

# **WILSTHORPE AMATEUR** **GOLF SOCIETY**

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Dear WAGS Members,

<b>NEXT MATCH : Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2016</b>			
<b>Venue :</b>	<b>Beauchief Golf Club, S8 0DB</b>		
<b>Competition :</b>	<b>September Singles Cup</b>		
<b>Arrival Time :</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Cost :</b>	<b>£25.00</b>
Members / Guests Playing: -			
Andrew Shilton	Ash Hutchinson (B)	Daniel Keen	Daniel O'Hanlon
Dave Johnstone	Ges Meehan	Glen Hundleby (B)	Graham Hofmann
Ian Patrick (B)	Jason Dellow	Mick Fullwood	Mick O'Hanlon (B)
Paul Sawdon	Russ McLaughlin	Shane Dellow	Steve Roulstone (B)
Stuart Prescott (B)	Paul Ormond (B)		

Those members with (B) after their names have a buggy booked.

There is only 1 place still available in a buggy, so please let me know if you wish to book the final buggy place. Well it beats walking along at a snail's pace!

Our next match is a WAGS favourite, Beauchief Golf Club. Not the easiest of courses, but certainly a course with plenty of interest and the need to think your way around to making a successful afternoons golf. And of course, some of the holes are quite stunning looking from the tee box. Beauchief has a par of only 67, 33 par on the front nine, 34 par on the back nine.

The course has a total yardage of 5,353 yards, 2,666 yards on the front nine, with the back nine holes being slightly longer at 2,687 yards. The 14<sup>th</sup> hole is the shortest hole on the course at Beauchief, being just 152 yards long and has a Stroke Index of 16. The longest hole on the course is the par 5 16<sup>th</sup> hole, which is 503 yards long. Stroke Index 1 is the 424 yards 7<sup>th</sup> hole, with a sneaky stream running just a few yards before the green, the whole way across the fairway.

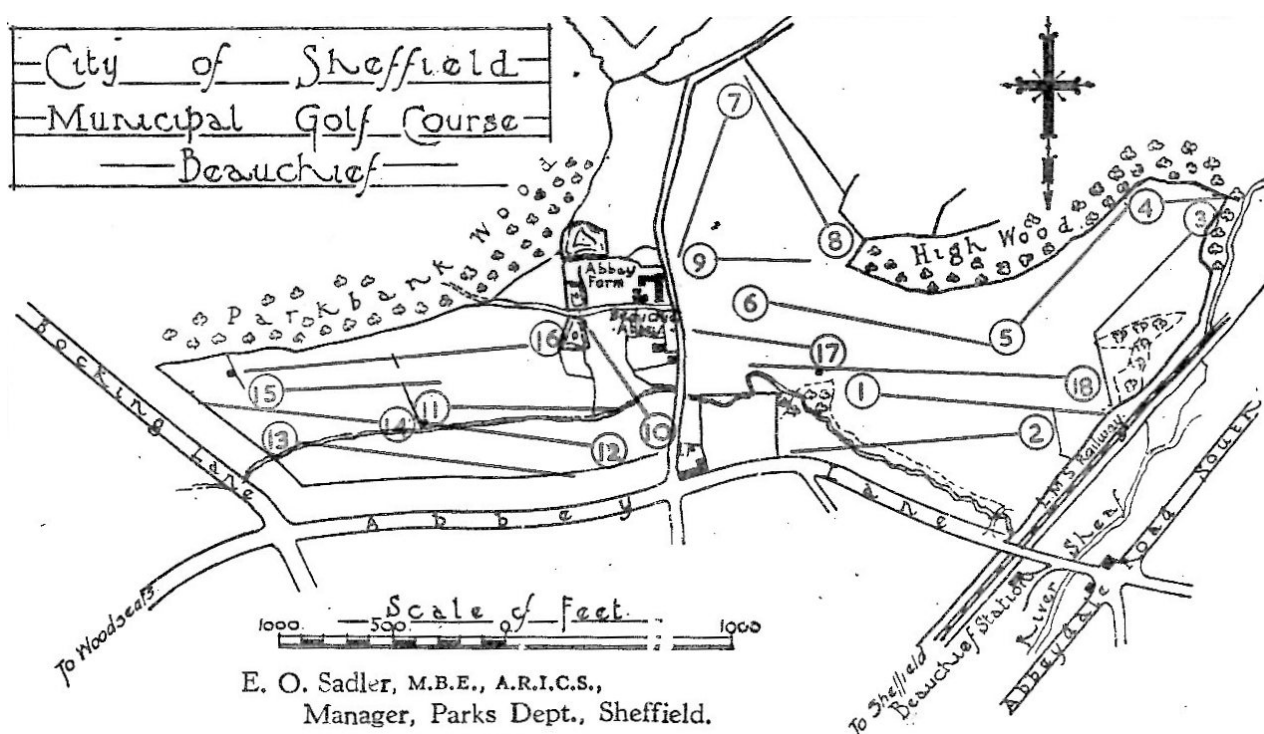
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Below is the 1951 Course Plan from Beauchief and as you can see over the 65 years to date, the order of play of the holes, has changed quite a bit.



