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Dear WAGS Members,

Our next championship match is at **Tapton golf club on Sunday 2nd September 2018**. 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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August Singles Cup – Springwater G.C.: Sunday 19th August 2018



18 WAGS Members attended the August Singles Cup match at Springwater and although there was just a hint of rain in the air during the hour or so before our tee off, everyone was hoping that the wet stuff would at least hold off until play had finished. Springwater is another course we play that has a great selection of par 3's and has a total of five Par 3's, culminating in its signature Par 3, 178 yard, 18th hole. Much to the delight of anyone playing off a handicap of 23 or more who gets two shots on this tricky Par 3 18th hole, which has a stroke index of 5! In fact, much to the frustration of our Chairman Mick O'Hanlon, there are two Par 3 holes at Springwater that members playing off a handicap of 24 or more get two shorts on ②. Well, those higher handicappers do need a little help, it is not very often they win a championship match, is it!!



Now I know you are always told it is best to relax before starting your round of golf, but I get the impression that Graham Hofmann is letting his wrists relax too much! I guess it could be worse, Graham could have been sporting the much loved pink WAGS shirt from many years ago. Talking of which, which year do you think we had the pink shirt as our team colour? Answers on a postcard (3)

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I think you will all agree that this photograph is certainly a collectable item, Firstly, all the WAGS members in the first three ball of the day were all walking up the middle of the fairway. More shockingly, they were walking up the middle of the fairway due to the fact that all three had drove their tee shots straight and had all come to rest on the fairway. Will wonders never cease (3). Well done to Ges Meehan, Daniel Keen and Daniel O'Hanlon.

So, there was no pressure on the remaining members that would tee off after the first three members had! I wonder if any of the members above thought secretly to themselves, even after just their first tee short, they might be in with a chance of winning the August Singles Cup?





Looks like Stuart Prescott got right down in the bunker and gave his ball to good old throdge and made a fairly good contact with his ball. But I am sure you would agree, it did look like finally we had a course with a good amount of sand in the bunkers!

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A nice view from the 7th tee across to the 8th fairway, but wait, what is that in the undergrowth? Right in the middle of the hazard... is that a blue WAGS shirt?



Well, as you can see the answer to that question is yes. It seems Russ McLaughlin's tee shot from the 8th tee box drifted a little too far left. However, Russ got out of the undergrowth but sadly failed to score any points on that hole. It is funny how a lot of members never get themselves involved in antics that lead to having that photograph printed in the WAGS newsletter for ages, then all of a sudden they cannot stop appearing in it!

It seems Springwater golf course was becoming quite a hot bed of points on the front nine holes. So much so, 4 members were actually over par on the front nine holes. Graham Hofmann, Jordan Hughes and Steve Roulstone, all had 19 points at the half way points. While Glen Hundleby had amassed 21 points by half way. So, are we looking at a possible winner from these four?

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I had the pleasure of going out in a four ball with Jordan Hughes, along with Dave Johnstone and Charlie Shilton. And given that it seems that Jordan had been out until the early hours of Sunday morning partying and that he had had another drink for breakfast at Springwater Golf Club, along with ordering a large breakfast, it was quite a feat to amount 19 points on the front nine. Maybe he had just been hitting the middle ball of the three he was seeing!! Mmmm, doesn't that large breakfast look appetising? Well it seems Jordan did not think so after ordering it. Jordan seemed to take



his time eating half of it, before leaving the other half, saying that he was not hungry 😜





Here we see our Handicap Secretary Dave Johnstone shaping, twisting and trying to manufacture some kind of short that would pay dividends on the Shorter than normal Par 3 9th hole. Dave landed his tee shot on the green, but way above the hole and took three putts to get just a nett par for 2 points. But at least he looked like he knew what he was doing in these "Sports Mode" photographs 🖾

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The 18 WAGS members carded a grand total of 70 gross pars at Springwater. Stuart Prescott, Paul Ormond, Graham Hofmann and Ash Hutchinson all carded a creditable 4 gross pars. While Steve Roulstone, Daniel Keen and Shane Dellow all carded one more gross pars with a respectable 5 gross pars. Charlie Shilton made an impressive total of 7 gross pars, with Danny Fletcher pipping Charlie by one, carding a tremendous 8 gross pars. However, with an excellent 9 gross pars, it was Mick O'Hanlon who was crowned "King of the Heap" at Springwater. Gentlemen well played.

Along with the gross pars, there were 7 gross birdies and these were carded by the following members: -

Jordan Hughes	Hole No.7	Par 4	372 yards	S.I.8
Glen Hundleby	Hole No.9	Par 3	146 yards	S.I.6
Paul Ormond	Hole No.13	Par 3	160 yards	S.I.17
Charlie Shilton	Hole No.14	Par 5	543 yards	S.I.7
Daniel O'Hanlon	Hole No.14	Par 5	543 yards	S.I.7
Graham Hofmann	Hole No.17	Par 5	525 yards	S.I.9
Jordan Hughes	Hole No.17	Par 5	525 yards	S.I.9

Gentlemen, very well played to you all.



Charlie decided to have a short rest while waiting for play to resume, half way down the 14th hole, but after getting back up to his feet, he said he wished he had never got down on the ground, as his back was now aching!! No pleasing some people ©

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The results for the August Singles Cup: -

WINNER ~	Paul Ormond	- 35 pts	
$2^{nd} \sim$	Shane Dellow	- 35 pts	
$3^{rd} \sim$	Charlie Shilton	- 33 pts	

Nearest the Pin ∼	Shane Dellow	- Hole No.5	
	Graham Hofmann	- Hole No.9	
	Paul Ormond	- Hole No.13	
	Steve Roulstone	- Hole No.16	

Charlie Shilton - Hole No.18
Longest Drive ~ Daniel Keen - Hole No.17
Nearest the Pin in 3 ~ Daniel Keen - Hole No.2



Alphabetical Individual scores: -

Ash Hutchinson	32 pts	Ges Meehan	26 pts	Mick O'Hanlon	31 pts
Daniel Keen	25 pts	Glen Hundleby	31 pts	Paul Sawdon	21 pts
Daniel O'Hanlon	31 pts	Graham Hofmann	33 pts	Russ McLaughlin	12 pts
Danny Fletcher	32 pts	Jason Dellow	22 pts	Steve Roulstone	31 pts
Dave Johnstone	26 pts	Jordan Hughes	32 pts	Stuart Prescott	29 pts

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



The photograph on the left shows where Paul Ormond's ball landed on the 13th green, after his tee shot hit the flag itself and came to rest rather close to the hole. We heard a shout on the course as this happened and thought that someone had indeed got a hole in one. Well, it was close, Paul that was nearly a rather expensive tee shot (3).

I also think it is worth saying a special congratulations to Paul Ormond on winning his first singles cup in the WAGS. Well done Paul. Nice to see a few higher handicappers in the mix at Springwater, although I have a feeling the Handicap Secretary Dave will be taking quite a close look. Expect to be playing off a handicap less than 28 at the next match (3).

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Gentlemen I need to let Tapton know how many are playing there no later than Saturday 25th August, so please let me know as soon as, if you wish to play and are not listed as playing on the website, thank you.

Failing that, I will see you all at Tapton on Sunday 2nd September, arrival time 9:15am.

Finally, before I forget, we had the pink shirts back in 2009!! How the years roll by.

Regards

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