

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. 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 [membership¹](#), [structure²](#), and [officers³](#), can be found lower down this page. Information on **up-coming** competitions and event dates can be found either on the [WAGGS notice board⁴](#), on the 'members hub' ([club/documents/WAGGS](#)), 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, 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 noticeboard. The 3 best teams or individuals (according to the competition) share that day's entry fee as prizes.

- The 'Pearl Trophy' is a new WAGGS competition - inaugurated in 2019 - to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the founding of the WAGGS. It is an individual stableford competition played in mid-January.

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

- *Club competitions organized by the WAGGS*
 - 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, Cockermouth, Furness, Grange-over-Sands, Kendal, Keswick, Kirkby Lonsdale, Lancaster and Morecambe.

This year we will play against Cockermouth both home and away for the first time and will now also be playing against Silverdale for the first time this year.

We play our most local club, Becksides, once per year, alternating at home or away.

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 membership¹

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 shop, 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 structure²

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.

WAGGS officers³

Captain	Ian Laidler
Vice-Captain	Will Williams
Secretary - joint	Brian Adcock & Martin Ellis
Treasurer	Richard Waple
Immediate past-Captain	Charles Flanagan
Match Secretary	Peter Gawne-Cain
Support	Harry Leung 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 the club, 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.
