

# WILSTHORPE AMATEUR GOLF SOCIETY

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Dear WAGS Members,

<b>NEXT MATCH : Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2013</b>			
<b>Venue :</b>	<b>Thorpe Wood Golf Club, Peterborough, PE3 6SE</b>		
<b>Competition :</b>	<b>May Singles Cup</b>		
<b>Arrival Time :</b>	<b>9:45am</b>	<b>Cost :</b>	<b>£25.00</b>
Members / Guests Playing: -			
Ash Hutchinson	Chris Norris	Daniel Keen	Daniel O'Hanlon
Danny Fletcher	Darren Fretwell	Dave Clarke	Dave Johnstone
Ges Meehan	Glen Hundleby	John Frearson	Jordan Hughes
Mick Fullwood	Mick O'Hanlon	Paul Bacon	Paul Ormond
Pete Hallam	Russ McLaughlin	Shane Dellow	Steve Roulstone
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**I will be confirming the numbers with Thorpe Wood on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May, so if you are not down to play and wish to do so, please let me know by then!!**

So our next match is at Thorpe Wood and although it is a fair drive, I think most of the members will agree, it is worth the slightly longer than normal drive each year to visit this great municipal course. From the 'yellow pots' it is 6,352 yards long, with the front nine holes being slightly longer at 3,296 yards. This is compared to the back nine being just over 3,000 yards at 3,056. The 18 holes are made up of four par 3's, twelve par 4's and two par 5's, which give Thorpe Wood golf course a par of 70 and hopefully the chance for every member to sparkle a little!!

For any member that may be thinking of unusually treating themselves to a little breakfast before golf, there is an OK American Diner on the southbound side of the A1. It is approximately 3 or 4 miles after the turn for the A151. Although not the cheapest, they do have two tempting offerings that seem mouth-watering: -

The All Day : £6.95 ~ 2 eggs, 2 bacon, 2 sausage, grilled tomato, fried bread or toast  
The Bigger One : £7.95 ~ egg, bacon, 2 sausages, black pudding, grilled tomato, beans, mushrooms, hash browns, fried bread or toast

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## Captain's Day – Rufford Park Golf Club : Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2013

21 members turned out for Ian Patrick's Captain's Day and finally a weekend of lovely weather to grace the event. The Captain's Day is always played as a singles competition to win the Captain's Shield, but each captain always like to add a little something to the event. Ian, not unlike his predecessors was not to going to miss this opportunity of teasing us all on the golf course. Ian had devised a quite cunning plan to incorporate a slight twist within the singles competition, in fact you might even say "Ferretesque". The draw would be made as normal and with 21 members playing it meant we would be going out in three 3 balls, followed by three 4 balls. Ian's twist was to have a group competition, which he named the "Jaffa" competition. Each three or four ball drawn out together would play as a team. Each team would be given an orange ball, yes 'orange'! Orange? Jaffa? Have you made the connection yet? ☺ The rules of the competition were: -

The lowest handicap player in each group would tee off with the orange ball first, any points he scored on the first hole would count towards the team total. On the second hole the next lowest handicap player within the team would play with the orange ball. Again any points he scored would go towards the team total. On the third hole, the orange ball would pass to the next lowest handicap player, again adding any points he scored to the team total. And for those groups of four members, the final player would play with the orange ball adding any points he scored to the team total. Once all the players in each group had played a hole with the orange ball, it would pass back to the lowest handicap player and the same process would start again. Quite an



Some of the WAGS excited with their new tops!!



Surely our captain Ian is not having a quiet word with the handicap secretary to see if he can get his handicap raised!! On the assumption that it is his day!! No chance ☺

intriguing twist don't you think? But there was more to come.....

If any player 'lost' the orange ball, then that would be the end of the team points total!! Can you imagine the shame of being the player who lost the ball, knowing that your team points total could not be added to. You would spend the rest of the round of golf with your head hung low, wishing you had played a quite different shot to the one you choose to play ☺

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Three of the WAGS members who had the honour of teeing off first with the orange ball, would they be able to get their teams off to a scoring start? No pressure then ☺



So how did we all play during the round at Rufford Park? Well with a massive total of 76 gross pars I think the answer to that question is... the majority of the members must have played very well indeed. Of note were Ian Patrick, Ash Hutchinson and Dave Johnstone, all of who carded a respectable 5 gross pars. Carding three better with 8 gross pars was Danny Fletcher, but Charlie Shilton went one better still and carded an impressive 9 gross pars. However it seems one WAGS member was on fire, Russ McLaughlin carded an excellent 10 gross pars. Gentlemen well played to you all.

