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Dear WAGS Members,

The next WAGS match is on Sunday 21st September 2014, at Tinsley Park. This is the venue of our second and final doubles match of the season, the October Doubles Cup. Arrival time is 9:15am and the cost is £25.00 per member, this includes tea/coffee & a bacon cob before we trot our way around the parkland course at Tinsley Park.

I have updated the WAGS website, www.thewagsgolf.co.uk, with all those that have so far let me know that they are playing at Tinsley Park. If you are not yet down to play and wish to do so, please let me know. I will **NOT** be double-checking with anyone individually, but I will spend the time keeping the details on the website bang up to date. So you only have to look there to see if you have been ticked off as playing. Hopefully this arrangement will be more accurate and I will not miss anyone off, or put anyone down as playing when they are not.

I will be confirming the numbers playing with Tinsley Park this Saturday (13th September), so please if you wish to play let me know by then, thank you.

Memorial Trophy – Litchfield Golf Club : Sunday 7th September 2014

This was our first ever visit to the Litchfield Golf Club and although only 16 members attended, I think I can speak for everyone and say what a great golf course. Not only did we play 18 holes, but we started early in the morning on the small 9 hole par 3 course, how hard could that be? Well as it turned out, it was a little trickier than I guess most of us thought ☺.



A view down the 18th fairway at the clubhouse and water!! Now there was a rumour going around that there wasn't any water here, well that was completely wrong!! ☺

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With everyone arriving nice and early, the bacon cobs were soon polished off with plenty of time left for some putting practice. Oh yes believe it or not Graham Hofmann did play golf dressed like that all day!! There is a rumour Graham was trying out an outfit for next years away weekend in Scotland ☺. Speaking for myself, I can't say I will be following suit!



So the first business of the day was a little warm up around the 9 hole par 3 course. It was decided that each members handicap would be divided by 4 and that would be the strokes each member would receive. These shots would be awarded dependant on the length of the hole, working down from the longest hole. This 9 hole competition was only for fun and the pure bragging rights of being the par 3 king ☺. However, there would be prizes for nearest the pin and no, not all the par 3's ☺, only the first and ninth holes were selected as nearest the pin holes.

As frightening as Graham is in his 'tally hoe' outfit, surely the sight of a 50 foot Ferret must be even more terrifying ☺.



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So how did the 16 WAGS members do on the short 9 hole par 3 course?

Well between us we managed to card 44 gross pars, with Ash Hutchison, Danny Fletcher, Ges Meehan, Glen Hundleby and Russ McLaughlin all top of the pile carding 4 gross pars each.

The following also carded gross birdies: -

Daniel Keen	Hole No.2	129 yards
Graham Hofmann	Hole No.2	129 yards
Dave Johnstone	Hole No.2	129 yards
Dave Johnstone	Hole No.4	132 yards
Russ McLaughlin	Hole No.5	140 yards
Graham Hofmann	Hole No.5	140 yards
Michael Riley	Hole No.6	94 yards
Ash Hutchinson	Hole No.6	94 yards
Steve Roulstone	Hole No.7	163 yards

Well played to all you gentlemen on your gross birdies and especially to both Graham Hofmann and Dave Johnstone on their multiple gross birdies, gentlemen very well played.



So who scored what? Who would be crowned 'King of the Par 3's'?

Pete Hallam scored 11 points on the par 3 course, with Ash Hutchinson, Daniel Keen, Dave Johnstone, Glen Hundleby, John Frearson, Mick Fullwood, Paul Ormond and Steve Roulstone all scoring 14 points. Going one better and scoring 15 points were Danny Fletcher, Ges Meehan, Martin Sheppard and Shane Dellow. And the top three were... drum roll please ☺....

Winner:	Russ McLaughlin	19 points	Hole No.1 nearest the pin – Daniel Keen
2 nd place:	Michael Riley	17 points	Hole No.9 nearest the pin – Danny Fletcher
3 rd place:	Graham Hofmann	16 points	Gentlemen well played to you all.



