

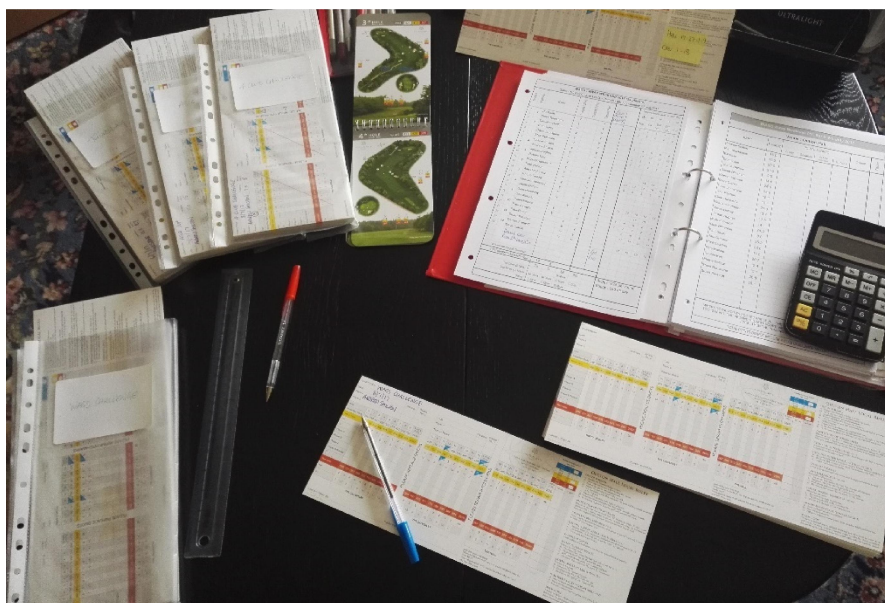
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Dear WAGS Members,

The middle of July and it is time for the ever-popular WAGS Away Weekend. Several rounds of pleasurable golf played back to back. Endless conversations about your game of golf with like-minded friends. And who can forget, many many pints of beer!



Well that might be the case over the Friday, Saturday and Sunday on a WAGS away weekend, but there is the little matter of sorting all the paperwork out beforehand. This year saw the writing of 116 scorecards ready for all the golf over the weekend! I have thought about asking for volunteers for next year's away weekend, but I think I might be deafened by the silence ☺

The WAGS 2017 Away Weekend was to take place at the QHotels Oulton Hall golf club, leisure & hotel complex, just 6 miles south of Leeds. The golf complex has 27 holes and over the away weekend a combination of all 27 holes was to be played.

As is the norm these days, more WAGS members arrived on the Thursday for an extra days golfing and enjoyment, than on the Friday. In total 19 members attended Thursday, with a further 5 members arriving Friday, giving the society a grand total of 24 members over the away weekend. Yet another good turnout, well done gentlemen.

Over the weekend we would be playing for the Asia Cup, which is once again sponsored by one of the four WAGS founding members, Mr Bill Bash. The WAGS Challenge would be played for on Saturday, which is our oldest trophy, along with a relatively new trophy of the 4 Club Challenge. The final game on Sunday would be the much-loved Team Event. I think this might well be the high-light for quite a few WAGS members.

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Myself and Bill Bash arrived on the Thursday and after a round of golf, it was time to check in. So, we found a suitable trolley, unpacked the whole of the van load of equipment that had been squeezed in to the van early that morning. I seriously will have to limit Bill to less beer in future. We only just got all our stuff loaded on to the hotel trolley. Oh, no wait, maybe I will limit Bill's water, not beer. I couldn't be that cruel!! You can see below that Bill took great care in rolling all his WAGS t-shirts ready for the weekend. I was very impressed.



I thought the golf buggies had gone up market, until we realised that it was in fact a film crew filming an episode of Emmerdale for ITV. According to rumour it is a wedding for some character on the show. Can't you tell I am a fan..... not ☺

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With 19 WAGS members attending the Away Weekend on the Thursday, it seems only fair just to show the odd photograph or two. Always good to see what everyone is getting up to!



It seems the WAGS members always seem to have something to smile about, although judging by all the empty pint glasses it is easy to see why we smile so much.....



And it seems we are still as good as creating empty pint glasses at night time too....

