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Dear WAGS Members,

Welcome to the Wilsthorpe Amateur Golf Societies 28th season.

During this time there has been a total of 18 different members winning the championship and being crowned the WAGS Champion. Ten of these champions are still members of the society and between them they have won 18 WAGS Championships. I think it will be fair to say that they will all be just as keen as the rest of the WAGS membership to win the championship for the 2018 season. Shown below is Daniel O'Hanlon, our current WAGS Champion.

Those members having already won are: - Andrew Shilton (1), Bill Bash (2), Daniel Keen (1), Daniel O'Hanlon (1), Dave Johnstone (4), Ges Meehan (1), Ian Patrick (1), John Frearson (1), Mick O'Hanlon (4) and Shane Dellow (2). I am sure you winners will know that the number in the brackets represents the number of championships you have won and more importantly.....

how many stars you have on your shirt 😂

As ever, all the details and results will be updated on the society website as soon as I can after each match has taken place. So please help me help yourselves by letting me know if you are playing or not as soon as, thank you.



I will be confirming the exact numbers playing at each venue one week before each match.

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The season curtain-raiser is the Silver Ferret and as has been the norm for the last few years, was played at Ruddington Grange.

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#### Silver Ferret – Ruddington Grange G.C.: Sunday 15th April 2018

An excellent 24 members attended the Silver Ferret at Ruddington and I am sure all of them were wondering what game plan Mick Fullwood had conjured up this year for his Silver Ferret? Well, it seems Mick decided to play the same format as the previous year, so everyone would be totally clear in what to do and how to score, wouldn't they??

Now just to remind you, if of course you had forgotten what format was played last year, I shall try to quickly explain. Mick decided the 24 players at Ruddington would be split in to six teams of four, each team would have a captain, namely the lowest six handicapped members on the day would each become a team captain. For the first extra competition, the captains were given a golf ball marked with an "F" on it, standing for "The Ferret Ball". The captain would tee off first with the "Ferret Ball" and mark his score on the first hole, before handing the ball to the next players in his team. The second player would then mark his score made using the "Ferret Ball". Then the same was done for the third and fourth member of each team. This rotation would continue until all 18 holes had been played and then the scores scored using the "Ferret Ball" only would be added up to give a "Ferret Ball" total. Mick also told the gathered members that he would be awarding a small prize for the team with the best two ball



score per hole. This meant that the two highest points scored on each hole by two of the four team players would be added together on each of the 18 holes to be played, to give a grand total at the end of the round of golf.

So, the only thing left to do was to shake the hand of your fellow team members and give that golf ball a good old throdge straight down the middle of the fairway.... simple! Gentlemen, enjoy your game of golf.

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I can't quite make out if Robbie Kerr is giving this motley crew that make up "Team Robbie" some last-minute encouragement, or is he asking in which direction the green is? Not sure if Paul Sawdon, Glen Hundleby and Shane Dellow are buying in to Robbie's plans!!

The only one downside to the day at Ruddington was the weather, or maybe that should be, the weather that had been happening over the week prior to the Silver Ferret match at Ruddington. There had been so much rain, that unfortunately the buggies were not being allowed on the course. This was bad news for one of the WAGS members, as, as of yet his new bionic hip had not been given the upgraded software to allow for off-road capabilities! So, our new Treasurer Ash Hutchinson turned up for coffee & bacon cobs, took our money, watched us all tee off, then left.....!



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So, the 24 members at Ruddington managed to card a grand total of 67 gross pars. This compares to only 43 gross pars last year. What an improvement, well done gentlemen. Jordan Hughes carded a creditable 4 gross pars, with Ges Meehan and Jason Dellow going one better and carding a respectable 5 gross pars. Mick O'Hanlon improved on this by yet one more, carding an impressive 6 gross pars. An excellent 7 gross pars were achieved by Danny Fletcher and Robbie Kerr, but this was beaten. Our "King of the Heap" at Ruddington, carding an outstanding 8 gross pars was our newest member Ben Hadfield. Be careful Ben, our Handicap Secretary Dave Johnstone may be keeping a close eye on your handicap ②.

Along with the gross pars, we managed to card three gross birdies, these were by: -

Robbie Kerr ~

Hole No.3 Par 3 192 yds Stroke Index 14

Andrew Shilton ~

Hole No.10 Par 5 475 yds Stroke Index 17

Brian Hadfield ~

Hole No.10 Par 5 475 yds Stroke Index 17

Gentlemen, very well played.

Now, we must get down to business, who won the "Ferret" ball competition?, who won the best 2 ball competition? And of course, who won the individual competition and won the right to have a portrait of our very own Mick "Silver Ferret" Fullwood displayed on their wall in pride of place? Or as it has been rumoured, have the said portrait displayed in the loo!! Well, read on.....