On top of the gross pars, there were also 8 gross birdies carded. These were: -

Hole 1	361 yards	Par 4	Stroke Index 8	Daniel Keen
Hole 2	491 yards	Par 5	Stroke Index 14	Russ McLaughlin
Hole 7	147 yards	Par 3	Stroke Index 16	Ash Hutchinson
Hole 7	147 yards	Par 3	Stroke Index 16	Daniel Keen
Hole 8	376 yards	Par 4	Stroke Index 4	Danny Fletcher
Hole 8	376 yards	Par 4	Stroke Index 4	Charlie Shilton
Hole 15	180 yards	Par 3	Stroke Index 11	Danny Fletcher
Hole 18	308 yards	Par 4	Stroke Index 13	Ash Hutchinson

Gentlemen very well played to you all.

(left) It seems our captain Ian is keeping a close eye on where that 'bloody orange ball' is going!! ☺

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## **Captains Log : golf date – 05.05.13.12.32**

Rufford Park, the Final Frontier! Members of the WAGS beamed, literally into Rufford Park having heeded the Klingon warning not to be late. For fear of starting yet another intergalactic battle all members arrived in a timely manner having utilised a variety of associated travelling craft.



For my part I booked a ride in the Mystery Machine with Fred (Dave) & Shaggy (Steve) in order to ensure a timely arrival. We then picked up Mick.....

Which way to Rufford Park?

Dave just looks like Fred!! Steve, I think the hair gives it away!!



Mick I think ended up in the back of the van with Velma and Daphne!!!



Having said that, our intrepid Society set off on yet another quest for glory. To overcome their golfing demons and to generally have a good time!

As Captain, I introduced the "JAFFA" Challenge which I hope that you all enjoyed!? The general principal being to play as a team in your respective 3 & 4 balls and to return home with the coveted Orange Ball! Three teams managed this feat with three remaining seedless!! Yet, again I managed to draw our esteemed Secretary as a playing partner in our 4 ball. Never have I seen a man more possessed in trying to protect the Orange Ball. Steve never gave up, chasing the ball into the trees, the rough and the deep ravine on the 16<sup>th</sup> cut by the stream.

However, look at Mick now!!



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Inevitably Steve was the man responsible for taking the Orange shot on the 16<sup>th</sup> with Ash pitching in with encouragement..... "Stay right old lad and avoid the hazard" and we will be in with a shout of getting home with the ball. The points total didn't seem to matter.... Just get the ball home.

Steve again wafted his magical 9 Driving wedge with the ball remaining left and landing slap bang in mid-stream 100 yards up the ravine. "I'm going to find that", he said and charged off in his space chariot. Fortunately, there was a foot bridge across the ravine, where the "Jaffa" had entered the water. Armed with ball retriever Steve yelped with Joy.... I've found the ball and retrieved it accordingly... Steve scored few points for the team and indeed scored zero on the 16<sup>th</sup> having placed his 3<sup>rd</sup> shot into the trees on the left of the fairway. As he hit his 3<sup>rd</sup> shot I'm sure I heard him shout Kling on you B\*s\*\*\*d..... Again, the gravitational pull drew Steve to the black hole but to his surprise there was the Golden Wonder staring back at him. He thought to himself.... that was a crisp shot despite missing the fairway. After, the excitement of the 16<sup>th</sup> we only had 2 holes to go. The Jaffa passed to Ash to gently waft a 5 Iron 169 Yards onto the green. Well you guessed it, the passion had died in Ash and his Silver rod wilted. Result a looping shot into the drink. Game over. I hope that you had as much fun as we did!!