## August Singles Cup – Manor G.C. : Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2016

The first championship match since the Away Weekend and due to the “holiday” season, only 17 WAGS members attended The Manor Golf Club. So that must surely mean that with the reduced numbers, there was a far better statistical chance of winning the August Singles Cup ☺. The only down side to the day, was the weather! Although the forecast seemed to be good, the clouds that were gathering overhead were definitely not a good sign. For saying we were still in the month of August, there were far too many WAGS members making sure they had either got their wets, or were even putting them on before we teed off!



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The Manor golf club had asked me if we would not mind sending the buggies out first, as some of their golf clubs older members were going out later in the afternoon, so sending the buggies out first would ensure they were back in time. I didn't see a problem with this, so that was all sorted. I mean, it isn't as though the WAGS members going out in buggies would be playing at a snail's pace, is it?

With the weather not looking as good as it could have been for August, the 17 WAGS members all teed off and the stapleford points starting adding up. Would low 30's be a good enough score to win, or would the members have to up their game and get in to the mid 30 stapleford points to ensure victory? Well, I guess in around 4 ½ hours all would be revealed!!

I had the pleasure of playing the course at the Manor with Stuart Prescott, Ash Hutchinson and Ian Patrick. Our four ball, in 2 buggies, had teed off first, so it was up to us to set the pace, remember.... no snail's pace!

Everything was going well until the 4<sup>th</sup> hole, where Ian had a slight mishap and loss his ball in the water hazard. That certainly hadn't been the plan of attack, as carefully drawn up on the "White Board" ☺.

It turned out that the 4<sup>th</sup> hole had quite mixed fortunes for our four ball, with both Ian and myself carding 'a no return', however Ash and Stuart both carded a bogey 5 for 2 points each. But not to worry, it was a case of just dusting yourself off and move on to the next hole, the par 3, 153 yards, stroke index 17 5<sup>th</sup> hole. That seemed quite simple.....



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The 17 WAGS members carded a grand total of 76 gross pars at The Manor golf club. Those of note were, Paul Sawdon with a creditable 5 gross pars. Dave Johnstone, Daniel O'Hanlon, Mick O'Hanlon and Charlie Shilton all totalled a respectable 6 gross pars. Going one better were Ash Hutchinson and Ian Patrick, who both carded an impressive 7 gross pars each. But the WAGS member 'top of the heap' on the gross pars at The Manor golf club, with an excellent 8 gross pars was Daniel Keen. Gentlemen well played to you all.

Along with the gross pars, 3 WAGS members also carded 4 gross birdies, those were: -

