

WILSTHORPE AMATEUR GOLF SOCIETY

Away Weekend 2019



Dear WAGS Members,



So, with Bill and my supplies packed it was ready to get the 2019 Away Weekend underway! Don't worry most of the water packed is frozen and its only use is to act as ice blocks and not to be taken internally 😊.

As you can see from the bottom picture, upon arrival I managed to get one of those very helpful 'room-boys' that take your luggage to your room. He seemed a very amenable chap, although for some reason he wanted a tip and was quite insistent that it came in the form of a beer!!



The much awaited 2019 Away Weekend was to be at Hill Valley Hotel, Golf & Spa, just on the outskirts of Whitchurch in Shropshire. The complex included two 18 holes courses for our delight over the weekend, I wonder how many of these 36 holes would test both our golfing ability and our golfing knowledge?

20 WAGS members arrived for the extra day at Hill Valley on the Thursday, where some golf was played, not pretty golf, but most managed to get around the course at least. This was followed by the quaffing of just the odd beer or two, nothing too outrageous you understand. After all, we are all now supposed to be grown-up respectable men!

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You wouldn't really believe that they are enjoying themselves, well I guess with the exception of those young men at the back! Yes you, Messer's Meehan, Hundleby and Dyjas, are you not bothering paying attention for the camera? But Messer's Syson, Dellow, Bash, Kerr and Hughes' solemn faces could be down to the fact that their plates are empty ☺. Bring on the main course.....

Although it does seem like our Chairman Mick O'Hanlon has managed to put a smile on Ash Hutchinson's face!! However, I think our Treasurer Paul Sawdon may have heard the joke before. I wonder if it has anything to do with the fact Mick had been quite recently to Hill Valley, saw the wine prices and bought several bottles of his own stock, thus saving his wallet the painful experience of paying £9.00 for a **glass** of wine, even with the 20% discount voucher!



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Well it can't be all golf and beer and wine!! I am sure our resident twitter Ash Hutchinson can inform us of the make of the duck in this outstanding wildlife photograph. Or should that be "twitcher"? I am never quite sure where Ash is involved!!

So, with the extra nights' meal taken care of, it seemed only sensible to retire to the bar, where informed and in-depth

discussions would take place between a group of liked minded friends. Of course, these discussions would envelop many different criteria as the evening progressed. One minute a high-level exchange of views on the value of a short or medium tee peg might be transpiring, before getting down to the nitty gritty truth as to whether a pint of Peroni premium lager or Strongbow cider had the strongest volume strength! Well the results might surprise you, Peroni is 5.1% volume, whereas Strongbow is only 5.0% volume.



The photograph to the right depicts the effects of

Strongbow, where we see our beloved Bill Bash taking a very brief nap in the evening's proceedings, while a few of the WAGS members check to make sure Bill is fine and comfy in the armchair! So, it seems Strongbow does not indeed give you too many side effects.

Now for everyone's future safety I undertook a study on the effects of Peroni, with no thought of danger to myself. Sometimes you just have to do what is right and proper. The results of this study I think speak for themselves, after consuming a small amount of Peroni it has a truly adverse effect, so much so that you just have this uncontrollable desire to sleep standing up at the urinal in the gents' toilet. Well I guess I wasn't in any body's way ☺

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Friday 12th July : Asia Cup ~ 9:00am (Emerald course)

Our official opening match of the 2019 Away Weekend as has been for the last 19 years, was the Asia Cup. Bill Bash had again travelled from the Far East to kindly sponsor this match and this years' format would be a simple affair. It was to be played as a singles full handicap Stapleford match. 24 WAGS members were now in attendance for the Asia Cup and it seems the weather might just hold, although there was a chance of the odd shower of rain, but nothing to worry the hardened society members turning out to play.



So, with our 2019 Captain Danny Fletcher in firm control of proceedings, informing all those members gathered which holes were in competition for the 'Nearest the Pins' and 'Longest Drive', it was time to get this party started! Oh no wait, maybe that would come later on in the evening?



I have no idea what Mick 'the Ferret' Fullwood was doing at this moment in time or indeed what the hell he was wearing.... The mind boggles!!

