

# WILSTHORPE AMATEUR GOLF SOCIETY

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Dear WAGS Members,

The annual WAGS away weekend venue for the 2018 season was to be Forest Pines Hotel and Golf Resort in North Lincolnshire. This was a 27 hole complex that I am sure would test members off all abilities. As has become the norm over the last few years, well over half of those attending the away weekend travelled down a day early to experience the full and complete atmosphere of a much-anticipated WAGS away weekend. With so many travelling north on the Friday to Forest Pines a breakfast meeting was arranged, the destination for the breakfast club was an old favourite, the Stockyard. Here a few pigs would be devoured in the form of sausages, bacon and black pudding. Not to mention the previous days entire egg collection from the local chicken farm. Thrown in for good measure will be a tonne or two of Hash Browns, accompanied by a collective volume equating to an Olympic sized swimming pool worth of baked banes. And how could you forget the whole nights bakery shift of bread in both toast and fried bread format! I think that just about amounts to a fair reflection of the WAGS intake on their way to an away weekend. Well, you just never know when dinner is going to be served that night!

Not to mention all that walking, it can be very energy sapping 😊

So, with so many WAGS members attending and playing at Forest Pines on the extra day, it felt only right that I should include a couple of pictures, just to relay to those members that missed out, how dedicated and professional WAGS members can be in checking out and trying to understand the new challenges ahead over the weekend, can be. Not that we will mention those of us that started drinking at 9:15am on arrival at Forest Pines!!



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It seems as though breakfast went down very well and some members filled their little tummy's!



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Before I move on, there were a couple of strange happenings on the Friday at Forest Pines. Firstly, Robbie Kerr was seen to be a little indecisive when confronted with what can only be described as a bit of a tricky bunker shot. But in all fairness, Robbie got the ball out!

Next, we saw our much-loved Mr Bill Bash having to scale down the side of the valley to simply chip his ball out. What could be simpler than that.



As you can see from the two photographs below, Bill makes a clean contact with the ball and out it flies back on to the fairway, simple! Or was it??



In fact, there is a photograph missing from the sequence....

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Here we see the missing photograph in the sequence of Bill getting in to the valley **before** playing his ball! It seems Bill had a slight slip making his way to the bottom of the ditch quicker than I am sure even he intended!



I think everyone agreed although the scorching hot weather had played havoc with the fairways, the groundstaff had done a great job keeping the greens nice and lush.

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The balcony outside from the bar in the clubhouse seems as though it might be the place to watch the action over the forthcoming weekend.

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With the “practice” round of golf all taken care of, it was off to sample the evening meal. And of course, with it not being an ‘official’ WAGS evening, no jacket and tie ☺☺



There was even a collectable photograph taken, although I have no idea how someone got hold of the camera!!

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And in true WAGS tradition, once the evening meal had finished, it was to the bar before venturing outside to get so much needed fresh cool air. This is where the fortunes of each member would now be discussed, how would each member improve on what they had found out during the practice round on the extra day? Would they be able to plan and plot their way around the 27 holes at Forest Pines? Would this result in achieving the unthinkable? Could they go on and win the Away Weekend Championship? Well, I am sure sitting drinking late in to the night, each and every member believed they could improve, but would they in the cold light of day.....



Do I detect a little 'bromance' in the air? 😊 I am sure you cannot take advantage of a WAGS member like that? Not in his sleep!

But it seems they were happy at the end of the evening.....

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## **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July : Asia Cup (Grey shirts) – 10:16am tee off (Beeches & Forest)**

So, to our first official game of the 2018 Away Weekend, the Asia Cup. As ever this year Bill Bash wanted to put some kind of twist on the game. But thinking he had exhausted the infamous ‘Bingo, Bango, Bongo’, Bill thought it was time for something a little more subdued. Therefore, Bill decided to play a doubles match, with the best score counting as normal, but what about the twist I hear you say? I am sure I did hear someone say that! Well, the twist would be in the form of bonus points for landing on and staying on the fairways with your tee shot. Each doubles partner would be eligible for a bonus point, so if both of the pair kept their tee shot on the fairway, then there would be 2 bonus points added to their doubles score.



