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Dear WAGS Members,

Our next event will be the eagerly awaited WAGS annual Away Weekend. This year we return to Hill Valley Golf Club in Whitchurch. It has been quite a few years since we were last there, so much so, that they have now built a new hotel and leisure facilities, so it should be interesting to see how it has changed. I will be sending an email out before we go at Hill Valley to remind you of times and buggies.

Our next match is **Lichfield golf club** on **Sunday 4th August 2019**, arrival time 8:15am, for our Memorial Cup. Please remember there are NO BUGGIES allowed on the 9 hole Par 3 course that we play in the morning! 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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July Doubles Cup – Beauchief G.C.: Sunday 23rd June 2019

18 WAGS members attended Beauchief golf club for the first of two doubles matches in the WAGS season. Here we see senior and junior Shilton doing whatever they are doing in pre-match preparation! The draw for the doubles match was done as always with one player being seeded and one player being nonseeded in each pairing. Straight after the draw had been done by our Captain there were some interesting pairings. Those standing out were Charlie Shilton and Dave Syson, that pairing would surely be capable of massing a big score, wouldn't they? Also grabbing the attention was the pairing of Daniel O'Hanlon and Dave Johnstone, surely another pairing with lots of points to be had? Or maybe a less standout pairing would be the ones standing on the top step of the podium after the 18 holes at Beauchief had been completed?



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So nice to see that the older guys are still getting along to matches and hopefully enjoying themselves!! Sorry Paul, sorry Mick, I just could not resist (3)

Paul Ormond had been drawn with two-time WAGS Champion Shane Dellow, while Mick Fullwood had been drawn with Jordan Hughes. Good luck chaps.

So how did the 18 members at Beauchief golf club perform in the gross pars score? Well we achieved a grand total of 69 gross pars. Paul Sawdon, Glen Hundleby and Russ McLaughlin all carded a creditable 4 gross pars. While Danny Fletcher and Ash Hutchinson carded one better with a respectable 5 gross pars each. However, the King of the Heap was..... well in fact the top of the heap at Beauchief was somewhat over-crowded! Jordan Hughes, Daniel O'Hanlon, Andrew Shilton, Charlie Shilton and Dave Syson ALL carded an impressive 6 gross pars each! I wouldn't swear to it, but I am damn sure we have never had that many being joint "King of the Heap", gentlemen well played to you all.





Here we see Ash Hutchinson and Dave Johnstone having a bit of a natter on the putting green. Something has obviously tickled Ash, maybe Dave was telling him that he has good at chance at the championship this season if Ash keeps playing steady golf with loose hands. Or maybe Dave is telling Ash it is about time he got himself on WhatsApp, so he can find out himself when the 'curry nights' are!! I am just not sure which of those two would get the longest odds at the bookies!!

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Here we see Russ McLaughlin about to tee off. Russ was paired with Ges Meehan, who in turn were playing with the pairing of those oddity lefties Ash Hutchinson and Glen Hundleby. While Russ looks to have a good pose, the final landing area of his ball was less than good!!...........

Along with 69 gross pars, the 18 members playing at Beauchief also carded 9 gross birdies. These were by: -

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Ash Hutchinson	Hole No.1	Par 4	326 yards	Stroke Index 9
Steve Roulstone	Hole No.4	Par 3	162 yards	Stroke Index 13
Daniel O'Hanlon	Hole No.6	Par 4	275 yards	Stroke Index 17
Ges Meehan	Hole No.8	Par 4	292 yards	Stroke Index 15
Stuart Prescott	Hole No.8	Par 4	292 yards	Stroke Index 15
Ash Hutchinson	Hole No.11	Par 3	162 yards	Stroke Index 10
Russ McLaughlin	Hole No.12	Par 4	244 yards	Stroke Index 18
Charlie Shilton	Hole No.12	Par 4	244 yards	Stroke Index 18
Steve Roulstone	Hole No.12	Par 4	244 yards	Stroke Index 18

It seems a couple of us went mad and carded multiple gross birdies, well done indeed gentlemen. However, one member went one better still and carded a gross Eagle! Charlie Shilton carded a gross 2 on the Par 4, 6th hole, 275 yards, Stroke Index 17, for 4 points. And considering Charlie did not get a shot on his handicap on the 6th hole, that was a great 4 points. Very well played Charlie.



