

WILSTHORPE AMATEUR **GOLF SOCIETY**

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Dear WAGS Members,

So, we have now finished our championship season, but there is still the Winter Cup and Presentation Evening to look forward to on Saturday 3rd November 2018, at Morley Hayes.

I will be chasing you all in the next couple of weeks if you have not already let me know that you wish to play in the Winter Cup and attend the presentation evening.

I have the great pleasure in being able to tell all the members that have played in 3 matches during the season or more, that your Winter Cup/Presentation Evening will be subsidised by £20 each. Yes, I did say £20!! After a committee discussion we have looked at our finances and realised that we have sufficient funds to be able to make such a great gesture. However, to be clear, you must have played in three matches throughout the 2018 season. If you went on the away weekend to Forest Pines, that will count as your qualification. I am sure you can understand the committee's decision in making this little clause, as it will then benefit those who have contributed to the society over the 2018 season.

The Winter Cup and Presentation Evening full price is £50.00, so for those members qualifying for the subsidy it will now only be £30.00. How can you not attend the Winter Cup now with it being at nearly half price! Additional guests for the presentation evening will be charged at the same rate as last year, that is £25.00 for the three-course meal at Morley Hayes, which I do believe is great value for money considering the quality of food at Morley Hayes.

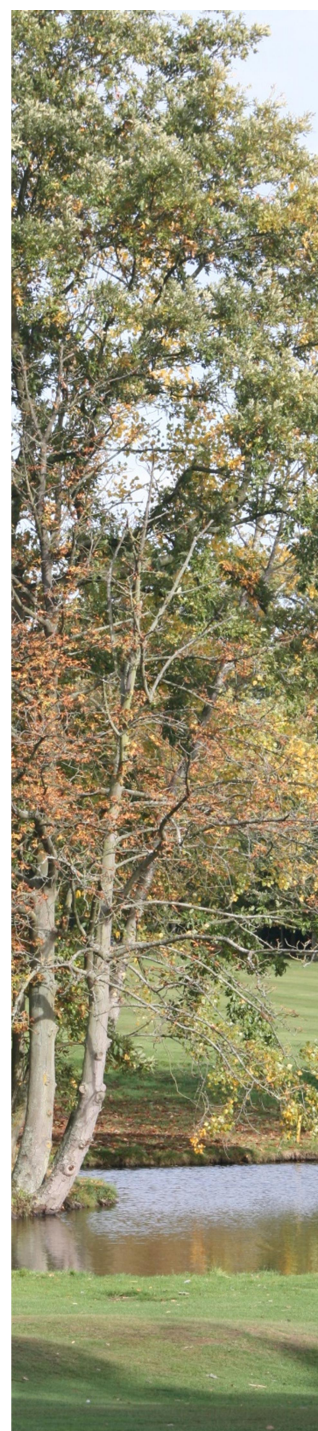
After what I felt was a little bit of a disappointing turn out at last years Winter Cup and Presentation Evening at Morley Hayes, hopefully the membership can greatly improve on the number attending this year.

Gentlemen if you do not attend, why should I try and get a far better venue!

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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November Singles Cup – Norwood Park G.C. : Sunday 7th October 2018

After 7 championship matches and 3,729 championship points achieved by a total of 132 playing members at 7 venues, the WAGS 2018 season came down to the final match at Norwood Park.

20 members attended Norwood park, all eager to conclude the WAGS season, however it is fair to say maybe half a dozen members certainly had a vested interest in the championship title. Many members thought Shane Dellow's name was already half on this year's championship, but then again Danny Fletcher only 1 point behind and Ash Hutchinson only a further 4 points behind may have had other ideas.

Was Danny Fletcher getting last minute instructions from Dave Johnstone on how to perfect that chip? Or was it indeed Danny giving Dave a quick lesson?



On the other side of the chipping green we see our Chairman Mick O'Hanlon giving what looks like Graham Hofmann a few last minute tips. Although it doesn't seem as though Graham is actually paying much attention!! As I mentioned in the last Newsletter, Graham is in fact in with an outside chance of the championship, so Graham, pay attention to Mick!!

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Now along with Danny and Graham, Daniel Keen was also in with a chance of the championship, but maybe the complete outsider, but remember not too long ago Leicester City were 5000 to 1 for the premiership and we all know what happened there!

So, with this in mind it looks like Daniel was keen (sorry no pun intended!!) to make sure his putting was up to scratch. I just wonder if Daniel is really listening to any advice given by his friend Russ McLaughlin 😊.

The time had finally come and the 20 members assembled at Norwood Park made their way down to the 1st tee. With 5 four-ball groups to play, the top 5 in the championship table would be going out in reverse order, one member in each group. So, with Daniel currently 5th in the table he would go out first, followed by Graham in the 2nd group, then Ash in the 3rd group, Danny in the 4th group, with the current championship leader Shane going out in the 5th and final group. And so, the tension grew....



