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Dear WAGS Members,

The time had arrived...

The men assembled on the line...

Oh no, wait, I think that was the drivers for the Chinese Grand Prix which also took place on the same date as our curtain raiser for the 2017 Season, the one and only Silver Ferret match.

Who was that? Who said one Ferret is still too much? 😂

So, the new season had arrived, all those members taking part in our traditional opening match of the season met at Ruddington Grange, in what can only be described as rather unseasonal warm weather. Not a cloud in the sky, but also not a leaf on the trees, a very strange feeling indeed.

From this season, all the details of who is playing in the next match will **ONLY** be shown on the website. I will do my very best in keeping this all up to date, but I can only do this, if **YOU** inform me of whether you are playing or not. Hopefully this will work seamlessly throughout the season. The link for the website page for the next match is shown below.

http://sroulstone.wixsite.com/wags/untitled

Or you can access the website from the home page as normal at: -

www.thewagsgolf.co.uk

Then click the "Latest Info" tab along the top, followed by clicking the "Next Match" tab after that. All in all, please remember it is your responsibility to inform me!



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Silver Ferret – Ruddington Grange G.C.: Sunday 9th April 2017



17 members attended the Silver Ferret and 1 guest where a host of differing competitions had been concocted by our very own Mick Fullwood. Well did you really expect a straight forward simple game of golf? We would of course all have the pleasure of playing for the treasured portrait of Mick himself for the overall winner of the Silver Ferret. How could that not inspire you to perform at the absolute peak of golfing excellence? In addition, Mick had decided on two further competitions to be played within the overall game. The 18 players at Ruddington were split in to six teams of three, each team would have a captain, namely the lowest handicapped member in that group of three players. 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 finally the third member of the team would play the next hole using the "Ferret Ball", once again marking his score down. 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 would be awarding a small prize for the winning team. Not satisfied with only two competitions 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 three 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 for the afore mentioned small prize. It seems our Ferret had gone prize mad, maybe he was hoping to win one himself?

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!

However, it seems over the winter break, a few bones, muscles and joints had become stiff and not quite in optimum condition ready for the new season. There were to say the least one or two tee shots going right towards the out of bounds stakes!!

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Finally, the members were back in their comfort zone, thrashing that small white round thing here there and bloody everywhere. Throughout the trashing, it was reported that some golf had taken place, so much so, that the 17 members and 1 guest carded a total of 43 gross pars. But let's be honest, all you want to know was you got the most? The WAGS along with the 43 gross pars, also totalled just three gross birdies, these were by: -

Shane Dellow	Hole No.2	Par 5	522 yards	S.I.6
Andrew Shilton	Hole No.9	Par 4	265 Yards	S.I.12
Robbie Kerr	Hole No. 18	Par 4	303 yards	S.I.11

Gentlemen, congratulations on your gross birdies. Well played.

Now, let's deal with the first of the competitions Mick Fullwood had devised for us. This was the "Ferret Ball" competition, which was maybe tighter contested than first thought.

The results were: -

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1^{st}	Ian Patrick, Ges Meehan & Mick Fullwood	: 32 points
2^{nd}	Robbie Kerr, Paul Sawdon & Jason Dellow	: 30 points
$3^{\rm rd}$	Shane Dellow, Glen Hundleby and Stuart Prescott	: 29 points
4 th	Ash Hutchinson, Paul Ormond and Dave Johnstone	: 27 points
5 th	Mick O'Hanlon, Andrew Shilton & Steve Roulstone	: 26 points
6^{th}	Charlie Shilton, Michael Riley & George Conrad (G)	: 19 points

Congratulation to Ian, Ges and Mick himself - does that count winning your own prize? ©

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It seems I was just a little late capturing the moment of connection, but it looks like Charlie was straight out of the bunker with no trouble at all. Although I think you will agree with me, wasn't it wonderful to have not only plenty of sand in the bunkers, but good quality sand too. Of course, unless you were one of these perfect golfers that never went in a bunker!

Mmmmm, I don't see many hands going up (3)

More prizes to announce now, this time for the "Best 2 Scores" competition.

The results were: -

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1^{st}	Shane Dellow, Glen Hundleby and Stuart Prescott	: 77 points
2^{nd}	Robbie Kerr, Paul Sawdon & Jason Dellow	: 67 points
3^{rd}	Charlie Shilton, Michael Riley & George Conrad (G)	: 67 points
4 th	Ian Patrick, Ges Meehan & Mick Fullwood	: 65 points
5 th	Ash Hutchinson, Paul Ormond and Dave Johnstone	: 64 points
6^{th}	Mick O'Hanlon, Andrew Shilton & Steve Roulstone	: 63 points

Well if you ignore the winners, the rest of us mere mortals all scored quite closely, but it seems that one team just ran away with this competition. Congratulation to Shane, Glen and Stuart – if that had been a boxing match scored like that, I don't think it would have gone the distance (3)

I am sure I have forgot to tell you all something......

No, just can't remember, but if it does come back to me, rest assured I will let you know.

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

The results: -		
WINNER ~	Shane Dellow	- 42 pts
$2^{ m nd} \sim$	Paul Sawdon	- 33 pts
$3^{ m rd} \sim$	Ian Patrick	- 31 pts
Nearest the Pin ∼	Paul Sawdon	- Hole No.3
	Paul Ormond	- Hole No.8
	Stuart Prescott	- Hole No.12
	Paul Ormond	- Hole No.15
Longest Drive ~	Mick Fullwood	- Hole No.10
Nearest the Pin in $3 \sim$	Robbie Kerr	- Hole No.18 (in the hole)

Alphabetical Individual scores: -

Andrew Shilton	28 pts	Glen Hundleby	19 pts	Paul Ormond	24 pts
Ash Hutchinson	23 pts	Jason Dellow	26 pts	Robbie Kerr	31 pts
Charlie Shilton	25 pts	Michael Riley	26 pts	Steve Roulstone	21 pts
Dave Johnstone	26 pts	Mick Fullwood	27 pts	Stuart Prescott	27 pts
Ges Meehan	16 pts	Mick O'Hanlon	26 pts		-

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

Oh dear, it looks like we have the first serious casualty of the season and only after one game. You just know Shane is going to be savaged by our very own Handicap Secretary scoring that many points. Surely members know by now that Dave goes in to complete melt down when seeing any score over 40 ②.

But it must be said Shane, what a great score, well done indeed mate.



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A-ha.... I have remembered what I had forgot to tell you all.

I may just have forgot to tell you all who carded the most gross pars .

Those carding multiple gross pars were Ash Hutchinson, Michael Riley and Paul Sawdon, all who carded a creditable 4 gross pars. Going just one better with an impressive 5 gross pars were Charlie Shilton and Robbie Kerr. But one member had managed to go better still, 'King of the Heap' was Shane Dellow, who carded an excellent 6 gross pars at Ruddington Grange golf club.

Gentlemen well played to you all.

Hopefully I will see you all at the next match on Sunday 23rd April, at Tinsley Park. Please do not forget to check the website and let me know if you need to do so.

Finally, can I just let you all know the new committee for the 2017 Season. It can be found on the website if you are interested, but these are those you can contact should you have any issues: -

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

Regards

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