All the members seem to be gathering getting ready for the opening match of the weekend. So, who got paired with who in the doubles draw? Well no surprise in saying there were some interesting pairings drawn out. Andrew Shilton (11.8) had been drawn with Jason Dellow (19.2), with Jordan Hughes (14.6) being drawn with myself (28.0). Our Captain Daniel O’Hanlon (13.6) had been drawn with Mr Asia Cup himself, Bill Bash (28.0). Graham Hofmann (13.2) and Dave Johnstone (18.2) had been drawn together in what some said could be the strongest pairing on paper, but who knows! Vice-Captain Danny Fletcher (9.8) had been drawn with Dave Clarke (28.0), with Robbie Kerr (12.5) being drawn with Glen Hundleby (21.9). Our Treasurer Ash Hutchinson (15.1) and been drawn with Paul Bacon (25.2), who many consider a bit of a dark horse. Paul Sawdon (18.4) had the honour of being drawn with our Chairman Mick O’Hanlon (8.2). Russ McLaughlin (17.7) had been drawn with the Ferret, Mick Fullwood (25.4), whilst previous captains Daniel Keen (12.3) and Pete Hallam (21.4) had been drawn together. Committee Member Charlie Shilton (9.4) had been drawn with Paul Ormond (28.0), leaving Shane Dellow (15.7) and Ges Meehan (18.2) being drawn together.

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It wasn't long before the sound of beer bottles opening could be heard on the course at Forest Pines. Oh dear... here we go.... But I guess I should not make a complaint as it was indeed myself opening the beer bottles for myself and Bill. A couple of small beers around the course would be just the tonic, nothing over the top.

For those who attended Forest Pines you will certainly know where the name seems to have come from. There are plenty of pine trees and quite a selection of other trees, but here we see Charlie Shilton and Paul Ormond going on what looks like a little off track. Charlie was certainly trusting in letting Paul whiz in and out of all those trees at speed!

Maybe that is why Charlie is disembarking ☹️

Now it seems we have our Vice-Captain Danny Fletcher roaming around the woods without a buggy! I hope Paul Ormond sees Danny's hand and stops in time. We certainly do not need any WAGS member being taken to hospital after encountering a buggy!!

No, wait, hold everything, it seems Danny was going the wrong way. I would love to know what is going on down in the woods today!!

Is there a sheep loose amongst those tricky trees?



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During the Asia Cup the 24 WAGS members carded a grand total of 93 gross pars. Daniel Keen, Graham Hofmann, Shane Dellow and Andrew Shilton all carded a creditable 5 gross pars, whilst Ash Hutchinson carded one more, with a respectable 6 gross pars. Mick O'Hanlon improved on this by two and carded an excellent 8 gross pars, but this was not quite good enough. "King of the Heap" for the Asia Cup was Charlie Shilton with an outstanding 10 gross pars. Gentlemen played to you all.

Along with the gross pars, we also carded two gross birdies, these were by: -

Jordan Hughes	Hole No.5 (Beeches No.5)	Par 4	447 yards	Stroke Index 10
Daniel O'Hanlon	Hole No.17 (Forest No.8)	Par 3	147 yards	Stroke Index 17

Very well played gentlemen.

