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Dear WAGS Members,

Our next match is Beedles Lake golf club on Sunday 9th June 2019.

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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Captain's Day Trophy - Scraptoft G.C.: Sunday 26th May 2019

Our 2019 seasons captain Danny Fletcher had selected a brand new venue for the WAGS calendar of Scraptoft golf club. Now for the 17 members that attended the Captain's Day Trophy I am sure you will agree with me in the fact that Scraptoft was an excellent course, both in terms of interesting holes and quality of course. For those that unfortunately could not make this years' Captain's Day Trophy, hopefully this venue may well find itself on the championship WAGS calendar very soon.

Our Captain Danny was well prepared for his Captain's Day Trophy, there was plenty of beer handed out on the first tee!! Not sure what the format of the golf game was going to be due to the fact that too much drink was drunk (3).

However, thankfully Danny had kept it quite simple and we were to play full handicap Stapleford, with a twist of a special prize for group scores. So, with all of the attending members having a beer (or 6 Glen!!) in their hand, it was time to throdge that ball down the middle of the fairway....



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Before we teed off, the members had time to loosen up as only WAGS members can do on the putting green....







Along with the members fine tuning their putting actions, there was also the rare sight of the "Bag Carrying Hutchinson". This must not be confused in any way shape or form with the more common specie of the "Buggy Riding Hutchinson". This was indeed a rare treat to see the lesser specie out in the wild and open airspace and not being cocooned within a plastic shell, better know as a buggy! It may be years before such a chance like this comes around again.

Below we see our new Treasurer Paul Sawdon doing.... well in all truth I have no idea what Paul was doing in the bushes and sometimes it is far better never to ask!





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Nice to see a well presented first tee and it seems Scraptoft Golf Club have all the bases covered. The tee was reserved for us from 11:15am to 12:15pm, so no rushing there then gentlemen. However, do they know the WAGS are playing? If you read note number 5, they surely have not encountered the WAGS before, 9 holes of golf should take no more than 2 hours in any format!! Well that has not only thrown down the gauntlet to the members, it has fair and squarely slapped them across the face (3).

17 WAGS members attended the Captain's Day Trophy, a little lower turnout than normal maybe for this event, but unfortunately the timing of the previous Easter holiday meant this match coincided with the second May Bank Holiday. So, all things consider, not a bad turnout maybe.

During the round of golf at Scraptoft the 17 members carded a total of 51 gross pars. A little lower than some previous courses, but with a gusting wind and also nearly



all the members having no knowledge of the course layout, maybe this was to be expected. I say 'nearly' all the members had no knowledge of the course, because a few sneaky members had played Scraptoft some days earlier! Now it would be wrong of me to name Ash Hutchinson and Shane Dellow as those playing a practice round there, so I will keep the names of those members who tried to take an advantage of an extra round a closely guarded secret!



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So how did the 17 members playing at Scraptoft fair in the gross pars and gross birdies? Well, 51 gross pars were carded in total. Those carding multiple gross pars of note were, Jordan Hughes, Robbie Kerr and Paul Sawdon, all of who carded a creditable 4 gross pars. Carding one more with a respectable 5 gross pars was Ash Hutchinson. But with an impressive 8 gross pars and "King of the Heap" at Scraptoft was Mick O'Hanlon. Gentleman well played.

Along with the gross pars, the WAGS members also carded a total of 4 gross birdies, these were by: -

Mick O'Hanlon	Hole No.12	Par 4	318 yards	S.I.16
Dave Syson	Hole No.17	Par 5	503 yards	S.I.4
Daniel O'Hanlon	Hole No.17	Par 5	503 yards	S.I.4
Jordan Hughes	Hole No.17	Par 5	503 yards	S.I.4

Gentlemen very well played.



