

WILSTHORPE AMATEUR GOLF SOCIETY

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Dear WAGS Members,

Excluding the WAGS 25th Anniversary Away Weekend, at Cardrona Hotel in Peebles (from 30th July to 3rd August 2015), the next championship match is on Sunday 16th August 2015 at Beedles Lake Golf Club (LE7 3WQ).

Arrival time is 10:00am, there is no food included in a package at Beedles Lake, however looking on their website it seems they have the following available..... The Full Monty All Day Breakfast @ £7.45

(2 sausage, 2 bacon, 2 eggs, 2 hash browns, 2 toasts with tomato, beans & black pudding)

The cost for the golf only at Beedles Lake is £25.00.

Please be aware if you intend having a breakfast at Beedles Lake golf club, arrive earlier to allow for it!! thank you ☺

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Memorial Trophy – Lichfield Golf Club : Sunday 19th July 2015

Our second year at Lichfield and again we would play 9 holes on the par 3 course, before lunch and then 18 holes of golf. So hopefully the 9 hole course would allow those playing plenty of opportunity to loosen all those relevant muscles needed for that perfect game of golf. Or maybe it would be the perfect chance to blow a few cobwebs off, having maybe you had one or two beers too many the night before??!! Or maybe if you had done your damdest to drink not only the bar dry, but also the brewery the night before, you were still in bed at tee off! Oh yes, I failed miserably to make the opening 9 holes of the day, having tried the latter and attempted to drink the brewery dry the night before!

Could I take this opportunity to apologise to the members for not arriving on time. In particular to Mick O'Hanlon and especially Ian Patrick who found themselves running round at the last minute sorting all the bits and bobs out, well saved gentlemen. Maybe I have been training you better than I thought over the last few months ☺. My only excuse is that I thought I might get some last minute practice in for the forthcoming away weekend!! Do you think from the look on Ian's face, he wasn't too pleased that I failed to turn up to play the 9 hole course?



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13 WAGS members and one guest lined up to play the 9 holes on the par 3 course at Lichfield golf club and between them they carded a total of 38 gross pars. Not too bad, but last year the WAGS members carded a total of 44 gross pars. Maybe a little room for improvement? ☺ Those carding notable gross pars were, Robbie Kerr and Mick O'Hanlon who both carded 4 gross pars, not a bad effort at all gentlemen. However carding one better with a total of 5 gross pars each were Shane Dellow, Graham Hofmann and Ian Patrick, gentlemen very well done. Some of the players even had the audacity to card gross birdies. Oh yes and not just one or two, but in fact five gentlemen carded 6 gross birdies!! You are correct, one member did indeed card two gross birdies, what a greedy git ☺. Those carding the gross birdies were: -

Danny Chaplin	Hole 3	133 yards
Dave Johnstone	Hole 5	140 yards
Ian Patrick	Hole 5	140 yards
Pete Hallam	Hole 6	94 yards
Daniel Keen	Hole 6	94 yards
Daniel Keen	Hole 8	100 yards

Firstly, you may not recognise the name Danny Chaplin, well Danny came as a guest at Lichfield, but has now joined the WAGS as a member. I am sure you will join me in welcoming Danny to this little society of ours. Secondly, this now means that the society now has its full complement of members, we have now reached the limit of 30 members.



Gentlemen congratulations to all of you who carded gross birdies, in particular Daniel Keen who went mad and carded two!! ☺

The winner of the 9 hole par 3 course was Graham Hofmann, very well done Graham.

We also nominated just the 1st and 9th holes for 'Nearest the Pin' prizes. These were won by: -

1st Hole 169 yards Graham Hofmann

9th hole 160 yards Shane Dellow

Well played to each and every winner of all the prizes on the 3 par course at Lichfield golf club.



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With the warm up taken care of, it was back to the clubhouse for a spot of lunch and recharge the batteries in readiness for the 18 holes in the afternoon. One last practice of the putter and it was all systems go.....

Time to play for the WAGS Memorial Trophy, which 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.



18 WAGS members and 1 guest teed off for the afternoons 18 holes of golf, but who would arrive back at the clubhouse having played to their best ability? Who had managed to control their big hitting drives and scream a long drive right down the middle of the fairway? I guess only time would tell.....



Although Ash Hutchinson found himself in quite a few bunkers around the course, it seems he has mastered a delicate flick allowing him to get his ball out of the bunker and on to the green where he actually wanted his ball ☺. If you look closely you can just see his ball flying through the air just to the left of the flag.

Far be it from me to spread any gossip, but word has it there have been mutterings about the state of some of the attire on show at Lichfield! I mean, those legs dangling from Shane Dellow's shorts certainly need a bit of a sun tan before being let loose on the rest of us poor unsuspecting WAGS members ☺.



