



## 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 purpose is to promote greater friendship amongst golfers from all clubs in Kent and, whilst enjoying convivial company both on the course and at the 19th hole, to support worthy County causes. To this end, we donate annually to the Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance and to the captain's chosen charity (currently St Christopher's Hospice).

Our affairs are managed by a very experienced committee – with the result that we are financially sound. 43 Kent golf clubs are now affiliated to our association. We are growing, and presently have over 700 members who belong to one or more of those clubs.

Our members must be aged 60 or over, belong to a golf club affiliated to the Kent County Golf Union, have a CDH number, and a competition handicap to a maximum Index of 28. Our dress code is Jacket & Club tie or 'smart casual' at individual player's choice.

Our website, at <https://www.akvg.com>, sets out our purpose, programme, policies and historical records. The Order of Play for each fixture is published on the website together with the Leaderboard and Results.

Between March and October each year our members compete for 11 fine trophies. Eight Stableford matches (six singles competitions and two pairs) are played at selected Kent clubs. Cash prizes are awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places in Division 1 (handicap Indexes up to 17.9) and in Division 2 (handicap Indexes 18 to 28). The player with the best Stableford score is presented with the Trophy plus an engraved spirit glass as a keepsake. The player Nearest the Pin on each par 3 hole wins a bottle of wine. A "2s" competition for charity delivers cash prizes.

Each match features coffee/tea on arrival, 18 holes of golf, followed by a 2-course meal. Typically, these fixtures attract up to 100 players who play off the Yellow (middle) tees. 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 County veterans (DMVGA) and Cornwall County veterans (CVGA).

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