

WILSTHORPE AMATEUR GOLF SOCIETY

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Dear WAGS Members,

NEXT MATCH : Sunday 16th June 2013			
Venue :	Tapton Golf Club, Chesterfield, S41 0EQ		
Competition :	July Doubles Cup		
Arrival Time :	10:00am	Cost :	£25.00
Members / Guests Playing: -			
Ash Hutchinson	Bron Dyjas	Chris Norris	Daniel O'Hanlon
Danny Fletcher	Darren Fretwell	Dave Clarke	Dave Johnstone
Ges Meehan	Glen Hundleby	Ian Patrick	Mick Fullwood
Mick O'Hanlon	Paul Bacon	Paul Ormond	Pete Hallam
Russ McLaughlin	Shane Dellow	Steve Roulstone	

I will be confirming the numbers with Tapton on Saturday 8th June, so if you are not down to play and wish to do so, please let me know by then!!

Our next match at Tapton will be the first of our two doubles competitions in the WAGS season. In 1925, the land on which the Tapton Park golf course was built was gifted to the people of Chesterfield by a local wealthy benefactor, Charles Paxton Markham 2 years prior to his death. In May 2009, at the first of the inaugural Four Captains Charity Competitions, the 18 hole course was renamed the 'Markham Course' at a rededication ceremony in honour of the family. In 2009 the club celebrated its 75th anniversary, whilst in the same year SIV acquired a 25-year lease for the course from Chesterfield Borough Council.

The Tapton Markham course is 6,104 yards long and has a par of 72. It consists of 3 par three holes, 12 par four holes and 3 par five holes. The holes range from the short par three 3rd hole, at 121 yards with a stroke index 17. The longest hole on the course is the par five 5th hole at 516 yards (this might require a little more of a throdge than normal), with a stroke index of 5.

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June Singles Cup – Sinfin Golf Club : Sunday 2nd June 2013



Well it looks like most of the gang was on duty as Sinfin and what a glorious day's weather lay before us. Oh yes it was that time of year for the "white sticks" to be brought out from under the trousers and in to shorts!!

19 players turned out at sun drenched Sinfin, consisting of 16 WAGS members and three guests. The captain duly made his pre-match speech and it looks like he had the attention of all those present..... although it looks like the Ferret is more interested in sorting his clubs, at least we think that is what he is fiddling with!

(right) now some of our members do find teeing off first quite an ordeal. The pressure and expectations can get the better of them, but first out at Sinfin were the experienced trio of Shane Dellow, Dave Johnstone and Pete Hallam – so no pressure there then! Oh but wait, it seems our very own handicap secretary Dave Johnstone did not get off to the best of starts, as we can see here. Dave is lining up his second shot of the round, while being eagerly watched by our chairman Mick O'Hanlon, who is in fact still standing on the 1st tee!! For those who might be might concerned about the form our the reigning champion, Dave managed to throdge his ball right down the fairway on the 1st hole, however there was a slight slip around the green, with Dave eventually coming off with a gross 6 for a single point. Considering the 'short' tee shot, I think most of us would have settled for a point!!



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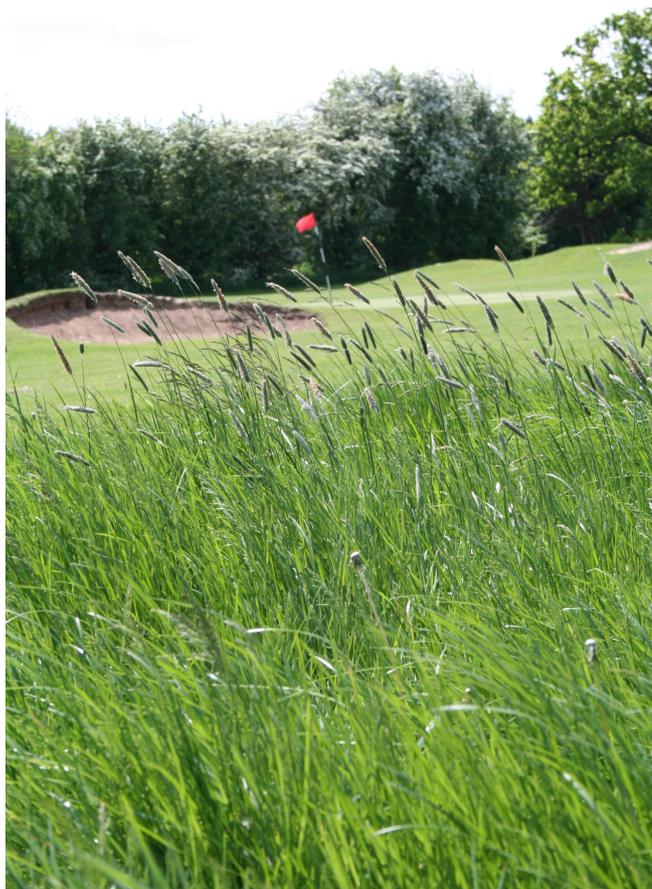


(right) our old friend “Worm Cam” managed to crawl up on top of a mole hill and take this picture to pose a little tease : do you recognise this hole from the course at Sinfin? Although it has not be taken from the angle you would normally play the hole!!

