

WILSTHORPE AMATEUR GOLF SOCIETY

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Dear WAGS Members,

Our next championship match is, **Lichfield golf club on Sunday 5th 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.

www.thewagsgolf.co.uk

Before the next championship match we have our ever-popular away weekend.

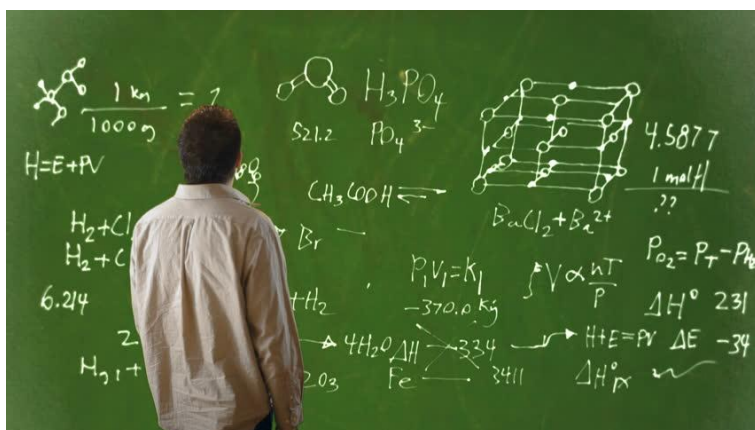
This year it is at Forest Pines Hotel and Golf Resort, I will produce a newsletter very shortly with all the relevant information on. And if you had forgot, the dates are: -

3-night package : Friday 13th July to Monday 16th July 2018 (arrival 8:30am)

2-night package : Saturday 14th July to Monday 16th July 2018 (arrival 8:30am)

July Doubles Cup – Beauchief G.C. : Sunday 24th June 2018

Just to complicate matters 21 members attended the first doubles match of the season, with 8 riding in buggies. So, it was time to do a little jiggling around making sure our odd player in the 21 was not drawn out with 2 members in a buggy. I will always try to make sure that that does not happen. On top of this, our Chairman Mick O'Hanlon had asked if he could go out first and I will always do my very best to allocate this if someone has a reason to get back early. But the combination of all three of these certainly left me scratching the old grey matter! However, with a little science and plenty of blank paper, a result was achieved.



You can never have a big enough space to do some rough calculations!

So, first out would be our Chairman in a four-ball, then a 2 two-ball in 1 buggy, then a three-ball all walking, then it was back to the standard four-ball groups, of which there was three, mixed in were the remaining three buggies.

As ever with a doubles match, there is a lot of interest in who gets who and who is a seeded player and who is not. The seedings can vary so much, as this is purely done on those members who attend the match on that particular day. So, one member can be seeded in one match, but not another. This was born out in the fact that four members who class as a non-seeded player, were playing off a handicap of 18!!

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With most of England basking in some glorious weather, it was a case of finding the best way to make sure you did not burn for the next 4 hours or so out on the golf course. Although I am not sure if we would see all the members walking around with a 'parasol' over their heads! ☺ It seems the majority kept with the good old faithful sun cream.



And you certainly could not start any WAGS match without a good old conflag! This one is taking place between our Handicap Secretary Dave Johnstone, our 2011 Captain Pete Hallam and our Chairman Mick O'Hanlon. Does the Chairman know something we don't? Did the weather forecast predict a cold snap during the day? If not, why on earth is Mick wearing a bloody body warmer!! That has to be the Irish in him coming out ☺

So down to business, the first doubles match of the season and the fourth championship match of the season, which will believe it or not, mark the half way point of the WAGS championship season already! As I said earlier, with the members present at Beauchief it meant several pairings had both the seeded and the non-seeded player playing off a handicap of 18 or below. Would this prove decisive? Or would there be a dark horse in the pack? For those with an equal love of statistics as me, the highest combined handicap total between a pairing was 43.6, with the lowest combined handicap total between a pairing being 26.2. But would this have any bearing at all on the outcome of the WAGS doubles match at Beauchief? Read on and find out then....

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It seems our Chairman Mick O'Hanlon was on the ball and had ordered and collected a WAGS shirt for our newest member Dave Syson. Who now blended right in with the rest of the motley crew that strut around trying to play golf in a way only the WAGS know how to!

At Beauchief golf club the 21 WAGS members carded a grand total of 71 gross pars. Those of note with multiple gross pars were Daniel Keen, Mick O'Hanlon, Danny Fletcher and Bron Dyjas, all of whom carded a creditable 5 gross pars. Robbie Kerr went that one better, carding a respectable 6 gross pars. While Russ McLaughlin managed to card an impressive 7 gross pars. However, our "King of the Heap" at Beauchief was Charlie Shilton, who carded an excellent 9 gross pars. Gentlemen well played to you all.

Along with those gross pars, we carded 5 gross birdies.

The members carding the gross birdies were: -

Ges Meehan	Hole No.4	Par 3	162 yards	S.I.13
Daniel Keen	Hole No.12	Par 4	244 yards	S.I.18
Stuart Prescott	Hole No.14	Par 3	152 yards	S.I.16
Paul Sawdon	Hole No.17	Par 4	358 yards	S.I.12
Mick O'Hanlon	Hole No.17	Par 4	358 yards	S.I.12

Gentlemen very well played to you all.



