The Association of Kent Veteran Golfers

Our association was founded by Gordon Emerton-Court and others at a meeting held at Littlestone Golf Club on October 23rd, 1995. Our website at https://www.akvg.com sets out our programme, policies, and records. The Order of Play for each fixture is published together with match results.

Our purpose is to promote greater friendship amongst golfers from all clubs in Kent, whilst enjoying convivial company both on the course and at the 19th hole and to support worthy County charitable causes. To this end, we donate annually to the Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance and to the annual captain's chosen charity (currently The Hospice in the Weald). These donations are generated at matches via a raffle and '2s' competition.

Our affairs are managed by a very experienced committee – with the result that we are financially sound. We enjoy England Golf's Approved Tournament Organiser status which enables us to upload every player's scorecard to the WHS.

Our members must be aged 60 or over, belong to a golf club affiliated to the Kent Golf Union, have a CDH number and a competition handicap. 32 Kent golf clubs are now affiliated to our association and we presently have 605 members, of which some 109 are women and all belonging to one or more of those clubs. At the discretion of the committee, members of a neighbouring Golf Club that are affiliated to their Golf Union may be eligible provided they meet the terms outlined above. Our dress code is jacket & association tie or 'smart casual' at individual player's choice.

Between April and October each year our members compete for 10 fine trophies, including the Player of the Year shield. We play 8 Stableford matches (seven singles competitions and one for pairs) at selected Kent golf clubs. At our tournaments the Handicap Index is limited to 28. Cash prizes are awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in Division 1 (handicap Indexes up to 17.9) and in Division 2 (handicap Indexes 18 to 28). The player Nearest the Pin on each par 3 hole wins a bottle of wine. The player with the best Stableford score is presented with the Trophy plus an engraved spirit glass as a keepsake.

Each match features coffee/tea on arrival, 18 holes of golf, followed by a 2-course meal. Typically, these fixtures attract 100+ players who play off the Yellow (middle) tees for men and Red (forward) tees for Women. In addition, a competition is reserved for our club Representatives who look after our members in each affiliated club and, every year, we put up a 16-man team to compete against Devon Mens Veteran Golfers Association.

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