

WILSTHORPE AMATEUR GOLF SOCIETY

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Dear WAGS Members,

The WAGS 2017 Winter Cup will be the final game of golf for the 2017 season, can you all check the website and if you wish to play and are not listed, then let me know as soon as please.

Also, can you let me know if you will be bringing any guests to the presentation meal.

I need to know all these details NO LATER than Friday 20th October 2017.

If I do not hear from any member I will sadly assume that they are not attending the Winter Cup or your own presentation evening.

The Winter Cup and Presentation are on **Saturday 28th October 2017.**

Arrival time for the golf is 7:45am.

Arrival time for the presentation is 5:30pm.

I will let everyone know what the menu selection is for the presentation meal within the next week or so.

Just to confirm that all the buggy places have been taken, check on the website to see who has reversed the places available.

Many thanks in advance for all your help in letting me know all the above details in prompt time.



I am quite sure that we will not be having the type of 'winter' weather conditions as shown in this photograph for our own Winter Cup!! But you have to admit, it looks spectacular, just remember to bring your red balls 😊

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November singles Cup – Springwater G.C. : Sunday 1st October 2017

All too quickly the last championship game of the season seems to have arrived, where does the season go to? One moment we are all getting ready to tee off in the Silver Ferret and before you know it, we are all talking about the season's away weekend in the past tense, then we all stand on the tee box for the last championship match. However, believe it or not, it has been 173 days since we stood on the tee box at Ruddington Grange for this season's Silver Ferret!

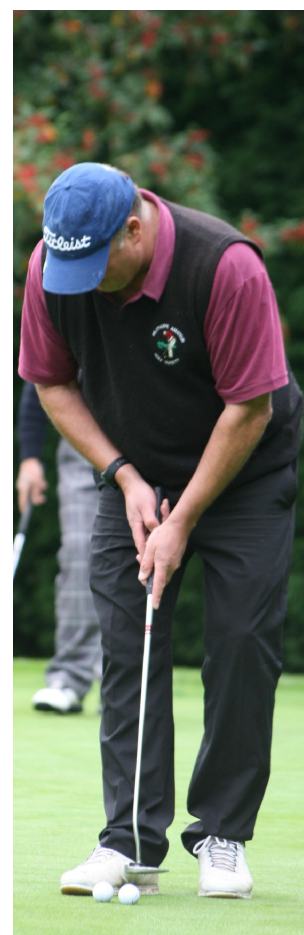
But we are now down to the business end of the season, with 5 members within 10 points of each other for the 2017 WAGS Championship. In reverse order these were: -

Daniel Keen	165 points
Dave Johnstone	167 points
Mick Fullwood	167 points
Mick O'Hanlon	168 points
Daniel O'Hanlon	175 points

All these points were based on the best 5 results from 7 matches.

20 members arrived ready to play at Springwater, where unfortunately there had been quite a lot of water overnight. So much so, the buggies had been withdrawn from service, so it was shanks' pony for everyone. The WAGS members would go out to do battle in five groups of four, with the top five in the championship going out in different groups. 5th place would go out first, then 4th place, then third, until finally the current leader Daniel O'Hanlon would go out in the final group.....
oooooh, all rather exciting, I can feel the tense building already 😊

As is common, all the members got that final putting tweaking done before making their way to the first tee box to listen to our 2017 Captain Daniel Keen for his final championship speech of the season.



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Now I had said it had been raining a little overnight, but it seems in places it was a case of pointing the electric trolley in the right direction, switch on the power, then run around the lake covering the path hoping to grab your trolley on the other side to switch the power off again!!

With five holes played at Springwater, how were the top five contenders fairing in their quest for glory? Well, Daniel Keen had 10 points after 5 holes, which meant at that current scoring rate, the statistics estimated the points total for the round would be 36. Dave Johnstone had scored 9 points after 5 holes, giving him an estimated total of 32. Mick Fullwood and Mick O'Hanlon both had 8 points after 5 holes, which the statistics estimated would be a points total of 29. Daniel O'Hanlon had carded 11 points after 5 holes, therefore the statistics estimated a total points of 40. Would that total be enough for Daniel to hold on to the championship lead and claim his first title?

All the members at Springwater continued navigating their way around the course, which in places it must be said, was a little water-logged, but all the greens seemed in good condition. So, no excuse for letting that title slip away!!

