

WILSTHORPE AMATEUR GOLF SOCIETY

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Dear WAGS Members,

July Doubles Cup – Tapton Golf Club : Sunday 29th June 2014



Tapton was again the venue for our first doubles match of the season, with 19 WAGS members turning out. It seems that Daniel Keen was very pleased with himself. Why? Because it was only on the Saturday before the match on Sunday at Tapton that Daniel realised he had not washed his WAGS shirt. So without further delay he washed his shirt, left it to dry and then on the Sunday morning ironed the WAGS shirt with perfect crisp creases. There was only one problem... Daniel had forgot which colour shirt we have this season and wash, dried and ironed last season's shirt ☺☺

We also welcomed back Dave Clarke, who was playing his first match since last August at Beauchief. Unfortunately, as some of you may know, Dave has had some vision problems over the last few months, however he thought it best to have at least one bash with the golf clubs before the away weekend ☺. Dave very kindly offered not to be included in the doubles draw, leaving an even number. Therefore Dave went out first in the only three ball of the day, with the first doubles pairing of the match, Graham Hofmann and Mick Fullwood. As all three prepared themselves on the first tee, Dave asked Graham and Mick to help him and keep a close eye on his ball when he took his shots. Did Dave realise he was asking, how shall I put this... two of our more mature members to spot his ball like an eagle! I mean, Mick's own eyesight can't be that good either, it seems he forgot to change his pyjama bottoms for his golf shorts!! Sorry Mick, I just couldn't resist ☺.



Before we left the clubhouse, after having our bacon cobs, well in fact some of the members also ordered a full English breakfast, stating that a mere bacon cob would not last them all the way round. Now I would never divulge or embarrass these members by naming them, but for a price I could be persuaded to tell you it was in fact Dave Johnstone, Pete Hallam, Shane Dellow and Ash Hutchinson who pigged out!! oops, I think I might have given the game away!

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Anyway, I was going to say before going slightly off track, that before we left the clubhouse our Treasurer Ian Patrick made the pairings draw. He would randomly pull out the members' names from the 'seeded' and 'unseeded' piles of scorecards to decide the pairings for the first doubles match of the season. There seemed to be some very interesting and potentially good pairing drawn out. Two pairings of note were Andrew Shilton and John Frearson, playing off 19 and 20 handicaps respectively. And also Ash Hutchinson and Dave Johnstone, playing off 13 and 19 respectively. I wonder how they would do? Well let's take a stroll down to the first tee and find out.....

As we arrive at the first tee, we see Shane Dellow sporting some nifty dark shades and a hat... just wondering if he was trying out his Johnny Depp outfit for New Years Eve, or maybe a treat for the up and coming away weekend!! By the way Shane is shown in the top picture ☺.

However, I think it is quite possible that Shane may actually be wearing the dark shades to protect his eyes from Paul Ormond's latest choice of trouser colour!! Surely there can't be any more colours left that Paul hasn't worn ☺.



Finally everyone had teed off and we were playing golf. Well I guess that can be interpreted in many ways ☺. With a trodge, a waft, a bash and a good welly here and there, the 19 WAGS members managed to card a total of 56 gross pars. Just not quite as good as last season at Tapton, where we carded 58 gross pars between 18 WAGS members!

Those lucky members to card multiple gross pars were Andrew Shilton, Graham Hofmann and Ash Hutchinson, all who carded 5 each. Carding one better was Ian Patrick, with a creditable 6 gross pars. Although there is one more stat about Ian's 6 pars, they were all on the front 9 only!! Well done Ian – sorry Ian if I just hadn't dragged you down to my level, you might have made double figures for your gross pars ☺. But top of the pile at Tapton was Martin Sheppard, with an excellent 8 gross pars. Very well played.



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Along with the 56 gross pars, the WAGS members also carded 5 gross birdies at Tapton.

These were: -

Jordan Hughes	Hole 2	Par 4	280 yards	S.I.16
Michael Riley	Hole 7	Par 4	354 yards	S.I.6
Andrew Shilton	Hole 9	Par 4	248 yards	S.I.18
Graham Hofmann	Hole 14	Par 4	211 yards	S.I.15
John Frearson	Hole 18	Par 4	252 yards	S.I.13

Gentlemen very well played to all of you, especially Michael who received 2 shots on his handicap for his gross birdie, giving him a nett ALBATROSS, for 5 points... Bloody Hell!!

The results: -

WINNER ~	Martin Sheppard & Darren Fretwell	- 44 pts
2 nd ~	Andrew Shilton & John Frearson	- 42 pts
3 rd ~	Graham Hofmann & Mick Fullwood	- 41 pts
Nearest the Pin ~	Ian Patrick	- Hole No.3
	Ian Patrick	- Hole No.8
	none	- Hole No.11
Longest Drive ~	Ian Patrick	- Hole No.15
Nearest the Pin in 3 ~	John Frearson	- Hole No.18

Gentlemen very well played to you all.