I myself was also going out in the first four-ball, allowing me to get back in the clubhouse to then number crunch all the scorecards as they got presented in the clubhouse and up-dating the championship as the members finished their rounds of golf. However, I nearly didn't make it off the first tee box, let alone get back to the clubhouse. I somehow missed my footing on the top step leading down from the tee box and proceeded to stumble, sway, wobble and generally come down the steps like Bambi on an acid trip! But, much to the surprise of some of the members close by, I got all the way down still standing up in the right position. Gentlemen let that be a lesson to you all, do not get out drinking on a Saturday at 2pm, leave the pub at somewhere around 10pm having drunk maybe around 12 or 14 pints, pass out on the recliner arm chair, only to wake up at 5:30am, then watch the formula 1 grand prix before getting picked up for the final championship decider at 9:30am, having only just managed to shower and eat some dry toast!

Eventually all 5 four-ball groups were off and playing, who would hold their nerve from the top five? I guess the simple thing to do was just to play a steady round of golf. Maybe try and get the odd par along the way and hope that you did not hit a dry spell of points! Gentlemen, good luck to you all.

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Here we see our Chairman Mick O'Hanlon positively running behind his electric trolley. Did someone say free beer??!!

Mick was not in the running for the championship this season, it seems after winning 4 championship titles, he has graciously given the rest of us a chance to win one this year, thanks Mick 😊.

As the match at Norwood Park progressed I thought it could be fun to do a little bit of statistic crunching. I will project the possible total points score for each of the top six members in the championship as they progress around Norwood Park. So, after the first six holes, were any of the top five challenges improving their position.

The championship would look like this: -



1 Shane Dellow	11 pts	projected total = 33 pts	Best 6 of 8 = 198
2 Daniel Keen	14 pts	projected total = 42 pts	Best 6 of 8 = 194
3 Graham Hofmann	10 pts	projected total = 30 pts	Best 6 of 8 = 188
4 Danny Fletcher	6 pts	projected total = 18 pts	Best 6 of 8 = 185
5 Ash Hutchinson	8 pts	projected total = 24 pts	Best 6 of 8 = 185
6 Robbie Kerr	9 pts	projected total = 27 pts	Best 6 of 8 = 178

I hope you all follow that 😊.

Based on the first 6 holes of each player, the projected total would be their score after 18 holes if they kept scoring at the same rate as the first six holes. This would then give the championship best 6 of 8 as shown above. So, after the first six holes, the projection shows that at that rate Shane Dellow would be champion. The biggest mover was Daniel Keen, moving up from 5th place to second place, but also now only within 4 points of Shane.



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You may be wondering why Andrew Shilton is holding a ball and smiling in the picture on the previous page. Well, it seems the effects of my previous days drinking took a little more time to wear off than I thought. Having teed off on the 6th hole at Norwood, Andrew's tee shot and my second shot were in close proximity, I made my club selection, addressed my ball and then gave it a right good throdge. It went actually where I wanted it to go and it went a bloody long way, perfect in fact. God I was so chuffed with myself, that was until Andrew approached his ball and then turned to me and said, "this ball has a big R on it". Bo**ocks, was my reply. Not to Andrew, but to myself, I had only gone and played Andrew's ball! So, I played my ball, with a two shot penalty and where did it go this time? Straight in to the trees and not really in the right direction. You can really go off this game so quickly ☹️.



Here we see Mick Fullwood playing a delicate little chip up on to the 6th green. How I envy him, I never did get to the putt on that green, having taken a 2 shot penalty for playing the wrong ball, I then dropped my ball in the bloody pond next to the green!! Is the bar open yet?

At Norwood Park the 20 members carded a total of 79 gross pars, which I think is a great total, well played gentlemen. Those of note with multiple gross pars were Mick O'Hanlon, Danny Fletcher and Robbie Kerr who all carded a creditable 5 gross pars. Daniel O'Hanlon and Graham Hofmann both carded a respectable 6 gross pars. Andrew Shilton went one better than this, carding an impressive 7 gross pars. However, winning the family honours was Charlie Shilton, who carded an excellent 8 gross pars. But taking the title of "King of the Heap" at Norwood was Daniel Keen who carded an outstanding 10 gross pars. I had the pleasure of playing with Daniel, who started his round with 8 gross pars in the first 9 holes. I think Daniel was certainly on a mission to give it his best shot at trying to take his second title. Gentlemen very well played.