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The result of the "Ferret Ball" competition was: -

1 <sup>st</sup>	Robbie Kerr, Paul Sawdon, Shane Dellow & Glen Hundleby	: 34 points
$2^{\text{nd}}$	Mick O'Hanlon, Jordan Hughes, Mick Fullwood & Ges Meehan	: 29 points
$3^{\rm rd}$	Daniel Keen, Dave Johnstone, Bron Dyjas & Pete Hallam	: 26 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	Danny Fletcher, Stuart Prescott, Andrew Shilton & Michael Riley	: 24 points
5 <sup>th</sup>	Brian Hadfield, Russ McLaughlin, Steve Roulstone & Jason Dellow	: 22 points
$6^{th}$	Charlie Shilton, Daniel O'Hanlon, Ben Hadfield & Paul Ormond	: 20 points

Congratulations to Robbie, Paul, Shane and Glen.

The result of the "Best 2 Ball" competition was: -

$1^{st}$	Robbie Kerr, Paul Sawdon, Shane Dellow & Glen Hundleby	: 78 points
$2^{nd}$	Daniel Keen, Dave Johnstone, Bron Dyjas & Pete Hallam	: 78 points
$3^{rd}$	Danny Fletcher, Stuart Prescott, Andrew Shilton & Michael Riley	: 75 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mick O'Hanlon, Jordan Hughes, Mick Fullwood & Ges Meehan	: 71 points
5 <sup>th</sup>	Brian Hadfield, Russ McLaughlin, Steve Roulstone & Jason Dellow	: 65 points
$6^{th}$	Charlie Shilton, Daniel O'Hanlon, Ben Hadfield & Paul Ormond	: 58 points

Congratulations to Robbie, Paul, Shane and Glen again!! Well done gentlemen double winners. Robbie's team beat Daniel Keen's team on countback and also Robbie's team arrived back in the clubhouse with the original "Ferret" ball, well done.



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Now we arrive at the main event, the winner of the prestigious Silver Ferret.

The results: -		
WINNER ~	Robbie Kerr	- 38 pts
$2^{\mathrm{nd}} \sim$	Glen Hundleby	- 33 pts
$3^{\rm rd} \sim$	Ges Meehan	- 33 pts
Nearest the Pin ∼	Robbie Kerr	- Hole No.3
	Jordan Hughes	- Hole No.8
	n/a	- Hole No.12
	n/a	- Hole No.15
Longest Drive ~	Charlie Shilton	- Hole No.10
Nearest the Pin in 3 ~	Dave Johnstone	- Hole No.18

#### Alphabetical Individual scores: -

Andrew Shilton	31 pts	Danny Fletcher	32 pts	Paul Ormond (rtd	) 4 pts
Ben Hadfield	29 pts	Dave Johnstone	21 pts	Paul Sawdon	24 pts
Brian Hadfield	28 pts	Jason Dellow	27 pts	Pete Hallam	22 pts
Bron Dyjas	29 pts	Jordan Hughes	29 pts	Russ McLaughlin	21 pts
Charlie Shilton	25 pts	Michael Riley	18 pts	Shane Dellow	26 pts
Daniel Keen	24 pts	Mick Fullwood	23 pts	Steve Roulstone	10 pts
Daniel O'Hanlon	9 pts	Mick O'Hanlon	25 pts	Stuart Prescott	23 pts

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



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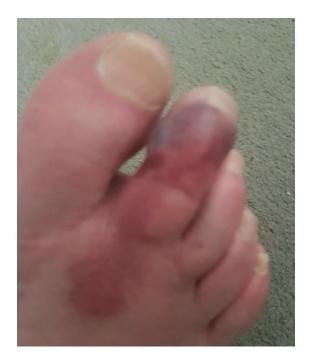


Just on a foot note, or should that be a 'toe note', it seems Paul Ormond had to retire from his round of golf at Ruddington.

As you can just see from the slightly fuzzy picture, his toe is a little bruised. It seems that somewhere between arriving at Ruddington Grange and getting to the 1<sup>st</sup> tee, Paul had an incident involving himself, Jordan Hughes and a battery.

Now I am sure there is a joke in there somewhere, but for those of you on 'WhatsApp' you will have seen all the foot pictures earlier in the week. Wow, I never knew we had such a bunch of weirdos and members with a foot fetish.

I guess it takes all sorts 🕄



Hopefully I will see you all at our next match on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at Tinsley Park. Arrival time 9:15am, cost is £25.00.

Regards

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