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We now had time for a spot of lunch, sandwiches and chips were included in the days' package, but any drinks would have to be paid for. Dave Johnstone, Graham Hofmann, Shane Dellow and myself had been drawn out first, so that meant back to the bar first ☺. Shane and myself went to grab a table outside overlooking the 18th green, while Graham and Dave went to get the beers. Dave arrived back first with his and Shane's beers. Then Graham popped his head around the door holding an orange juice, he asked me whether I wanted an orange juice too. Why can't I have a beer? I asked. It was then that Dave explained, the two beers he had bought, were in fact "illegal". It seems Dave asked for his beers and the girl at the bar served him, but then suddenly realised it was before 12 noon and she could not serve alcohol before then. Dave replied by saying, don't worry no one will know and I certainly won't say anything to the management. To which the girl replied, "I am the manager!!" ☺. She had just not realised that it was still too early for them to serve alcohol. It was at

this point that the manager was going to throw the beers away, but Dave managed to quickly pay for them and disappear outside to the small courtyard near the 18th green before he was noticed. Much to the delight of Glen, it seems the manager had poured three beers and he had managed to acquire the third pint ☺. Now you can imagine the delight the three "beer barons" took to rub the rest of our noses in the fact that we couldn't get a beer!! Just in case you were wondering, we arrived at the bar just after 11am, but the golf club licence does not allow them to serve alcohol until 12 noon. Well that has to be a first for the WAGS, as there are many occasions where a pint of beer with the full English breakfast before we play golf is not unheard of! I think we might have to educate Litchfield Golf Club in such matters for the next visit ☺.

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So with all the frivolities of lunch over and done with, it was time for the main event of the day, the Memorial Trophy. This is played for in memory of the WAGS members that have sadly passed away, these are Bob Hardy, John Frearson Snr, Mark Christian, Jack Christian, Terry Pickworth and Graham Brandon.



Time to start those engines gentlemen ☺. We did in fact have 7 buggies out for the 18 holes of golf at Litchfield Golf Club, leaving just the fittest of the fit to walk, namely our very own Mick “Silver Ferret” Fullwood and one of our newest members Martin Sheppard.

The Mill course at Litchfield is 6,092 yards and has a par of 72. It has four par 5’s, all of which are just a little under 500 yards. Could be time to limper up that big trodge with your biggest beastly club you have ☺.



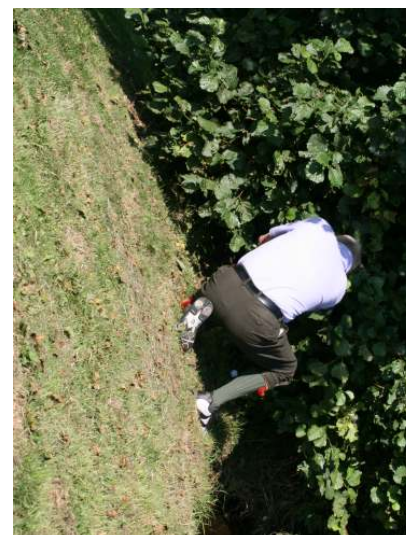
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Here we see Shane looking at a rather difficult shot, if you notice he has his trousers already in his socks. Do you think he is worrying about getting wet? Well as you can see, Shane had a close look at the lie of his ball and for once he decided to take the safe option by taking a drop. You can just see the outcome if Shane had tried to play his ball where it came to rest.... Oh yes, a very very wet and muddy outcome ☺.



What is happening?

Now Graham is trying to play an impossible shot with water looming so close. Are all the gentlemen I am playing with determined to get wet today? Well it looks like Graham is actually going to take a swing at his ball tucked under the tree!! It seems Graham managed to avoid toppling right over and in to the water, but after three hacks at his ball, he picked it up and put it back in his pocket ☺.