Doubles scores: -

Daniel Keen & Glen Hundleby	40 pts
Ash Hutchinson & Dave Johnstone	38 pts
Ges Meehan & Pete Hallam	35 pts
Jordan Hughes & Paul Ormond	35 pts
Ian Patrick & Steve Roulstone	35 pts
Shane Dellow & Michael Riley	31 pts

Alphabetical Individual scores: -

Andrew Shilton	32 pts	Glen Hundleby	30 pts	Michael Riley	18 pts
Ash Hutchinson	27 pts	Graham Hofmann	34 pts	Mick Fullwood	25 pts
Daniel Keen	28 pts	Ian Patrick	31 pts	Paul Ormond	20 pts
Darren Fretwell	34 pts	John Frearson	33 pts	Pete Hallam	28 pts
Dave Johnstone	31 pts	Jordan Hughes	21 pts	Shane Dellow	27 pts
Ges Meehan	22 pts	Martin Sheppard	40 pts	Steve Roulstone	19 pts

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

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I know it is hard to believe but our 2014 WAGS championship season is half way through. Having played singles at Allestree, Sinfin and Rufford, along with the doubles at Tapton, who is taking an early lead? Who is hoping that their slightly lower score than expected, can soon be dropped? Well worry no more, below is the championship table.....

	Name	Alle.	Sinf.	Ruff.	Tapt.	Total
1 st	Pete Hallam	36	34	37	28	135
2 nd	Dave Johnstone	34	29	37	31	131
3 rd	Andrew Shilton	29	40	30	32	131
4 th	Darren Fretwell	33	33	28	34	128
5 th	Daniel Keen	31	32	27	28	118
6 th	Glen Hundleby	38	24	25	30	117
7 th	Shane Dellow	30	23	31	27	111
8 th	John Frearson	26	23	27	33	109
9 th	Jordan Hughes	30	25	29	21	105
10 th	Mick Fullwood	19	34	26	25	104
11 th	Ges Meehan	22	31	25	22	100
12 th	Steve Roulstone	20	24	35	19	98
13 th	Michael Riley	24	25	28	19	95
=	Martin Sheppard	0	25	30	40	95
15 th	Graham Hofmann	26	30	0	34	90
16 th	Charlie Shilton	31	28	30	0	89
17 th	Ash Hutchinson	28	0	31	27	86
18 th	Russ McLaughlin	31	27	22	0	80
19 th	Ian Patrick	0	0	38	31	69
20 th	Mick O'Hanlon	25	36	0	0	61
=	Paul Ormond	18	5	18	20	61
22 nd	Daniel O'Hanlon	29	27	0	0	56
23 rd	Jason Dellow	20	0	29	0	49
24 th	Bron Dyjas	22	7	0	0	29
25 th	Danny Fletcher	0	26	0	0	26
=	Dave Shaw	26	0	0	0	26
27 th	Paul Bacon	0	21	0	0	21

With 4 matches played and 4 matches left, everything is still to play for. As the more seasoned WAGS members know, the last 4 matches can change the championship table dramatically. Now is the time everyone starts to have not only a look at what their own 2 lowest scores maybe, but also I know you all start to have a shifty look at the other members lowest scores ☺.



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Did you notice our very own Handicap Secretary Dave Johnstone trying his utmost best to avoid detection from the roving camera, in the previous page photograph!
No, well look closely at the pin, you just might notice Dave ☺.

So there we have it, end of the first half. Before we kick off the second half, there is just time to squeeze in this years away weekend. It seems as though it is all go go go in the WAGS..... ☺

For those WAGS members attending this years' away weekend at Telford Golf & Hotel Resort, I emailed you all a special newsletter on 14th June, this has all the relevant information, arrival time, costs, and shirt colours.

Just to remind you, arrival time both Thursday 10th July and Friday 11th July is 8:30am.

Please try and arrive in plenty of time. I am sure most of you have SatNat these days, but for the more traditional of you out there, your best route would be to head for Litchfield down the A38. As the road goes around Litchfield it becomes the A5148, this will lead you on to the A5. Follow the A5 to Brownhills, then head towards Bridgetown staying on the A5. After passing through Bridgetown continue for a couple of miles and you will see a closed pub on the left hand side called the Four Crosses, half a mile further on from this on the right hand side is a truck stop!! Oh yes, breakfast time ☺. The away weekend destination is only about half an hour from here. After what I am sure will be a HUGE breakfast, turn right back on to the A5 heading towards Telford, stay on this road going over the M6 Toll Motorway, at the next island turn left on to the A449. This road will take you down to the M54 junction 2, at the motorway junction turn right on to the M54 heading towards Telford. You will be looking to leave the M54 at junction 4 on to the A464. Continue on the A464, go straight over the first island, at the second island turn right on to the A442. Roughly 1 mile further on you need to follow the A442 as it turns right at the island. Go past the first junction until you reach an island, turn right on to Sutton Hill, then immediately left on to Sutton Way. Follow this road round until you see the sign for the Qhotel Telford Golf & Hotel Resort, this will take you down Great Hay Drive and lead you straight in to the car park at the venue. If you stand facing the main reception entrance, make your way to the far left corner of the car park, past the pro-shop and continue down the side of the hotel, you will see some tables and chairs outside the bar. Weather permitting I will see you all there ☺. Sadly the bar doesn't open until 10:00am ☺.

Regards

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