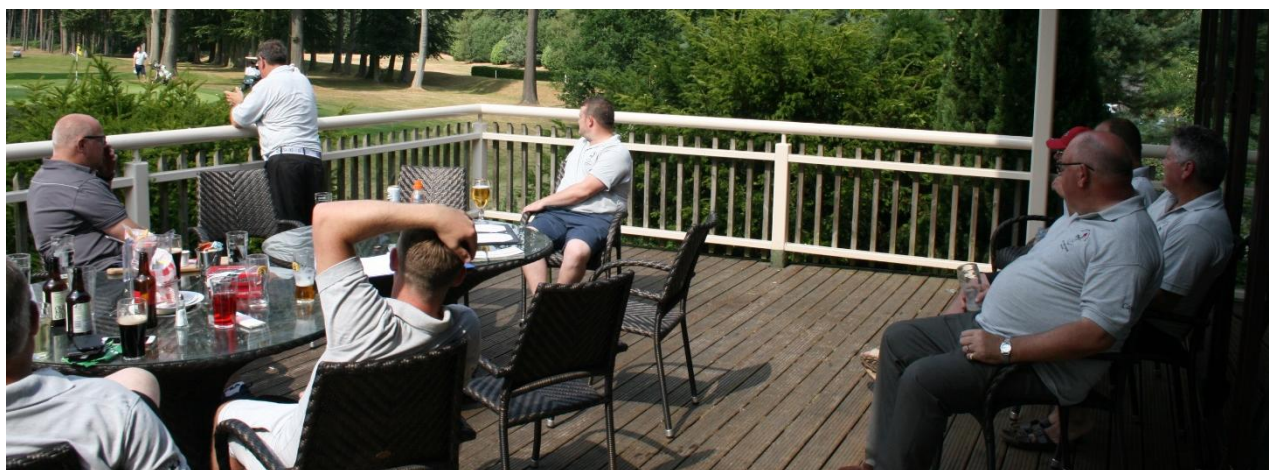


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## Asia Cup results: -

WINNER ~	Ash Hutchinson (35) & Paul Bacon (35)	: 58 pts
2 <sup>nd</sup> ~	Russ McLaughlin (27) & Mick Fullwood (31)	: 54 pts
3 <sup>rd</sup> ~	Jordan Hughes (31) & Steve Roulstone (21)	: 50 pts
Nearest the Pin ~	Charlie Shilton	: Hole No.1
	Jason Dellow	: Hole No.7
	Jordan Hughes	: Hole No.9
	Paul Ormond	: Hole No.15
	Glen Hundleby	: Hole No.17
Longest Drive ~	Daniel Keen	: Hole No.4
Nearest in 3 ~	Charlie Shilton	: Hole No.18

Gentlemen well played.

## Doubles Scores: -

Charlie Shilton (28) & Paul Ormond (28)	: 49 pts
Daniel Keen (26) & Pete Hallam (28)	: 46 pts
Mick O'Hanlon (27) & Paul Sawdon (20)	: 45 pts
Shane Dellow (29) & Ges Meehan (23)	: 43 pts
Andrew Shilton (25) & Jason Dellow (26)	: 42 pts
Graham Hofmann (29) & Dave Johnstone (22)	: 42 pts
Danny Fletcher (22) & Dave Clarke (21)	: 40 pts
Robbie Kerr (22) & Glen Hundleby (27)	: 38 pts
Daniel O'Hanlon (31) & Bill Bash (9)	: 35 pts

The numbers in brackets are the individual stapleford scores for each member.

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After the first competition of the weekend, it was time for a quick s\*it, shower and shave, then back down to the bar for a sociable aperitif, then evening meal, before after dinner drinks.



Such a fine-looking collection of gentlemen.....

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Are we still that fine looking collection of gentlemen?

And don't believe Bill, he ran me over by more than that at Colchester 😊



Oh god, another collectable photograph, I must lock the camera away better. I must have been photographed more this away weekend than maybe the last 2 or 3 years put together!!

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## **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July : WAGS Challenge (Royal Blue shirts) – 8:48am tee off (Forest & Pines)**



Another bright sunshiny day in what is fast becoming a record-breaking English summer, maybe in 42 years' time we will be still talking about 2018, as we do today about 1976! That is of course for you older members that were born before 1976, don't worry that does include me 😊. Even with an early start by WAGS standard, 8:48am no less!, most of the ensemble looked quite refreshed and ready for the days golfing. But with a potential of 27 holes to play would everyone be still at their most fresh by the end of the day?

Our oldest society competition, the WAGS Challenge, would be played over the Forest 9 holes and the Pines 9 holes, this would give us four par 3's, two on each 9 holes. And as normal a 'Longest Drive' hole, which would be the 5<sup>th</sup> hole and ending with a 'Nearest The Pin in 3' on the 18<sup>th</sup>, the 9<sup>th</sup> hole on the Pines course.



So, with the card checked, the ball marked and all the clubs accounted for, it was time to begin.  
Good luck gentlemen.

