

WILSTHORPE AMATEUR GOLF SOCIETY

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Dear WAGS Members,

November Singles Cup – Springwater Golf Club : Sunday 5th October 2014

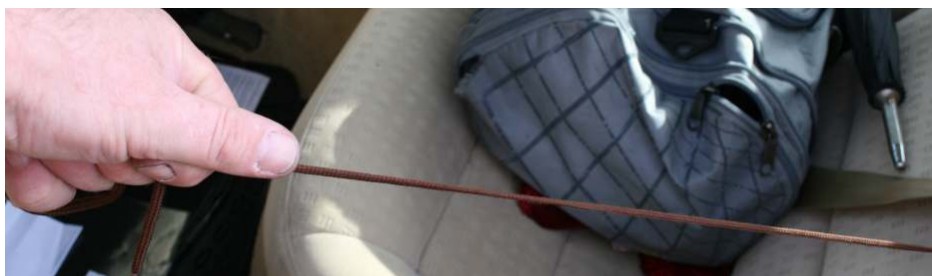
After 7 championship matches the WAGS 2014 Overall Championship came down to the last 18 holes of golf of the season at Springwater Golf Club. 18 WAGS members attended the final game of the season, the November Singles, along with three guests. The weather, after a rather wet and grey Saturday the day before, was glorious on the Sunday morning of the Springwater match. The sun was shining and the temperature was warm enough certainly for shirtsleeves. Quite a fitting end to the WAGS 2014 season, which it has to be said, has been bereft of rain for most of the season. We seem to have been so lucky with the weather over the last few years, I am seriously thinking of booking all my holidays on WAGS match days ☺.

So while the majority of the WAGS members looked forward to a relaxing stroll around the golf course at Springwater, aiming to maybe finish the season with a good round of golf, or dare I say, even the best round of golf, it would be a slightly more nervous affair for those at the top of the championship table ☺.

The top three in the WAGS Championship would go out in the last three groups, with the 4th and 5th placed members in the championship going out in the 3rd and 2nd to last groups respectively. Hopefully this would ensure the gripping tension of the championship right down to the wire ☺.

The top of the championship looked like this before we teed off: -

Andrew Shilton	177	best 5 of 7 matches
Pete Hallam	176	best 5 of 7 matches
Glen Hundleby	167	best 5 of 7 matches
Ian Patrick	165	best 5 of 7 matches
Dave Johnstone	163	best 5 of 7 matches



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It seems the members were assembling down at the first tee and preparing to get the final game of the season underway. So I think we had better oblige and tee off ☺.

Five holes into the November Singles match at Springwater and it seems our top five were already starting to score well.

Dave Johnstone, Pete Hallam and Andrew Shilton had all scored 1 gross par, however Andrew had also scored 1 gross birdie. Glen Hundleby had scored 2 gross pars, with Ian Patrick pipping all the top five contenders with 3 gross pars.

After the first five holes Dave had scored 9 points, Andrew had scored 10 points, Pete and Ian had both scored 11 points. But it was Glen setting the pace, with 12 points from the first five holes. Averaging these points over the complete round at Springwater, would give a predicted final championship point's total of: -

Pete Hallam	216	best 6 of 8 matches
Andrew Shilton	213	best 6 of 8 matches
Glen Hundleby	210	best 6 of 8 matches
Ian Patrick	205	best 6 of 8 matches
Dave Johnstone	195	best 6 of 8 matches

Our championship protagonists completed the front nine holes with Dave, Pete and Andrew all scoring 1 gross par, Ian scored 2 gross pars and Glen scored 1 gross birdie. With all the points added up on the front nine holes Andrew had scored 15 points, Dave had scored 16 points, Ian 18 points, Pete 19 points and Glen was seemingly doing his best to get to the top of the table by totalling 21 points on the front nine holes.



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Averaging the points from the front nine holes over the complete round at Springwater, would give a predicted final championship point's total of: -

Pete Hallam	214	best 6 of 8 matches
Glen Hundleby	209	best 6 of 8 matches
Andrew Shilton	207	best 6 of 8 matches
Ian Patrick	201	best 6 of 8 matches
Dave Johnstone	195	best 6 of 8 matches

So it seems some members may well be rising to the occasion, or is it that some members are beginning to show signs of cracking under the pressure of being within touching distance of the WAGS 2014 Championship? With only 9 holes of the season now left to play, who could keep their composure? Who would find their nervous being strained to their last sinew? Oh the joys of the WAGS Championship ☺.

