



## The Association of Kent Veteran Golfers

### The Player of the Year competition

The Player of the Year Shield was introduced in 2017 in order to reward consistent performance and encourage frequent participation. It is managed by your president, Dave Parker MBE.

The shield is insured by AKVG. The winner must have it engraved and is entitled to keep it for 10 months.

The winner also receives an engraved, crystal spirit tumbler as a memento.



This is how the competition works:

Our six singles Stableford competitions are the Qualifying events for this competition - they are denoted by a 'Q' on the fixture list.

So that the winner can be presented with the trophy at the final fixture each year we carry forward the results of that final fixture to join the first five Qualifiers in the subsequent year and form a set of six.

A spreadsheet model is used to record and accumulate each individual's performances. 20 'marks' are awarded to the winner of each of the six Qualifiers; each 2<sup>nd</sup> place earns 19 marks; each 3<sup>rd</sup> place earns 18 marks; and so on, down to 20<sup>th</sup> place.

The computing process usually takes a day or two after each event. At each fixture the marks accumulated by the leading contenders is displayed at the registration desk.

During 2021 some 430 different AKVG members participated and the final result is usually close. In 2022 the winner was Rod Hearnden of Upchurch GC with 84 marks.

Clearly, the more Qualifiers an individual can play in, the better his chances of winning the trophy.