

WILSTHORPE AMATEUR **GOLF SOCIETY**

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Dear WAGS Members,

Our next match is, **Sinfin golf club on Sunday 10th June 2018.**
Don't forget to check if you are listed as playing in the next match on the society website.
This can be done by selecting the "Latest Info" tab on the home page of the website, then select the "Match Attendance" button.

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Captain's Day – Nottinghamshire G.C. : Sunday 27th May 2018

Our Captain for the 2018 season, Mr Daniel O'Hanlon, had chosen the recently re-branded Nottinghamshire golf course, which many of you may remember was Cotgrave golf club back in the day, to play his Captain's Day competition at. From the look of the still on-going development, The Nottinghamshire is surely going to be one of the high-class courses locally. But more importantly how would it play for the 17 WAGS attending the Captain's Day?

We welcomed a new member to the WAGS at the Captain's Day, this was Dave Syson, who had been introduced by Glen Hundleby, but I can assure you Dave has been house trained! I am sure you will fit right in Dave, as long as you don't start winning everything!

Our Captain Daniel kept it nice and simple for his competition on the day, it was to be played at full handicap and as normal, Stapleford points. Daniel, also went on to say that there would be an extra prize for a Par 3 Team Prize and a 'booby' prize, so plenty to win for the members attending!!

Before we teed off, the day was tinged with a slight sadness as Mick Fullwood made a short speech regarding the sudden death of one of the early WAGS members, Mr Bryan Lewin. Mick also mentioned all the other WAGS members we had sadly lost over the years. Bob Hardly, Graham Brandon, John Frearson Snr., Mark Christian, Jack Christian, Terry Pickworth and Lee Hanrahan, along with also kindly mentioning my wife Pauline, who had passed away 3 years to the day we played at the Nottinghamshire. I am sure you will agree, all are sadly missed.



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It was definitely noticeable that The Nottinghamshire had spend money on making their hole signage clear and very understandable, the only comment I would make, from personal experience, was that the bunkers could do with some sand in them and they definitely needed racking that morning.

Either that, or I need to learn how to avoid them ☺.

The members assembled in the clubhouse, where we were to have our tea/coffee and sandwiches & chips, before teeing off. Although I am sure some of the members had not eaten all weekend, judging by the size of the breakfast some them tucked in to **before** the sandwiches & chips arrived!!

The 17 WAGS members attending the Captain's Day went out in 3 three-balls and 2 four-balls, with everyone hoping for a quicker than usual round of golf to try and get back before the threatened thunderstorms made their way up to the Midlands. According to several members checking the weather that morning, it was going to be nip and tuck, as to whether we made in back in time. But one thing was in most of the members favour, Ash was out in the last group and would only hold 3 other fellow WAGS members up!!



Now talking of our "new" Treasurer Ash Hutchinson, do you think his swing and stance look a little odd? I just wonder if they replaced the correct hip when he went for his operation?

Sorry for the slightly blurred photograph, but it seemed there was a security ring around Ash. Any paparazzi worth his sole would have been proud to have broken the ring of steel!!



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Here we see our 2017 Captain and 2009 Champion and one of my two playing partners at the Captain's Day, Daniel Keen, who it looks like is just about to give that damn little white ball a right good throdging! And the out-come? Well the right good throdging worked, Daniel's ball landed on the green from a distance of about 180 yards, lying in the semi-rough.

Apparently, it is all in the grip! That is according to the professional that gave Daniel a lesson recently. Maybe Daniel is looking to add to the 1 star he has on his shirt for his 2009 Championship win. Oh, wait a minute, it seems there was a mix up in the Chairman Mick O'Hanlon handing the shirts out and Mick Fullwood has Daniel's shirt with the 1 star on, leaving Daniel with no star on his shirt at this moment in time.

Let's hope they exchange their respective shirts properly and not just take their shirts off on the course and swap!! We certainly do not need any topless WAGS members walking around, let alone a Ferret!!

