

WILSTHORPE AMATEUR **GOLF SOCIETY**

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Dear WAGS Members,

The next (and last ☺) WAGS match of the 2014 season is on Sunday 5th October 2014, at Springwater golf club. Arrival time is 11:15am and the cost is £30.00 per member, this includes tea/coffee & a bacon cob.

The WAGS website, www.thewagsgolf.co.uk, shows all those that have so far said that they are playing at Springwater.

Springwater golf course is a total of 6,012 yards from the yellow tees and has a par of 71. Two of the holes are over 500 yards, these are the 17th hole at 525 yards, with a stroke index of 9. Then there is the monster 14th hole, at 543 yards, with a stroke index of 7. Along with these long par 5 holes, there are also five par 3's, ending with the tricky 18th hole. Although it is a fair distance at 176 yards, that is not the tricky part, it may have something to do with teeing off over the pond to a green surrounded by bunkers. And of course not forgetting the back of the green being so close to the clubhouse and the out-of-bounds. Hence the stroke index of 5, yes I said 5!! So if you are like me and have a slightly high handicap, you too will get TWO shots on this par 3. But for god's sake do not tell our chairman Mick O'Hanlon ☺.

I will be confirming the numbers playing with Springwater this Saturday (27th September), so please if you wish to play let me know by then, thank you.

October Doubles Cup – Tinsley Park Golf Club : Sunday 21st September 2014

Tinsley Park was the venue for our last doubles match of the season and we had a reasonable turnout. 21 members attended Tinsley Park, which obviously meant one member would be playing on their own, but with an additional 20% of their handicap – would that be enough to be the first single player to win a doubles competition? Well read on and find out ☺.

The draw was made while the WAGS members enjoyed their bacon cobs and there were some interesting pairings made. Two of the committee members were drawn together, namely our Handicap Secretary Dave Johnstone and our Treasurer Ian Patrick. If I do say so myself, I thought that was quite a strong pairing, but could they perform? Or would their round of golf consist of laughter only ☺. The highly improved Andrew Shilton was drawn with our very own Captain Ash Hutchinson. Would Ash's maturity be a calming on Andrew? Or maybe the challenge would come from the pairing of Pete Hallam (who is currently 2nd in the championship) and Martin Sheppard, who's recent highly scoring matches have seen his handicap fall quicker than my football team Manchester United from the top of the premiership table ☺. Looks like we are just waiting for Shane to arrive at the tee and we can play golf...



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Oops, sorry I seem to have attached the wrong photograph on the previous page, it should have been this photograph of Shane!!

We should have had 22 members playing at Tinsley Park, but unfortunately Graham rang me late on Saturday afternoon to apologise that he could not make the match. Graham told me that he had in fact had a slight accident down at the lake where he helps. More accurately, he stood on a nail which went straight through his foot!! However Graham's sudden shock reaction to spearing his foot, meant the nail came out as quickly as it went in. And Graham was so keen on trying to nail the WAGS championship this season ☺. Well come on, the old ones are the best ☺.



So how did the WAGS members do on the gross pars count at Tinsley Park? Well we managed to card, what I think, is quite a good total of 89 gross pars. Well-done gentlemen. Dave Johnstone and Glen Hundleby both carded 5 gross pars. While Ian Patrick, Pete Hallam, Mick O'Hanlon, Danny Fletcher, Daniel Keen and Russ McLaughlin all went one better and carded a creditable 6 gross pars. Carding one better still was old "papa smurf" himself, Shane Dellow, with an impressive 7 gross pars. However this was trumped by Charlie Shilton who carded an impressive 8 gross pars. But Charlie was not to be "king of the pars" this time, that honour went to Andrew Shilton, who carded an excellent 9 gross pars. Oh yes, Andrew out did his Dad, plenty of ribbing to be had there I guess ☺. Gentlemen well played to you all.

On top of the 89 gross pars, the 21 WAGS members also carded an impressive 11 gross birdies. I have listed these on the next page.

(picture left) although Paul Ormond and John Frearson don't seem to be showing it, the WAGS is an enjoyable experience.....!!!!

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So those lucky gentlemen, sorry maybe that should have been, those gentlemen who skilfully crafted their ball to a gross birdie were: -

Danny Fletcher	Hole 5	Par 4	282 yards	Stroke Index 18
Charlie Shilton	Hole 6	Par 4	346 yards	Stroke Index 6
Mick O'Hanlon	Hole 7	Par 4	282 yards	Stroke Index 17
Mick O'Hanlon	Hole 8	Par 4	408 yards	Stroke Index 4
Danny Fletcher	Hole 9	Par 3	155 yards	Stroke Index 11
Pete Hallam	Hole 10	Par 4	377 yards	Stroke Index 13
Daniel O'Hanlon	Hole 10	Par 4	377 yards	Stroke Index 13
Martin Sheppard	Hole 11	Par 4	320 yards	Stroke Index 10
Charlie Shilton	Hole 11	Par 4	320 yards	Stroke Index 10
Danny Fletcher	Hole 12	Par 4	381 yards	Stroke Index 2
John Frearson	Hole 16	Par 5	496 yards	Stroke Index 5

Gentlemen very well played to you all, especially those of you who carded multiple gross birdies. To Charlie, Mick (with back-to-back gross birdies) and I think a very special congratulations to Danny Fletcher who carded an impressive three gross birdies.



