

# WILSTHORPE AMATEUR GOLF SOCIETY

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Dear WAGS Members,

<b>NEXT MATCH : Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2014</b>			
<b>Venue :</b>	<b>Rufford Park Golf Club, Rufford Lane (NG22 9DG)</b>		
<b>Competition :</b>	<b>June Singles Cup</b>		
<b>Arrival Time :</b>	<b>11:15am</b>	<b>Cost :</b>	<b>£30.00</b>
Members / Guests Playing: -			
Andrew Shilton	Ash Hutchinson	Bron Dyjas	Charlie Shilton
Chris Norris	Daniel Keen	Darren Fretwell	Dave Johnstone
Dave Shaw	Ges Meehan	Glen Hundleby	Graham Hofmann
Ian Patrick	Jason Dellow	John Frearson	Jordan Hughes
Martin Sheppard	Michael Riley	Mick Fullwood	Pete Hallam
Russ McLaughlin	Shane Dellow	Steve Roulstone	Paul Ormond

I will confirm the numbers with Rufford on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May, so if you are not down to play and wish to do so, please let me know by then!!

Rufford Park golf course is 6,013 yards from the yellow tees and has a par of 70. The starting hole at Rufford starts with a Par 4, 361 yards, stroke index 8. Teeing off from an elevated tee box allows all of the members to see how your first shot of the day goes. So no pressure there then ☺. There are two Par 5's on the course, with the stroke index 1 hole being one of them. At 589 yards it certainly needs two excellent throdges to stand any chance of a par, let alone a birdie!! A somewhat shorter hole is the Par 3 17<sup>th</sup>, only 169 yards, sounds easy. However for those of you who have not played here before, maybe I should not tell you the tee box is very elevated and I mean very elevated ☺. Making sure you carry the rough going down the hillside and..... you are on the green. Well technically yes, but first you have to cross your fingers & toes and hope that your tee shot clears the lake surrounding the green. Oh, did I not mention there is quite a substantial lake protecting the green?!! I am sure all those members who have played Rufford Park will agree it has some wonderful holes. Good luck ☺

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## May Singles Cup – Sinfin Golf Club : Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2014

What an excellent turn out at Sinfin, 24 members and one guest, so for the second match running we had 25 players attending a monthly competition. On top of all this, one of our members was about to achieve quite a memorable moment in his life!!



But by the stern look on our Chairman's face, maybe it wasn't a good moment..... so who was about to experience a moment and what was it?

Well as you may gather from the picture, it was Bron who was about to have this experience.....

the next day Bron was to turn 30 years old. Yes, he was to leave his roaring twenties behind him forever (sorry Bron I am not trying to depress you – it happens to all of us!)

But after a round of applause and cheers Bron did finally crack a smile ☺. Hope you had a great birthday mate, cheers.



So to the golf, with the weather forecast giving us anything from sunshine, to wind, to showers, to sunshine, to heavy rain, who knows what would happen in the next four hours or so.

The 25 players attending Sinfin teed off in 3 three balls and 4 four balls and at this early stage of the championship, would someone be trying to stamp their mark for a possible candidate as the next WAGS champion? I guess to be in with a shot, you need a steady round, some excellent drives and chipping skills any professional would be proud of. Or in the case of one of my playing partners, good luck far beyond any that one single person should be allowed!! Andrew Shilton, Graham Hofmann and myself teed off first and by the time we stood on the 4<sup>th</sup> tee, it seemed we had finally loosened up. The 4<sup>th</sup> hole at Sinfin, as many of you know, is a Par 3, 182 yards, stroke

index 15. As many of you might agree, quite a straightforward Par 3 hole. Andrew's tee shot was a little short, just to the left of the green, Graham's tee shot finished straight but just short of the green and my own tee shot was also a little short, but to the right. So we didn't really frighten the green ☺. However, it was Graham's tee shot that had both Andrew and myself speechless.

Graham stood on the tee, with his selected club in hand and stroked through his shot, hitting the ball cleanly. As we watched Graham's ball soaring in to the sky, it became obvious that the trajectory was, well how do I put this – a little off ☺.

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Graham's ball was heading straight for the little coppice of trees, to the left of the green. I thought to myself, I certainly would not like to play a ball out from the middle of those trees, no clear view of the green, not much (if any) distance to play with and a bunker straight in line with the flag. Andrew, Graham and myself kept watching Graham's ball, as it got ever closer to the trees, slowly coming down from its lofty flight.... Then by some stroke of luck, or divine intervention, Graham's ball hits one of the tree trunks, bounces 90 degrees to the right and ends up roughly 4 or 5 yards short of the green, dead centre. More jam than Hartley's, to coin a phrase, no wonder Graham looks so damn happy ☺.



