



THE WAYFAIRER



The Wayfairers Golf Society

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JOHN BENSTEAD MISSING ON PARADE!

In 28 years we had not had anyone win the main prize, the Wayfairer's Trophy, twice in the same season, a credit to our handicap system. However, now with drastically reduced numbers competing, John Benstead created history by winning at Ifield and Cherry Lodge. John is clearly on an upward curve as previously John's wife Kate, had threatened to refuse our beloved hedgehog further board and lodgings!

However, much concern was created when John failed to turn up at Villa to defend his title. What misfortune had befallen him? Was he ill or had he decided to give others a chance? No! He just forgot! Yes it comes to us all.

But not to our worthy Treasurer. I have it on good authority that Derek Reeves has been on a serious keep fit campaign and can be regularly seen at a local gym. Well it paid off. Now for the first time using a driver off the tee Derek stroked the ball long and straight to record a score of 35 points which could so easily have been more. Congratulations Derek.

The weather forecast for our visit to Villa was foul and the sprinkling of rain when we teed off did not bode well. However, in true Wayfairer's fashion, the rain disappeared, the sun shone and we were left sweltering in our waterproofs. The competition was completed in good time to enable us to drive the short distance to the Kentish Horse, well in time to quench our thirst before sitting down to a meal of delicious ham and chips followed by crumble with custard and cream. We were pleased to be joined by Rob Crompton and Trevor Bacon for the meal and would encourage any others who in the future are unable to play, to consider joining us just for the meal.

VILLA GOLF RESULTS

Winner - Derek Reeves 35pts & winner of the Wayfairers Shield

Second - Chris Wilkes 33pts

BLNT (Better Luck Next Time) award and a huddle from our friendly Hedgehog was not awarded as all played well and 4 shared the score of 24 and our average was a high 28.

Nearest the Pin - not awarded as no one was on the green although Terry King, who was nearest but not on the green, was disappointed when he had his appeal, quite rightly, dismissed!

Longest Drive - Terry King—and it was on the fairway!

Team Result - Derek Reeves, Chris Wilkes, Spencer Atwell & John Bateson - 83 pts

**AND SO TO OUR NEXT GET TOGETHER
SCHEDULED FOR HOLTYE GOLF CLUB
FRIDAY - 15TH DECEMBER 2023**

Holtye Golf Club
Cowden, Edenbridge
Kent TN8 7ED
Office 01342 850635

This is our Christmas Party event for which we are hoping to get sufficient support. The golf is a 9 hole Texas Team Scramble for which we need a minimum of 8 players. However, it is unlikely at this time of year that buggies will be available. If there are insufficient numbers for the golf it may be possible to still hold our Christmas Dinner. Non- players, wives, girlfriends, mistresses well wishers, etc. are all welcome to join in our festive fun.

Please reply to our Secretary (john@johnbateson.co.uk) with copy to our Treasurer (derek@wayfairers.co.uk) by **Friday 27th November** to confirm whether or not you are available for golf and or dinner including any guests who will be most welcome.

The cost is split between Holtye Members and Non Holtye members.

Non Holtye Members: Wayfairers and guests:

Morning coffee, Golf, Raffle and all prizes £42.00

For Holtye Members this is reduced to £29.00

Morning coffee only £2.00

Christmas Meal and Raffle only - £29.00

Payment by BACS transfer.

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.

PICTURES FROM VILLA GOLF

Prizes presented by Robert Crompton
Photographs Courtesy of Derek R



*Winner of the Day -
Derek Reeves*



*2nd on the Day
Chris Wilkes*



*3rd on the Day
Mick Shiel*



*Winner of the Longest Drive
Terry King*



Raffle Winners

Future Programme for the Wayfairers in 2023

Holtye on 15th December—9 hole Texas Scramble
followed by Christmas Dinner—please see booking details earlier.

Message from an old member

We have heard from Ken Cooper who sends his regards to the members of Wayfairers.

Please see the website

<https://wayfairers.co.uk/news-updates>

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 Villa Golf was 23. 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 28 the only one to lose shots is Derek Reeves who loses 3 shots. New handicap 33.

Scores of 24 gain a shot back New handicaps.

Alan Beaumont 12, David Smith 24, and Terry King 22.

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.

Justification for handicap changes can clearly be seen based on an average score of **28**

	VILLA GOLF		
MEMBERS	H/C	Score	H/C
ALLEN	24		24
ATWELL	35	30	35
BACON	26		26
BATESON	36		36
BEAUMONT	11	24	12
BENSTEAD	25		25
BLAKELEY	15		15
BOGHURST	12		12
CROUCH L	36		36
CROUCH M	30		30
CROMPTON	27		27
FROST	21		21
HOGG	21		21
KING T	21	24	22
LAVENDER	24		24
MORRIS	18		18
POOLE	18		18
REEVES	36	35	33
ROSNER, C	23	29	23
SHELLEY	18		18
SHIEL	29	32	29
SMITH D	23	24	24
STACEY K	27	25	27
WATERMAN	24		24
WHITEHEAD	20		20
WILKES	15	33	15
WONG	11		11
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AVERAGE	23	28	