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Friday 7th July 2017 : Asia Cup (lilac shirts) – tee off 10:00am ~ Calverley Course



10:00am sharp and 23 WAGS members were on the 1st tee and were raring to go. 8 buggies had been assembled, 16 members were settled in their seats and not one WAGS member has been run over by a buggy..... what a result 😊



Honestly, a WAGS away weekend is a lot of fun, don't let all these miserable sods above suggest otherwise!! I am sure once they have hit their 1st ball straight down the middle of the fairway, they will spring in to action like a finely tuned gazelle. Mmmm, maybe gazelle wasn't the right selection of animal, but I am sure you all get the idea. For this years' Asia Cup, Bill Bash had told us all to play it as a singles match on full handicap, but there would be a twist at the end of the game. No telling what Bill had in store for us then!

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It seems Ash Hutchinson and Bill Bash are concentrating quite intensely, although there doesn't seem to be a ball in sight. Mind you, that does mean there is no chance of losing it!!

The Asia Cup was played on holes 1 to 18, which make the Calverley course at Oulton Hall. During the round of golf, the 23 members carded a total of 62 gross pars. Those of note with multiple gross pars were Charlie Shilton and Graham Hofmann, both who carded a creditable 5 gross pars. Shane Dellow went one better, carding a respectable 6 gross pars. While our chairman Mick O'Hanlon carded an impressive 8 gross pars and being titled "King of the Pars" on the 1st round of golf at Oulton Hall.

Well played gentlemen.

Now that is how to get straight out of a bunker, take plenty of sand with it. A great action shot from Andrew Shilton, making it look so easy getting out of a bunker.



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Along with the gross pars during the Asia Cup round of golf, there were also 6 gross birdies on the Calverley course. These were by: -

Charlie Shilton	Hole No.1	Par 4	366 yards	Stroke Index 7
Jordan Hughes	Hole No.5	Par 4	373 yards	Stroke Index 9
Charlie Shilton	Hole No.10	Par 4	318 yards	Stroke Index 14
Bron Dyjas	Hole No.10	Par 4	318 yards	Stroke Index 14
Paul Sawdon	Hole No.11	Par 3	183 yards	Stroke Index 16
Glen Hundleby	Hole No.15	Par 4	305 yards	Stroke Index 18

Gentlemen very well played, especially Charlie who was a little greedy getting 2 gross birdies.

So, with Asia Cup taking place, what was Bill's twist at the end. Well Bill decided that he wanted this years' Asia Cup to be a double match, but a blind doubles match. Sounds like something Cilla Black might have presented on ITV on a Saturday night 😊. Once all the members had handed in their scorecards the draw took place for the doubles pairings. The pairings would consist of one seeded player being drawn with an unseeded player. Bill and our chairman Mick O'Hanlon undertook the drawing of the pairs, which in alphabetical order were (handicaps in brackets): -

Andrew Shilton (15.0) & Ges Meehan (18.1)
 Ash Hutchinson (15.2) & Steve Roulstone (26.8)
 Charlie Shilton (9.0) & Mick Fullwood (24.9)
 Daniel O'Hanlon (14.6) & Bron Dyjas (23.4)
 Graham Hofmann (13.7) & Glen Hundleby (21.3)
 Jason Dellow (17.6) & Dave Clarke (28.0)
 Jordan Hughes (14.1) & Pete Hallam (20.7)
 Mick O'Hanlon (8.0) & Dave Johnstone (18.1)
 Paul Sawdon (17.5) & Paul Ormond (28.0)
 Robbie Kerr (12.4) & Paul Bacon (25.2)
 Shane Dellow (15.1) & Darren Fretwell (26.0)

As the pairings were made all those concerned were eagerly adding their respective scores together and seeing what their total was. This was because to keep things simple Bill had decided that the doubles score would simply be the two individual stapleford scores added together.

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Asia Cup results: -

WINNER ~	Shane Dellow (34) & Darren Fretwell (36)	: 70 pts
2 nd ~	Daniel O'Hanlon (32) & Bron Dyjas (34)	: 66 pts
Nearest the Pin ~	Paul Sawdon	: Hole No.6
	Paul Sawdon	: Hole No.11
	Glen Hundleby	: Hole No.14
Longest Drive ~	Paul Sawdon	: Hole No.7
Nearest in 3 ~	Dave Johnstone	: Hole No.18

Gentlemen well played.

