

# **WILSTHORPE AMATEUR** **GOLF SOCIETY**

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Dear WAGS Members,

Our next match is at Rufford Park golf club on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017, to check if you are listed as playing in the next match, follow the link to the “Next Match” page on the society website at: -

<http://sroulstone.wixsite.com/wags/untitled>

Or as normal you can access the website from the home page at: -

[www.thewagsgolf.co.uk](http://www.thewagsgolf.co.uk)

Then click the “Latest Info” tab along the top, followed by clicking the “Next Match” tab after that. All in all, please remember it is your responsibility to inform me! Thank you.

## **August Singles Cup – The Manor G.C. : Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2017**



As you can see, we got off to a very relaxed start at The Manor, some quizzical looks, some puzzled looks, some far away looks. Maybe it was nervous of getting back to a championship match, after the break for the away weekend, followed by the Memorial Trophy!

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17 Members turned out at The Manor golf club, where we all tucked in to a rather nice full English breakfast, before the job in hand of playing 18 holes of golf on what many class as a testing course. Over the 5 previous years anything from 31 points to 37 points has taken victory at The Manor. So, what would it take to achieve a victory in the WAGS 2017 season? The previous 5 winners were Mick O'Hanlon : 31 pts (2012), Mick O'Hanlon : 37 pts (2013), Steve Roulstone : 35 pts (2014), Graham Hofmann : 32 pts (2015) and Dave Johnstone : 37 pts (2016).

What do you think the chances are that Pete Hallam is showing Ash Hutchinson a video on 'speed-golf' and that Ash is taking it all in? mmm, I will let you decide ☺

Our Captain for the WAGS 2017 season Daniel Keen informed us all of the 'Nearest the Pin' and 'Longest Drive' holes and it was down to business.

With there having been some heavy rain overnight, maybe the fairways would not be running as much as they could have, so would a score that just broke the 30-point barrier be enough? Or would a member have to get up to the heady heights of high thirties to take victory? Well, after running all the statistics from the scorecards through the computer, it seems the WAGS went off at an alarming rate of points! On the first hole alone the 17 members scored a combined total of 31 points, this was made up of 3 gross double-bogeys, 8 gross bogeys and 4 gross pars. And for those of you with a mathematical eye, I am sure you have already worked out that meant that only 2 of the 17 members at The Manor failed to score a point on the 1<sup>st</sup> hole. For a pint, I might even name them!!

I wonder how the rest of the round would fair?



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Just to prove that the WAGS is not just all about food, golf and beer, here we have a delightful picture of some of the flora around the golf course in the Staffordshire countryside. I am quite pleased with this picture actually, as I had to take it rather quickly, as I had left my pint glass balancing on a rather uneven rock ☺.

So, amid the glorious English countryside how did we manage on the gross par and gross birdie front? Well, a healthy total of 62 gross pars was achieved by the 17 members at The Manor. Of note, Daniel O'Hanlon and Danny Fletcher both carded a creditable 5 gross pars. Mick O'Hanlon bettered this by 3, carding an Impressive 8 gross pars, but it was Graham Hofmann who became 'Top of the Heap' with an excellent 9 gross pars. Gentlemen, well played to you all.

Along with the gross pars, we carded a total of 5 gross birdies at The Manor golf club, these were achieved by: -

Jordan Hughes	Hole No.2	Par 3	153 yards	S.I.11
Pete Hallam	Hole No.8	Par 4	317 yards	S.I.13
Danny Fletcher	Hole No.10	Par 4	345 yards	S.I.6
Daniel O'Hanlon	Hole No.14	Par 4	290 yards	S.I.14
Jordan Hughes	Hole No.14	Par 4	290 yards	S.I.14

Gentlemen very well played, especially Jordan, who was the greedy member at this venue, carding multiple gross birdies!



Any thoughts on this picture?



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So, did you come to any conclusions about the previous pages last picture? No? Well, Mick Fullwood is standing next to the golf ball, which is a little over 1 foot from the hole. This was the position of my ball, yes, I did say ‘**my**’ lol, after I had chipped on from roughly 25 yards away from the flag. I could have been totally over the moon with this shot had it not been for one thing. Oh no, it wasn’t the fact that it was my 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> shot, or anything like that. It had been my 6<sup>th</sup> shot and I would go on to sink that tricky little teasing putt for a point. It was the fact that Mick Fullwood had been about 5-7 yards further away from the flag than myself. Mick lined his chip up and executed it with a very delicate action. Mick’s golf ball landed softly on the green and released. It kept rolling, bending slightly with the borrow of the green, getting ever closer to the flag. Then it just kept rolling.... and rolling. In fact, it just rolled all the way straight in to the hole! There were a few shouts of delight from our three ball of Mick Fullwood himself, Daniel Keen and myself. It was a lovely shot, giving Mick a gross bogey and with it being stroke index 5, it gave Mick 2 shots, therefore giving Mick a healthy 3 points. So, although you can see my ball only just over a foot from the pin, Mick’s ball is in the hole, waiting for him to retrieve it!



