THE ASSOCIATION OF KENT VETERAN GOLFERS

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THE SAGA TROPHY

at West Kent GC, Milking Lane, Downe, BR6 7LB.

on Friday 16th October 2026

Founded in 1916, West Kent GC is a well-established and highly respected private members club. It is located in an attractive rural setting between Downe Village and Biggin Hill Airport. It moved to the 18-hole layout used by the disbanded Bromley & Bickley Golf Club in 1940, but after the war the local council would not renew the lease. West Kent GC moved for the second and final time to Downe Golf Course in 1946.

This will be an Individual Stableford with a handicap allowance of 95% of the course handicap and will be the first qualifier for the 2027 Player of the Year. Registration and tea/coffee will be in the Main Bar from 7.30am. The post-match meal will be in the Dining Room and the Dress Code for the post-match meal is Jacket and (AKVG) tie OR 'smart casual' – which does not include golfing attire or shorts.

The cost of this day will be £54 which covers coffee/tea on arrival, 2-course lunch, 18 holes of golf, cash prizes to the winners and charitable donations to The Children Trust - a National Leading Charity for Children with brain illnesses & injuries and the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance. The cost for West Kent members will be £28.

The meal will be chicken, leek and mushroom pie. Dessert is Sticky Toffee Pudding and custard. There will be alternatives for those with special dietary requirements.

Entry for the 2's competition (and for the Lucky Number Draw (for a 4-ball voucher) is included with your Raffle tickets so make sure you enter the Charity Raffle.

Please pay your Rep at the time of enrolling. 8 double buggies are available at a cost of £30 and all are reserved for AKVG. If you require a buggy please let your Rep know and if you will be happy to share. If you have a special dietary requirement let your Rep know at the time you enrol.

The closing date for entries is Tuesday 29th September 2026.

PART 2 - Note to Representatives:

- Page 1 of this letter is intended for your club notice board
- Page 2 is offered for your information and use

Once you have collected the names of your members who wish to enter,please list them to Terry Wright (terrywcompsakvg@yahoo.com) by email on of before Tuesday 29th September.

Indicate in your email if any of your members have a special dietary or vegetarian requirement or require a buggy.

Make a single online banking payment on behalf of all your players and send it by BACS to the bank Details listed below;

Match fee payment

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Account name: Association of Kent Veteran Golfers

Sort Code: 40-25-25

Account number: 51678914

Reference:West Kent-[your club's name]

Important notes

1. **For everyone's information and knowledge our policies are published on our website (www.akvg.com) under the Policies tab.**
2. **During the last 7 years we have played 38 kent courses.Every course is unique and the layout will determine the maximum size of a cohort,depending on 2-tee or shotgun start. Typically this maximum is between 90 and 120.**
3. **If we have to cap the numbers of players our method is:**
    - **4 player's+reserves for clubs with up to 10 AKVG members**
    - **6 player's + reserves for clubs with between 11 and 27 AKVG members.**
    - **8 players + reserves for clubs with between 28-40 AKVG members.**
    - **10 players+ reserves for clubs with between 41-60 AKVG members**
    - **12 players plus reserves for clubs with more than 60 AKVG members**

    Reps should keep a list of reserves, because these may be called up.
4. **All our competitions will be played off yellow (middle) tees for men and red tees for ladies with WHS handicap allowance.**
5. **Our Policy to avoid slow play is Ready Golf (see website)**
6. **Your association has a long-standing policy of a maximum handicap index of 28- as set out In AKVG's Terms & Conditions for competitions (see website)**
7. **If a player's handicap is over 28 they will be welcome to complete using an index of 28 and we will enter his scorecard for the round on this basis.Subsequently,the WHS system will compute and register their result according to their actual index.**
8. **Each player taking part in a AKVG competition is expected to have a CDH ID. Players without a competition handicap index are welcome to enter but are prevented from winning prizes and should advise the registration desk upon collecing their score card.**

MATCH DAY EMERGENCY PHONE

The number of the match day emergency Phone has been changed to 07926 770332.

This facility is to enable you to contact the duty officer if an entered player will be delayed or must cancel.We can then immediately alter the Order of Play accordingly.