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So, back to Russ's tee shot, what could have gone wrong?



The green Russ was aiming for!?

Where Russ teed off from



This was the Par 3, 4th hole at Beauchief and should have been quite a straight-forward hole to play. However, Russ's ball went a little wayward. You can see the green where Russ would have loved his ball to land, but can you also see the road speed sign to the right of the hedge along the right hand edge of the picture? Well for those that cannot quite make it out, I have shown it one the left hand side of the page. That is what Russ's ball hit!! And it went with quite a bang. Don't you just love a noneventful WAGS game of golf (a)

But, it must be said Russ played a second ball on the 6th hole and carded a gross 6, but sadly for no points!

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I get the impression Danny Fletcher has lost his ball.... I just hope neither Danny or Stuart Prescott fall in that ditch, the heavy lifting gear is a couple of hours away by road!!







Beauchief is always such a lovely course to play at, with some great views on and around the course. The picture far left shows the Par 3, 11th hole, looking over the pond from the tee box. The picture left is looking down at the 15th tee box from up on the 14th tee box. The 15th tee box is overlooked by Beauchief Abbey, which dates back to 1176 and the land was gifted for the abbey by the Lord of Alfreton. Now you all feel better for knowing that!

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<u>The results</u> : -		
WINNER ~	Russ McLaughlin & Ges Meehan	- 46 pts
$2^{\mathrm{nd}} \sim$	Ash Hutchinson & Glen Hundleby	- 45 pts
3^{rd} ~	Andrew Shilton & Steve Roulstone	- 44 pts
Nearest the Pin ∼	Adam Condon (guest)	- Hole No.2
	Charlie Shilton	- Hole No.4
	n/a	- Hole No.9
	Jordan Hughes	- Hole No.11
	Ash Hutchinson	- Hole No.14
	n/a	- Hole No.15
Longest Drive ~	Glen Hundleby	- Hole No.16
Nearest the Pin in $3 \sim$	Adam Condon (guest)	- Hole No.18

<u>Doubles Scores</u>: -

Charlie Shilton & Dave Syson	- 42 pts	Jason Dellow & Paul Sawdon	- 37 pts
Shane Dellow & Paul Ormond	- 41 pts	Daniel O'Hanlon & Dave Johnstone	- 36 pts
Jordan Hughes & Mick Fullwood	- 40 pts	Danny Fletcher & Stuart Prescott	- 35 pts

Alphabetical Individual scores: -

Andrew Shilton	29 pts	Dave Syson	35 pts	Paul Ormond	29 pts
Ash Hutchinson	33 pts	Ges Meehan	32 pts	Paul Sawdon	36 pts
Charlie Shilton	32 pts	Glen Hundleby	36 pts	Russ McLaughlin	29 pts
Daniel O'Hanlon	34 pts	Jason Dellow	23 pts	Shane Dellow	34 pts
Danny Fletcher	35 pts	Jordan Hughes	33 pts	Steve Roulstone	33 pts
Dave Johnstone	19 pts	Mick Fullwood	28 pts	Stuart Prescott	31 pts

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



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Gentlemen I will see most of you at this years away weekend at Hill Valley golf club on either Thursday 10th July (arrival time 10:00am) or Friday 11th July (arrival time 7:30am).

The address for Hill Valley is: -

Tarpoley Road, Whitchurch, Shropshire SY13 4HA

I have calculated the route using the AA Route Planner and as a guide from my house in Long Eaton, it is a 1 hour 33 minute drive and is a distance of 68 miles.

The tee times for the Away Weekend are: -

Thursday (none WAGS match)

Friday: Asia Cup

Saturday: WAGS Challenge
Saturday: 4 Club Challenge
Sunday: Team Event

11:40am

9:00am

Emerald Course

Sapphire Course

3:00pm

Emerald Course

Sapphire Course

10:00am

Sapphire Course

Regards

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