After that chip in the hole from off the green, there was no stopping the Ferret. Here we see him performing a text book bunker shot! Maybe finally all that practicing and endless rounds of golf during the week are paying dividends?

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Sorry Mick, I could not resist putting the next picture in the newsletter. It seems although Mick's bunker shot initially looked good, Mick was just a little short on power and he failed to completely clear the hazard, although his next shot would not be taken from in the sand!



Below we see our Captain Daniel Keen performing a bunker shot with the required success! The 1<sup>st</sup> three shots show Daniel's action, with the 4<sup>th</sup> photograph showing the end result, from where Daniel unfortunately took 2 putts for a gross bogey and a single point.



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## The results: -

WINNER ~	Graham Hofmann	- 34 pts
2 <sup>nd</sup> ~	Daniel O'Hanlon	- 32 pts
3 <sup>rd</sup> ~	Danny Fletcher	- 32 pts
Nearest the Pin ~	Jordan Hughes	- Hole No.2
	Daniel O'Hanlon	- Hole No.5
	Mick Fullwood	- Hole No.13
	Ash Hutchinson	- Hole No.16
Longest Drive ~	Jordan Hughes	- Hole No.13
Nearest the Pin in 3 ~	Danny Fletcher	- Hole No.18

## Alphabetical Individual scores: -

Ash Hutchinson	28 pts	Mick Fullwood	24 pts
Daniel Keen	21 pts	Mick O'Hanlon	30 pts
Dave Johnstone	21 pts	Paul Sawdon	31 pts
Ges Meehan	28 pts	Pete Hallam	30 pts
Glen Hundleby	31 pts	Russ McLaughlin	29 pts
Jason Dellow	21 pts	Shane Dellow	31 pts
Jordan Hughes	23 pts	Steve Roulstone	25 pts

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

Now I have an apology to make. I always try and install in all the members that they must try and remember to let me know if they are playing or not. I always think it doesn't take much just to remember a simple thing. How hard can it be to remember one simple thing? Well, judging by my own actions at The Manor golf club... hard!! We had started to play, the first three ball out were on the 2<sup>nd</sup> tee, when I asked if I had the 'Nearest the Pin' markers. I was then asked by the Chairman's four ball behind us! My answer to all the members was simple.... I had forgotten them and they were still in the car in the car park! What a complete muppet ☺. Now I am sure that no member will take advantage of this slight oversight in the coming weeks and months!! But you see, it does prove one thing, none of us are perfect.... not even me!!



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You have to admit, the members took it in good humour the fact that I had forgotten the markers and they also showed quite a high level of ingenuity, with the make-shift longest drive marker. Well you would not really miss half a tree sticking out of the fairway, would you!



Hopefully I will see you all at the next match at Rufford Park on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, arrival time is 11:15am. Please check the society website to see if you are listed as playing and if not, but you wish to play, can you let me know as soon as.

I need to know if you want to play no later than Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August, thank you.

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Just one final note from The Manor, I mentioned early on in the newsletter how it seemed we started off with a basket of points on the first hole. Well I went on to run all the holes through the 'computer' and it made for some interesting reading. So, I thought why not print them here. So, for you other anoraks, please find listed below the combined total of points for each hole we played at The Manor golf club.

Hole	S.I.	Pts	Hole	S.I.	Pts
1 <sup>st</sup>	9	31	10 <sup>th</sup>	6	35
2 <sup>nd</sup>	11	27	11 <sup>th</sup>	16	27
3 <sup>rd</sup>	1	22	12 <sup>th</sup>	8	25
4 <sup>th</sup>	3	26	13 <sup>th</sup>	18	35
5 <sup>th</sup>	17	24	14 <sup>th</sup>	14	29
6 <sup>th</sup>	15	20	15 <sup>th</sup>	2	29
7 <sup>th</sup>	5	26	16 <sup>th</sup>	12	25
8 <sup>th</sup>	13	22	17 <sup>th</sup>	4	25
9 <sup>th</sup>	7	18	18 <sup>th</sup>	10	25

So, it seems that the first hole was only beaten by the 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> holes in terms of combined points totals scored.

Just a little fun, but quite an interesting read, well I thought so lol.  
See you all at Rufford Park, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 11:15am.

Regards

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