

WAYFAIRERS CASUAL DAY AT VILLA FARM Friday 15th August



WHAT A THRILLER AT VILLA! - WITH EVERY POINT PROVING VITAL AS GUEST MIKE VARDON EMERGED AND THEN STOLE THE TITLE!











After an absence of 2 years our traditional August casual meeting returned to Villa and attracted an excellent turn out of 31 players - 26 members and 5 very welcome guests.

The day started quite chilly with a strong threat of some wet stuff overhead but slowly the clouds cleared, the sun appeared and the golf balls started disappearing down the holes.

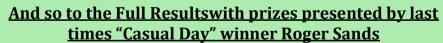
The average score for the day was a very respectable 26pts but 7 clear points above this was guest Mike Vardon who came in with a winning score of 34. This was a very narrow victory however, as hot on his heels were John Bateson & David Rose, both of whom recorded 33. As both Mike & David were in the same playing group, their combined efforts together with some useful contributions from Roger Sands & Chris Wilkes gave them a staggering and overwhelming victory in the Team Competition by some 9 points. So it's well done Mike! Shades of great uncle Harry! However a warning! You take home the Ron Bailey Casual tankard this time but next time out on a day of this nature you will be cut!

Following the golf for the early starters there was a welcome opportunity for thirsts to be slaked in the sunshine out on the Villa patio but it was soon time to make the short journey to Holtye for the rest of the day's proceedings. Here Sandra and her staff produced a truly excellent meal and then the eagarly anticipated prize giving began.

As our February Foxbridge day had had to be cancelled due to the appalling weather at the time, all the prizes scheduled to be distributed on that day had been held over and were given out at Holtye. As the Foxbridge theme was supposed to be "Christmas Comes Late" with everyone taking home something, the new title of "Christmas Come Early!" was introduced. And so all those present went home clutching a bauble or two, with big smiles on many faces and others not quite so excited!

And so a most enjoyable day came to an end. Our next casual day is not until February 2015 when hopefully the weather allows us to return to Foxbridge. See you there but before this we have Hassocks, our AGM Day and the Christmas gathering to look forward to as the year gradually comes to an end.





Ron Bailey Casual Tankard Winner Mike Vardon (g) 34pts 2nd John Bateson 33pts c/b 3rd David Rose 33pts



Team Competition

1st Chris Wilkes, Mike Vardon (g), Roger Sands & David Rose 2nd Derek Allen, Kam Wong, Peter Morris & Robert Crompton



Nearest the Pin Chris Wilkes
Open Longest Drive Peter Smith
19 & Over Longest Drive Derek Allen



Other prizes were handed out to everyone right down to last place where Bill Eslor won a boomerang in the hope that he could make a future "come back"!