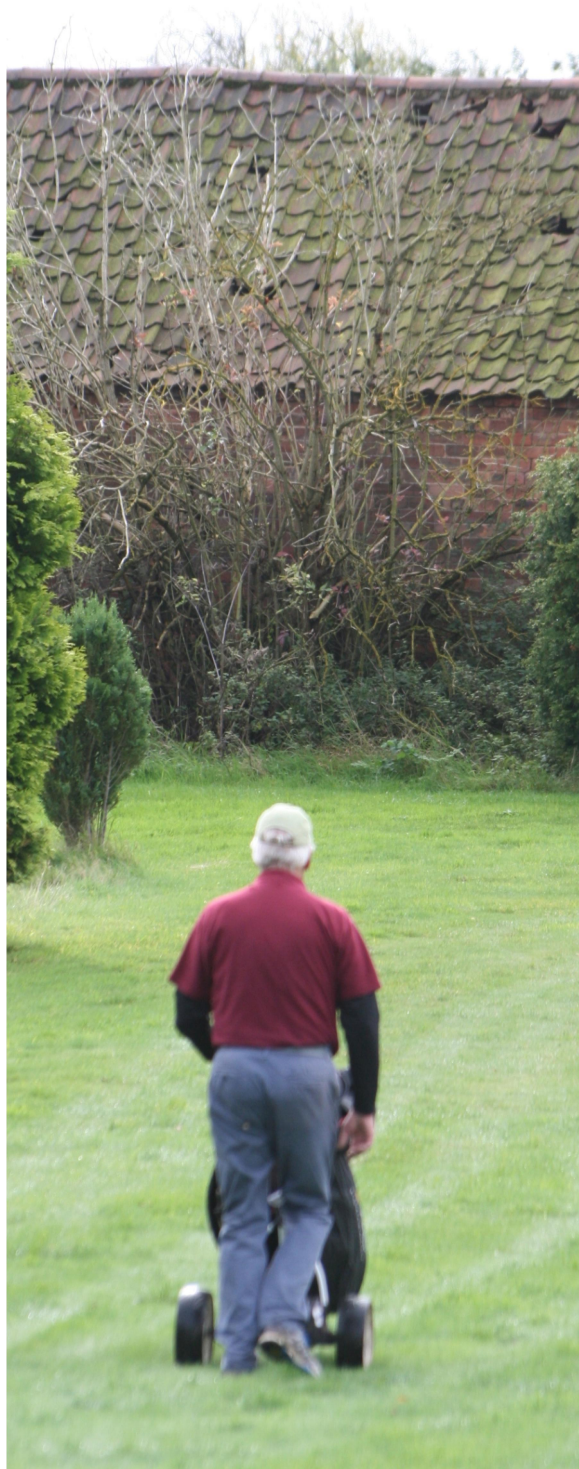
The society had just pasted the half way stage of the match and finished the 10th hole. Daniel Keen was now on 22 points, giving him an estimated statistical total of 40 points for the complete round. Dave Johnstone was on 20 points after 10 holes, giving him an estimated 36 points total. Mick Fullwood was on 19 points after 10, which meant an estimated total of 34 points. While both Mick O'Hanlon and Daniel O'Hanlon had 19 points after 10 holes, giving them an estimated 34 points total. It seems Daniel O'Hanlon's estimated point total had slipped by 6 shots. Would this now be the chance that one of the other members was hoping for? One final push and maybe they could pip Daniel to the championship over the last few holes of the last match of the season!



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Now I am not saying Graham Hofmann's tee shot was off line, but we were not sure if his ball had made one of those holes in the roof in that barn in the distance! It turns out Graham's ball had indeed clattered straight in to the somewhat dilapidated brickwork of the barn, although we were not sure if it rebounded or went straight through!!

15 holes had now been played in the last championship match of the season, with both Daniel Keen and Mick Fullwood now on 29 points, which was estimated statistically to be a points total of 35. Dave Johnstone had moved on to 27 points after 15 holes, which meant an estimated total of 32 points. And yet again Mick O'Hanlon and Daniel O'Hanlon were tied, this time on 26 points after 15 holes, giving them both an estimated statistical points total of 32 points. With time running out, would this be enough for Daniel O'Hanlon to grab that championship firmly with both hands?

Although there was the championship battle in full swing, there was also the matter of who would be crowned 'Top of the Heap' for gross pars in the last championship match of the season? Well the 20 members carded a grand total of 78 gross pars, a very good total indeed. Those members who carded multiple gross pars were Michael Riley, Andrew Shilton, Robbie Kerr and Dave Johnstone, all who carded a creditable 5 gross pars. Carding one better, with a respectable 6 gross pars were Charlie Shilton and Mick O'Hanlon. Daniel O'Hanlon and Graham Hofmann went one better again, each carding an impressive 7 gross pars. But for the last time in the 2017 championship season the title of 'Top of the Heap' goes to Daniel Keen, who carded an excellent 8 gross pars at Springwater.

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Here we see Russ McLaughlin in full action after taking a drop in front of the bunker on the Stroke Index 18, 336 yards, Par 4, 8th hole. Nothing wrong with that action.

