



THE WAYFAIRER



The Wayfairers Golf Society

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CHRISTMAS CHEER AS WE FINISH THE YEAR IN FINE FETTER

This was a fun day for golf as we played just 9 holes in the Texas Scramble format, epitomised on the first hole by awards for both the longest drive and the shortest drive! The teams had been selected so that the lowest handicap players were in each of the three teams and the total handicap difference between all teams was just 0.2. A forced late withdrawal threw this into disarray and resulted in a team revamp resulting in one team of only three players - but what players! (Carefully chosen to give the others a run for their money!). Cries for compensation to be given were carefully considered and rejected! Led by lowest handicapper and Holtye star member Kam Wong, we were confident that they would compete well. And so they did, losing from first place by a single point. At first we did have some doubts, for who should duff his shot on the first hole but Kam (obviously after the prizes for the shortest drive - see photos).

At this time of year no buggies were available which reduced our playing numbers. So we were particularly pleased to welcome as a guest Bob Newman and we hope to see him playing with us again next year.

We received a seasonal warm welcome from Julian and his team at Holtye. The decorations and table layout looked splendid as 21 members, wives and guests, sat down to pull their crackers and enter into the usual Wayfairer's Christmas mayhem.

Christmas meals can be a bit the same but here the turkey with all the trimmings was excellent. Wine was provided on the table and each lady was presented with a small canister of After Eight mints.

Terry King entertained us with his squeeze box and a couple of songs and a light hearted quiz prompted our usual out of tune renderings. One mental arithmetic test where pen, pencil and phone were not allowed, resulted in just one team coming up with the right answer - although they were spotted using their phone as a calculator !) Not in the spirit of the Wayfairers!

The carefully chosen 'cracker jokes' even exceeded our usual high standard. As a sample as to what you missed.

"Why didn't Joseph and Mary make it to Bethlehem?"

(See answer at end)

HOLTYE RESULTS

Philip sweeps the board

Scramble Winners

by a single stroke with a score of 33 (Level par)

Philip Boghurst, Chris Wilkes, David Smith,
& John Benstead.

Longest Drive: Hole 1 - Philip Boghurst

Longest drive: Hole 6 - Philip Boghurst

Nearest the pin in 3 shots:

Philip Boghurst, Chris Wilkes,
David Smith, John Benstead

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT HORNE PARK

**OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD
BEFORE THE MATCH**

DATE TO BE ADVISED

Details to follow

PICTURES FROM HOLTYE

Prizes presented by Derek Reeves
Photographs Courtesy of Kam



*The Winning Team (photo without Chris Wilkes)
Philip Boghurst, Chris Wilkes, David Smith, John Benstead.*



*Nearest the Pin
on the 9th*



*Longest Drives:
Philip Boghurst*



*Winner of the Longest Drive
Terry King*



Shortest Drive Hole 1 - Kam Wong



*Raffle Winners -
Kate Benstead & David Smith*

Future Programme for the Wayfairers in 2024

First event will be with the AGM at Horne Park - date to be advised



Answer to Cracker Joke:

All Virgin flights were cancelled.

HANDICAP INFORMATION PLEASE NOTE

On the review handicap list featured opposite, we show scores of all Players at our last meeting. Handicap changes are highlighted. Justification for handicap changes can clearly be seen based on an average score of **28**

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