Doubles Scores: -

Graham Hofmann (27) & Glen Hundleby (34)	: 61 pts
Andrew Shilton (29) & Ges Meehan (30)	: 59 pts
Jordan Hughes (23) & Pete Hallam (34)	: 57 pts
Charlie Shilton (28) & Mick Fullwood (27)	: 55 pts
Mick O'Hanlon (30) & Dave Johnstone (24)	: 54 pts
Paul Sawdon (33) & Paul Ormond (20)	: 53 pts
Robbie Kerr (22) & Paul Bacon (27)	: 49 pts
Jason Dellow (23) & Dave Clarke (19)	: 42 pts
Ash Hutchinson (22) & Steve Roulstone (17)	: 39 pts

The numbers in brackets are the individual stapleford scores for each member.



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Although I did not score very many points myself during the Asia Cup, I was very proud indeed of my long putt on the 13th hole. My 5th shot came to rest at the back of the green on the 13th hole, a Par 4, stroke index 8. So, my thinking was to get the 6th shot close and then drop the 7th shot in the hole for 1 point, easy! Well I lined my putt up, I hit the ball and watch it get closer and closer and closer..... “oh my, could it really go in?” I thought to myself. Well yes it did! I am sure you will agree; a long putt doesn’t half give you a boost. Just out of curiosity I measured the putt and it was 19 yards... wow a good long putt. So, what is the picture below all about you might ask?



Well the picture above is taken on the 14th tee. After sinking such a long putt on the 13th hole I felt pretty good on the 14th tee. However, not all went to plan! The gentlemen I was playing the round of golf with, namely Bill, Mick and Andrew, all decided to point out that my drive on the 14th tee had only gone 3 yards, a full 16 yards shorter than my putt on the previous hole. There are times when you just wish you had been playing with someone else! And to rub it in they are all smiling and laughing 😊.



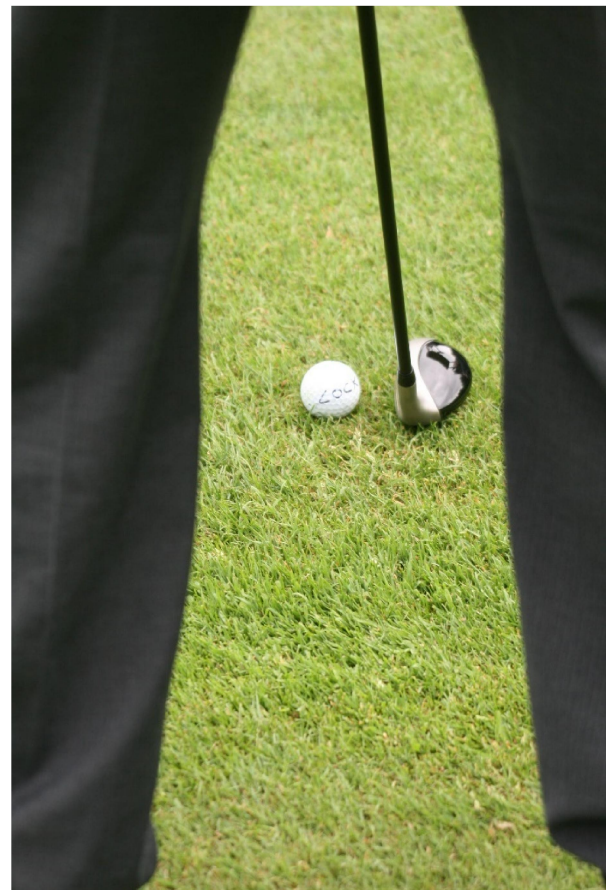
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Now I am not sure I should be telling you all this, but one of my playing partners during the round of golf in the Asia Cup was playing in a rather rude way. I am not sure if you can see from the picture on the right, but it seems Bill played most of the round of golf with his 'cock' out. If you look closely you can just see it there between his legs! For those of you who's eyesight might be going, you can see from the close-up picture below. It seems Bill's son decided to have a bit of a laugh and mark some of Bill's golf balls up in a rather unusual manner 😏



Also during the round of golf on the Friday there was a spot prize for the 'best group score'. This was simply the total number of points score by each four ball. But in the case of the one three ball that was playing, the average of the three players was taken and this amount was used as the points total for the 4th player. The points totals were: -