With the weather seemingly staying very pleasant indeed, how did the 17 WAGS members stack up in the gross par steaks? Well, we carded a total of 63 gross pars. Those carding multiple gross pars were Dave Syson and Mick

O'Hanlon, whom both carded a creditable 5 gross pars. Our Captain Daniel O'Hanlon carded a respectable 6 gross pars, while Russ McLaughlin carded an excellent 9 gross pars, which on a good number of occasions would have seen Russ go top. However, "King of the Heap" at The Nottinghamshire was Danny Fletcher who carded an outstanding 11 gross pars. Well played gentlemen, especially Danny, anything in to double figures I think is a tremendous achievement.



Looking at this picture, it seems we came close to losing Mick Fullwood in the undergrowth!!

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Along with the gross pars, the members also carded 8 gross birdies, which I think is a good tally. But on closer inspection, it seems these were achieved by only 5 members! Three members decided to be greedy and card two gross birdies each... how rude is that??

Those carding the gross birdies were: -

Robbie Kerr	Hole No.2	Par 5	474 yards	Stroke Index 10
Mick O'Hanlon	Hole No.8	Par 5	483 yards	Stroke Index 14
Mick O'Hanlon	Hole No.9	Par 4	366 yards	Stroke Index 6
Daniel O'Hanlon	Hole No.9	Par 4	366 yards	Stroke Index 6
Jordan Hughes	Hole No.13	Par 4	417 yards	Stroke Index 3
Jordan Hughes	Hole No.14	Par 4	329 yards	Stroke Index 9
Robbie Kerr	Hole No.14	Par 4	329 yards	Stroke Index 9
Daniel Keen	Hole No.18	Par 5	453 yards	Stroke Index 5

Gentlemen, very well played to you all.



These pictures were taken of my other playing partner, Danny Fletcher. I managed to get positioned in to a good low angle, before setting the camera in to "sports mode" to allow for multiple photographs to be taken within a split second of each other. I said to Danny afterwards, it was the first time I had seen him in 'sports mode' for years 😊 But he took it well, he only threatened to rip one of my legs off!!

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So, after the high-jinks and turmoil on the course, who managed to hold their round together?
Well as you can see below, we have the following winners: -

The results: -

WINNER ~	Danny “sports mode” Fletcher	- 37 pts
2 nd ~	Dave “soon to have handicap chopped” Syson	- 35 pts
3 rd ~	Russ “playing better without Mr Keen” McLaughlin	- 33 pts
Nearest the Pin ~	Jason Dellow	- Hole No.3
	Bron Dyjas	- Hole No.6
	Danny Fletcher	- Hole No.10
	Russ McLaughlin	- Hole No.16
	Jordan Hughes	- Hole No.17
Longest Drive ~	Glen Hundleby	- Hole No.8
Nearest the Pin in 4 ~	Daniel “in the hole in 4” Keen	- Hole No.18

Alphabetical Individual scores: -

Ash Hutchinson	27 pts	Jason Dellow	24 pts	Paul Ormond	28 pts
Bron Dyjas	29 pts	John Frearson	25 pts	Paul Sawdon	25 pts
Daniel Keen	29 pts	Jordan Hughes	26 pts	Robbie Kerr	29 pts
Daniel O’Hanlon	30 pts	Mick Fullwood	25 pts	Steve Roulstone	23 pts
Glen Hundleby	32 pts	Mick O’Hanlon	28 pts		

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



For some reason, it seems our Chairman Mick O’Hanlon got rather excited with Bron winning his ‘Nearest the Pin’ balls 😊

Is it really that rare you win Bron?

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I was wondering, judging by Daniel's face, if he was thinking that his Dad was going to win. And it meant presenting him with a prize!!

Our Captain Daniel O'Hanlon also awarded a prize for the best 2 scores combined on all Par 3's for each group that went out. The winners of this were: -
Glen Hundleby
Dave Syson
Russ McLaughlin
Daniel O'Hanlon

Daniel kindly also awarded a 'booby' prize for the strongest player, who was holding every other member up at the bottom of the scoring chart. And that honour went to.... Me!!

A very nice bottle of red wine, I might say mmm

The rest of the WAGS members relaxing after the Captain's Day with a nice cold beer.

Regards

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