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Along with the gross pars, we also had 7 gross birdies carded, these were by: -

Dave Johnstone	Hole No.2	Par 4	363 yards	Stroke Index 14
Dave Syson	Hole No.4	Par 5	503 yards	Stroke Index 2
Glen Hundleby	Hole No.12	Par 3	178 yards	Stroke Index 17
Robbie Kerr	Hole No.14	Par 5	540 yards	Stroke Index 1
Bron Dyjas	Hole No.14	Par 5	540 yards	Stroke Index 1
Robbie Kerr	Hole No.18	Par 5	503 yards	Stroke Index 9
Andrew Shilton	Hole No.18	Par 5	503 yards	Stroke Index 9

Gentlemen very well played, especially Robbie who went a little greedy carding two!!



Some members just cannot resist once they see a camera!!

After 12 holes, it was time to calculate the projected final scores for the day and season: -

1	Shane Dellow	retired	projected total = 0 pts	Best 6 of 8 = 193
2	Graham Hofmann	23 pts	projected total = 34 pts	Best 6 of 8 = 192
3	Daniel Keen	26 pts	projected total = 39 pts	Best 6 of 8 = 191
4	Danny Fletcher	16 pts	projected total = 24 pts	Best 6 of 8 = 188
5	Ash Hutchinson	19 pts	projected total = 28 pts	Best 6 of 8 = 188
6	Robbie Kerr	17 pts	projected total = 25 pts	Best 6 of 8 = 176

With Shane having retired after 9 holes, it throws a completely different light on the championship, but the projected scores after 12 holes still sees Shane in the top spot, albeit by just one point! How close is this going to be?

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The photograph on the right sees Robbie Kerr intensely watching his little chip on to the green on the 11th hole.

Below we see our 2018 Captain Daniel O'Hanlon strutting his stuff in the warm October sunshine.



As the WAGS members started to meet back in the clubhouse after playing the final championship game of the season, the final standings started to take place. Would Shane hang on to his top spot? Could Graham push that little bit more? Or could Daniel fine the form from the front 9 holes and get in to the 40's?

Well, thanks to scoring even more heavily in the final few holes, it was Graham Hofmann who eventually took the 2018 WAGS Championship title, very well played Graham.

1	Graham Hofmann	36 points	best 6 of 8 = 194
2	Shane Dellow	0 points	best 6 of 8 = 193
3	Danny Fletcher	26 points	best 6 of 8 = 190
4	Ash Hutchinson	29 points	best 6 of 8 = 189
5	Robbie Kerr	36 points	best 6 of 8 = 187
6	Daniel Keen	34 points	best 6 of 8 = 186

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The results for the November Singles Cup: -

WINNER ~	Dave Syson	- 38 pts
2 nd ~	Robbie Kerr	- 36 pts
3 rd ~	Andrew Shilton	- 36 pts
Nearest the Pin ~	Charlie Shilton	- Hole No.5
	Robbie Kerr	- Hole No.7
	Glen Hundleby	- Hole No.12
	Russ McLaughlin	- Hole No.17
Longest Drive ~	Robbie Kerr	- Hole No.18
Nearest the Pin in 3 ~	Daniel O'Hanlon	- Hole No.9



Alphabetical Individual scores: -

Ash Hutchinson	29 pts	Dave Johnstone	31 pts	Mick O'Hanlon	32 pts
Bron Dyjas	32 pts	Ges Meehan	31 pts	Paul Sawdon	30 pts
Charlie Shilton	27 pts	Glen Hundleby	32 pts	Russ McLaughlin	25 pts
Daniel Keen	34 pts	Graham Hofmann	36 pts	Shane Dellow (R)	0 pts
Daniel O'Hanlon	30 pts	Jordan Hughes	25 pts	Steve Roulstone	11 pts
Danny Fletcher	26 pts	Mick Fullwood	31 pts		

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

WAGS 2018 Champion Graham Hofmann



After what has been yet another great season for the WAGS, I am sure you will join with me in congratulating Graham Hofmann on his first WAGS championship.

Graham please forgive me, but I could not resist taking this picture of yourself out on the golf course, you know what I am like, my long lens pops up anywhere and everywhere.

I will get a proper picture of yourself collecting your well deserved championship trophy from the Chairman at the presentation evening 😊.

I am still wondering what the hell you were thinking about though!!

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So, with the championship all over and done with, you can take a little rest now. Nothing better than relaxing, however these two chappies could have waited until they had finished their round of golf 😊.

Winter Cup and Presentation Evening

Saturday 3rd November 2018 at Morley Hayes (full cost £50.00, subsidised cost £30.00)

Arrival time is 7:15am for the golf, tea/coffee and bacon cobs.

Arrival time for the presentation and evening meal is 5:30pm (cost for guests £25.00)

Gentlemen please let me know as soon as please if you are playing. It would be so good to get a far better turn out this year.

I have booked 6 buggies, so let me know if you want one.

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Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve".

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