



## WAYFAIRERS CASUAL DAY AT HORNE PARK

### Friday 4th June 2021



### ***A VERY WET DAY WHEN WE PLAYED AT HORNE PARK BUT YOUNG JESSE WILKES PROVED TO BE A LIVE SPARK!***

Months had flown by as all the Wayfairers' joints and swings slowly aged but at last after a very long absence a re-union could be held. This was not a particularly sizeable one but nevertheless 17 keen members, plus one young junior guest, assembled at Horne Park which was looking exceptionally green and lovely and would have been most inviting except for a non-stop precipitation of rain! And this followed several days of settled record breaking warm temperatures! Following discussion shorts were quickly abandoned for waterproofs!

Naturally the blame was put on absentee ex-treasurer Tony Warrilow. As we all know the sun shines permanently on every part of Tony's anatomy but as he wasn't with us the rain was!

Although 18 players went determinedly off the 1st tee, only 13 completed the round as 5 members made the very wise decision to go in early to the 19th. Among the 18 contestants was the youngest player that we have ever had join us and so it was a big welcome to 11 year old Jesse Wilkes - a real chip off the old block of dad Chris.

Generally scoring was reasonably good and the course would have been in excellent condition until the persistent rain eventually caused puddles to lie and to gather, with a consequence of putts having to be walloped and not stroked. This was a great pity because initially the course was looking the best we have ever seen it in our several years of regular attendance.

Chris gave Jesse's handicap as 36 but in retrospect somewhere in the high 20's would have better reflected just how well he plays as he stormed home with 43 pts ! - some 8 pts above second placed Peer. Doubtless Jesse must have found it easier than the East Sussex National where he regularly plays with Dad. Well done Jesse. Normally on "casual days" results do not affect handicaps but this will be the exception for next time! Peter Morris finished close behind Peer and Chris kept the prizes in the family by coming home 4th.

"Del Boy" won a nice bottle of bubbly for finishing nearest the pin in 2 on the 18th just edging David Smith out of the prizes.

Despite the rain it was good to see old faces again - (sorry for old read familiar!) and hear the same old stories!

Next meeting is Horsham on Monday 12th July (details following very shortly)

Then it's Ifield on Monday 6th September

And Bletchingley on Monday 18th October

Our Christmas meeting has yet to be arranged but hopefully this will be sorted soon.

#### **And so to the Winning Results**

1st Place Jesse Wilkes 43pts  
2nd Place Peer Blakeley 35pts  
3rd Place Peter Morris 34pts  
4th Place Chris Wilkes 31pts

Nearest the Pin in 2 on the 18th - "Del Boy" Allen