

THE ASSOCIATION OF KENT VETERAN GOLFERS

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President: Dave Parker MBE

Hon. Secretary: Dr Nigel Courtney

29th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 23rd October 2024 at 4.25PM at Westerham GC

MINUTES

		<u>action</u>
1	President's opening address Dave Parker (DP) welcomed AKVG members to AKVG's 29 th AGM. DP noted that today's tournament had been well supported and hoped everyone had enjoyed their golf and lunch.	
2	Present: 37 members signed the attendance sheet <i>[attached]</i> .	
3	Apologies for absence: Barry Martyn, John Westoby, David Parker (of WGC), Jim Boyd, Martyn Dines, Terry Hyde.	
4	Secretary's report Nigel Courtney (NC) gave his report <i>(copy attached)</i> . Resolutions arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Because of climate change we will delay the start of our 2025 season by one month and reduce the number of tournaments by one in order to maintain approx. 4-week intervals. Approved- Toby Frampton's (TF) fixture list for 2025 <i>(copy attached)</i> is in the membership cards. TF's efforts allow us to hold the match fee for our 7 main events in 2025 at £51pp. Approved- To cover the cost of software licences the annual sub in 2025 will be £5. Approved	
5	Treasurer's report Roger Thomas (RT) gave his report <i>(copy attached)</i> regarding the signed and audited accounts to 31 st December 2023 <i>(copy attached)</i> . These accounts were approved. RT also reported that the financial position to 31 st August 2024 was satisfactory. Members gave prolonged applause to express their appreciation of RT's service as Treasurer.	
6	Membership Secretary's report: Jeff Root (JR) gave his report <i>(copy attached)</i> which shows that membership numbers and involvement are sound and in line with recent trends. Sets of 2025 membership cards and member lists were handed to Reps present. Others will be sent theirs by post.	JR
7	Devon & Cornwall County Matches report Captain Alan Wood (AW) reported that our 16-man team played Devon Mens Veteran Golf Association at Ashford GC on 3 rd July and won the Presidents Plate for the third successive year.	
8	Election of AKVG officers	
8.1	President: Dave Parker MBE will retire. Clive Young (CY) of Redlibbets GC is willing to stand for the next year. CY was proposed by Jeff Root, seconded by Alan Wood and then duly elected by the members.	

On behalf of the membership, CY thanked DP for his many years of service and presented him with an embroidered AKVG long-service jacket.

8.2 Vice President: Ian Fright (IF) of Prince's GC is willing to stand for the next year. IF was proposed by Trevor Williams, seconded by Alan Wood and then duly elected by the members.

Eddie Ruff (ER) of Chestfield GC is also willing to stand as a Vice President for the next year. ER was proposed by Nigel Tubman, seconded by Melvyn Willeard & duly elected by the members

8.3 Secretary: Nigel Courtney will retire.

Peter Kelham (PK) of Wrotham Heath GC is willing to stand for the next year. PK was proposed by Nigel Tubman, seconded by Jeff Root and then duly elected by the members.

On behalf of the membership, CY thanked NC for his many years of service and presented him with an embroidered AKVG long-service jacket.

8.4 Treasurer: Roger Thomas will retire.

Nigel Halliwell (NH) of Westerham GC is willing to stand for the next year. NH was proposed by Roger Thomas, seconded by Toby Frampton and then duly elected by the members.

8.5 Membership Secretary: Jeff Root (JR) of Marriott Tudor Park GC is willing to stand for the next year. JR was proposed by Nigel Tubman, seconded by Tony Fauch and then duly elected by the members

8.6 Handicap Secretary: Trevor Williams (TW) of Redlibbets GC is willing to stand for the next year. TW was proposed by Toby Frampton, seconded by Nigel Tubman and then duly elected by the members

8.7 The proposal to change to AKVG's Rules to allow an additional Officer role, Fixtures Secretary, was seconded by Nigel Tubman and approved by the members.

Toby Frampton (TF) of Cherry Lodge GC is willing to stand for the next year. TF was proposed by Roger Farrington, seconded by Alan Wood and duly elected by the members.

8.8 The proposal to change AKVG's Rules because of Kent County border issues was debated.

Patrick Ferguson (PF) of Poult Wood GC proposed that the wording of the amendment should be: " ... affiliated to the Kent Golf Union *or, at the discretion of the committee, a neighbouring Golf Union.*" PF's proposal was seconded by Tony Fauch and approved by the members.

CY/
PK

9 Election of committee

9.1 Bob Coles, Robert Chillcott and Terry Wright will not stand for re-election.

The proposal to elect Alan Wood of Etchinghill GC and Brian Rayner of Kings Hill GC to serve as Representatives on the AKVG committee - respectively as Immediate Past Captain and as Merchandise Manager – were both proposed by Jeff Root, seconded by Clive Young and duly elected by the members.

