

WILSTHORPE AMATEUR **GOLF SOCIETY**

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Dear WAGS Members,

Our next championship match is at **Spingwater golf club on Sunday 19th August 2018**. Don't forget to check if you are listed as playing in the next match on the society website. This can be done by selecting the "Latest Info" tab on the home page of the website, then select the "Match Attendance" button.

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Memorial Trophy – Lichfield G.C. : Sunday 5th August 2018

It has to be said, it was a little bit of a disappointing turn out for our Memorial Trophy, in memory of all those WAGS members that we have sadly lost over the years. Maybe we need to have a look at moving this event away from the holiday season, which hopefully might improve the turnout in years to come.

After a nice early arrival for the tea/coffee and bacon cobs, it was first off to the Spires par 3 course, for the 9 Hole Par 3 Trophy. And unlike the 4 Club Trophy on the away weekend, you could have the choice of ALL your clubs!! The holes on the par 3 course ranged from a mere 94 yards to a massive 169 yards.... Oh yes, it could actually mean getting a 9 iron out and not using just your chipping wedge 😊. It seems our Chairman Mick O'Hanlon is taking things rather easy before we get down to the act of playing golf.



We asked everyone just to mark their gross score for each hole, then the stapleford points would be worked out after the match was completed. Now if you were wondering how this was done, it was quite simple. Firstly, as we were only playing 9 holes, then your handicap would be halved. So, for those at the top end of the handicaps on 28, you would play off 14 for the 9 holes competition. The more talented golfers amongst us, let's say playing off a 13.6 handicap, you would play off 7, as $13.6 \div 2 = 6.8$, therefore 7. You see I said it was easy! Next we have to allocate a stroke index to each hole and to be honest the simplest way is purely to do the stroke index on yardage lengths. The longest hole being index 1, the shortest hole being index 9. With all the holes being a par 3, it was obvious we could not have a 'Nearest The Pin' on every hole, so just the 1st and 9th holes were decided to have a 'Nearest The Pin' competition on.

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Above is the view across the pond, no not that pond! Just the pond before the 6th green, which was a mere 94 yards from the tee. So, to make sure I cleared that distance I clobbered my ball with a full 9 iron and it went.... well yes you guessed... a little long and I found my ball in the hedgerow at the back of the green. But with a reasonable chip out and a couple more on to the green, followed by two putts I made a 6. A 6 for 1 point! Oh no, wrong sorry, I didn't get 2 shots on that par 3 hole, so unfortunately I did not get any points. Can't wait for the 18 holes on the Mill course, where I will get 2 shots on three of the four par 3's. To all my fellow 28 handicappers, don't you just love this course ☺.



Our Captain Daniel O'Hanlon and his fellow WAGS members Dave Syson and Jason Dellow make their way around the Spires Par 3 course. I have a feeling any of these members would be capable of amassing a fair total of stapleford points on the 9 par 3 holes! With the sun starting to warm up, it could be a long day, so hopefully everyone had creamed themselves well and good.

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Here we see Russ McLaughlin lining his putt up and it seems he is using the good old well proven “Dave Johnstone” method of chipping at close quarters, get your putter out and give it a good whack!

It seems in taking the photograph on the right I found something out, that Russ prefers photographs of himself only from the neck up, as indicated by the photograph below.

Only too happy to oblige Russ ☺



So how many gross pars did we get? Would it be a higher than normal count due to the fact that all the holes were par 3's. Well, we carded a total of 37 gross pars between the 14 members playing for the Par 3 Trophy at Lichfield Golf Club. Those members with multiple gross pars of note were Daniel O'Hanlon, Mick O'Hanlon, Jason Dellow, Danny Fletcher, Dave Johnstone and Paul Ormond, all of whom carded a creditable 3 gross pars. Shane Dellow and Glen Hundleby both carded a respectable 4 gross pars. However, the “King of the Heap” for the Par 3 Trophy was Daniel Keen, who carded an impressive 6 gross pars.

Gentlemen well played to you all.

There was also just one gross birdie, this was made by Dave Syson on the 8th hole, which was 100 yards long and in our competition registered as the stroke index 8 hole. Very well played Dave.

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After a short but entertaining 9 holes of golf, we all met back in the clubhouse for a drink and the usual lunch that is always included within the package at Lichfield. Nothing overly exciting, just sandwiches and chips, but nevertheless it goes down well after a mornings walk. I am never quite sure if a WAGS member rates eating as their 1st love, in front of golf and drinking. Or whether the golf comes before the eating and drinking. Or maybe it is drinking that is in 1st place followed by golfing then eating!

