

# WILSTHORPE AMATEUR GOLF SOCIETY

*Away Weekend 2008 Special Newsletter*



Dear WAGS Members,

Firstly I'd like to thank all of you who attended this years Away Weekend, I think you will agree it was both entertaining and enjoyable. For those of you where not on this years Away Weekend I hope you are able to join us on next years. Hopefully the committee will have a decision on next year's venue very shortly.

## **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2008 : Asia Cup - tee off 12:06pm**

Not only was Mr Bill Bash in his usual attendance at this years Away Weekend, having travelled from his current home in Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon to you older readers), Vietnam. Bill it just wouldn't feel like a proper Away Weekend without you joining us, I know all the lads love the chance to catch up with you. But also Mr Andi Mason had flown in from far far away, Brisbane, Australia, to be correct, having emigrated there last September. He left his new home in Oz sometime Tuesday afternoon our time, arriving here in the UK Wednesday evening. He flies back Monday lunchtime and arrives back sometime next month in Brisbane! Gentlemen thank you both very much for the effort, let alone the expense, in travelling such great distances to join us. Looks like our foreign contingent is growing!



*What a lovely sight to  
meet you on the course*

Well everybody managed to find the venue and all seemed in good spirits. This brings me to Bill's initiation as we gathered at the 1st tee. Bill had brought with him what he thought was a bottle of Glenfiddie scotch, but on trying it earlier while filling his hip flask up, he realised that it was indeed some home-made "fire water". Now Bill being the generous guy he is he insisted that everybody have a little sip of this fine blend! Those of us who didn't collapse straight into a coma after tasting the concoction asked, "What the bloody hell is that?" Although I think Shane's reaction was wonderful, Shane was just in the process of introducing one of our newest members, Ash Hutchinson, to Bill, but on tasting the "fire water" his eyes instantly became glazed over and was momentarily unable to speak, apart from the somewhat strangled noise from his mouth which we all assumed should have been the word "WOW". What a great start to the Wags Away Weekend!

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The first match of this years Away Weekend was the Asia Cup, which is kindly sponsored by Bill Bash. Bill decided that this years Asia Cup would be a singles event, with a special prize for the lowest nett combined score on all 6 par 3's.

## Asia Cup results: -

WINNER ~	Graham Hofmann	- 43 pts
2 <sup>nd</sup> ~	Andi Mason	- 35 pts
3 <sup>rd</sup> ~	Ian Patrick	- 35 pts
Special Prize ~	Graham Hofmann	- 16 shots
Nearest the Pin ~	Andi Mason	- Hole No.1
	Ash Hutchinson	- Hole No.2
	Ian Patrick	- Hole No.3
	Shane Dellow	- Hole No.12
	Mick O'Hanlon	- Hole No.13
	Daniel Jones	- Hole No.16
Longest Drive ~	Daniel O'Hanlon	- Hole No.17
Nearest the Pin in 2 ~	Dave Johnstone	- Hole No.18



*Do you think young Dan actually knows where his ball has gone!*

## Other Scores (alphabetically): -

Anthony Marshall	19 pts	Daniel O'Hanlon	29 pts	Mick O'Hanlon	30 pts
Ash Hutchinson	25 pts	Darren Fretwell	29 pts	Paul Bacon	23 pts
Bill Bash	30 pts	Dave Clarke	24 pts	Pete Hallam	28 pts
Clive Boyd	16 pts	Dave Johnstone	22 pts	Shane Dellow	28 pts
Daniel Jones	27 pts	Gordon Bradley	19 pts	Steve Roulstone	29 pts
Daniel Keen	27 pts	Mick Fullwood	24 pts	Terry Pickworth	29 pts

It only seemed natural to retire to the bar after the golf, to tell stories of that put that just shaved the hole meaning you missed out on a birdie by millimetres. And if only a member of the ground staff had cut that tree down earlier in the day, maybe you would have scored a point on every hole. Well time for a quick shower and back for the evening meal!

Now during the evening meal Gordon and Bill decided to enjoy a glass of wine with their meal, very sophisticated. Well a glass turned into a bottle, then two, by the time most of us made our way back to the bar three bottles had been polished off. Some of the younger members did venture into the big metropolis of Coventry and on returning told us all of the joys of spending £21 on 3 drinks!!