Now, along with those 4 gross birdies, there was also one gross eagle carded! Oh yes, one of our members went mad. This was achieved on the 12th, which was a Par 4 of 318 yards and had a Stroke Index of 16. Albeit a relatively short Par 4 and running downhill, it was still a great achievement. And which member achieved this? Well it was our very own 'new' daddy, Daniel Keen. Very well played indeed Daniel, not a common occurrence at all within the WAGS, so an excellent achievement.

So with all the pars, birdies and a rare eagle taken care of, who would win this seasons Captain's Dap Trophy? With the members playing on a completely new course

(well most of the members ②), would this lower the expected winning points total? Would the gusting wind also have a part to play in who would be able to tame their throdging around Scraptoft? Failing all that, who was just going to play at their best on the day?



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<u>The results</u> : -		
WINNER ~	Ash Hutchinson	- 35 pts
$2^{\text{nd}} \sim$	Mick O'Hanlon	- 31 pts
$3^{\rm rd}$ ~	Dave Syson	- 31 pts
Nearest the Pin ∼	Robbie Kerr	- Hole No.2
	Glen Hundleby	- Hole No.4
	Mick Fullwood	- Hole No.6
	Ges Meehan	- Hole No.11
	Mick O'Hanlon	- Hole No.16
	Daniel O'Hanlon	- Hole No.17
Longest Drive ~	Daniel Keen	- Hole No.7
Nearest the Pin in 3 ~	Dave Syson	- Hole No.18

Special Group Prize ~ Paul Ormond, Dave Syson, Glen Hundleby and Ash Hutchinson : who achieved a group points total of 79

Alphabetical Individual scores: -

Bron Dyjas	17 pts	Glen Hundleby	30 pts	Paul Sawdon	26 pts
Daniel Keen	26 pts	Jason Dellow	26 pts	Robbie Kerr	27 pts
Daniel O'Hanlon	21 pts	Jordan Hughes	31 pts	Shane Dellow	21 pts
Danny Fletcher	20 pts	Mick Fullwood	20 pts	Steve Roulstone	21 pts
Ges Meehan	22 pts	Paul Ormond	22 pts		•

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

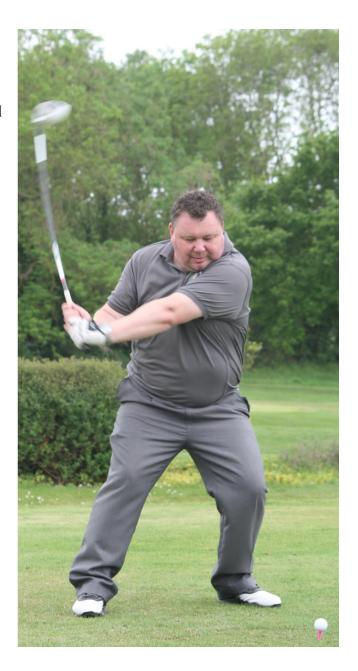


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How could we have Danny's Captain's Day and not see him in full flow?? All that power to be suddenly unleashed upon that unsuspecting small white round object! But could Danny control all that raw power? Well actually yes, I had the pleasure of playing at Scraptoft with our Captain Danny and I have to say his driving off the tee was very good indeed, very consistent. However, in the interest of health and safety, namely mine, I feel I cannot comment at this point in time on what the rest of Danny's game was like!

Danny I think I can speak for all those members that attended your Captain's Day, that you selected a great course, provided excellent refreshments on the first tee and the whole day was a great success, thank you.





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Before I conclude the 4th Issue of the WAGS Newsletter, I just a have a couple more interesting photographs to share with all the members





Picture Far Right: Here we see our very own Paul 'Nobby' Ormond in full swing, looking the perfect golfer, arms wrapped around, legs bent and fag in gob!!

Picture Right: Not really quite sure what Dave Syson was up to in the undergrowth, let alone what looks like walking along a ditch!

Hopefully I will see your all at Beedles Lake on Sunday 9th June, arrival time 9:15am. As ever, please check the society website to see if I have listed you correctly as playing or not. Please let me know if you wish to play and are not listed as playing by Saturday 1st June, thank you.

Regards

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