The round of golf was coming to completion at Springwater and the contenders were making their way over the water at the Par 3, 178 yard, 18th hole. Would their efforts on the day be enough to take the WAGS 2017 Championship? First in the clubhouse was our Captain and 1-time Champion Daniel Keen, who carded 35 points in the clubhouse, giving him a points total of 200 to become the leader in the clubhouse. Next in was our Handicap Secretary and 4-time Champion Dave Johnstone, who carded 32 points, giving him a total of 199 points and as it stood second in the championship. Third in the clubhouse was our very own Silver Ferret Mick Fullwood, Mick had carded a total of 34 points, giving him a total of 201 championship points, which was enough to make him the championship leader in the clubhouse, pipping Daniel Keen by one point. The penultimate member in the clubhouse was our Chairman and 4-time champion Mick O'Hanlon. Mick handed his card in, he had scored a total of 32 points, this was only enough to secure himself fourth place behind Mick Fullwood, Daniel Keen and Dave Johnstone respectively. The only possible challenger now to Mick Fullwood who was the leader in the clubhouse was our Vice-Captain Daniel O'Hanlon. Had Daniel done enough over the last few holes? Daniel had 175 points prior to the final championship match at Springwater and Mick was in the clubhouse with 201 points, so it didn't take much to work out what was needed. But, of course Daniel was out on the course still and did not know what was leading in the clubhouse. Daniel O'Hanlon finished the 18th hole and had come off with a gross bogey for 2 points. Would those 2 points prove crucial in his quest for his first ever WAGS championship? Well....

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Well, yes it had!
Daniel came in with a total of 34 points, giving him a total for the championship of 209 points, meaning he had won the championship by 8 points from Mick Fullwood.

Daniel very well played indeed on securing your first WAGS championship.

Daniel's average points score over the season was 32.63 per match and was the highest for anyone playing more than one match. So, I think Daniel had well and truly earned his first championship.

Daniel O'Hanlon : WAGS 2016 Champion

Before finishing this newsletter, I have one or two things to conclude. Firstly, along with the 78 gross pars, we also carded 8 gross birdies, these were by: -

Daniel Keen	Hole No.2	Par 4	325 yards	Stroke Index 14
Daniel O'Hanlon	Hole No.5	Par 3	148 yards	Stroke Index 16
Mick O'Hanlon	Hole No.5	Par 3	148 yards	Stroke Index 16
Steve Roulstone	Hole No.5	Par 3	148 yards	Stroke Index 16
Russ McLaughlin	Hole No.6	Par 4	325 yards	Stroke Index 4
Robbie Kerr	Hole No.7	Par 4	372 yards	Stroke Index 8
Charlie Shilton	Hole No.10	Par 4	366 yards	Stroke Index 1
Ges Meehan	Hole No.16	Par 3	193 yards	Stroke Index 13

Gentlemen very well played.

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Yet again I have an addition to all the gross scores. We don't have a gross eagle for so long, then two come along back to back. This time it was Paul Sawdon who carded an excellent gross eagle on the 4th hole, Par 5, 492 yards, Stroke Index 2. I had the pleasure of watching this in person as Paul was in the same four ball as me. His tee shot was perfectly down the middle of the fairway. Then Paul hit a wood directly at the flag, however it veered a little left, but when we all got to the green, it seems Paul's ball had pitched on the first cut just off the green, then hopped on to the green with a kick to the right. This left his ball maybe 5 to 6 feet from the hole, which as Paul carded an eagle you all know it went straight in. A gross 3 eagle for 2, for 5 points!! Very very well played indeed Paul.

I will leave you to make your own mind up with regard to the photograph on the right of one of my other playing partners at Springwater!!

So, after all the championship excitement and all the gross pars, birdies and eagles, who won the November Singles Cup at Springwater?



The results: -

WINNER ~	Daniel Keen	- 35 pts
2 nd ~	Daniel O'Hanlon	- 34 pts
3 rd ~	Mick O'Hanlon	- 34 pts
Nearest the Pin ~	Mick O'Hanlon	- Hole No.5
	Robbie Kerr	- Hole No.9
	Charlie Shilton	- Hole No.13
	Ges Meehan	- Hole No.16
	Dave Johnstone	- Hole No.18
Longest Drive ~	Andrew Shilton	- Hole No.13
Nearest the Pin in 3 ~	Daniel Keen (in the hole)	- Hole No.18

Gentlemen very well played to you all.

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Alphabetical Individual scores: -

Andrew Shilton	24 pts	Graham Hofmann	33 pts	Pete Hallam	25 pts
Bron Dyjas	26 pts	Jason Dellow	26 pts	Robbie Kerr	34 pts
Charlie Shilton	32 pts	Michael Riley	32 pts	Russ McLaughlin	25 pts
Dave Johnstone	32 pts	Mick O'Hanlon	31 pts	Shane Dellow	29 pts
Ges Meehan	28 pts	Paul Ormond	22 pts	Steve Roulstone	29 pts
Glen Hundleby	30 pts	Paul Sawdon	33 pts		

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

Gentlemen I hope you have all enjoyed the WAGS season as much as I have. It is always such a pleasure to spend a relaxing day on the golf course with each and every one of you.

As ever, now is the time to think about the winter training if you want to challenge for that much treasured WAGS Championship come this time next year, good luck to you all.

But we do have one last match to play this year, the Winter Cup at Morley Hayes on Saturday 28th October, arrival time is 7:45am. Arrival time for the presentation is 5:30pm.

Finally, can I just say congratulations to our new 2017 WAGS Champion Daniel O'Hanlon.

Daniel well played, but you do know next season your old man is going to be gunning for you 😊

Don't forget to let me know as soon as please if you wish to play at Morley Hayes and also those that have yet to confirm their guests, can you do so as soon as please.

Thank you all,
Regards

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