

WILSTHORPE AMATEUR **GOLF SOCIETY**

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Dear WAGS Members,

So finally here we are, the start of the WAGS 2016 Season. It seems so long since we played the last match of the 2015 WAGS season, which was played on Sunday 4th October 2015. So with the Winter Cup being cancelled due to flooding, it is actually a little over 6 months ago since the WAGS last played in anger. Or to be more accurate 29 weeks!! It only leaves me to think that many of the members have had ample time to prepare for the forthcoming season. Plenty of time to iron out all those annoying parts of your game that were present last season..... who will come flying out of the trap? Who will take an early advantage? Well read on and you might find out ☺

NEXT MATCH : Sunday 8th May 2016			
Venue :	Tinsley Park Golf Club, S9 4PE		
Competition :	April Singles Cup		
Arrival Time :	9:15am	Cost :	£25.00
Members / Guests Playing: -			
Andrew Shilton	Ash Hutchinson (B)	Charlie Shilton	Daniel O'Hanlon
Dave Johnstone	Ges Meehan	Glen Hundleby	Graham Hofmann
Ian Patrick	Jason Dellow	Jordan Hughes	Martin Sheppard
Mick Fullwood	Mick O'Hanlon	Paul Bacon (B)	Paul Ormond (B)
Pete Hallam	Robbie Kerr	Russ McLaughlin	Shane Dellow
Steve Roulstone (B)	Stuart Prescott		

Those members with (B) after their names have a buggy booked.
There are 4 buggies in total available, so please let me know if you wish to book a buggy.

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Just before I start with all the playing details of the new WAGS 2016 season, for anyone who did not attend the AGM, please find shown below the new committee for this season. These are the people you can ask if you have a question or query with regard to anything about the society. Although I have always been partial to going straight to the top, so if you do have any questions, see our beloved Chairman Mick O'Hanlon ☺

Chairman	: Mick O'Hanlon
Secretary	: Steve Roulstone
Treasurer	: Ian Patrick
Handicap Secretary	: Dave Johnstone
Captain	: Graham Hofmann
Vice-Captain	: Daniel Keen
Committee Member	: Charlie Shilton

Silver Ferret – Ruddington Grange G.C. : Sunday 24th April 2016

A new venue for our traditional opening match of the season, the "Silver Ferret". Although one member nearly played for something else other than the Silver Ferret. I was happily writing the cards out as I chatted to a couple of members, as we had our tea & coffee and bacon butties. Glen Hundleby happen to mention how nice it was to have thick bacon in the butties and that was it, instead of writing "Silver Ferret" on the particular card I had in front of me, I wrote "Silver Bacon"!! Oh dear, I think it is going to be a long season ☺.

Before we started the proceedings Mick Fullwood said that he would be donating £100.00 to the R.N.L.I. (his charity for this year) and would be asking our chairman Mick O'Hanlon to take donations from all the members present after the match. Mick Fullwood went on to say this would be in memory of those WAGS members that had passed away over the years, Bob Hardy, John Frearson Snr, Jack Christian, Mark Christian, Terry Pickworth and Graham Brandon, along with my late wife Pauline Roulstone.

So what did Mick Fullwood have in store for this years' Silver Ferret competition? Well Mick had decided play a doubles matches alongside the individual points scoring match again, but you could guarantee that is was not going to be plain and simple and it wasn't ☺.

The doubles pairing would be made up of 1 seeded player and 1 non-seeded player (nothing unusual there). However, the scoring would be done thus: -

Each pairs combined total would be added together from the 1st and 18th holes, along with the combined scored from the best 4 holes from the front nine holes and the best 4 holes from the back nine holes. There you go, simple ☺. Mick very kindly said he would give the winning pair a small prize, while the much treasured "Silver Ferret" would be awarded to the player with the highest individual points total. So in time honoured fashion, let battle commence.....