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During the Asia Cup, the 24 WAGS members playing on the 6,288 yard Emerald course carded a total of 67 gross pars. Glen Hundleby, Russ McLaughlin and Jason Dellow all carded a creditable 4 gross pars. While Dave Syson, Ash Hutchinson and Danny Fletcher all improved by one, carding a respectable 5 gross pars. Managing to card an impressive 6 gross pars were Robbie Kerr and Mick O'Hanlon. But "King of the Heap" on the first match went to Charlie Shilton, with an excellent 9 gross pars.

Gentleman well played to you all.

Along with the 67 gross pars, the members also carded 8 gross birdies, these were by: -

Robbie Kerr	Hole No.5	Par 4	257 yards	S.I.13
Mick O'Hanlon	Hole No.7	Par 4	298 yards	S.I.11
Danny Fletcher	Hole No.12	Par 4	293 yards	S.I.16
Daniel Keen	Hole No.12	Par 4	293 yards	S.I.16
Shane Dellow	Hole No.16	Par 4	297 yards	S.I.14
Daniel Keen	Hole No.15	Par 4	297 yards	S.I.14
Charlie Shilton	Hole No.17	Par 3	132 yards	S.I.6
Bron Dyjas	Hole No.17	Par 3	132 yards	S.I.6

Gentlemen very well played to you all.



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Asia Cup results: -

WINNER ~	Dave Syson	: 38 pts
2 nd ~	Charlie Shilton	: 37 pts
3 rd ~	Glen Hundleby	: 36 pts
Nearest the Pin ~	Dave Johnstone	: Hole No.4
	n/a	: Hole No.6
	Andrew Shilton	: Hole No.15
	Dave Syson	: Hole No.17
Longest Drive ~	Danny Fletcher	: Hole No.13
Nearest in 3 ~	Andrew Shilton	: Hole No.18

Gentlemen well played.

Individual Scores (alphabetically):-

Andrew Shilton	23 pts	Dave Clarke	12 pts	Paul Bacon	25 pts
Ash Hutchinson	33 pts	Dave Johnstone	29 pts	Paul Ormond	15 pts
Bill Bash	7 pts	Ges Meehan	19 pts	Paul Sawdon	24 pts
Bron Dyjas	31 pts	Jason Dellow	24 pts	Robbie Kerr	34 pts
Daniel Keen	27 pts	Jordan Hughes	9 pts	Russ McLaughlin	27 pts
Daniel O'Hanlon	18 pts	Mick Fullwood	18 pts	Shane Dellow	27 pts
Danny Fletcher	30 pts	Mick O'Hanlon	26 pts	Steve Roulstone	22 pts



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Time for the members to scrub up!!



Well it seems the members can still scrub up rather well.
Although, I wonder how long firstly the ties will stay on? Then how long before they go back to their rooms to change into that casual number that they like?

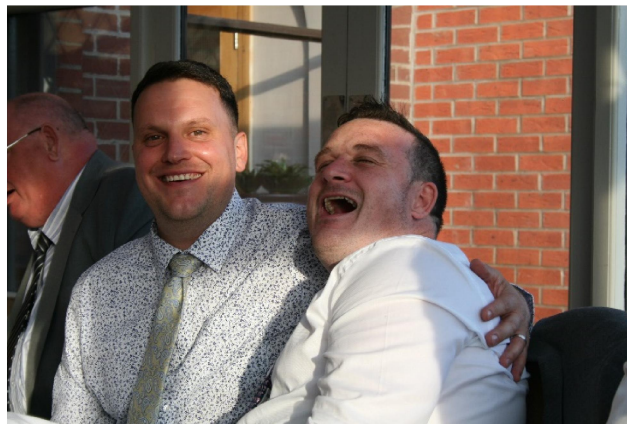
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You see once you put some food and drinks in front of them, they come alive 😊



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A member of staff at Hill Valley does a little cleaning up, surely that could not have been anything to do with the WAGS? Well, I was only sitting on the armchair right in front of the potted plant (that I thought was plastic I might add!) and with another WAGS member wanting to sit around the table a few of us were sitting at, I thought it only right to move a little, so I pushed my armchair backwards, then I pushed it backwards a little more and a little more! Which it seems was just that little bit too far. I turned around to see the large planter falling over in what seemed like slow motion and I could just not reach out either quick enough or far enough to catch it, before the planter landed on the carpet, where it seems the entire contents (soil) fell out on to the carpet! In fairness I did ask at the bar for a dustpan and brush, but the staff member insisted on brushing it up himself, what a wonderful guy! So, whenever you move your chair to make room for another person to sit at your table, look behind for kamikaze potted plants!