119 pts : Daniel O'Hanlon (32), Bron Dyjas (34), Jason Dellow (23) and 'the average' (30)
115 pts : Robbie Kerr (22), Darren Fretwell (36), Jordan Hughes (23) and Glen Hundleby (34)
115 pts : Graham Hofmann (27), Shane Dellow (34), Ges Meehan (30) and Dave Johnstone (24)
108 pts : Mick Fullwood (27), Charlie Shilton (28), Dave Clarke (19) and Pete Hallam (34)
102 pts : Paul Sawdon (33), Paul Bacon (27), Paul Ormond (20) and Ash Hutchinson (22)
95 pts : Steve Roulstone (17), Mick O'Hanlon (30), Bill Bash (19) and Andrew Shilton (29)

Well played to Daniel, Bron and Jason on winning the 'spot prize'.

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With the first days golfing all taken care of, there was a little time for the WAGS members to relax in a very gentlemanly way, after a very pleasant evening meal.....



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Saturday 8th July 2017 : 4 Club Challenge (Burgundy shirts) – tee off 9:00am ~ Hall Course

Once again, we found ourselves playing the 4 Club Challenge in the morning due to tee time availability, but I guess it gave some of the members time to sleep off their hangovers. So, not all the WAGS members turned out for the 4 Club Challenge, in fact just 14 members arrived on the 1st tee of the Hall course at Oulton Hall. That must give you a better chance of winning with less members playing! The Hall course was played over holes 19 to 27.



It looks like we have a great days' weather for golfing, warm and sun shining, perfect.

As ever it is always a difficult choice as to what clubs to take with you on the 4 Club Challenge. If you are like me, you probably change your mind several times 😊. So, with the final choice of clubs made it was time for action. The 9 holes on the Hall course consist of two Par 3 holes, five Par 4 holes and two back to back Par 5 holes.

The 14 members managed to card a total of 13 gross pars, these were carded by: -

Bron Dyjas, Jason Dellow, Paul Bacon and Steve Roulstone all carded a single gross par. Paul Sawdon carded two gross pars, with Andrew Shilton going one better and carding three gross pars. But the 'Kings of the Pars' for the 4 Club Challenge was Charlie Shilton, who carded an impressive 4 gross pars. Gentlemen well played to you all.

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4 Cub Challenge results: -

WINNER ~	Andrew Shilton	: 17 pts
2 nd ~	Mick Fullwood	: 16 pts
3 rd ~	Shane Dellow	: 16 pts
Nearest the Pin ~	Steve Roulstone	: Hole No.7
	Stuart Prescott	: Hole No.9
Longest Drive ~	Andrew Shilton	: Hole No.8
Nearest in 3 ~	Paul Sawdon	: Hole No.1

Gentlemen well played.

Individual Scores: -

Charlie Shilton	: 16 pts
Stuart Prescott	: 14 pts
Paul Sawdon	: 14 pts
Ges Meehan	: 13 pts
Glen Hundleby	: 12 pts
Paul Bacon	: 12 pts
Jason Dellow	: 12 pts
Darren Fretwell	: 11 pts
Bron Dyjas	: 10 pts
Steve Roulstone	: 8 pts
Paul Ormond	: 3 pts



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With the 4 Club Challenge played it was time for a spot of lunch. Complimentary bacon cob, not to be missed and of course it goes without saying on the away weekend it has to be washed down with a pint (or two). After the lunch break it was time to gather the masses and try to achieve the annual Team Photograph and I have to be honest, this years' photograph actually looks ok.

The 24 WAGS members stood in 6 rows and from the back row to the front row were: -

Stuart Prescott, Darren Fretwell, Andrew Shilton & Charlie Shilton.

Paul Sawdon, Bron Dyjas, Robbie Kerr & Ges Meehan.

Steve Roulstone (Secretary), Jason Dellow, Jordan Hughes, Glen Hundleby.

Paul Ormond, Bill Bash, Ash Hutchinson & Mick O'Hanlon (Chairman).

Dave Clarke, Pete Hallam, Paul Bacon & Graham Hofmann (Committee Member).

Daniel O'Hanlon (Vice-Captain), Shane Dellow, Mick Fullwood & Dave Johnstone (Handicap Secretary)



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Sat. 8th July : WAGS Challenge (Burgundy shirts) – tee off 12:50pm ~ Calverley Course

After a relaxing lunch and me arranging all the WAGS members on the steps up to the putting green like ‘cat-walk’ models.... Oh, wait a minute, what have I just said? I have compared the WAGS members to ‘cat-walk’ models, that is it then, I think I officially need medical attention!!