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What is going on? All my fellow playing partners it seems are determined to get wet today!! It now seems Dave is in on the act as well. Dave's ball came to rest just in the 'fluffy stuff' on the opposite side of the stream. Shane had convinced Dave to play his ball, saying that the stream was very shallow indeed and no way would his feet even get wet! Well it seems Dave was certainly up for a challenge ☺. So Dave settled in to his stance, took aim, then trod.... if you look closely in the far right photograph you can just see Dave's ball coming out of the 'fluffy stuff' just above the height of his knee. Unfortunately for Dave, it only popped up the bank a little, before rolling back down and coming to rest actually in the stream!! Oh honestly, you just couldn't make today's entertainment up ☺. So now what? Well I guess it would be a drop shot.



Well as you can see Dave is playing his shot from dry ground, so how did his ball get there? For those of you with a knowledge of the rules, you will know he couldn't have dropped his ball that side of the water hazard.... so what other explanation is there? Well go to the next page and see what I think has to be an amazing shot.....

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Dave actually played his ball out from the stream. You can see his ball flying up out of the water to the right hand side of the photograph, just about at eye level. It what has to be the best action shot I have been able to capture... ever! After all this water action I am ready for a pint now ☺.



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So after all the shenanigans in and around the water, how did we managed to play at Litchfield Golf Club. Well we carded a total of 64 gross pars. Dave Johnstone carded a creditable 5 gross pars, but a clutch of WAGS members, namely Ges Meehan, Graham Hofmann, Martin Sheppard and Shane Dellow, all went one better with an impressive 6 gross pars. But joint top of the pile were Ash Hutchinson and Danny Fletcher who both carded an excellent 7 gross pars. Gentlemen well played.

Along with the gross pars, the 16 WAGS members also managed to card 10 gross birdies. These were achieved by: -

Danny Fletcher	Hole No.3	Par 4	393 yards	Stroke Index 1
Shane Dellow	Hole No.5	Par 4	322 yards	Stroke Index 15
Martin Sheppard	Hole No.7	Par 4	287 yards	Stroke Index 11
Paul Ormond	Hole No.7	Par 4	287 yards	Stroke Index 11
Daniel Keen	Hole No.9	Par 5	494 yards	Stroke Index 7
Steve Roulstone	Hole No.11	Par 5	477 yards	Stroke Index 10
Graham Hofmann	Hole No.13	Par 4	314 yards	Stroke Index 18
Martin Sheppard	Hole No.13	Par 4	314 yards	Stroke Index 18
Daniel Keen	Hole No.14	Par 4	322 yards	Stroke Index 14
Dave Johnstone	Hole No.16	Par 5	477 yards	Stroke Index 4

Gentlemen very well played, especially to Daniel Keen and Martin Sheppard for achieving two gross birdies each.



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The results: -

WINNER ~	Martin Sheppard	- 42 pts
2 nd ~	Paul Ormond	- 37 pts
3 rd ~	Shane Dellow	- 36 pts

Nearest the Pin ~	Glen Hundleby	- Hole No.4
	Dave Johnstone	- Hole No.8
	Dave Johnstone	- Hole No.12
	Russ McLaughlin	- Hole No.15
Longest Drive ~	Michael Riley	- Hole No.11
Nearest the Pin in 3 ~	Dave Johnstone	- Hole No.18

Alphabetical Individual scores: -

Ash Hutchinson	31 pts	Glen Hundleby	35 pts	Mick Fullwood	35 pts
Daniel Keen	31 pts	Graham Hofmann	29 pts	Pete Hallam	30 pts
Danny Fletcher	32 pts	John Frearson	33 pts	Russ McLaughlin	29 pts
Dave Johnstone	35 pts	Michael Riley	33 pts	Steve Roulstone	21 pts
Ges Meehan	32 pts				

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

A special mention should go to Martin Sheppard, with what can only be described as a brilliant score of 42 points. However, Dave is seriously going to have a look at your handicap ☺.



What better way to end a splendid day of golf, than a beer in the lovely evening sunshine.

Regards

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