Fortunately and I did say fortunately, the hotel decided to close the bar at 2:00am and judging by the uncoordinated walking and speaking of some of us, probably not a moment too soon. On putting my room mate (Bill) to bed, I decided to have 1 last cigarette. I stood outside where I was joined by both Anthony and Clive, we listened to the night chorus, namely Bill's snoring before retired to our beds. Now I felt quite hungry at this point and rang room service, where I ordered 2 cheese sandwiches, there was a £3 service charge on top of the price of the sandwiches, but what the hell, lets live extravagantly I thought!

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## Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2008 : WAGS Challenge - tee off 10:22pm



*Andi seems to think  
"pink" would be a  
good colour  
for next years t-shirts!*

The morning after the night before, I think it's fair to say some of us were not at our best during breakfast, but once we had eaten, I think we felt better. Now feeling a little better myself my mind went back to last night, well the early hours of this morning really. Did I order some food this morning?, I thought to myself, then it dawned on me, bloody hell yes I did, well I couldn't remember eating them. In fact I think as soon as I had ordered them I passed out!! Does that mean someone was banging on our door trying to wake me? Ah well, I've had breakfast now.

And so to Saturday's morning match, the WAGS Challenge, the oldest of all our cups. This was first played for in 1991. Since then there have been 13 different winners, 2 of whom have won the trophy twice: Mr R.Pettinger (1992, 1993) & Mr Ian Patrick (2003, 2007). 1 person has won the trophy on 3 occasions: Mr John Frearson (1996, 1997, 2004)

### WAGS Challenge results: -

WINNER ~	Bill Bash	- 35 pts
2 <sup>nd</sup> ~	Mick O'Hanlon	- 33 pts
3 <sup>rd</sup> ~	Ash Hutchinson	- 33 pts
Nearest the Pin ~	Bill Bash	- Hole No.1
	Mick O'Hanlon	- Hole No.2
	Pete Hallam	- Hole No.3
	Andi Mason	- Hole No.12
	Shane Dellow	- Hole No.13
	Graham Hofmann	- Hole No.16
Longest Drive ~	Graham Hofmann	- Hole No.17
Nearest the Pin in 2 ~	Ash Hutchinson	- Hole No.18



*Our "Chairman"  
strutting his stuff!*

Congratulations to all the winners of prizes on the day.

### Other Scores (alphabetically): -

Andi Mason	31 pts	Darren Fretwell	29 pts	Mick Fullwood	28 pts
Anthony Marshall	24 pts	Dave Clarke	14 pts	Paul Bacon	29 pts
Ash Hutchinson	32 pts	Dave Johnstone	25 pts	Shane Dellow	21 pts
Clive Boyd	29 pts	Gordon Bradley	19 pts	Steve Roulstone	22 pts
Daniel Keen	23 pts	graham Hofmann	32 pts	Terry Pickworth	25 pts
Daniel O'Hanlon	28 pts	Ian Patrick	25 pts		

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## **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2008 : WAGS 4 Club Challenge - tee off 3:10pm**

The Saturday afternoon match was for the WAGS 4 Club Challenge. Some of the members decided this would be a good chance to catch up on the sleep they didn't get last night, so it meant there would only be 18 of us battling it out for this trophy - well that's got to shorten the odds, hasn't it?

### WAGS Challenge results: -

WINNER ~	Andi Mason	- 18 pts
2 <sup>nd</sup> ~	Ian Patrick	- 18 pts
3 <sup>rd</sup> ~	Daniel Keen	- 14 pts
Nearest the Pin ~	Ian Patrick	- Hole No.1
	Shane Dellow	- Hole No.2
	Daniel O'Hanlon	- Hole No.3

Congratulations to all the winners of prizes on the day.

### Other Scores (alphabetically): -

Anthony Marshall	4 pts	Darren Fretwell	8 pts	Paul Bacon	13 pts
Clive Boyd	4 pts	Dave Clarke	13 pts	Pete Hallam	10 pts
Daniel Jones	9 pts	Graham Hofmann	8 pts	Shane Dellow	14 pts
Daniel Keen	14 pts	Mick Fullwood	5 pts	Steve Roulstone	9 pts
Daniel O'Hanlon	11 pts	Mick O'Hanlon	10 pts	Terry Pickworth	8 pts

Another day's golf over and done with, some good scores and some not so good. Just when we thought our beloved "Ferret" had equalled Mick O'Hanlon's lowest score of 5 points at last years Away Weekend he was pipped to the "honour". Both Anthony and Clive had gone one better and carded a score of 4 points.

We sadly have to say goodbye to Graham at this point, he's needed back at work. But Terry is not to be alone tonight as Mick Dwyer is coming to take Graham's place. We have all but finished our evening meal when Mick arrives, he wastes no time in getting into the swing of things, only minutes have passed and he's up to our drinking speed already! Most of the evening (and some of the morning) is spent casually chatting at the bar, with the occasion pause while we sip our drinks.