The WAGS Challenge is our oldest trophy we play for and at Oulton Hall it was to be played on the Calverley course again, which was holes 1 to 18. It looks like the members assembled are raring to go! Such enthusiasm 😊. The Saturday afternoon match saw 18 of the 24 members playing riding in buggies, the highest number ever I think on an away weekend. Does this mean we are all getting older and need that little extra help over the three or four days golfing. Or is it that we all are

just big kids at heart and like to race around? I will let you decide, but above all I am happy to say all 18 buggy riding members returned to the clubhouse for a lovely cold beer injury free!



Here we see Robbie, Graham, Daniel and Jason teeing off first in the WAGS Challenge. Looks like they know how to hit a ball..... but will their final score be testament to that?

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Do you get the impression that one member might just be trying to get forty winks as he waits on the first tee? Or maybe that is all part of Paul Bacon's pre-match relaxation therapy! Whereas Bron Dyjas seems to be emitting an all-round glow, but it does seem to come over as very orange, beard and hat!! Daniel O'Hanlon and Mick Fullwood on the other hand are showing the very serious side of golf and watching the other members tee shots with great intensity.



As the elite of the WAGS world watched on, one by one all of the members teed off and begun their rounds of golf. During the WAGS Challenge the 24 members carded a grand total of 57 gross pars, down 5 on the previous match, but still not too bad a total.

Those members with notable multiple gross pars were Ges Meehan, Mick O'Hanlon, Ash Hutchinson and Darren Fretwell who all carded a creditable 4 gross pars. Carding a respectable 6 gross pars were Andrew Shilton and Shane Dellow. However, 'King of the Pars' with an impressive 7 gross pars were Daniel O'Hanlon, Robbie Kerr and Charlie Shilton. Gentlemen, well played to you all.

Along with the gross pars, 6 gross birdies were also carded, these were by -

Pete Hallam	Hole No.2	Par 3	135 yards	Stroke Index 17
Jordan Hughes	Hole No.9	Par 4	323 yards	Stroke Index 13
Graham Hofmann	Hole No.9	Par 4	323 yards	Stroke Index 13
Pete Hallam	Hole No.11	Par 3	183 yards	Stroke Index 16
Daniel O'Hanlon	Hole No.14	Par 3	208 yards	Stroke Index 12
Robbie Kerr	Hole No.16	Par 4	382 yards	Stroke Index 6

Gentlemen very well played. Special congratulations to Pete for his two gross birdies.

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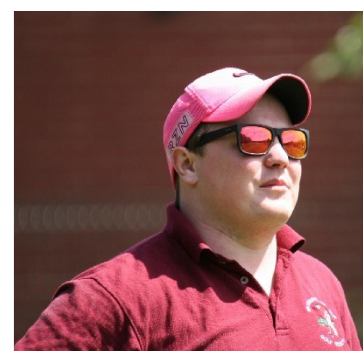
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WAGS Challenge Cup results: -

WINNER ~	Pete Hallam	- 39 pts
2 nd ~	Andrew Shilton	- 34 pts
3 rd ~	Daniel O'Hanlon	- 33 pts
Nearest the Pin ~	Pete Hallam	- Hole No.2
	Dave Johnstone	- Hole No.6
	Ges Meehan	- Hole No.11
	Daniel O'Hanlon	- Hole No.14
Longest Drive ~	Charlie Shilton	- Hole No.7
Nearest in 3 ~	Jordan Hughes	- Hole No.18



Gentlemen well played.

Individual Scores (alphabetically):-

Ash Hutchinson	28 pts	Ges Meehan	31 pts	Paul Bacon	25 pts
Bill Bash	12 pts	Glen Hundleby	20 pts	Paul Ormond	29 pts
Bron Dyjas	19 pts	Graham Hofmann	30 pts	Paul Sawdon	26 pts
Charlie Shilton	27 pts	Jason Dellow	24 pts	Robbie Kerr	29 pts
Darren Fretwell (G)	41 pts	Jordan Hughes	32 pts	Shane Dellow	30 pts
Dave Clarke	23 pts	Mick Fullwood	28 pts	Steve Roulstone	22 pts
Dave Johnstone	24 pts	Mick O'Hanlon	28 pts	Stuart Prescott	25 pts



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