## Other Issues

Never have I seen so much passion from an individual wanting to win a box of Jaffa cakes Dave!! Forget, the trophy and Prize Money Dave was gutted when he slid the Golden Jaffa into a Dyke and his team's chances of winning were QUASHED.....! Also, a fantastic chip in for birdie from the side of the 7<sup>th</sup> Par 3 to win Ash Heroic Birdie of the day! Darren, you need to take lessons in how to operate / take pictures with an SLR Camera. Congratulations to Russ McLaughlin on an outstanding win and to Glen, Daniel and Keanie for winning the Jaffa Team competition. Finally, thanks to all of your kind generosity for sponsoring the Captains Charity Challenge on the 17<sup>th</sup> won by Shane. Overall, we raised £130.00 for Cancer Research UK. Thanks to Russ, Daniel Fletcher and Keanie now in 3<sup>rd</sup> Place for donating their Prize Money to this Cause.

## APOLOGIES

I can't make Thorpe wood on the 19<sup>th</sup> May and would kindly ask Ash Hutchinson to carry out Vice Captains duties in my absence. Please don't forget to write the Log Ash!! See you all at Sinfin on the 02<sup>nd</sup> June.

All the best.

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## The results: -

WINNER ~	Russ McLaughlin	- 43 pts
2 <sup>nd</sup> ~	Danny Fletcher	- 37 pts
3 <sup>rd</sup> ~	Daniel Keen	- 35 pts

Nearest the Pin ~	Russ McLaughlin	- Hole No.5
	Danny Fletcher	- Hole No.7
	Danny Fletcher	- Hole No.15
	Shane Dellow	- Hole No.17
Longest Drive ~	Jordan Hughes	- Hole No.13
Nearest the Pin in 3 ~	Ash Hutchinson	- Hole No.18

## Alphabetical Individual scores: -

Andrew Shilton (G)	31 pts	Dave Clarke	27 pts	Jordan Hughes	27 pts
Ash Hutchinson	34 pts	Dave Johnstone	33 pts	Mick Fullwood	28 pts
Charlie Shilton	31 pts	Ges Meehan	25 pts	Paul Bacon	34 pts
Chris Norris	18 pts	Glen Hundleby	26 pts	Paul Ormond	23 pts
Daniel O'Hanlon	31 pts	Ian Patrick	35 pts	Shane Dellow	26 pts
Darren Fretwell	20 pts	John Frearson	26 pts	Steve Roulstone	11 pts

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

Now for those of you attending Rufford Park, you may have noticed a slight difference in the members occupying the winners rostrum. Well it seems that on further inspection of the cards while putting together this well-crafted piece of literature, an error was discovered! At Rufford Park Ian was declared in third place, however my apologies I had not checked the cards and it seems Daniel Keen had in fact pipped Ian to third place on count back. Well done Daniel.



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So the results for the “Jaffa” competition: -

Winners ~	Daniel Keen, Daniel O’Hanlon and Glen Hundleby	: 35 pts
2 <sup>nd</sup> ~	Paul Ormond, Jordan Hughes, Danny Fletcher and Paul Bacon	: 31 pts
3 <sup>rd</sup> ~	John Frearson, Shane Dellow and Chris Norris	: 27 pts
4 <sup>th</sup> ~	Dave Clarke, Ges Meehan, Dave Johnstone and Russ McLaughlin	: 25 pts *
5 <sup>th</sup> ~	Charlie Shilton, Mick Fullwood and Andrew Shilton (guest)	: 20 pts *
6 <sup>th</sup> ~	Ash Hutchinson, Ian Patrick, Darren Fretwell and Steve Roulstone	: 18 pts *



The one question I may not have answered yet is, did every team arrive back in the clubhouse with their orange ball? Well the simple answer to that is no!! 21 WAGS members set off with the responsibility of trying to keep the orange ball in play for all 18 holes, but sadly not all of them managed this task. 3 teams lost their orange ball and if you are quick on the uptake and will have realised that the “ \* ” after the points total does in fact indicate that that team returned to the clubhouse without that ‘bloody orange ball’.

Congratulations to Daniel, Daniel and Glen for winning and what was their prize??? Well Ian had a little wheeze, he presented the winners with what else, but a packet of Jaffa Cakes!!

I do believe all three winners also got another gift from Ian, not just the Jaffa cakes..... ☺

(left) view from the 17<sup>th</sup> tee at Rufford Park  
(par 3, 169 yards, stroke index 9)

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After the presentation Ian had very kindly treated us all to not only a meal, but a drink as well, cheers...

Gentlemen I'm sure you will all join with me in thanking Ian for a great day at Rufford Park. A beautiful course that I am sure we will be returning to very soon.  
See you all at Thorpe Wood on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May.

Regards

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