Here we see Ash Hutchinson and Paul Sawdon (top picture), then Pete Hallam, Dave Johnstone and Charlie Shilton (bottom picture) enjoying their rounds of golf at Beauchief. Well I assume they are all enjoying themselves, I mean, why wouldn't you? No work, the sun is out, perfect ☺. But of course, if you are having a stinker of a round of golf, then it might be a little less enjoyable. I guess the trick is to have a good game of golf. Simple!!



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As soon as I had taken this picture, a television show came to mind. Not one I use to watch myself, but I have seen clips of it from the black & white days of television. So, I am guessing that there will be more than one WAGS members that may well have seen it first-hand!

Now in all fairness, the golfing wear or the actual game of golf has nothing at all to do with the television programme itself. Indeed, it was not really a television programme that came to my mind, but more of a comedy sketch within a television programme. And given how weird my mind can be, I should really put you out of your misery....

If you don't know, this was a comedy sketch called "The Class Sketch" and was first broadcast on The Frost Report on 7th April 1966. Which starred John Cleese, Ronnie Barker and Ronnie Corbett. Well I did say my mind could be rather weird!!

Maybe I should get back to the golf and who won what at Beauchief?



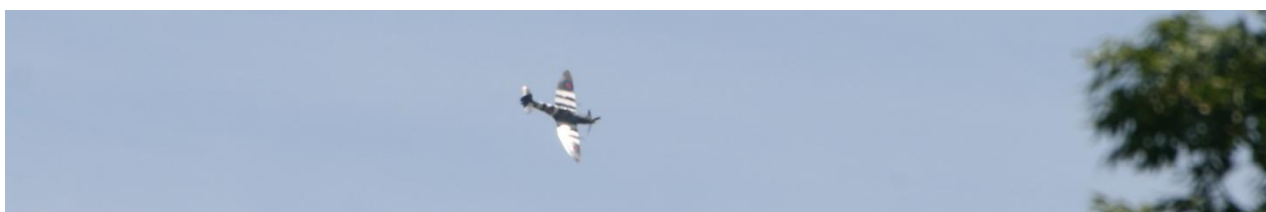
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Just before I get to the results, sadly this is the best photograph I managed to get of the World War Two fighter that flew overhead early in the round of golf at Beauchief. But believe me I tried, just ask my playing partners, who for a while thought I had packed up the game, as I kept spinning and turning, zooming in and out trying to get a good photograph of a wonderful piece of British engineering.



The results: -

WINNER ~	Daniel Keen & Bron Dyjas	- 37 pts
2 nd ~	Russ McLaughlin & Stuart Prescott	- 36 pts
3 rd ~	Ash Hutchinson & Paul Sawdon	- 35 pts
Nearest the Pin ~	Bron Dyjas	- Hole No.2
	Ges Meehan	- Hole No.4
	Paul Sawdon	- Hole No.9
	Russ McLaughlin	- Hole No.11
	Russ McLaughlin	- Hole No.14
	Danny Fletcher	- Hole No.15
Longest Drive ~	Charlie Shilton	- Hole No.16
Nearest the Pin in 3 ~	Shane Dellow	- Hole No.18

Doubles scores: -

Charlie Shilton & Pete Hallam	41 pts	Jordan Hughes & Mick Fullwood	34 pts
Robbie Kerr & Dave Syson	37 pts	Dave Johnstone + 4 gross pars	34 pts
Mick O'Hanlon & Ges Meehan	37 pts	Danny Fletcher & Steve Roulstone	32 pts
Shane Dellow & Paul Ormond	35 pts	Andrew Shilton & Jason Dellow	30 pts

Alphabetical Individual scores: -

Andrew Shilton	25 pts	Dave Syson	33 pts	Paul Sawdon	29 pts
Ash Hutchinson	35 pts	Ges Meehan	25 pts	Pete Hallam	30 pts
Bron Dyjas	38 pts	Jason Dellow	18 pts	Robbie Kerr	25 pts
Charlie Shilton	33 pts	Jordan Hughes	27 pts	Russ McLaughlin	36 pts
Daniel Keen	32 pts	Mick Fullwood	27 pts	Shane Dellow	35 pts
Danny Fletcher	21 pts	Mick O'Hanlon	27 pts	Steve Roulstone	21 pts
Dave Johnstone	22 pts	Paul Ormond	24 pts	Stuart Prescott	32 pts

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

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At I mentioned right at the start of this newsletter, there was a four-ball out first, which was made up of Mick O'Hanlon, Danny Fletcher, Ges Meehan and Steve Roulstone. There was a two-ball behind us then a three-ball, before the remaining three four-ball groups. After finishing the 7th hole, stroke index 1, it seems we had opened up somewhat of a gap to those following us.. wow!!



Here in the picture above right, I have finally managed to capture WAGS members in the correct environment... although not entirely caged, they are behind a netting. But they all seem happy enough, it still amazes me how the WAGS come to life as soon as you point a camera at them ☺

I will see most of you at Forest Pines, but for those not going hopefully I will see you at Lichfield golf club for the Memorial Trophy on Sunday 5th August.
I will check with everyone towards the end of July to see if you or playing or not.

Regards

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