

# THE WAYFAIRER

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## *Only One Team Scrambles Par - While Barbara is the Morning Star !*

Imagine an idyllic day in warm spring sunshine as you wander leisurely around Surrey's gentle undulating hills. A bit different from the real situation! - a baking hot humid day with 23 Wayfairers and 6 guests heaving heavy trolleys around Surrey's answer to the Himalayas! The day of the two H's - the heat and the hills! But what a wonderful day nevertheless!

For those present sitting out in the evening sunshine on the clubhouse patio the scenery was magnificent - particularly after 27 holes! During the day however, the scenery was often spoilt by Wayfairers wearing shorts and exposing pale white knobbly knees emerging for the first time this century! (This in no way relates to any of the ladies playing whose knees are always a shining example to the men - Ed).

And so to the actual Golf (Thank God for that! -Ed). The nine hole Individual Stableford in the morning was for the majority their first experience of this course. Poor **Mike Morgan-Rowe** who lives in the flat plains of Croydon suffered oxygen starvation and could only muster 4 points, and many other nameless Wayfairers didn't cope much better. This was nearly **Chris Wilkes's** benefit day with an excellent 9 hole Stableford score of 19 points, plus Nearest the Pin and the Longest Drive. However **Barbara Horsfall** battled to notch up her first Wayfairer victory getting 19 points (one under par) to just edge out Chris on countback. Well done Barbara!

The morning's Golf was followed by a 9 hole putting competition with the layout planned and set out by that well know putting expert John McD. The putting course extended over three different levels, thus matching some of the language of the competitors!

In the afternoon came the main challenge of the day - a Team Texas Scramble. Although this was off scratch and the teams of 3 did have three bites of the cherry, no group could beat Barbara's individual net score. Nevertheless the winning team of **Nick Widdowson, Syd Tutton** and **Alistair Bateson** did extremely well to play off scratch to level par.



*Barbara receives her prize - below the triumphant Texas Scramble Winners*



### **THE FULL RESULTS**

#### **Texas Scramble Trophy Winners -**

**1<sup>st</sup> Nick Widdowson, Alistair Bateson & Syd Tutton** - Gross 66 - thanks to **Alistair Bateson** who had a great tee shot on the 222 yard 8th hole which finished 8 feet from the pin. The team won a special prize for this outstanding feat.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Wilson, Mike Church & John McDonnell.** Gross 67.

#### **Morning 9 hole Individual Stableford**

**1<sup>st</sup> and Winner of the Wayfairers Trophy Barbara Horsfall.** 19 points (C/B)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Wilkes** 19 points (C/B)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mike Wilson** 17 points

#### **Putting**

**1<sup>st</sup> Nick Widdowson** 22 (C/B)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Barbara Horsfall** 22 (C/B)

**3<sup>rd</sup> John McDonnell** 23 (C/B)

#### **Birdie Cap**

**Stuart Harris**

#### **Longest Drive & Nearest the Pin**

**Chris Wilkes** swept the board by winning both of these prizes.

## Hedgehog Award

**Mike Morgan-Rowe** - Smiling in defeat!

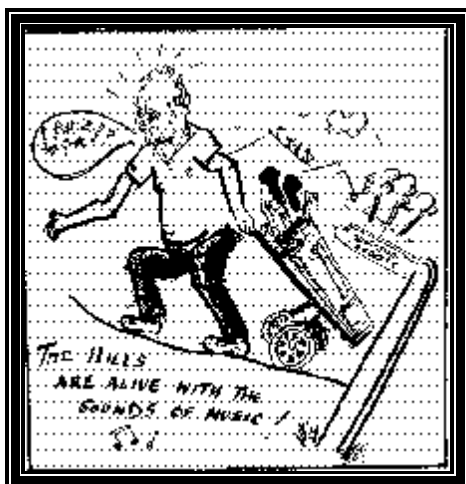
## Plonker Cap

**John McDonnell** - Smiling but knackered!

The citation to this award reads - John McDonnell sensibly brought 2 batteries for his electric trolley, an old one to last for the morning, and a fresh one to soar up the hills in the afternoon. Unfortunately at lunchtime he was so absorbed in ~~running~~ (interfering) in the putting competition that he forgot to swap batteries on his trolley which came to a halt at the maximum distance from the Clubhouse! The sequel to this story is that during his next game at Holtye, when taking his trolley up a steep slope, he found that it was not pulling very well. When he looked down he discovered that he had no battery at all. It had fallen off on the last tee!

## THE RAFFLE

Thanks to Mike Morgan-Rowe for being our salesman for the Dorking Raffle. Takings were £48, which less prize money and expenses, plus cash in hand prior to the raffle, gives us a current profit of £54.11. We hold a good stock of prizes for future raffles plus 139 Wayfairer balls. At our Reigate meeting there will not be a raffle but all present will be requested to put £1 in a 'sweep kitty. Full details will then be forthcoming with 3 excellent prizes up for grabs!



## Special '2 fore 1' Edition

This is a special edition of the Wayfairer. You won't get another until after our meeting after next! Lately our Editor has taken so much money from his friends while playing Golf that he can afford to go away for a whole 2 weeks! (Untrue - on my Opticians advice I have been told I must have a break from the Secretary's terrible writing. ED). This fortnight follows immediately after our Reigate meeting, and as our next gathering is less than four weeks after this, there won't be time to issue a further edition and obtain the necessary returns. We are therefore in this issue publishing full details of our next *two meetings* and the return slip reflects this so *please read it carefully*.