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The numbers at the bar on the Saturday night seems to be a little less than Friday night, the rumour is that one or two have gone to bed early in preparation for the Team Event on Sunday morning, or maybe they are just plain knackered after Friday nights visit to the bar!



The main topic of conversation is about the Team Event tomorrow, with Mick O'Hanlon doing his utmost best to wind Shane up, making several and quite frequent references back to his thrashing of Shane at the Captain's Day Team Event at Sinfin back in June. But Shane is not rising to the bait, in fact it is the rest of us that are doing all the rising, as we walk away from Shane on more than one occasion - mainly due to his inability to contain his wind, sorry that sounded posh! What I mean is, we all legged it due to his farting!!

Although we all seemed to agree it would be better to have an early night, it was still gone 1:30am before we vacated the bar - but we did leave before it closed tonight! After all Bill and myself were back driving tomorrow morning in the buggy, well anything could happen - but hopefully no collisions with Mercedes cars this year - please Bill!

## **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2008 : WAGS Team Event - tee off 10:22pm**

There was a rumour that the "mafia" have been trying to infiltrate the society, but I can categorically say that that is not true and if that guy does not stop laughing I'm going to have him shot!

Well we all seem to be in the best of shape for the Team Event having had a good nights sleep, well that is all except our Chairman, Terry. He had gone to bed last night and was soon asleep, only to be woken by an arm around him and a feeling of being pushed out of bed. He then heard the words "Jane move over". This was in fact his second room mate of the weekend Mick Dwyer who we can only hope was doing a little sleep walking and had completely lost all sense of where he was!!



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*See! – I told you these weekends were  
just 1 laugh after another*

The teams had been drawn the night before by this seasons Captain Mick O'Hanlon and Daniel O'Hanlon. The draw had brought about some interesting pairings. In the senior clash of the day (I mean that with reference to their positions within the society) our Chairman, Terry - playing off 23, was pitted against our President, Mick Fullwood - playing off 22. While Daniel O'Hanlon playing off 11 was giving away 7 shots to Ian, who was playing off 18. A friend of mine, Paul Gadsby, who is looking at join our society, kindly stepped in at the last minute to give us an even number for the team event and had been drawn against Clive, both of whom played off 28. And of course how could we forget our 2 team captain's, Mick O'Hanlon for the 'A' Team and Shane for the 'B' Team, both would be playing off 10. With the last thrashing still foremost in his mind I'm sure Shane was well and truly up for the challenge.

## Team Event nearest the pin/longest drive results: -

Nearest the Pin ~	Daniel Keen	- Hole No.1
	Daniel O'Hanlon	- Hole No.2
	Paul Bacon	- Hole No.3
	Pete Hallam	- Hole No.12
	Shane Dellow	- Hole No.13
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## The results for the Team Event: -

Mick O'Hanlon (A)	vs	Shane Dellow (B)	Shane won 7 & 5
Daniel O'Hanlon (A)	vs	Ian Patrick (B)	Ian won 4 & 2
Anthony Marshall (A)	vs	Paul Bacon (B)	Paul won 6 & 4
Paul Gadsby (A)	vs	Clive Boyd (B)	Paul won 3 & 2
Terry Pickworth (A)	vs	Mick Fullwood (B)	match halved
Ash Hutchinson (A)	vs	Andi Mason (B)	Andi won 4 & 3
Daniel Keen (A)	vs	Mick Dwyer (B)	Daniel won 5 & 4
Darren Fretwell (A)	vs	Bill Bash (B)	Darren won 6 & 5
Pete Hallam (A)	vs	Steve Roulstone (B)	Pete won 3 & 1
Dave Clarke (A)	vs	Gordon Bradley (B)	Dave won 3 & 2
Daniel Jones (A)	vs	Dave Johnstone (B)	Dave won 2 & 1

## **This gave each team 5 ½ points**

**\* \* \* Match Drawn \* \* \***

Well done to both teams, I think you'll all agree it's a great way to finish a great away weekend.

So, Shane, how do you feel now? I'm sure that makes up for the defeat on Captain's Day!!