So how did the rest of us mere mortals do? Well during the round of golf at Sinfin we managed to card an outstanding 82 gross pars. I say 'outstanding', as last year we only carded a mere 65! Those of note were, Ges Meehan and Charlie Shilton, who carded 5 each. Going one better was Russ McLaughlin, with 6 gross pars. Beating this by two was Daniel Keen, carding an excellent 8 gross pars. But it seems we were in the presence of a master class, Mick O'Hanlon had the audacity to card, wait for it..... 11 gross pars, yes you read that right, I did say 11. I am sure you will agree that was an absolutely stunning achievement. Myself and some of the other long time members were trying to rack our brains and think if anyone had ever carded more gross pars. I remember an ex-member, Andi Mason, scoring 45 points at Kilton Forest in 2007, I had the pleasure of going around with him. But I just can't remember how many gross pars he scored. 10 gross pars had been achieved before, most recently by Russ McLaughlin on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2013, at Rufford Park. And also Charlie Shilton on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2013, at Springwater.



Looks like Andrew is getting in to full swing!!

As good as the gross pars were, it seems gross birdies were in short supply. Last year we carded 7 gross birdies, but this year we only carded 3!! These were carded by: -

Hole 13	Par 5	519 yards	Stroke Index 4	Andrew Shilton
Hole 15	Par 4	363 yards	Stroke Index 2	Shane Dellow
Hole 17	Par 4	326 yards	Stroke Index 10	Andrew Shilton

Gentlemen very well played.

One point of note is that Andrew's birdie scored him 5 points, with his 2 shots for his handicap!!

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It seems there are plenty of chips around..... but no fish ☹

The results: -

WINNER ~	Andrew Shilton	- 40 pts
2 <sup>nd</sup> ~	Mick O'Hanlon	- 36 pts
3 <sup>rd</sup> ~	Mick Fullwood	- 34 pts

Nearest the Pin ~	Russ McLaughlin	- Hole No.2
	Mick O'Hanlon	- Hole No.4
	Pete Hallam	- Hole No.11
	Russ McLaughlin	- Hole No.12
	Michael Riley	- Hole No.14

Longest Drive ~	Daniel O'Hanlon	- Hole No.13
Nearest the Pin in 2 ~	Mick Fullwood	- Hole No.18

Alphabetical Individual scores: -

Bron Dyjas (rtd)	7 pts	Ges Meehan	31 pts	Paul Bacon	21 pts
Charlie Shilton	28 pts	Glen Hundleby	24 pts	Paul Ormond (rtd)	5 pts
Chris Norris	16 pts	Graham Hofmann	30 pts	Pete Hallam	34 pts
Daniel Keen	32 pts	John Frearson	23 pts	Rob Rolley (guest)	26 pts
Daniel O'Hanlon	27 pts	Jordan Hughes	25 pts	Russ McLaughlin	27 pts
Danny Fletcher	26 pts	Martin Sheppard	25 pts	Shane Dellow	23 pts
Darren Fretwell	33 pts	Michael Riley	25 pts	Steve Roulstone	24 pts
Dave Johnstone	29 pts				

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

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I think it only fair to mention Andrew Shilton's round of golf. He scored 17 points on the front nine holes, not too bad. But Andrew didn't get off to a good start on the back nine, not scoring on holes 10 and 11. However on the last 7 holes, Andrew scored an impressive 23 points!! Oh our Handicap Secretary Dave Johnstone is going to have fun with your handicap Andrew ☺. A truly excellent round of golf, it was a pleasure to watch, very well played.



Well it seems the stroll around Sinfin golf course was a very nice way to spend a sunny afternoon, as we can see from these three fine gentlemen approaching the 18<sup>th</sup> green. However, only maybe 30 or 40 minutes later, things did take a turn for the worst on the weather front by the time the last 2 four balls approached the 18<sup>th</sup> green. But not deterred, I weathered the storm to bring you these photographs, with no thought for my own feel being..... ok ok, so I was snugly tucked under the over hanging roof of the clubhouse, keeping myself perfectly dry!! Unlike Mick Fullwood and Chris Norris below, who along with their playing partners still battled on like troopers. Gentlemen for those of you who got caught in the worst of the days' weather, well done indeed, such tenacity, such commitment, such dare I say bravery..... or maybe you were all just mad!! ☺



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Gentlemen please forgive me, I meant to ask each of you who attended the May Singles Cup at Sinfín, if you wanted to book your place for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Away Weekend in Scotland. But judging by the initial response I think most of you are up for a little jaunt north of the border. So maybe it will be easier if I ask you if you are not going to Scotland, to let me know. I will confirm with you all at the next match at Rufford Park on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June. Please do not forget you must pay your £35.00 deposit (non-refundable) **NO LATER** than the end of June.

The dates are: -  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2015 to Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2015

On the subject of Away Weekends, I also need to confirm some details for this years' trip to the Telford Golf Resort. I have listed below all those going below, could you let me know if you only wish to go for the **two-night** package?

Bill Bash	Steve Roulstone	Ash Hutchinson	Shane Dellow	Bron Dyjas
Daniel O'Hanlon	Daniel Keen	Russ McLaughlin	Dave Johnstone	Mick Fullwood
Mick O'Hanlon	Pete Hallam	Jordan Hughes	John Frearson	Glen Hundleby
Ges Meehan	Charlie Shilton	Andrew Shilton	Ian Patrick	Chris Norris
Paul Bacon	Michael Rile	Darren Fretwell	Paul Bacon	Danny Fletcher

The dates are: -  
3 night package : Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2014 to Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2014  
2 night package : Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2014 to Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2014

See you all at our next Championship match at Rufford Park on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2014.

Regards

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