I checked the day after and the plant & planter seemed to be doing ok, if anyone was interested!

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Saturday 13th July : Team Event – 9:00am tee off (Sapphire course)

Due to a complete mix up in the buggy reservations for the Away Weekend, where it seems we would not have buggies for Sunday, it was decided to switch the Team Event to the Saturday morning. This would ensure that those wanting buggies could have a buggy. So, during the Friday nights evening meal the much anticipated draw took place, the outcome of which was: -

Team 'A'

Mick O'Hanlon vs
Glen Hundleby vs
Dave Clarke (3) vs
Jason Dellow vs
Daniel O'Hanlon (1) vs
Bill Bash (1) vs
Dave Syson vs
Jordan Hughes (2) vs
Russ McLaughlin (2) vs
Steve Roulstone vs
Danny Fletcher vs
Paul Sawdon vs

Team 'B'

Charlie Shilton (2)
Bron Dyjas (3)
Paul Bacon
Ash Hutchinson
Daniel Keen
Paul Ormond
Dave Johnstone (3)
Andrew Shilton
Shane Dellow
Mick Fullwood (1)
Robbie Kerr (4)
Ges Meehan



The numbers in brackets indicate how many shots that member gets on his opponent.



Once the drawn had been made the previous night at the dining table the ribbing started to take place, with each of those members pitted against each other seeming intent on trying to get in the mind of their opponent! Ah, the skill of the mind games, it happens but once a year, but the result of the Team Event can last all year, with the winner getting the bragging rights over his opponent.

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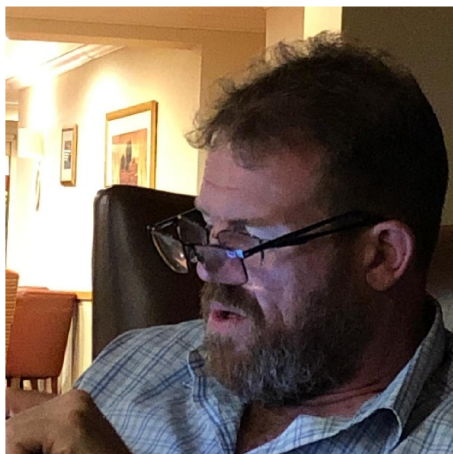


Mick O'Hanlon was again **Team 'A'** Captain, playing against **Team 'B'** Captain Charlie Shilton. Mick won the 1st hole, then Charlie won, then Mick won. This would be how the first 9 holes would go, backwards and forwards and after 9 holes the team captains were all square. The 10th hole was halved before Mick won the 11th hole. Halving the 12th hole left Mick one hole up, but there was still 6 holes to play. Then Charlie won the 13th hole and the 14th hole, taking him one hole up on Mick, but with 4 holes still to play. It seems Charlie then took the game by the scruff of the neck, winning the next 2 holes to beat Mick 3 & 2.

Team A : 0 pts ~ **Team B** : 1 pts

Glen Hundleby **Team 'A'** gave Bron Dyjas **Team 'B'** 3 shots in what could be a tight match. This proved so, as by the 7th hole the match was back to all square. Bron then won holes 8, 9 and 10, to go 3 holes up, but there was still plenty of holes to play. The next 2 holes were halved leaving Bron still 3 holes up, but now with only 6 holes to play. It was then Glen's turn to turn on the style, winning the next 3 holes to bring the match all square again, but now with only 3 holes to play. Bron won the 16th hole, he was now 1 hole up and only 2 to play, could Glen fight back again? It seems not, as Bron won the 17th hole, thus winning the match against Glen 2 & 1.