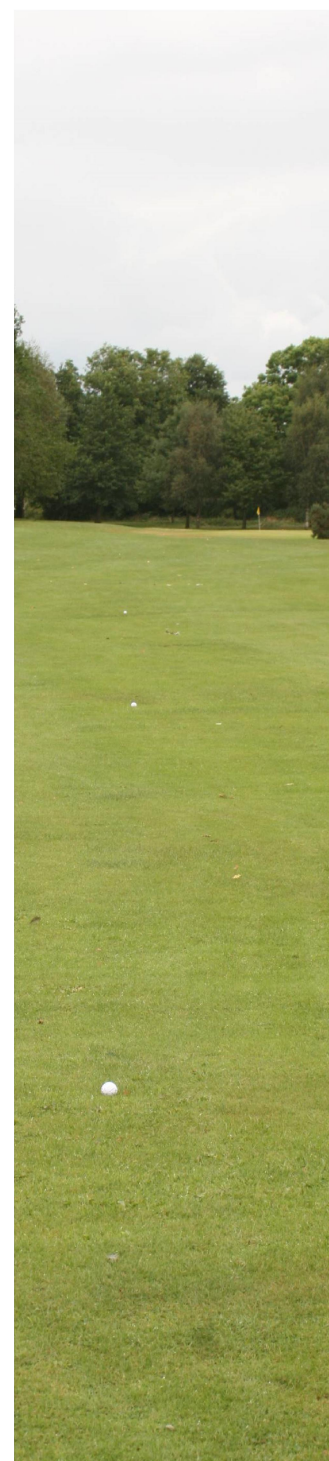
Jason Dellow	Hole No.5	Par 3	153 yards	Stroke Index 17
Mick O'Hanlon	Hole No.6	Par 4	313 yards	Stroke Index 15
Charlie Shilton	Hole No.14	Par 4	290 yards	Stroke Index 14
Charlie Shilton	Hole No.17	Par 5	570 yards	Stroke Index 4

Gentlemen very well played to all three of you, especially Charlie, who was rather greedy and carded 2 gross birdies.

The picture on the right shows the fairway on the 7<sup>th</sup> hole at the Manor, the 409 yard, Par 4, Stroke Index 5. It seems three of our four ball had found the centre of the fairway quite well indeed. All of varying lengths, but we were in the middle of the fairway. It nearly looks like we know what we are doing ☺. We must be playing far quicker than snail's pace with shots like these!

Before I get on to the results from the August Singles Cup at the Manor golf club, it seems there had been some very strange goings on during the round of golf. There were rumours of an activity more commonly associated with dark wooded lanes, or even unlit car parks!!

Although this activity is something that would not usually be reported in our society newsletter, I felt it my duty to expose this, where two of our members, and one was a committee member, had partaken in some 'dogging' .....



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Well here we have it, Ian Patrick and Ash Hutchinson, seemed to have attracted the attention of the mutt that became known as 'George' for most of the afternoon at The Manor golf club. Our four ball had parked both the buggies under the trees to the side of the 9<sup>th</sup> fairway to shelter from the short but very heavy rain shower. When along came this rain soaked scruffy mutt, who proceeded to climb on board with Ian and Ash and that was it! All bar a couple of holes where George had a wander on his own, our four ball had now become a five ball for the rest of the round of golf. 'George' was even found watching his new buddies as they took their shots. There was even a rumour that George was giving Ash hints on how to speed up his play!! But both Ian and Ash kindly refused George's help in cleaning their balls ☺.

## The results: -

WINNER ~

2<sup>nd</sup> ~

3<sup>rd</sup> ~

Nearest the Pin ~

Longest Drive ~

Nearest the Pin in 3 ~

Dave Johnstone

Daniel Keen

Ash Hutchinson

Paul Sawdon

Jason Dellow

Paul Sawdon

Ian Patrick

Charlie Shilton

Pete Hallam

- 37 pts

- 36 pts

- 33 pts

- Hole No.2

- Hole No.5

- Hole No.13

- Hole No.16

- Hole No.11

- Hole No.18

Gentlemen very well played to you all.

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## Alphabetical Individual scores: -

Andrew Shilton	27 pts	Ian Patrick	31 pts	Russ McLaughlin	21 pts
Charlie Shilton	31 pts	Jason Dellow	27 pts	Shane Dellow	23 pts
Daniel O'Hanlon	33 pts	Mick O'Hanlon	32 pts	Steve Roulstone	32 pts
Glen Hundleby	23 pts	Paul Sawdon	29 pts	Stuart Prescott	25 pts
Graham Hofmann	30 pts	Pete Hallam	29 pts		

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

Just before I finish this newsletter, it seems there could be an animal theme developing, we have George obviously, but has anyone else, for 1 extra point, noticed another recurring animal throughout this newsletter? I can hear you all thinking now!! Well maybe the picture below will help....



A SNAIL.... And you wouldn't believe where it was spotted!

Oh yes, that is Ash Hutchinson's jaguar car no less, you just couldn't make it up ☺

Regards

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