From holes 10 to 14 inclusive, Ian, Pete and Andrew all scored 2 gross pars. Dave scored 1 gross par and Glen scored 1 gross birdie. In total after 14 holes Pete had scored 26 points, with both Ian and Andrew scoring 27 points, Dave had scored 28 points and Glen had totalled 32 points. Averaging these points from the first 14 holes over the complete round, would now give a predicted final championship point's total of: -

Andrew Shilton	212	best 6 of 8 matches
Pete Hallam	209	best 6 of 8 matches
Glen Hundleby	208	best 6 of 8 matches
Ian Patrick	200	best 6 of 8 matches
Dave Johnstone	199	best 6 of 8 matches



Some would say,
this might be our
beloved Ferret's
best side ☺



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Just before I get to the exciting conclusion of the WAGS 2014 Championship, you might have been wondering what the strange pictures on each page of this newsletter have been all about? Well for anyone not at Springwater, or may have indeed missed the goings on, let me tell you all about it..... are you sitting comfortably, then I will begin.

It seems our Captain, Mr Ash Hutchinson, has been having a little car trouble over recent months. To be more accurate, his car boot will not open in the usual manner, which has meant Ash taking rather usual steps to get in his car boot each time. Namely opening his car back door, pulling down the split back seat, reaching in and pulling on the car boot catch from the inside, not the best method I am sure you will agree ☺. Now rumour has it Ash is quite technically minded and somewhat of an engineer, well apparently that is what it says on his job description!

So Ash put that mind to work and came up with an indigenous solution. It involved a pair of bootlaces, a little fiddling and the kind of threading any seamstress would be proud of ☺.

Ash tied the bootlaces together (which I have it on good authority were bought brand-new for the task in hand ☺), then tied

one end to the car boot release mechanism catch, threaded the laces through the car boot lid framework. Then the bootlace was threaded through the gap between the split seats and hey presto!! Just pull the bootlace in the back seat and “open sesame” the car boot lid opens, genius! I am sure you will agree, not a bad solution, even if the rest of us mere mortals would have taken it to a garage, or looked for a spare part at a scrap yard ☺.



During the November Singles match at Springwater Golf Club the 18 WAGS members carded an impressive total of 79 gross pars. Daniel Keen and Pete Hallam both carded a creditable 5 gross pars each. Going two better were Jordan Hughes, Shane Dellow, Ian Patrick and Mick O’Hanlon, all carding an impressive 7 gross pars. But top of the pile at Springwater were Ash Hutchinson and Martin Sheppard, both carding an excellent 8 gross pars. Gentlemen well played to you all.

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Along with the gross pars, the WAGS members also carded 7 gross birdies, they were by: -

Andrew Shilton	Hole 1	Par 5	465 yards	Stroke Index 12
Jordan Hughes	Hole 6	Par 4	325 yards	Stroke Index 4
Daniel Keen	Hole 6	Par 4	325 yards	Stroke Index 4
Glen Hundleby	Hole 7	Par 4	372 yards	Stroke Index 8
Charlie Shilton	Hole 7	Par 4	372 yards	Stroke Index 8
Martin Sheppard	Hole 8	Par 4	336 yards	Stroke Index 18
Glen Hundleby	Hole 10	Par 4	366 yards	Stroke Index 11

Gentlemen very well played to you all.



Looks in all the way doesn't it? Well would you believe it, Jordan's putt actually veered off and missed!

How unfair is that ☹



It seems Ges knows exactly where Daniel's ball landed. But I think it might be a little wet ☺



Mick's tee shot on the 18th looks like a perfect swing and if you look closely, you can even see Mick's ball in the top left of the picture. Mick managed to score a 5 and with 2 shots for his handicap, that was 2 points then! Easy this game ☺

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So, back to the most important question... how was the WAGS 2014 Championship going to end? With only the 15th, 16th, 17th and the tricky little Par 3 18th hole left, who would resign supreme? Dave Johnstone scored just 4 points over the last four holes, giving him a total of 32 points for the round and his chance of winning two championships in three years were gone. Ian Patrick managed to score 6 points on the last four holes, with a total of 33 points, but this was not enough for Ian to add to his 1998 WAGS Championship. Glen Hundleby also seemed to run out of steam over the last 4 holes, scoring just 5 points and any chance of achieving his first WAGS Championship disappeared. But finished the round at Springwater with 37 points.



This just left Pete Hallam and Andrew Shilton to fight it out for the WAGS 2014 Championship title. Pete had been in front after nine holes on the predicted scores, but by the 14th hole it was Andrew who was back in front on the predicted scores. It seems as though it was going right to the wire. The photograph on the left sees Pete way off in the distance teeing off on the 18th hole, holding his pose (is that for the camera? ☺), he looks like he is watching it closely. Would it land close to the flag? Would it be short? Would it be in the Water!?!?

And finally we see Andrew taking his final putt, on the final green, of the final championship match of the season. Is that the putt that wins the championship? It certainly looks like it is going to drop in, but would it give Andrew enough points?