Blimey Pete... watch those fingers ☺



After lunch, just a little time to fine tune that putting action before once more walking out in to the wilds of Staffordshire. Good luck to you all.

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Engines at the ready....

Although I am not sure any of those buggies will be doing a wheel-spinning start ☺

Some people are far more of a natural in front of the camera than others!

15 members took part in the 18 holes that afternoon on the Mill course at Lichfield Golf Club for the Memorial Trophy. We carded a total of 57 gross pars, with Shane Dellow, Dave Syson and Ash Hutchinson all carding a creditable 4 gross pars. Going one better, carding a respectable 5 gross pars was Daniel O'Hanlon. Daniel Keen carded one better still with an impressive 6 gross pars.



However, it was Mick O'Hanlon and Danny Fletcher who were "King of the Heap" with an excellent 7 gross pars each.

There were also 6 gross birdies carded at Lichfield, which were by the following: -

Shane Dellow	Hole No.2	Par 5	498 yards	Stroke Index 13
Ash Hutchinson	Hole No.8	Par 3	200 yards	Stroke Index 3
Daniel O'Hanlon	Hole No.13	Par 4	314 yards	Stroke Index 18
Glen Hundleby	Hole No.14	Par 4	322 yards	Stroke Index 14
Daniel Keen	Hole No.14	Par 4	322 yards	Stroke Index 14
Mick O'Hanlon	Hole No.18	Par 4	384 yards	Stroke Index 8

Gentlemen very well played.

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And so, to the results.....

The results for the Par 3 Trophy: -

WINNER ~	Jason Dellow	- 22 pts
2 nd ~	Dave Syson	- 21 pts
3 rd ~	Glen Hundleby	- 19 pts
Nearest the Pin ~	Daniel O'Hanlon	- Hole No.1
	Shane Dellow	- Hole No.9



Alphabetical Individual scores: -

Daniel Keen	18 pts	Mick O'Hanlon	13 pts	Russ McLaughlin	14 pts
Daniel O'Hanlon	13 pts	Paul Ormond	16 pts	Shane Dellow	11 pts
Danny Fletcher	16 pts	Paul Sawdon	15 pts	Steve Roulstone	4 pts
Dave Johnstone	16 pts	Pete Hallam	9 pts		

The results for the Memorial Trophy: -

WINNER ~	Jason Dellow	- 42 pts
2 nd ~	Glen Hundleby	- 35 pts
3 rd ~	Dave Syson	- 34 pts
Nearest the Pin ~	Dave Johnstone	- Hole No.4
	Ash Hutchinson	- Hole No.8
	Daniel O'Hanlon	- Hole No.12
	Mick O'Hanlon	- Hole No.15
Longest Drive ~	Shane Dellow	- Hole No.9
Nearest the Pin in 3 ~	Mick O'Hanlon	- Hole No.18



Alphabetical Individual scores: -

Ash Hutchinson	32 pts	Dave Johnstone	24 pts	Pete Hallam	25 pts
Daniel Keen	32 pts	Mick O'Hanlon	34 pts	Russ McLaughlin	22 pts
Daniel O'Hanlon	31 pts	Paul Ormond	17 pts	Shane Dellow	27 pts
Danny Fletcher	32 pts	Paul Sawdon	19 pts	Steve Roulstone	24 pts

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

And a special congratulations to Jason Dellow on winning **both** matches played for at Lichfield, however, maybe we should spare a thought for him. Why? Well, because as we speak our Handicap Secretary Dave Johnstone will be performing major surgery on Jason's handicap! But then again.... maybe not, sorry Jason you are on your own on this one ☺.

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Just a few last photographs from the Memorial Trophy at Lichfield.
Here we see both my playing partners Danny Fletcher and Russ McLaughlin in “Sports Mode”!
Although this is Russ’s first time in “Sports Mode” Danny is becoming an old hat at it.

Hopefully I will see you all at Springwater on Sunday 19th August, arrival time 10:45am for the August Singles Cup. I am sure the attendance will be better than Lichfield now we are passing the most popular holiday period.

Please do not forget to check the WAGS website to see if you are down as playing or not.
Let me know as soon as if I have you down as playing and you do not wish to, or visa versa.

Regards

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