Team A : 0 pts ~ **Team B** : 2 pts



Steve Roulstone **Team 'A'** was again playing against Mick Fullwood **Team 'B'**, these two have played each other a few times now and it always seems to be a good game. Mick took an early lead winning the 1st hole. The 2nd hole was halved, before Mick won the 3rd hole. The next 4 holes were halved before Steve won the next 2 holes, bringing the game back to all square after 9 holes. Mick won the 10th hole, then Steve won the 11th hole, then Mick won the 12th hole, leaving Mick 1 hole up with 6 holes to play. The next 2 holes were halved before Mick won the 15th hole, leaving himself 2 holes up with 3 holes to play. Steve then lost the 16th hole, giving Mick the win over Steve of 3 & 2

Team A : 0 pts ~ **Team B** : 3 pts

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Bill Bash **Team 'A'** had been drawn against Paul Ormond **Team 'B'**, with Paul giving Bill 1 shot. Bill won the 1st, 4th and 6th holes, but with Paul winning the 2nd, 5th and 7th holes, it was all square after 7 holes. Paul won the 8th and 9th holes, with Bill then winning the 10th, which left Paul 1 hole up after 10 holes. Paul then won the 11th hole and the 12th hole was halved, leaving Paul 2 holes up, but with still 6 holes to play. Could Bill mount another comeback? Well Paul won the 13th and 14th holes to go 4 holes up with now only 4 holes to play. Bill needed to win the next hole to continue fighting, but it was Paul who won, so beating Bill 5 & 4.

Team A : 0 pts ~ **Team B** : 4 pts

Danny Fletcher **Team 'A'** had been drawn out against Robbie Kerr **Team 'B'** and was giving Robbie 4 shots. Danny won the 1st hole, but Robbie bounced back and won the 2nd hole. Danny then won the next 3 holes, with the next 3 holes halves, before Danny won the 9th hole, giving him a lead of 4 holes up after 9 holes. Robbie won the 10th hole to bring the deficit back to only 3 holes down. However, Danny then won back to back holes, to make him 5 holes up with now only 6 holes to play! Robbie won 2 holes of the next 3 holes, so by the 15th hole Robbie was only 3 holes down, but Danny won the 16th hole, winning the match by 3 & 2.

Team A : 1 pts ~ **Team B** : 4 pts



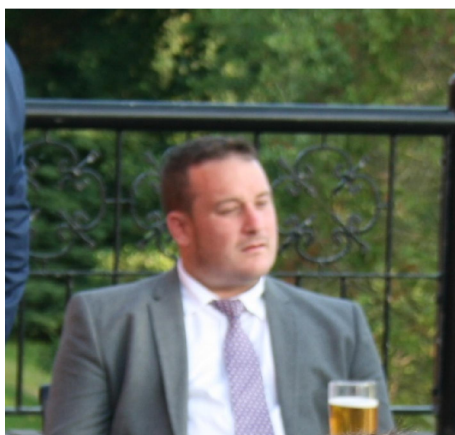
Jordan Hughes **Team 'A'** was being given 2 shorts by his opposition Andrew Shilton **Team 'B'** and it was Andrew that took an early lead, winning the 1st 2 holes. Andrew won 1 more of the next 3 holes, before Jordan won the 6th hole. The 7th & 8th holes were halved before Andrew won the 9th hole, giving him a lead of 3 holes up after 9 holes. Andrew won the 10th & 11th holes, with the 12th hole being halved. Andrew was now 5 holes up with 6 holes to play. Jordan won the 13th hole, so was now only 4 holes down with 5 holes to play! Could a dramatic comeback be on? Well sadly no, Andrew won the 14th hole to win the match against Jordan 5 & 4.

Team A : 1 pts ~ **Team B** : 5 pts

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Russ McLaughlin **Team 'A'** was being given 2 shots by Shane Dellow **Team 'B'** and it was Shane that drew 1st blood winning the 1st hole, but Russ came straight back winning the 2nd hole, all square after 2! Shane won the 3rd & 4th holes and the 5th hole was halved, this left Russ only 2 holes down with 13 holes left to play, so there was plenty of time to comeback in his match against Shane. However, it seems Shane had other ideas and went on to win the 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th holes, giving him a lead of 6 holes up after 9 holes. The 10th hole was halved, but then Shane won the 11th and 12th holes to take the match against Russ 8 & 6.

