

WILSTHORPE AMATEUR **GOLF SOCIETY**

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Dear WAGS Members,

NEXT MATCH : Sunday 5th May 2013			
Venue :	Rufford Park Golf Club, Rufford, NG22 9DG		
Competition :	Captain's Day		
Arrival Time :	11:15am	Cost :	£30.00
Members / Guests Playing: -			
Ash Hutchinson	Bron Dyjas	Charlie Shilton	Chris Norris
Daniel Keen	Daniel O'Hanlon	Danny Fletcher	Dave Clarke
Dave Johnstone	Ges Meehan	Glen Hundleby	Ian Patrick
John Frearson	Mick Fullwood	Paul Bacon	Paul Ormond
Russ McLaughlin	Shane Dellow	Steve Roulstone	Darren Fretwell
Andrew Shilton (G)			

I will be confirming the numbers with Rufford Park on Saturday 27th April, so if you are not down to play and wish to do so, please let me know by then!!

Our Captain for the 2013 season, Mr Ian Patrick wanted to play a course that was new to the WAGS for his Captain's Day and choose Rufford Park. It is a total of 6,022 yards from the men's yellow pots, with a par of 70. The first hole is a par 4, 361 yards, a steady hole to get you nice and limbered up!! Holes on the course range from the 7th hole par 3, 147 yards, stroke index 16, to the long par 5 13th hole, 589 yards, stroke index 1. But I think it might be the par 3 17th hole at 169 yards, stroke index 9 that will have every WAGS member talking back in the clubhouse. The tee is elevated (very elevated!!) giving you a near birds-eye view of the 17th green. From this vantage point it is quite easy to see the water surrounding nearly all of the front half of the green. Oh yes, just about 180 degrees of the green is surrounded by water!!! Gentlemen, have fun on this hole ☺

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April Singles Cup – Allestree G.C. : Sunday 21st April 2013

As we all met for the first championship match of the new WAGS 2013 season at Allestree, who felt that this would be their season? Could the reigning champion Dave Johnstone retain the title, or would there be a surprise? Although judging by all the trolleys by the putting green, as the members finessed the putting action for their round of golf, it looked more like a Formula 1 grid. It seems the majority of WAGS members have succumb to the power of batteries!!



So before any action took place at Allestree our captain Ian Patrick gave us our orders for the day, along with all the usual bumf of the 'Nearest The Pins' and 'Longest Drive'. Ian certainly seemed to conduct himself in a manner befitting that of a WAGS Captain, although it was nice to see our chairman Mick O'Hanlon was on hand to give him a nudge in the right direction, should he need it!

With 21 members attending the first championship match of the season, there would be 3 three balls going out first, followed by 4 four balls. Although last seasons match at Allestree was played for the July Doubles Cup, some of the individual scores on

that day were, Ash Hutchinson 40 pts, Daniel Keen 35 pts and Graham Hofmann 34 pts. So how would we all fair in this seasons match at Allestree?



Now most of you will know how much our chairman Mick loves his gadgets, well how about this one! It case it is not quite obvious at first glance, the circular knob on the back of his shoes, is in fact a winder. Once you have pulled these shoes on, you turn the round knob and the laces pull themselves tight, as if by magic. Whatever else will they come up with in the weird and wacky world of golf!!

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So to the all import game of golf, how did we all do? Well during the round at Allestree the 21 WAGS members playing managed to card 66 gross pars. A much improved total from the match at Allestree last season where 41 gross pars were carded. Of note were Graham Hofmann who carded 5 gross pars, with both Mick O'Hanlon and Danny Fletcher going one better and carding 6 gross pars. But with an impressive 8 gross pars carded was Charlie Shilton. Gentlemen well played to you all.

Along with the 66 gross pars, some of the members were even cheeky enough to card a gross birdie, these were: -

Shane Dellow	Hole 6	Par 4	309 yards
Pete Hallam	Hole 6	Par 4	309 yards
Daniel O'Hanlon	Hole 17	Par 3	155 yards
Danny Fletcher	Hole 17	Par 3	155 yards
Glen Hundleby	Hole 18	Par 4	259 yards
Ian Patrick	Hole 18	Par 4	259 yards



It seems it is never to late for that last minute adjustment of your equipment!!

Gentlemen very well played to you all.



Always good to see your swings in action!!

