



WINDERMERE Golf Club

The WAGGS

The WAGGS - **W**indermere **A**ged **G**entlemen's **G**olf **S**ociety – was formed in 1989 and has become a highly social, active and valued group within the Club, comprising well over 90 members. The Society is committed to giving its members a varied pleasurable golfing experience. Any male club member of 55+ years may join.

More detailed information about the WAGGS, their membership, structure, and officers, can be found lower down this page. Information on **up-coming** competitions and event dates can be found either on the WAGGS notice board, on the 'members hub' which is currently in development on the WGC website, or on the central notice board in the club main entrance.

WAGGS Competitions

Trophies and mementos for the winners of competitions are presented at WGC's Mens Section prize-giving evening in November.

The 'Secretaries Trophy' - inaugurated in 2009 – runs **throughout the winter** from early October through to late March, but excluding the Ruby Trophy competition. Points are awarded on a sliding scale to the first three finishers in WAGGS competitions with the aim of finding the most consistent player.

Winter

- The 'Turkey Trot' is held in November in conjunction with a lunch and the WAGGS' AGM. All competitors down to last place receive the equivalent of a "bottle" prize.
- There is an ever popular weekly "roll-up" throughout the winter from the beginning of October until the end of March, where each gets to play with different members by drawing lots.

Members wishing to play, attend at 9.00am on Fridays and place their £1 entry fee. At 9.15am there is a draw for partners. The style of competition alters from week to week and a list is published in advance on the society's notice-board. The 3 best teams or individuals (according to the competition) share that day's entry fee as prizes.

Summer

- In June, the WAGGS Captain's away day is always greatly anticipated, being played 'away' at a course chosen by the Captain.
- *Major competitions*
 - March – Charity Trophy – also played for some 'Interesting' prizes, followed by lunch
 - April – Spring Meeting
 - July – Summer Medal (Qualifier)
 - September – Autumn Shield (Qualifier)
 - October – Millennium Competition



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- *Club competitions organized by the WAGGS*
 - June – Senior Open – 4BBB
 - October – Ruby Trophy – members 60+ years.
- *Competitions which run through the **Summer**:*
 - Eclectic – 1 April-30 Sept – best Stapleford score for each hole out of 5 rounds.
 - The Birthwaite Bowl – Singles knockout – ending on ‘Finals weekend’
 - The Westmorland Plate – Doubles knockout – ending on ‘Finals weekend’

WAGGS Matches

The WAGGS play the following Cumbrian and Lancashire clubs both home and away during the summer months:

Appleby, Barrow, Becksides, Furness, Grange-over-Sands, Kendal, Keswick, Kirkby Lonsdale, Lancaster and Morecambe.

We have also recently started to play against Cockermouth. Currently just once per year. At home on even years, and away on odd years.

There is great friendly rivalry in these matches, with a meal to conclude each event.

Selection is by application (not merit) in keeping with the society’s ethos, although we do like winners to apply! Members are invited to put their names forward on the notice board to play in the next match. If a match is over-subscribed, a draw is made to determine the players. Those unlucky in the draw are then given priority for selection if they enter for the next match in the calendar.

Two matches are played internally within the Club. One against the Juniors (August), and one against the Ladies (September). The latter is held in conjunction with a lunch and is very popular.

WAGGS membership

New members of the WAGGS can always be assured of receiving a warm welcome. If you are 55+ and would like to join, please contact any of the society officers, the club office, or indeed ask anyone who looks old enough – he’s sure to be a member! Membership is £5.00 pa.

The WAGGS Notice board⁴ is immediately on the right-hand entrance wall when entering the men’s locker room from the course.

WAGGS structure

The WAGGS year begins after their AGM in mid-November. All decisions pertaining to the on-going running of the section are made by the current year’s officers. Any proposals for change can be made at the AGM of the section. All the officers are elected or re-elected each year at the AGM.

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WAGGS officers

Captain	Charles Flanagan
Vice-Captain	Ian Laidler
Secretary - joint	Brian Adcock & Martin Ellis
Treasurer	Richard Waple
Match Secretary	Peter Gawne-Cain
Support	Harry Leung David Bolton Alan Dickinson Mike Dixon

WAGGS Finances

The WAGGS fund their activities from their annual membership and competition fees. These have often generated sufficient funds to put something back into WGC, examples being contributions to the Club's Juniors, the rhododendrons behind the green on the 12th hole, paths down from the 10th and 13th tees, and the panoramic slate plinth on the 8th Tee enabling golfers to identify the various peaks, in what must be one of the most attractive views from a golf course anywhere in the country. Also, recently completed, a new composting system near the 15th tee which the WAGGS have contributed towards. This will help reduce future expenditure on dressings needed for worn fairways.