## And so to our next 2 meetings

### MEETING 1

### REIGATE HEATH

**THURSDAY 29TH JUNE**

### STABLEFORD PAIRS

This as in previous years will be an afternoon gathering because it's cheaper after 1 pm! **DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT TO SECURE YOUR PLACE IS SATURDAY 10TH JUNE.**

Cost is £26 to cover 18 holes and a three course meal plus coffee. **PLEASE send in your return slip NOW!**

This competition is only open to members but guests may be nominated if reserves are needed to make up the numbers.

Prizes are also included in the cost and there are lots to be won with both the Two Ronnies Cup as well as the Wayfairers Trophy at stake. Current holders of the Two Ronnies Trophy are **Frank Houlihan and Nick Widdowson**.

Cost **does not** cover any coffee or refreshments prior to playing. It is suggested however that players arrive mid-day to purchase their own snacks and drinks to be present at the draw for partners! The draw will take place at approx. 12.15pm. Tee off in 4 Balls from 1.00pm. This is a pairs Better Ball Stableford - but please record all players Stableford points to determine the winners of the Individual Competition.

Hopefully we will eat at about 7.00pm. As this is our 4th Reigate meeting it is assumed that the majority of Wayfairers will know how to get there. **Phone number 01737 242610.**

## MEETING 2

## TILGATE FOREST

**TUESDAY 25TH JULY**

This is to be held at Tilgate Golf Centre, Crawley and will feature a 3 way Team Challenge - Secretary's v Treasurer's v President's Teams. The winning Team will all receive one brand new Wayfairers Ball each! - plus there will be the usual Individual Stableford Competition Prizes and all the other nonsense! There will be a new Wayfairer Trophy to present - a Team Trophy which is being donated by our President **Bernard McDonnell**.

Meet at Tilgate (**Phone Number 01293 525885**) from 10.00am. Coffee provided. First group out at 10.48am. Check with either John for your tee time if you don't want to wait too long. Please note the Golf Centre is always extremely busy.

We have to send a deposit for every player by the end of the second week in June. We are likely to be limited in our final numbers to those who have paid by this time. We are also unlikely to get any increase in the tee reservation time. If you want to play **PLEASE PAY PROMPTLY!** Guests are welcome if we need to make up numbers.

Your payment covers coffee on arrival, 18 holes of golf and a simple 2 course meal - Ham, egg and chips and a sweet - as well as all the prizes. We have managed to negotiate all this for a total of just £19.50 a head - less than £20 at the height of the season. A real Bargain!

For those who have not played Tilgate a Map is available from Barry Richards - please phone 01342 836430.

### THE WAYFAIRERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Way out in the lead with scores of 44, 35, 28, is Mike Morgan-Rowe with a total of 107. However his miserable 4 points over 9 holes at Dorking saw him a worthy winner of the Hedge-hog Trophy. How the mighty have fallen (having been subjected to nobbling by our Handicap Committee!). In second place is Harold Peskett with 103, followed by David Gillen and John Bateson on 102. Although not eligible to win the trophy Clive Cooper on 103 is also feeling the effects of a revised handicap.

### HANDICAPS

As only a 9 hole Individual Stableford was played at Dorking, there will be no change to handicaps with the exception of Barbara Horsfall and Chris Wilkes both of whom played below handicap and are now cut by 1 shot.

## Fancy a Wayfairers Golfing Break?

In our last 'Wayfairer' the possibility of a late Autumn Trip to **WENSUM VALLEY GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB** (Norwich) was mentioned.

The proposal is to travel to Norwich on Wednesday 1st November, stay two nights and return on Friday 3rd November. With a reasonably early departure there should be plenty of time for 18 holes on Day 1. The complex has a 9 hole as well as an 18 hole layout, so the really keen golfers could play 27 or even 36 holes on day 2.

Cost for 2 nights and unlimited golf on Days 1 and 2 is at the special winter rate of £98 per head. This covers golf, bed, breakfast and full evening meal based on 2 sharing a room. Facilities of the Hotel include swimming pool (indoors), Spa bath, sauna, snooker, pool, etc. the cost does not cover golf on the return day but this can be obtained for just £10 per head. Alternatively we could arrange for those who want to do so to play another course on the way home.

If interested please indicate on the return slip. This will in no way tie you to any decision but will give the organisers an indication of the likely support.

### BON VOYAGE!

To our seven Wayfairers plus 'better halves' setting out for France for a three night golfing break based at Etretat at the end of May. We wish you 'beaucoup des oiseaux'

## Some More Pictures from Dorking



*Frank and Chris at the 18th - two of the many weary Wayfairers!*



*John, Mike and Mike - Second in the Texas Trophy.*



*John finding the plonker cap hard to swallow!*



*Stuart sporting the Birdie Cap.*



*Jeff and Barry - undisputed winners of the PAIRS Texas*

# 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

TO BE PLAYED BY 10  
JULY. HANDICAPS AS AT  
10 MAY - ADJUSTMENTS  
WILL BE NOTIFIED AS  
THE COMPETITION  
PROCEEDS.

## ROUND 3

TO BE PLAYED BY THE  
11 SEPTEMBER

## 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) Peter Waygood
- 5) Alistair Bateson

