



THE WAYFAIRER



The Wayfairers Golf Society

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WEATHER FORECAST

RAIN STORM AT CHERRY LODGE AT 4.30PM

Once again the Wayfairers defied the weather gods – but not quite. The previous day heavy rain and howling winds threatened our visit to Cherry Lodge. With the absence of both John McDonnell and Carl Rosner our Vatican influence was seriously depleted and we feared the worst. However, in the morning the sun shone brightly and all was well with the world.

Tucked away in the countryside one was greeted by their impressive electric gates guarding the long approach drive leading to a splendid club house with delightful veranda overlooking the 18th green. Our welcome and the helpfulness of all the staff was equally appreciated as was the coffee and bacon roll. And so our small but intrepid band set off promptly at 11.00am in bright sunshine. With no rain forecast until much later in the day it was expected that all would be home and dry, supping their second Guinness, before the storm arrived. However, the course proved to be more difficult than its yardage indicated and our guys were still some way from home when the storm hit them. Indeed, by the time they arrived at the 18th green the sun was again in the heavens!

The delicious homemade Chicken Pie, followed by Cherry Tart and complimentary coffee was more than welcome.

With such a reduced field the competitions and prizes were also reduced.

CHERRY LODGE RESULTS

Winner - John Benstead 27 pts & winner of the Wayfairers Shield

2nd - Spencer Atwell 24 pts

**The BLNT (Better Luck Next Time) A bottle of plonk and a
cuddle from our friendly Hedgehog - Rob Crompton**

Longest Drive - John Benstead

Nearest the Pin - Rob Crompton

AND SO TO OUR NEXT MEETING
AT OUR OLD FAVOURITE VILLA GOLF FRIDAY - 27TH OCTOBER 2023

Villa Golf Course, Blackham,
Tunbridge Wells,
Kent TN3 9UN
Office 01892 740344

If you wish to play please reply to the Secretary by 15th October at latest with payment to our Treasurer, Derek Reeves via BACS..

Those not wishing or unable to play should also advise the Treasurer by the same date above. Please include any guest you wish to bring either as a one off visitor or a prospective member.

Please also let us know if you want a buggy. To be paid direct to the Club on the day.

Payment by BACS transfer is the preferred method.

Account Name: Wayfairers Golf Society
Lloyds Bank Sort Code: 30-99-50 (Business account)
Account number: 5381 7060

Please advise Derek Reeves when payment is made (derek@wayfairers.co.uk)

Please ensure you have some loose change for the gratuity collection, minimum £2.00. This assumes we are satisfied with the service!

We hope for an increased number of players for Villa so please invite anyone you wish to play either as a one off guest or as a future member. The cost is the same for all and remember that this year there is no joining fee. There is no need to wait for acceptance and space will be found for all.

If any non playing members would like to attend the meal at the Kentish Horse at 3.00pm please let us know. The cost per head will be £20.00.

Following last year's enjoyable visit to the Kentish Horse, we are returning for our meal and prize presentation. This is but a short drive on the back road to Mark Beach, Post code TN8 5NT.

The cost, to include Coffee and Bacon Roll, 18 holes of golf, all prizes including raffle and a 2 course meal, is £49.00.

PICTURES FROM CHERRY LODGE

Prizes presented by John Benstead
Photographs Courtesy of Derek R



***Winner of the Day -
John Benstead***



***2nd on the Day
Spencer Atwell***



**Better Luck Next Time
Consolation prize
- Robert Crompton**



***Winners of the Longest Drive
And Nearest the Pin
- John Benstead and Robert Crompton***

Future Programme for the Wayfairers in 2023

**Holtye on 15th December—9 hole Texas Scramble
followed by Christmas Dinner**

HANDICAP CHANGES

Any player scoring more than 5 above the average score for the day is liable to be cut. Any player scoring more than 3 below the average is likely to receive shots back.

Average at Cherry Lodge was 20. Maximum handicap allowance is 36. Discretion is exercised taking into account how much 'fat' there is on the handicap to start with!

With the average score being 20 John Benstead losses 2 shots - his new handicap is 25.

Robert Crompton gains 1 shot - new handicap is 27.

HANDICAP INFORMATION PLEASE NOTE

On the review handicap list featured opposite, we show scores of all Players at our last meeting in **red** numbers. Handicap changes are highlighted & shown in **blue numbers**.

Justification for handicap changes can clearly be seen based on an average score of **20**

	CHERRY LODGE		VILLA GOLF
MEMBERS	H/C	Score	H/C
ALLEN	25	17	24
ATWELL	35	24	35
BACON	26		26
BATESON	36		36
BEAUMONT	13		11
BENSTEAD	26	27	25
BLAKELEY	15		15
BOGHURST	12	19	12
CROUCH L	36		36
CROUCH M	30		30
CROMPTON	26	14	27
FROST	21		21
HOGG	21		21
KING T	21		21
LAVENDER	21		24
MORRIS	18		18
POOLE	18		18
REEVES	18	18	36
ROSNER, C	23		23
SHELLEY	18		18
SHIEL	29		29
SMITH D	23	20	23
STACEY K	27		27
WATERMAN	24		24
WHITEHEAD	20		20
WILKES	15		15
WONG	11		11
AVERAGE	22	20	23

