

THE WAYFAIRER



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PHILIP BACK ON FORM BUT CARL CLAIMS **RICHARD'S PAR 3 CROWN**

As we have come to expect, Wayfairers weather pervaded, the sun shone brightly, and a gentle breeze blew on a course ideal for Society golf. The course was in good condition and the wide fairways were a welcome change even if some of our longer hitters managed to find the trees and some of the greens were deceptively tricky. Should Wayfairers continue into 2025 this location is well worth considering for a return visit particularly if we can get it at the absolute bargain rate we obtained this year.

Richard Whitehead's par 3 crown was well and truly usurped by Carl who was nearest the hole on both of our par 3 challenge holes. The longest drive on the 17 th hole was interesting. Philip hit a good shot that was ruled out as being just off the fairway followed by a great shot, long and true from Chris Wilkes. Surely a winner? Only for a young 14-year-old to show us what a long drive really looked like. Congratulations to Jesse, Chris's son!

The food and catering were good, and we were in a part of Coulsdon Manor's Churchill Room - an ideal location to hold a ball (Dance type not golf!) Our usual spirit of fun was evident, and all seemed to enjoy the day particularly Jesse and my grandson Christopher.

All the scores were exceptionally close with an average score of 25 with 27 points securing second place. The only handicap adjustment therefore is the loss of one shot by the winner.

COULSDON MANOR RESULTS

Winner – Philip Boghurst 33pts
2nd - Chris Wilkes 27 pts
Nearest the Pin (Hole 3) - Carl Rosner
Nearest the pin (Hole 11) - Carl Rosner
Longest Drive - Jesse Wilkes

Better Luck Next Time award was closely contested and awarded on count back to Derek Allen (It is reported that our hedgehog was last seen snuggled up in Derek's bed)

Mystery Pairs Jesse Wilkes and Philip Boghurst

AND SO TO OUR NEXT MEETING AT VILLA GOLF CLUB

(Blackham TN3 9UK Tel: 01892 740344)

On MONDAY 7 th OCTOBER 2024

Coffee will be available from 8.45am with a first tee time of 9.30am

Those playing 18 holes will be playing for the Wayfairers Shield. Should there be sufficient wishing to play the back 9 only, then separate competition arrangements will be made.

There will be our usual nearest the pin and longest drive challenges on the back 9 and also reintroducing on Hole 18 Harold's 18th Hole Award for the nearest the pin in 3 shots..

The cost of golf at Villa has increased. Although their website quotes £22.00 for 18 holes they are now asking £24.00 and the reduced senior's rate is no longer available. However, they offer savings on the buggies which are very reasonable. £18.00 for 9 holes and £22.00 for 18. Let us know if you require a buggy. To be paid for on the day.

Following last year's enjoyable visit to the Kentish Horse, a fine country free-house pub boasting fine beers and local cider, we are again returning there for our meal and prize presentation. With a good SatNav. it is just 10 minutes' drive along a delightful, if narrow, country lane!

Price - Coffee, 18 holes of golf and 2 course meal at The Kentish Horse - £47.00

9 holes available at - £43.00)

Meal only - £20.00

Please save some money for David's great 'swindle' as he strives to lighten your purse in the strong anticipation of winning a grand raffle prize and **please** ensure you have some change for the **staff gratuity**. Suggested amount £2.00.

If you wish to play, please reply to the <u>Secretary</u> by **20th SEPTEMBER at the latest** with payment to our <u>Treasurer</u> Derek Reeves via BACS and advise paid.

Account Name: Wayfairers Golf Society

Lloyds Bank Sort Code: 30-99-50

Account Number: 5381 7060

Please also advise early if unable to play

As always guests would be welcome (with a hope that they might like to join) and anyone who would simply like to join us for the meal at about 3.00pm (£ 20)

FUTURE PROGRAMME – under review

Photos from Coulsdon Manor

Prizes presented by Chris Wilkes & John Bateson

Photos Courtesy of Derek Reeves



Winner – Philip Boghurst



Nearest the Pin (holes 3 &11) Carl Rosner



2nd



Longest Drive Jesse Wilkes



Derek Allen Better Luck Next Time



Jesse Wilkes & Philip Boghurst Mystery Pairs