During the round of golf at Tinsley Park, it seems some of you had slightly tougher shots than the rest of the WAGS. This is Russ McLaughlin playing a tight shot right up against a tree and to top it all the ball was just about resting on a root!! But Russ managed to play the ball cleanly and ended up back where he should have been to start with – on the fairway ☺.

On a more serious note, devastating news!! Second shot of the day, playing what would have been a beautifully crafted 9 wood waft, as my ball went soaring off in to the distance straight towards the green, the club head of my beloved 9 wood went whistling through the air the other way!! Please a moment's silence, my 9 wood is dead!! ☹



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The results: -

WINNER ~	Martin Sheppard & Pete Hallam	- 47 pts
2 nd ~	Ash Hutchinson & Andrew Shilton	- 45 pts
3 rd ~	Mick O'Hanlon & Glen Hundleby	- 45 pts
Nearest the Pin ~	Bron Dyjas	- Hole No.2
	Danny Fletcher	- Hole No.9
	Dave Johnstone	- Hole No.15
	Shane Dellow	- Hole No.17
Longest Drive ~	John Frearson	- Hole No.16
Nearest the Pin in 3 ~	Martin Sheppard	- Hole No.18

Doubles scores: -

Danny Fletcher & Mick Fullwood	44 pts	Charlie Shilton & Michael Riley	40 pts
Daniel Keen & Paul Bacon	43 pts	Daniel O'Hanlon & Bron Dyjas	39 pts
Ian Patrick & Dave Johnstone	43 pts	Russ McLaughlin & Steve Roulstone	38 pts
Shane Dellow & Paul Ormond	41 pts	John Frearson (+20%)	28 pts

Alphabetical Individual scores: -

Andrew Shilton	43 pts	Dave Johnstone	32 pts	Mick O'Hanlon	31 pts
Ash Hutchinson	28 pts	Glen Hundleby	34 pts	Paul Bacon	33 pts
Bron Dyjas	28 pts	Ian Patrick	37 pts	Paul Ormond	21 pts
Charlie Shilton	33 pts	John Frearson	27 pts	Pete Hallam	40 pts
Daniel Keen	31 pts	Martin Sheppard	31 pts	Russ McLaughlin	32 pts
Daniel O'Hanlon	24 pts	Michael Riley	21 pts	Shane Dellow	36 pts
Danny Fletcher	40 pts	Mick Fullwood	30 pts	Steve Roulstone	24 pts

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



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For those of you with eagles eyes, you may have noticed that more than one member scored 40 points or over at Tinsley Park. I have to say, I don't think I can remember when this happened last, or even if it has happened before. Oh I think Dave is going to have a whale of a time with your handicaps ☺. So Andrew scores 43 points, with Danny Fletcher and Pete Hallam both score 40 points, well played indeed gentlemen. Now you know how I like my statistics, well I have done a little playing with some stats and come up with the following. If you use the basic formula for calculating handicaps, where no score on any hole is calculated at more than a double bogey, than these would have been your nett stokes played: -

Andrew Shilton : nett 63

Danny Fletcher : nett 62

Pete Hallam : nett 66

I hope you all like playing off a lower handicap ☺.

While I am on a roll with statistics, I stumbled across another. Had Andrew in fact been the single player in the doubles match, with an additional 20% of his handicap added, Andrew would have scored 47 points on his own. This would have tied for 1st place, but Andrew would have won on count back!!

Ash played as Andrew's partner at Tinsley Park and was saying most of the way around that Andrew was playing so well, he might as well just sit in the buggy and enjoy the scenery! Or "that's it then chief" as Ash would say ☺.



Maybe that is how to score over 40 points, chip that golf ball to within a foot of the flag. Looks so easy, but just bloody hard to keep doing hole after hole ☺.

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So gentlemen we only have one match left in the WAGS 2014 championship.
Who will have the nerve to hold their game together?
Who can dig deep and summon up all the ability and perform to their best?
Well in less than 2 weeks time we will find out at Springwater golf club on Sunday 5th October.
For the rest of us, we can just sit back and enjoy the ride (it looks like both Michael Riley and Paul Bacon have got the idea), enjoy the company and hopefully have one of our better rounds of golf to finish the season ☺.

The current top 4 in the championship, counting the best 6 from 7 matches played so far, are: -

Andrew Shilton	29	40	30	32	26	32	43	: 206 total
Pete Hallam	36	34	37	28	24	29	40	: 204 total
Glen Hundleby	38	24	25	30	32	33	34	: 192 total
Dave Johnstone	34	29	37	31	22	28	32	: 191 total

The numbers in red are the scores dropped as the lowest score.

See you all at Springwater golf club.

Regards

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