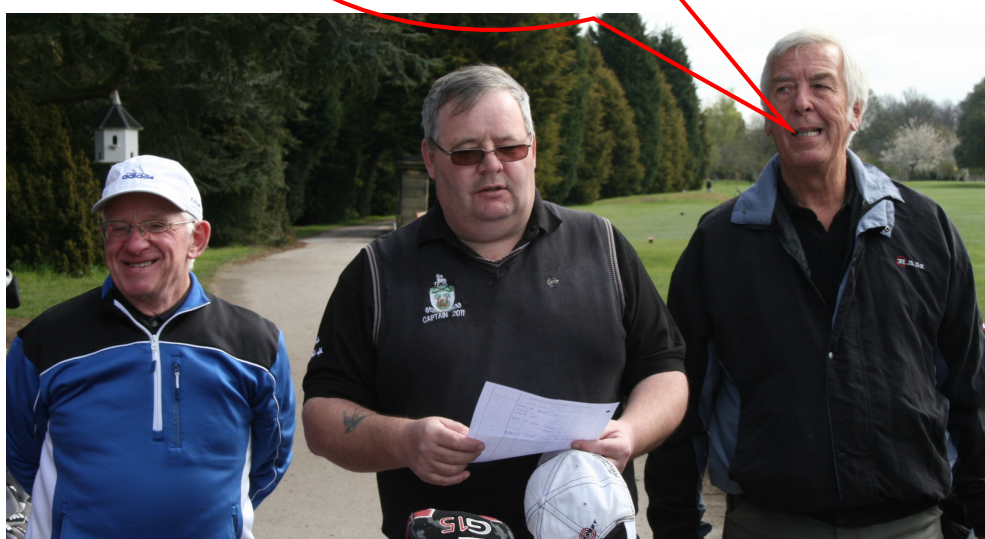
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I say Mr Chairman, "if that little fella next to you doesn't stop grinning, he is going to need more than a ferret to retrieve his ball!!!"



So where is your money for the first bit of silverware of the season going? The Silver Ferret himself? Our chairman and 4 time championship winner? Or our new Captain? To be honest, who cares, let's just get on with it 😊

We had an excellent turn out for the Silver Ferret, with 24 of the 28 members attending. And over the 18 holes at Ruddington Grange the 24 members carded a total of 60 gross pars. Of note, Daniel Keen and Mick O'Hanlon carded a creditable 4 gross pars each, with Jordan Hughes going one better with an impressive 5 gross pars. But it was Charlie Shilton and Danny Fletcher who both carded an excellent 6 gross pars, to be crowned top of the heap at the seasons opening match. Gentlemen well played to you all.

There was an impressive 8 members who card gross birdies. These were: -

Jordan Hughes	Hole No.1	Par 4	336 yards
Daniel O'Hanlon	Hole No.3	Par 3	180 yards
Ash Hutchinson	Hole No.5	Par 4	295 yards
Ges Meehan	Hole No.5	Par 4	295 yards
Martin Sheppard	Hole No.5	Par 4	295 yards
Charlie Shilton	Hole No.10	Par 5	475 yards
Daniel Keen	Hole No.10	Par 5	475 yards
Robbie Kerr	Hole No.15	Par 3	185 yards

Very well played to all you gentlemen in scoring a gross birdie.

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The results of the pair's competition: -

WINNER ~ Ian Patrick & Russ McLaughlin - 43 pts

Ian and Russ beat Daniel O'Hanlon and Ges Meehan on countback.

Other scores ~

Ash Hutchinson & Jason Dellow	- 37 pts	Shane Dellow & Paul Ormond	- 38 pts
Robbie Kerr & Steve Roulstone	- 29 pts	Daniel O'Hanlon & Ges Meehan	- 43 pts
Martin Sheppard & Dave Johnstone	- 37 pts	Jordan Hughes & Stuart Prescott	- 40 pts
Danny Fletcher & Pete Hallam	- 40 pts	Mick O'Hanlon & Paul Bacon	- 27 pts
Graham Hofmann & Mick Fullwood	- 31 pts	Daniel Keen & Andrew Shilton	- 36 pts
Charlie Shilton & Glen Hundleby	- 39 pts		

The results: -

WINNER ~	Russ McLaughlin	- 33 pts
2 nd ~	Jordan Hughes	- 33 pts
3 rd ~	Paul Bacon	- 30 pts

