

WILSTHORPE AMATEUR GOLF SOCIETY

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Dear WAGS Members,

NEXT MATCH : Sunday 11th May 2014			
Venue :	Sinfin Golf Club, Derby		
Competition :	May Singles Cup		
Arrival Time :	8:45am	Cost :	£25.00
Members / Guests Playing: -			
Andrew Shilton	Ash Hutchinson	Bron Dyjas	Charlie Shilton
Chris Norris	Daniel Keen	Daniel O'Hanlon	Danny Fletcher
Darren Fretwell	Dave Johnstone	Dave Shaw	Ges Meehan
Glen Hundleby	Graham Hofmann	Jason Dellow	John Frearson
Jordan Hughes	Michael Riley	Mick Fullwood	Mick O'Hanlon
Paul Ormond	Pete Hallam	Russ McLaughlin	Shane Dellow
Steve Roulstone			

I will confirm the numbers with Sinfin on Saturday 3rd May, so if you are not down to play and wish to do so, please let me know by then!!

Mick O'Hanlon is arranging for a full English breakfast at Sinfin for 9:00am. The cost of the breakfast is included in the cost of £25.00 on the day.



A little quiz for you all, how is your memory?
Can you name the course this hole features on?
I will give you a clue.... Err on second thoughts, no I won't ☺
I will leave it up to all you keen-eyed golfers out there, although to be fair some of you newer members may not have played this course!!

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May Singles Cup – Allestree Golf Club : Sunday 27th April 2014



24 members and 1 guest attended the first championship match of the season, an excellent turnout gentlemen, well done. And as a bonus it looked like we may get away without any rain!!



(picture left) As I approached the practice putting green my first thought was that we had a very special guest playing with us. Does this gentlemen practising his putting skills remind you of anyone? Maybe a slight resemblance to an English professional golfer? Poulter maybe? Although the trousers were maybe a little too bland looking ☺. After taking a second closer look I had realised that it was not in fact a celebrity professional golfer but one of our newer members! Dave Shaw was in fact wearing what I think must be one of the funniest hats/caps I have seen in a long time. I guess it was guaranteed to keep Dave's, well I how shall I say it.... bald head warm ☺.



Time to round the troops up and heard them all down to the first tee.....!!



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With 25 players taking to the course at Allestree, we went out in 3 three-balls and 4 four-balls. Things got off to quite a slow start, but for once it wasn't the WAGS holding the proceedings up, it seems the society in front of us were certainly taking their time. Maybe our first three-balls were considerably quicker than their four-ball groups. This in turn lead to quite a little waiting on the first few tees. It was at the third tee that we had a wonderful WAGS moment! John Frearson, Daniel O'Hanlon and myself were in the third three-ball and as we started to putt out on the second green, there was a shout from the third tee box. On the third tee were Pete Hallam, Graham Hofmann and Daniel Keen in the first three-ball, then Mick Fullwood, Mick O'Hanlon and Paul Ormond in the second three-ball. Mick O'Hanlon suddenly shouts across to me "Steve get your camera, get your camera", so I rushed back to my bag, grabbed my camera and then pointed it down the third fairway, where in full trot was the athletic Mick Fullwood dashing down the hill!! It seems Mick's trolley, while unattended, suddenly started to creep forward. Mick had obviously not put his hand brake on properly, or whatever you do to these electric trolleys to stop them moving all by themselves ☺. Before anyone had noticed Mick's trolley was starting to pick up speed going down the hill on the third fairway, the next thing we see is Mick off after it!! But the trolley was gaining speed all the time and as quick as Mick could move his little legs, the trolleys was going further and further away from him.



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Whether a good thing or not, Mick's trolley was starting to veer left, as the fairway sloped to the left. The trolley was now reaching terminal velocity and heading towards more and more downhill grass. However there was one thing that might help, that was a tree with low hanging branches that would hopefully stop the trolley, otherwise it would continue racing downhill, across the next fairway, with only the woods the other side to stop it ☺. Mick by this time was in full gallop, his little legs now a blur.... Maybe all this 'muesli' stuff actually

is good for you!! Fortunately for Mick, the largest of the low branches caught his trolley and brought it to a halt, but Mick kept going full tilt, he just kept going and going until he too reached the low hanging branches of the tree. Mick retrieved his trolley, pointed it back towards the third tee, where only moments earlier everything had been so tranquil and set off all the way back UP the hill, at some what of a slower pace to that he had gone down the hill. For some reason Mick seemed to need a little breather when he finally got back up to the third tee. Mick I think we all agree, if it had been us, we would have just let the trolley go!! Then took a slow steady stroll down the hill to retrieve it. But we have to admire your stamina and fitness, if not your marbles ☺.