Team A : 1 pts ~ **Team B** : 6 pts

Dave Syson **Team 'A'** was giving Dave Johnstone **Team 'B'** 3 shots and it was Dave S who got off to the better start, winning the 1st hole. The 2nd hole was halved before Dave J won the next 2 holes. Dave S won the 5th hole, then Dave J won the next 2 again! With Dave S winning the 8th hole and Dave J winning the 9th hole, it left Dave J 2 holes up after 9 holes. Each Dave won 1 of the next 2 holes, before the 12th, 13th & 14th holes were halved, leaving Dave J 2 holes up with 4 holes to play. Again, each Dave won 1 of the next 2 holes, still leaving Dave J 2 holes up, but now only 2 holes to play. Then Dave J won the 17th hole, winning the match 2 & 1.

Team A : 1 pts ~ **Team B** : 7 pts - match won by Team 'B'



Jason Dellow **Team 'A'** and Ash Hutchinson **Team 'B'** were evenly matched it seems with the 1st 2 holes being halved, but then Ash won 4 of the next 5 holes, to go 4 holes up after 7. However, it was then Jason's turn to take control, winning the 8th, 10th and 11th holes and with the 9th and 12th holes being halved it left Ash just 1 hole up after 12 holes and with 6 holes still to play. Ash then won the 13th hole and 14th hole, giving him a lead of 3 up with 4 to play. Jason halved the 15th hole, so Ash was now 3 holes up and only 3 to play, so he could not lose, but could he win? Well yes, Ash won the 16th hole to take the match 4 & 2 against Jason.

Team A : 1 pts ~ **Team B** : 8 pts

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Daniel O'Hanlon **Team 'A'** had been drawn against Daniel Keen **Team 'B'** for the team event and received 1 shot. The 1st 2 holes were halved before Daniel K broke the deadlock winning the 3rd hole. The next 3 holes were halved, before again it was Daniel K breaking the deadlock winning the 7th & 8th holes, with the 9th hole being halved, Daniel K was 3 holes up after 9. Then Daniel O won 3 of the next 5 holes, bringing the match all square after 14 holes. Daniel K won the 15th & 16th holes and the 17th hole were halved, giving Daniel K a slender lead of 1 hole with 1 hole to play, but Daniel K won the 18th hole, taking the match by 2 holes.

Team A : 1 pts ~ **Team B** : 9 pts

Dave Clarke **Team 'A'** was getting 3 shots from Paul Bacon **Team 'B'**, but it was Paul who got on the scoreboard 1st winning the 1st hole. However, Dave then won the next 3 holes, before Paul won 2 of the next 3 holes, leaving this match all square after 7 holes. Holes 8 & 9 were halved, before Paul won the 10th, 11th & 12th holes to take a 3 hole lead. Dave then came back winning the 13th, 14th & 15th holes to yet again bring this match back to all square. The 15th hole was halved and so was the 16th hole. Match all square after 16 holes! Paul then won the 17th hole, taking a 1 hole lead and with the 18th hole being halved Paul won by 1.

Team A : 1 pts ~ **Team B** : 10 pts



Paul Sawdon **Team 'A'** had been drawn against Ges Meehan **Team 'B'** and with no shots given to either player this might be a tight match. Paul won the 1st hole and Ges won the 2nd hole, the 3rd & 4th holes were halved, before again each player won 1 of the next 2 holes, so after 6 holes the match was all square. Paul won 2 of the next 4 holes, with Ges winning just 1 of these, giving Paul a 1 hole lead after 10 holes. Paul then won the 11th, 12th & 13th holes, extending his lead to 4 holes up and just 4 holes to play, so once again a player that could not lose! However, Ges won the 14th hole, could he square the match? It seems not, Paul went on to win the 15th hole and so taking the match 4 & 3.

Team A : 2 pts ~ **Team B** : 10 pts

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