*And what a selection of individuals!*

## Individual Points Scores (alphabetically): -

Andi Mason	34 pts	Darren Fretwell	30 pts	Mick O'Hanlon	29 pts
Anthony Marshall	24 pts	Dave Clarke	36 pts	Paul Bacon	36 pts
Ash Hutchinson	26 pts	Dave Johnstone	25 pts	Paul Gadsby	24 pts
Bill Bash	18 pts	Gordon Bradley	18 pts	Pete Hallam	34 pts
Clive Boyd	21 pts	Ian Patrick	37 pts	Shane Dellow	37 pts
Daniel Jones	30 pts	Mick Dwyer	20 pts	Steve Roulstone	28 pts
Daniel Keen	25 pts	Mick Fullwood	29 pts	Terry Pickworth	30 pts
Daniel O'Hanlon	31 pts				

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Just before I announce the overall standings and winner for the Away Weekend I'd like to take this opportunity to say well done to everyone who played, there were some good scores out there. In particular in the Team Event, maybe we all try that little bit harder as we know what we have to do to beat our opposition.

I'd also like to say well done to my friend Paul Gadsby who had stepped in at the last minute. This was only his 3<sup>rd</sup> ever full 18 hole round of golf he has played and he managed to get his first gross Birdie on Hole No.4, Par 4, 235 yards.

Also a special thanks to Anthony, who while supposedly working, stumbled upon this venue. I think you will all agree it was a cracking Away Weekend venue.

In total over all the rounds we played there were: -

10 Birdie's in the Asia Cup round  
7 Birdie's in the WAGS Challenge round  
2 Birdie's in the 4 Club Challenge round  
12 Birdie's in the Team Event round

Giving a total of 31 Birdie's for the weekend.

There was also 1 EAGLE during the Team Event round.

(Hole No.14, Par 4, 235 yards)

It was a perfect drive straight to the middle of the green, but this did leave a tricky 15-18 yard putt down hill. But in it went! What a shot and who was the lucky guy - **ME**.

I know, surprising isn't it, I'm not surprised most of you didn't hear me and 5 points as well!!



*I wonder if Shane  
knows what he's got  
on his shoulder!*

The Away Weekend Results: -

The Asia Cup -	WINNER ~	<b>Mr Graham Hofmann</b>
The WAGS Challenge -	WINNER ~	<b>Mr Bill Bash</b>
The 4 Club Challenge -	WINNER ~	<b>Mr Andi Mason</b>
The WAGS Away Weekend Champion -	WINNER ~	<b>Mr Andi Mason</b>

I must say, have you noticed there seems to be a tendency for these foreigners to come over here and take everything!

Seriously, well played and well done to you all.

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The standings for the overall Away Weekend championship: -

WINNER ~	Andi Mason	- 100 pts		
2 <sup>nd</sup> ~	Ian Patrick	- 95 pts		
3 <sup>rd</sup> ~	Pete Hallam	- 94 pts		
4 <sup>th</sup> ~	Mick O'Hanlon	92 pts	14 <sup>th</sup> ~	Graham Hofmann * 75 pts
5 <sup>th</sup> ~	Paul Bacon	88 pts	15 <sup>th</sup> ~	Daniel Keen 75 pts
6 <sup>th</sup> ~	Daniel O'Hanlon	88 pts	16 <sup>th</sup> ~	Dave Clarke 74 pts
7 <sup>th</sup> ~	Darren Fretwell	88 pts	17 <sup>th</sup> ~	Dave Johnstone 72 pts
8 <sup>th</sup> ~	Shane Dellow	86 pts	18 <sup>th</sup> ~	Anthony Marshall 67 pts
9 <sup>th</sup> ~	Terry Pickworth	84 pts	19 <sup>th</sup> ~	Clive Boyd 66 pts
10 <sup>th</sup> ~	Bill Bash	83 pts	20 <sup>th</sup> ~	Daniel Jones * 57 pts
11 <sup>th</sup> ~	Ash Hutchinson	83 pts	21 <sup>st</sup> ~	Gordon Bradley 56 pts
12 <sup>th</sup> ~	Nick Fullwood	81 pts	22 <sup>nd</sup> ~	Paul Gadsby * 24 pts
13 <sup>th</sup> ~	Steve Roulstone	79 pts	23 <sup>rd</sup> ~	Mick Dwyer * 20 pts

Those players with "\*" at the side of their name indicates they did not play in all of the rounds that counted towards the overall championship.

Just in case anybody was wondering about the cheese sandwich I ordered in the early hours on Saturday, well I never got charged for it, what a bonus!

**Thank you all for a great weekend.**

The next match is on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August at Beauchief GC, tee off is at 10:00am. If I haven't contacted you already could you let me know if you will be playing.

Regards  
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