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Not feeling in maybe the best of conditions after several beers the night before, my golf game was slightly off the pace of things, however I did find a stroke of luck on the 10th hole.

The 10th hole is a par 4, 384 yards and has a stroke index of 2. So it obviously needs a bit of a trodge from the tee to get a good way down the fairway. I teed my ball up to give it a right good trodge.... it all did not go according to plan. I topped the ball, it bobbed down the slope (going past the ladies tee, phew ☺), then kept bobbling down the slope towards to ditch. But then all of a sudden one of the bobbles sent it in a slightly different direction and it bobbed straight across the bridge over the ditch and came to rest about 30 yards the other side. Now that is what I call a stroke of luck! Sadly I just didn't get enough of it ALL the way round ☺.

As we happen to be discussing the 10th hole, there was another strange incident that happened as our 4 ball group was approaching the green. Graham Hofmann, Ash Hutchinson, Daniel O'Hanlon and myself were all within range for our next shots to be able to hit the green. However something just wasn't quite right, we stood there looking and couldn't quite put our finger on it. Then it came to us, we couldn't see a flag. Had some rogue band of squirrels gone insane and ran off with the flag to hold it to ransom, in return for a better selection of trees to feed off? But surely it had to be something a little more believable. As it happened the first group out in the afternoon round of golf were walking down the 11th fairway, running parallel to the 10th fairway. This consisted of Danny Chaplin (a guest), Shane Dellow and our chairman Mick O'Hanlon. Ash jokingly asked Mick if they had forgotten to replace the flag after putting out? Of course we didn't, replied Mick. Well surely of all people our Chairman would remember such a fundamental action of the game of golf! Wouldn't he? Danny was driving a buggy in Mick's three ball, so Mick dispatched him with immediate affect back to the green to ascertain what indeed was the reason for no flag being visible. As we all watched Danny arrived at the green, Danny disembarked from the buggy, walked on to the green and proceeded to lift the flag off the green and replace it back in the hole, where it should surely have been all along!! Oh dear, it did in fact seem that Mick did not, as first claimed, replace the flag, shame on you Mr. Chairman ☺.



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It seems even our Handicap Secretary Dave Johnstone cannot believe that our chairman Mick O'Hanlon forgot to replace the flag after putting out on the green! You can just hear him saying "Is that Mick? Has forgot to replace the flag?"

Well I suppose we can all make one mistake. However, just as our four ball was about to tee off on the par 3 12th hole, we saw a figure coming back to the green to leave the marker for 'Nearest the Pin'! Oh yes, it was in fact our Chairman Mick again ☺. Lets hope his golf game was better than his memory!!

So, how did we the 18 WAGS members and 1 guest do in the tally of gross pars? Well we amassed a total of 59 gross pars between us. Not a bad effort I don't think. Those of note were Martin Sheppard and Ian Patrick, who both carded a creditable 5 gross pars. However Jordan Hughes, Ash Hutchinson and Mick O'Hanlon all went one better and carded an impressive total of 6 gross pars each. Gentlemen well played to you all.

Along with the 59 gross pars there were also 4 gross birdies carded at Lichfield golf club. These were by: -

Robbie Kerr	Hole 2	Par 5	498 yards	Stroke Index 5
Paul Ormond	Hole 6	Par 4	326 yards	Stroke Index 17
Ash Hutchinson	Hole 7	Par 4	287 yards	Stroke Index 11
Pete Hallam	Hole 15	Par 3	160 yards	Stroke Index 16

Gentlemen, very well played to you all.

The results: -

WINNER ~	Mick Fullwood	- 37 pts
2 nd ~	Jordan Hughes	- 33 pts
3 rd ~	Shane Dellow	- 31 pts
Nearest the Pin ~	Robbie Kerr	- Hole No.4
	Ash Hutchinson	- Hole No.8
	n/a	- Hole No.12
	Daniel Keen	- Hole No.15
Longest Drive ~	Jordan Hughes	- Hole No.16
Nearest the Pin in 3 ~	Ash Hutchinson	- Hole No.18



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Alphabetical Individual scores: -

Ash Hutchinson	28 pts	Ges Meehan	28 pts	Mick O'Hanlon	28 pts
Bron Dyjas	27 pts	Glen Hundleby	22 pts	Paul Ormond	23 pts
Daniel Keen	20 pts	Graham Hofmann	27 pts	Pete Hallam	27 pts
Daniel O'Hanlon	15 pts	Ian Patrick	30 pts	Robbie Kerr	26 pts
Danny Chaplin (G)	27 pts	Martin Sheppard	30 pts	Steve Roulstone	18 pts
Dave Johnstone	24 pts				

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



Regards

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