If you are lucky I will tell you if you guessed right at the end of this newsletter....!

During the round of golf at Sinfin the 16 WAGS members and three guests managed to card a creditable 65 gross pars. Jordan Hughes and Charlie Shilton carded 5 gross pars each. Going one better was Mick O’Hanlon and two of our guests, Dave Shaw and Robbie Kerr, all of who carded 6 gross pars. But top of the pile around the Sinfin golf course was Danny Fletcher with an excellent 8 gross pars.

Gentlemen well played to you all.



There were also seven gross birdies carded at Sinfin, but by only four members and one guest! These were: -

Hole No.7	Par 4	341 yards	Stroke Index 13	Andrew Shilton (guest)
Hole No.8	Par 4	404 yards	Stroke Index 5	Jordan Hughes
Hole No.10	Par 4	363 yards	Stroke Index 6	Jordan Hughes
Hole No.11	Par 3	174 yards	Stroke Index 16	Ian Patrick
Hole No.12	Par 3	157 yards	Stroke Index 18	Mick O’Hanlon
Hole No.13	Par 5	519 yards	Stroke Index 4	Danny Fletcher
Hole No.16	Par 4	489 yards	Stroke Index 8	Andrew Shilton (guest)

Gentlemen very well played to you all.

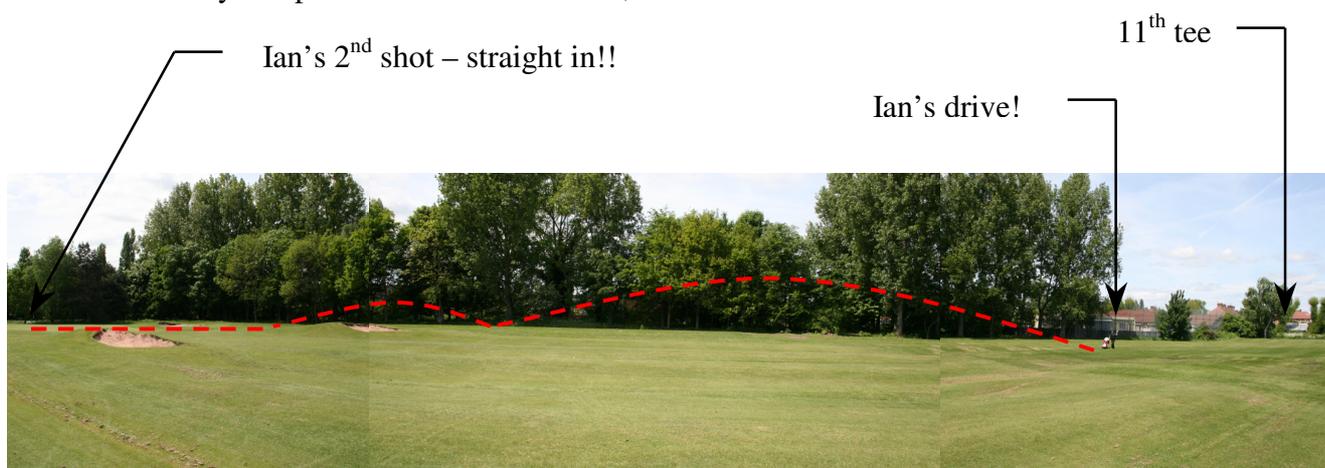
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I think Ian's birdie at the par three 11th hole deserves its own mention. To put it politely Ian's tee shot on this 174 yards par three was not the best, however.....



Not a bad day at the office really I guess ☺, well done Ian.

The results: -

WINNER ~	Pete Hallam	- 36 pts
2 nd ~	Danny Fletcher	- 36 pts
3 rd ~	Ian Patrick	- 36 pts
4 th ~	Jordan Hughes	- 36 pts
Nearest the Pin ~	Robbie Kerr	- Hole No.2
	Paul Ormond	- Hole No.4
	Darren Fretwell	- Hole No.11
	Mick O'Hanlon	- Hole No.14
Longest Drive ~	Danny Fletcher	- Hole No.13
Nearest the Pin in 2 ~	Mick O'Hanlon	- Hole No.18

Now I never usually show the top four, but seeing as they all finished on 36 points, it seemed only fair. On countback Pete won scoring 20 points on the back 9, but all the other 3 all scored 19 on the back 9, so to the back 6!! Danny scored 13 on the back 6, Ian scored 12 on the back 6 and Jordan scored 10 on the back 6. Gentlemen well played.