Nearest the Pin ~	Jordan Hughes	- Hole No.3
	Mick Fullwood	- Hole No.8
	Pete Hallam	- Hole No.12
	Robbie Kerr	- Hole No.15
Longest Drive ~	Charlie Shilton	- Hole No.10
Nearest the Pin in 3 ~	Mick O'Hanlon	- Hole No.18

Alphabetical Individual scores: -

Andrew Shilton	25 pts	Glen Hundleby	24 pts	Paul Bacon	30 pts
Ash Hutchinson	23 pts	Graham Hofmann	22 pts	Paul Ormond	24 pts
Charlie Shilton	28 pts	Ian Patrick	23 pts	Pete Hallam	24 pts
Daniel Keen	28 pts	Jordan Hughes	33 pts	Robbie Kerr	28 pts
Daniel O'Hanlon	27 pts	Jason Dellow	29 pts	Shane Dellow	30 pts
Danny Fletcher	26 pts	Martin Sheppard	24 pts	Steve Roulstone	13 pts
Dave Johnstone	24 pts	Mick Fullwood	27 pts	Stuart Prescott	23 pts
Ges Meehan	30 pts	Mick O'Hanlon	19 pts		

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

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Now it may have only been the first match of the season, but it seems the members of the WAGS were already creating incidents that were sure to make it in to the society newsletter ☺.

It seems Danny Fletcher decided to dice with death and actually hit our chairman with a golf ball! There is a little confusion to how Danny managed to hit Mick O'Hanlon, as Mick was playing in the four ball **behind** Danny! As for the location of the impact upon Mick's body, we gather it may have been high on the back of the leg, getting somewhat close to our chairman's ass!



However, it seems that Danny was not the only member on the day to hit the wrong thing with their ball. Our Treasurer Ian Patrick hit a somewhat wayward shot towards the green on, I think, the 6th hole and managed to hit the barn, albeit not the barn door, but the barn roof! I am sure there is a joke in there somewhere ☺. So that was Danny and Ian firing off line, who was next? Well it was Pete Hallam, who it seems got a little over excited approaching the 18th green. Pete's well aimed shot that should have landed plumb in the centre of the final green, had been over trodged, to the extent that his ball went past the green, past the road behind the green, then over the high garden wall, past the road behind the green and was last seen bouncing on the house roof. Finally, there was a rattling sound as Pete could only assume the ball was making its way down and round the guttering ☺.

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And I have not finished..... there was one last incident of a miss hitting, although in this case it was not so much the ball being miss-hit, but the golf club itself. Jason Dellow found himself a little tight to one of the trees on the golf course, he selected his club and found he did in fact have a clean swing to the ball. Jason took his shot, but it was then that trouble struck! Although Jason had a clear back-swing, his follow through was not so clear and before Jason knew what was happening he had wrapped his beloved 7 iron around the tree in front. Not broken, just well and truly bent!!

We all arrived safely back in the clubhouse, although I had been worried for some of the golf club staff members at first. This was because on completing his round of golf Ash Hutchinson dashed in to the clubhouse, saying that they did a carvery until 3:00pm so he would be just in time for some lovely food. It was maybe 2:54pm when I dropped Ash off at the clubhouse. I went back to my car with the buggy, put all my clubs away and started to make my way back to the clubhouse, only to be met by Ash coming the other way. I asked why he wasn't in the clubhouse, I thought you had ordered the carvery? I said. Much to Ash's disgust they had stopped serving the carvery just a couple of minutes before he arrived in the clubhouse!! To say Ash was not best pleased might be an understatement, as he was still going on about when he finally did order some other food over half an hour later ☺.

Finally, back in the clubhouse our chairman Mick O'Hanlon went around all the members present to collect donations for Mick Fullwood's charity. In total on the day, including Mick Fullwood's donation of £100.00, we collected a total of £241.00. Which I am sure you will agree was a great amount. Gentleman on behalf of Mick Fullwood and myself, thank you all very much indeed.

I need to confirm numbers for the Tinsley Park game on Sunday 8th May 2016 by this coming Saturday 30th April. So please do not forget to check the website and if you wish to play and are not listed as playing let me know.

Also gentlemen could I please ask that if you cannot make a match, even at short notice, please let me know, don't ask someone else to pass the message on, please let me know direct. You can text me, ring me, email me, even if it is late the night before, believe me it does help.

Regards

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