Soon after this comic interlude, we continued with the matter in hand, the golf!!

With the rain staying away I think most agreed the course at Allestree played quite well. This was reflected in the 76 gross pars the 25 players amassed. A great total indeed, well played everyone. Those of note with multiple gross pars were Dave Johnstone, Russ McLaughlin and Andrew Shilton who all carded a creditable 5 gross pars. But the master of the gross par at Allestree was Charlie Shilton, who carded a very impressive 8 gross pars. Very well played Charlie.

Five players also managed to card excellent gross birdies, these were: -

Ash Hutchinson	Hole 3	Par 4	420 yards	Stroke Index 6
Jordan Hughes	Hole 16	Par 4	315 yards	Stroke Index 16
Daniel Keen	Hole 18	Par 4	259 yards	Stroke Index 14
Daniel O'Hanlon	Hole 18	Par 4	259 yards	Stroke Index 14
Chris Brice (guest)	Hole 18	Par 4	259 yards	Stroke Index 14

Gentlemen very well played to you all.

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Trust me, but somewhere in the trees is a WAGS member. Thank god we are not still in our "Lincoln Green" shirts from last year, we would never see half the members from the first tee to the 18th green ☺. The member in question this time was young Andrew Shilton, who was going off-piste somewhat on the 9th hole. Although Andrew finished the round with a creditable 29 points.

The results of the April Singles Cup: -

WINNER ~	Glen Hundleby	- 38 pts
2 nd ~	Pete Hallam	- 36 pts
3 rd ~	Dave Johnstone	- 34 pts

Nearest the Pin ~	Andrew Shilton	- Hole No.5
	Chris Brice (guest)	- Hole No.7
	Chris Brice (guest)	- Hole No.11
	Pete Hallam	- Hole No.14
	Paul Ormond	- Hole No.17
Longest Drive ~	Charlie Shilton	- Hole No.10
Nearest the Pin in 2 ~	Daniel Keen	- Hole No.18

Alphabetical Individual scores: -

Andrew Shilton	29 pts	Graham Hofmann	26 pts
Ash Hutchinson	28 pts	Jason Dellow	20 pts
Bron Dyjas	22 pts	John Frearson	26 pts
Charlie Shilton	31 pts	Jordan Hughes	30 pts
Chris Brice (guest)	23 pts	Michael Riley	24 pts
Chris Norris	17 pts	Mick Fullwood	19 pts
Daniel Keen	31 pts	Mick O'Hanlon	25 pts
Daniel O'Hanlon	29 pts	Paul Ormond	18 pts
Darren Fretwell	33 pts	Russ McLaughlin	31 pts
Dave Shaw	26 pts	Shane Dellow	30 pts
Ges Meehan	22 pts	Steve Roulstone	20 pts

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

It looks like our very own Captain is having a slight moment, judging by all the head scratching!!



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(picture above) Here we can see the first three-balls of the day going about the business of trying to construct a perfect round of golf. Answers on a postage stamp how many achieved this ☺.

(picture left) Our old chum “Worm Cam” pops his head up once more to take a snapshot of the days action. Will Darren sink the long putt? To be honest I don’t know, it was at this point all hell broke loss with Mick’s runaway trolley!! But Darren carded a 5 for 2 points on the 2nd hole, so not a bad effort at all.

So finally everyone had completed the round of golf, well all bar the last four-ball group of Charlie Shilton, Jason Dellow, Russ McLaughlin and Shane Dellow, who it seems had drifted a little behind the rest of us!! But who all eventually made it back to the clubhouse, earning themselves a well-earned pint ☺.



While the rest of the members were enjoying their pints, it seems Mick O’Hanlon was still feeling a little delicate from the all-day wedding he had been to the day before! And you only thought you would ever see Mick in a slightly worse for wear state on a WAGS away weekend.

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So did you recognise which golf course my little snippet of a picture was from?
Well here is the picture in its full glory – now do you recognise the golf course?
It is in fact Windmill Village Golf Club & Hotel. A venue we first played as an away weekend venue in 2008, then in 2009 as the venue for the Memorial Trophy. I believe the actual hole in question was the 10th hole – if my memory serves me right ☺



I look forward to seeing you all at Sinfin Golf Club for the next chapter in the WAGS 2014 championship, the Singles May Cup.

Regards

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