The tension is so thick you could cut it with a knife.... That really does sound good, maybe I should think about a writing career, or as I guess you are all thinking, "just get on with it and tell us who won the WAGS 2014 Championship" ☺



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Well Pete Hallam finished with a total of 33 points at Springwater, giving him a total of 209 points from his best 6 matches from the 8 championship matches. Andrew Shilton finished with a total of 34 points, giving him a total of 211 points, just pipping Pete by 2 points to be crowned the WAGS 2014 Champion. And I think you can tell from Andrew's cheeky smile as he walked back to hand his card in, that he had a good idea he had done enough to take the title ☺.

Gentlemen well played to all of you that were still in the running for the championship even by the last match of the season, no mean feat at all. Maybe, just maybe you will get another chance next season!!

But now I am sure you will join me in congratulating Andrew Shilton on winning his first championship.

Andrew's total of 211 points was made up from: -
40 pts at Sinfin 32 pts at Beauchief
30 pts at Rufford 43 pts at Tinsley Park
32 pts at Tapton 34 pts at Springwater

Andrew's 29 points at Allestree and 26 points at The Manor were dropped as his two lowest scores.

******* *Andrew Shilton, 2014 WAGS Champion* *******

During the 2014 season the WAGS members managed to amass a grand total of 4,644 Stapleford points over the 8 championship matches. This compares to a total of 4,523 points for the 2013 season and we actually had less players attending all 8 championship matches. We must really be improving, will miracles never cease ☺. Over the 8 championship matches we averaged 28.65 per member and the average attendance per match was 20.38.

Over all the 11 competitions during the 2014 season, which includes the Silver Ferret, Captain's Day and Memorial Trophy, along with the 8 championship matches, the WAGS made a grand total of 6,438 Stapleford points. Yet again another improvement from the 2013 season, where we made a grand total of 6,388 Stapleford points.

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To conclude the business of the November Singles Cup at Springwater, the winners and 'nearest the pin' etc winners were: -

The results: -

WINNER ~	Ash Hutchinson	- 41 pts
2 nd ~	Jordan Hughes	- 40 pts
3 rd ~	Martin Sheppard	- 38 pts
Nearest the Pin ~	Paul Ormond	- Hole No.5
	Mick O'Hanlon	- Hole No.9
	Glen Hundleby	- Hole No.13
	Daniel Keen	- Hole No.16
	Lee Walker (guest)	- Hole No.18
Longest Drive ~	Lee Walker (guest)	- Hole No.17
Nearest the Pin in 2 ~	Mick O'Hanlon	- Hole No.2

Alphabetical Individual scores: -

Andrew Shilton	34 pts	Glen Hundleby	37 pts	Mick O'Hanlon	30 pts
Charlie Shilton	27 pts	Graham Hofmann	27 pts	Paul Ormond	31 pts
Daniel Keen	34 pts	Ian Patrick	33 pts	Pete Hallam	33 pts
Dave Johnstone	32 pts	Lee Walker (G)	32 pts	Robert Wass (G)	30 pts
Dave Richmond (G)	33 pts	Michael Riley	23 pts	Shane Dellow	35 pts
Ges Meehan	35 pts	Mick Fullwood	31 pts	Steve Roulstone	20 pts

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

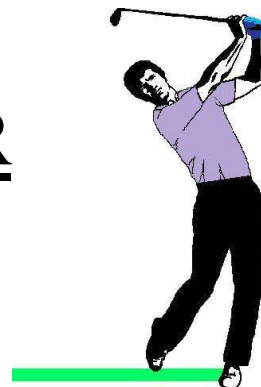
Just to relax with a beer after another thrilling and most enjoyable season with the WAGS.



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Looking forward with the WAGS, the committee will shortly be putting all their brain matter together and hopefully be able to select the 11 venues for our 2015 seasons matches. As soon as we have got our brains working and sorted out these venues I will let all you WAGS members know. This should be before the end of the year all being well.

Unless you have been on another planet for the last six months, you will already know the venue and date of next years away weekend. A very special away weekend in the history of the Wilsthorpe Amateur Golf Society, our 25th Anniversary, our very own Silver Jubilee ☺. The venue is the Cardrona Hotel, just outside Peebles, 30 minutes south of Edinburgh.

We arrive Thursday 30th July 2015 and depart Monday 3rd August 2015.

There is one point to make, **the balance has to be paid before June 2015**, so Ian will be chasing you all for the money when we start the 2015 season ☺.

We also have the 2014 Winter Cup and Presentation Evening to look forward to. This should be towards the end of March 2015, again as soon as all the details are sorted I will let you know.

Gentlemen as ever it has been yet another great season. Hopefully everyone has not only managed to have at least a couple of good rounds of golf, but you have thoroughly enjoyed yourselves in the process.



As you can see, Andrew did sink his putt on the 18th green.
Well done Andrew ☺

Regards

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