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There are a couple of lakes on the course and it looks like our member Ges Meehan has decided to explore one. It just doesn't matter how much you think and hope you will find that special lucky golf ball, it always seems to find its way right in to the middle of the lake and sink to the bottom. Maybe an inflatable buoyancy belt that explodes out of the golf ball when it comes in contact with water would



be a great invention, this could be of similar design to a car air-bag, mmmm something to ponder on over the coming months. But then again, the golf ball manufacturers would squash that, we wouldn't have to buy balls by the 100 then, would we?! Well, that must be the 2 or 3 minutes



'looking time' up, take a drop Ges and complete the hole before we all nod of..... oh dear, it looks like someone may have already fallen asleep! It seems Jordan Hughes could not resist the bench any longer and took advantage of the hiatus in play.

So how did we do on gross pars in the WAGS Challenge, well we carded a total of 67 gross pars. Those of note were, Daniel Keen and Andrew Shilton, both with a creditable 5 gross pars. Our Chairman Mick O'Hanlon carded an impressive 7 gross pars,

with Robbie Kerr going one better and carding an excellent 8 gross pars. But for the second day running, "King of the Heap" was Charlie Shilton who carded an outstanding 10 gross pars again! It seems Charlie is enjoying these hole at Forest Pines.

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Also, during the WAGS Challenge the members carded an astonishing 13 gross birdies! These were by: -

Glen Hundleby	Hole No.5 (Forest No.5)	Par 5	487 yards	S.I.3
Daniel Keen	Hole No.7 (Forest No.7)	Par 4	385 yards	S.I.7
Robbie Kerr	Hole No.8 (Forest No.8)	Par 3	147 yards	S.I.17
Daniel Keen	Hole No.10 (Pines No.10)	Par 5	476 yards	S.I.12
Paul Bacon	Hole No.10 (Pines No.10)	Par 5	476 yards	S.I.12
Dave Johnstone	Hole No.10 (Pines No.10)	Par 5	476 yards	S.I.12
Pete Hallam	Hole No.11 (Pines No.2)	Par 4	372 yards	S.I.8
Jason Dellow	Hole No.12 (Pines No.3)	Par 3	175 yards	S.I.16
Mick O'Hanlon	Hole No.15 (Pines No.6)	Par 5	463 yards	S.I.18
Daniel O'Hanlon	Hole No.15 (Pines No.6)	Par 5	463 yards	S.I.18
Ges Meehan	Hole No.16 (Pines No.7)	Par 3	182 yards	S.I.2
Russ McLaughlin	Hole No.17 (Pines No.8)	Par 5	476 yards	S.I.10
Andrew Shilton	Hole No.17 (Pines No.8)	Par 5	476 yards	S.I.10

Gentlemen very well played to you ALL, so many of you. Does this mean a good fair few of you have finally mastered this game of golf?



Nice to see the boys enjoying the walk and having fun playing their golf!



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## WAGS Challenge Cup results: -

WINNER ~	Charlie Shilton	- 35 pts
2 <sup>nd</sup> ~	Daniel Keen	- 34 pts
3 <sup>rd</sup> ~	Robbie Kerr	- 34 pts
Nearest the Pin ~	Graham Hofmann	- Hole No.6
	Daniel O'Hanlon	- Hole No.8
	Jason Dellow	- Hole No.12
	Ges Meehan	- Hole No.16
Longest Drive ~	Mick O'Hanlon	- Hole No.5
Nearest in 3 ~	Charlie Shilton	- Hole No.18

Gentlemen well played.



## Individual Scores (alphabetically):-

Andrew Shilton	29 pts	Glen Hundleby	21 pts	Paul Ormond	20 pts
Ash Hutchinson	22 pts	Graham Hofmann	28 pts	Paul Sawdon	27 pts
Daniel O'Hanlon	22 pts	Jason Dellow	27 pts	Pete Hallam	21 pts
Danny Fletcher	17 pts	Jordan Hughes	15 pts	Russ McLaughlin	20 pts
Dave Clarke	15 pts	Mick Fullwood	24 pts	Shane Dellow	22 pts
Dave Johnstone	25 pts	Mick O'Hanlon	29 pts	Steve Roulstone	11 pts
Ges Meehan	22 pts	Paul Bacon	30 pts		



Apparently, it is all in the stance, the controlled swing back, the connection with the ball and the follow through. You see, I have been telling you for ages how easy this golf is, well on paper 😊. But it still has to be confirmed if there was actually a ball in the bunker with Graham!! Nice ending pose though. Graham is available for parties, after dinner speeches and bar mitzvahs.....

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