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The results: -

WINNER ~	Ges Meehan	- 32 pts
2 nd ~	Charlie Shilton	- 31 pts
3 rd ~	Ian Patrick	- 31 pts
Nearest the Pin ~	Charlie Shilton	- Hole No.5
	Mick Fullwood	- Hole No.7
	Graham Hofmann	- Hole No.11
	Graham Hofmann	- Hole No.14
	Danny Fletcher	- Hole No.17
Longest Drive ~	Charlie Shilton	- Hole No.10
Nearest the Pin in 3 ~	Glen Hundleby	- Hole No.18

Alphabetical Individual scores: -

Ash Hutchinson	25 pts	Dave Clarke	17 pts	Mick O'Hanlon	30 pts
Bron Dyjas	26 pts	Dave Johnstone	26 pts	Paul Ormond	17 pts
Chris Norris	12 pts	Glen Hundleby	30 pts	Pete Hallam	24 pts
Daniel Keen	25 pts	Graham Hofmann	29 pts	Russ McLaughlin	19 pts
Daniel O'Hanlon	28 pts	John Frearson	26 pts	Shane Dellow	29 pts
Danny Fletcher	29 pts	Mick Fullwood	23 pts	Steve Roulstone	24 pts

Congratulations to all the winners of the prizes on the day.



Upon popping his head above ground to take, what now has become a much-loved worms-eye view of the world, it seems "Worm-Cam" has captured a rare moment in time. During the round of golf at Allestree on the 16th green, a member of the WAGS can be seen gently and serenely walking across the green towards the flag. Taking a leisurely stroll on a Sunday afternoon, without a care in the world. And who is the WAGS member? Well it is Shane, of course, a gentlemen well known for his patience and peaceful nature on a golf course!!

Next I would like to introduce a new feature of this season's newsletter..... "Captain's Log", a few words on the day from our new Captain, Ian Patrick.

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Captains Log : golf date - 21.03.13.09.30

"I hope that you all enjoyed playing Allestree Park on Sunday as much as I did? Having arrived on time I was approached by an alien being from the North and ended up arriving late in the Clubhouse. My apologies to all concerned.

Having re-established the Status Quo..... no pun intended Steve (I know that you love Black Sabbath), the WAGS members set off on their eternal Inter-galactic quest to win the WAGS Championship 2013. Having been drawn to play with Steve and Shane, we too set out to conquer the space-time infinitude that is

Allestree Park. Walking up the 1st hole I mentioned to Steve that it might make a change for the Captain, as appropriate, to forward one or two observations of the day's events back to the Club Secretary.... which he appeared to like!? For some strange reason he appeared to like the general idea but insisted I drop the 'Star Date' for 'Golf Date'..... (Get it?)

I only had to wait for the 2nd hole to make my first observation of the day, noteworthy because it involved our erstwhile Secretary (Steve Roulstone) if you haven't forgotten already!! Steve approached the 2nd Tee, took out his 9 Wood and spanked a perfectly placed shot up the middle of the fairway to leave him a gentle 150 yard approach shot to the green. The drive was followed by some kind of pitching wood, which then veered off to the left and landed in the left hand side of the bunker about 20 yards from the pin. Steve then nestled himself in the bunker to splash out and leave himself an opportunity for par - the splash shot failed. Instead a flash shot ensued with Steve's ball skimming the top of the green and jettisoning it 150 Yards down hill on the 3rd Tee. After a few mutterings Steve wandered off to play his 4th Shot. An uphill lie, surrounded by flies. The 4th shot Steve played was hit crisply with the deftness of an Elephant and ended up in the trees some 30 yards up the hill, landing on a downhill lie. Steve ascended the hill on the 3rd and suggested that he could still score points and continued his quest for perfection.....

To Shane's and my surprise, Steve closed his eyes, swung his pitching drive and thwacked with hope. The ball lifted into the air, caressed the sunlight and landed 4 inches from the hole. Steve calmly walked out of the trees, took out his putter and sunk the putt for a 6. You see, he said that's how to score 1 point on a hole and get fit. Superb effort Steve!

Finally, Shane's approach shot to the Par 4, 6th hole is worthy of a mention. Have hit a drive of some 250 yards to the right hand uphill side of the Fairway. Shane then hit his approach shot to within 6 Inches, which he then putted for a gross birdie... Fantastic Shane!

I look forward to seeing you all at Captains Day at Rufford Park on the 5th May. Apparently the Captain has agreed to buy everyone a Meal after the Golf..."

Cheers
Ian

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Here we see old Graham eventually getting to his feet to collect **both** his 'Nearest the Pin' prizes. It always seems that the end of the day is celebrated with a glass of beer! And I can't see anything wrong with that ☺

Gentlemen I will see you all at Rufford Park for the Captain's Day. I'm sure Ian will try and have a few tricks up his sleeve for the match at Rufford. Also, for those of you with a keen eye and good memory, you will have read in the 'Captain's Log' that Ian is treating us all to a meal after the golf at Rufford Park, bless him ☺

So please make sure you are on time and I look forward to a great days golf.

Regards

Steve

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