Alphabetical Individual scores: -

Andrew Shilton (G)	33 pts	Dave Johnstone	26 pts	Paul Ormond	27 pts
Ash Hutchinson	30 pts	Dave Shaw (G)	32 pts	Robbie Kerr (G)	31 pts
Charlie Shilton	28 pts	Glen Hundleby	27 pts	Russ McLaughlin	23 pts
Chris Norris	23 pts	Mick Fullwood	25 pts	Shane Dellow	26 pts
Darren Fretwell	28 pts	Mick O'Hanlon	32 pts	Steve Roulstone	15 pts

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

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What a glorious day for a round of Golf at Sinfin on Sunday. Having set the alarm for an early start / following Steve's instructions via e-mail, I once again set off across the Space Time Infinium (A50) between Long Eaton and Derby. I must have travelled at WARP Speed because I docked well before the allotted 8.00am arrival time for those having breakfast and 8.15am for those on a diet. Thanks all for turning up on time.

Scanners indicated a number of events and misdemeanours during the round on Sunday. Firstly, I was saddened to witness a vicious and malicious attack on a lonely alien Golfing Portal (Shane's Golf Bag) by a possessed being from another planet. This alien being took the humanoid shape of Ash Hutchinson and was seen wantonly and in an unabashed manner knocking over the Golfing Portal in an inhumane fashion. Scanners detect that poor old Ash may have been caught in an Asteroid belt in Chaddesden and hasn't recovered since. Ash, please respect your fellow alien's golfing equipment in the future; or retribution may be at hand!! You have been warned.

Now to golf... Once again Steve and I were able to continue our love fest having been drawn out of the hat together for a 3rd time in a row. I'm not sure if Steve is trying to pass on a sublime message here so I attempted to draw him out of his shell by offering to lather him up in Sun Tan Cream on the 3rd. For some strange reason he declined!!

Scanners also detected one or two glorious golfing moments during our round. Steve continues to hone his Driving Wedge Skills with an array of open and closed face shots; all of which seemed to end up circa 280 Yards down the centre of the Fairway. This was backed up by Steve using a 9 Driving Wedge on the 13th and passing Dave Johnston's Drive!! Jordan too hit a magnificent shot on the 13th which must have travelled circa 300 Yards only to end up on the 3rd Fairway. Jordan played a recovery shot into the long grass on the 13th and then a superb shot to the green, sadly missing to the left and ending up on the ridge of the bunker. Jordan seemed to lose patience here miss-hitting and then floating a ball over the green into the rough. Jordan didn't score here and his ball was catapulted into a Black hole, never to be seen again. My own view is that he was put off his stroke by Steve, who had also landed in the Bunker with his 3rd Shot and then proceeded to take an additional 4 shots to get out of the bunker..... Better luck next time buddy.

Finally, self-praise is no praise at all; however my approach shot to the 11th Par 3 has to be mentioned. Having been carried away by the fairies I stood over the ball with a 6 Iron on the 11th Tee Imagining my first ever hole in 1. A problem arose when I swung at the ball without looking at it. I heard a rattling and felt a vibration in the club and looked up to see the ball about 26.5 yards ahead of me! Still with the vision of a hole in 1 in mind I located my ball sitting up quite nicely with about 156 yards to the flag. With a travelling wind behind, I opted for a pitching wedge and flighted the ball off to the right cussing with expletive, deletives. The ball landed on the down slope of the right hand banker and flicked left. I never saw the ball again. All I could see was Steve, Jordan and Robbie shaking their heads in disbelief!! The ball was retrieved from the bottom of the cup with Steve trying to discount my score for not having removed the ball before he had taken his shot.

All I can say fellas is keep believing and one day it might happen!!!

See you all at Tapton.
Cheers,
Ian

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(above) so did you guess the correct hole at Sinfin? It was in fact the 17th hole, taken from the 10th fairway!! Now you know ☺

(above right) do you get the impression Danny is quite keen to order yet another beer for the sump?

(left) It seems Ian's ball had come to rest in quite a delicate position – look closely!!! ☺

Gentlemen I will see you all at Tapton Park golf club on Sunday 16th June 2013, please let me know if you want to play by Saturday 8th June.

Regards

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