage which rarely closes should be chosen.**
- 3 The possibility of reducing the number of holes played should be considered.**

Armed with these facts your committee is now discussing future possibilities and a final decision will be announced as soon as this is made.

Wayfairers Golf Society - Web Statistics



WAYFAIRERS PAIRS KNOCK OUT COMPETITION

As a reminder the draw for this is being published again in this edition. There are 7 games to be organised and played before the end of March. Please get cracking and sort out one or two potential dates and venues with your opponents now ! It will be much too late to leave and sort this out at Gatton Manor which takes place just one week before the end of March! Remember any games not played by the end of March, irrespective of any reason, will be decided, as agreed at the AGM, by tossing a coin.

HANDICAPS

FOR

GATTON MANOR

ATWELL	21
BAILEY	36
BATESON	20
BLAKELEY	8
CATTERALL	20
CHURCH	20
COLENUTT L	32
COLENUTT M	30
COOPER K	17
CROMPTON	17
CUNNINGTON	31
ESLOR	16
GIRLING	28
GOMAN	15
HARRIS	19
HENSHAW	32
HISTED	17
HI TAM	22
HOGG	10
HORSFALL. B	36
HORSFALL. J	36
HOULIHAN	20
KNIGHT	9
LOVELOCK	22
MCDONNELL. J	22
MCDONNELL. S	10
PRITCHARD	28
REEVES	26
RICHARDS	31
RIDDLES. A	23
RIDDLES. M	33
ROCHE	21
ROSE. A	28
ROSE. D	22
ROSNER. C	28
RUSHTON	16
SANDS	32
SAUNDERS	18
SHELLEY	17
STACEY	26
STANLEY	17
STOREY	8
WAGSTAFF	25
WARRILOW	34
WILKES	3
WILLIAMS	19
WILSON	36
ZINKE	12

WAYFAIRERS K.O. CUP 2008/09

DRAW & RULES BELOW.

(Current Holders Peter Rushton & Eddie Stanley)

ROUND 1 TO BE PLAYED BY THE END OF MARCH 2009	QUARTER FINALS TO BE PLAYED BY THE END OF JUNE 2009	SEMI FINALS TO BE PLAYED BY THE END OF AUGUST 2009	FINAL TO BE PLAYED BEFORE THE OCTOBER AGM
Annie Hitam & Bob Histed v Hans Zinke & Derek Reeves			
Audrey Riddles & Fred Catterall v Peter Rushton & Eddie Stanley			
Spencer Atwell & John Bateson v Malcolm Goman & Tony Roche			
Ken Cooper & Tony Warrilow v Bye	Ken Cooper & Tony Warrilow		
R. Crompton & J. Cunningham v Mike Wilson & John McDonnell			
Chris Wilkes & Doug Wagstaff v Carl Rosner & Andy Knight			
Liz & Mike Colenutt v Norman Lovelock & Alan Rose			
Sue McDonnell & Jan Henshaw v Bill Eslor & Brian Girling			

Rules.

Any handicap adjustments are to be made as the Competition proceeds. Current Wayfairers Handicaps at the time of playing will be on the website and in the latest editions of the Wayfairer. Any queries regarding handicaps please refer to John Bateson (01342 832602).

The competitions are to be 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. Failure to meet any deadline will result in the Match Co-ordinator deciding the winners by the toss of a coin.

Ladies to play off ladies tees and play to ladies card and stroke index. On completion of each match the winning team are requested to notify the result promptly to John Bateson who, when he knows, will inform them who their opponents are in the next round. Also the current situation will be constantly updated on the website.

HANDICAPPING - a reminder. The lowest handicap player plays off scratch and the other players receives 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

This draw was made on 28th October 2008 by John Bateson, John McDonnell & Sue McDonnell

WAYFAIRERS GOLFING SOCIETY

Day at Gatton Manor – Tuesday 24th March 2009

Name.....

Please tick below as appropriate.

- ☐ I am available for the above Fee £34/NIL
- ☐ I would like to bring a guest (name + h/cap) Fee £34
- ☐ Not available for Gatton Manor

**THOSE THAT PAID FOR LINGFIELD, THE FEE IS £NIL
&/OR SEE BELOW**

- ☐ Not available for Gatton Manor & due a refund of
£34 or £51 for Lingfield

This slip & applicable cheque for the relevant amount **(excluding playing guest fee)**,
made out to:

“The Wayfairers Golfing Society”
must be forwarded to:

Tony Warrilow, 16 Orchard Way, Shirley, CR0 7NG.
Tel: 02087777346

BY FRIDAY 30TH JANUARY

- N.B.** 1) Unless advised previously, it is expected that members and their guests remain until after the competition prizes have been awarded.
- 2) Members wishing to bring playing guests will be advised if a vacancy exists after the deadline date. Payment must be received at least 7 days before the meeting.