10 Captaincy

10.1 Alan Wood (AW) thanked all present for his most enjoyable year as Captain. The members responded by warmly thanking him for his service.

AW then introduced Nigel Tubman (NT) of Littlestone GC as our Captain for 2025 and bestowed the Chain of Office.

NT thanked all present for giving him this honour. He described his interests and announced that his chosen charity will be 'Young Lives Foundation'. NT invited members to join him on his Captain's Prize day at Littlestone Warren on 1st May 2025.

NT then introduced Carlo Nuvoletta (CN) of Canterbury GC as his Vice Captain.

[The full text of NT's speech is attached and also on our website: www.akvg.com]

ALL

11 Any other business

11.1 No items were raised.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.05PM

The 2025 AGM will be held at West Kent G.C. on Friday 17th October 2025

Dr Nigel Courtney

On behalf of Peter Kelham, Honorary Secretary



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2024 AGM

ATTENDANCE LIST

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NAME	YOUR CLUB	NAME	YOUR CLUB
STEVE ZONES	CHISLEHURGH		
MARK RAINE	— " —		
TONY RAWBONE	ASHFORD.		
NIGEL HALLIWELL	WESTERHAM		
CHRIS JEFFERY	HEVER		
WAYNE LEWIS	NIZELS		
KEVIN GIBB	REDUBBES		
GARETH REES	LYSD		
John Farnham	Parsons		

NAME	YOUR CLUB	NAME	YOUR CLUB
ROGER FARRINGTON	CHERRY LODGE		
TONY FAUNCH	CHESTFIELD		
MELVIN WILBERT	CORINTHIANS		
Eddie Ruff	CHESTFIELD		
JIM McDONALD	CHESTFIELD		

NAME	YOUR CLUB	NAME	YOUR CLUB
Peter Kelham	wrotham H		
John S. ALFORD	Hayes Red Hills (Woodlands)		
PETE BUDGE	TUDOR PARK		
MARTIN LOCAS	— " —		

NAME	YOUR CLUB	NAME	YOUR CLUB
DAVID DICKSON	H Ems		
PAUL MARCHANT	HIGH EMS		
ANDY BRZOBOSKI	HEGGE		



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NAME	YOUR CLUB	NAME	YOUR CLUB
T. Williams	Red Lissets		
B. RAYNER	Kings Hill		
J. FRANKLIN	Cherry Lodge		
J. ROOT	T. Park		
DAVID PARIKUR	COLEMAN'S		
A. Thomas	Westham		
ALAN WOOD	St. John's		
DAVID CORNWALL	CASTLEBURY		
Nigel Tubman	Littlestone		
PATRICK FERGUSON	POULT WOOD		
DAVID WRIGHT	W H C C.		
MARC GIBBONS	W H & C		
ALEX DIEBEL	TENTERDEN		
TERRY WRIGHT	ETCHINGHILL		
Nigel Courtney	Westham		

Certified that David Hannam of Price's was present. NC. (Hansie)

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, WEDNESDAY 23rd October 2024.

ITEM 4 – Hon Secretary's Report

1) Your Committee:

As noted in the Agenda, several long-standing committee members will retire. I'm pleased to report that outstanding candidates are ready to take your association forward to new heights. They will reinforce what is already a very strong team, recently augmented by two past captains, Brian Rayner (merchandise mgr) and Eddie Ruff (as a vice president).

2) Team work:

Last autumn all the role-holders co-created a Compendium of Roles & Responsibilities. This documents the way we do things and ensures continuity if an admin team member is indisposed or on holiday.

3) Climate change:

For the last 3 seasons bad weather has disrupted or cancelled our early fixtures. In response, your committee has decided to delay our first tournament by 4 weeks and then keep intervals at c.28 days. This has meant reducing from 8 to 7 tournaments (plus the Reps meeting and the West Country Tour). The Captain's Prize, henceforth as a singles competition, will be awarded to the best Stableford in either Div 1 or 2. The Desmond Barker Spring Trophy will now be earned that day by the best score in the other Div.

4) Fixtures for 2025 (copied with agenda):

Toby Frampton has successfully negotiated a sparkling programme for 2025 and is already eyeing plans for future seasons. Toby's endeavours mean that your committee is able to hold the 2025 match fee at £51pp. Toby will also lead on the Devon match which from the coming season will feature two annual matches to decide the winning team. Every AKVG member is entitled to apply to play. Our teams will be selected by your Captain.

Over the last 4 years our Player of the Year competition has attracted the involvement of over 350 different players. Your Handicap Secretary, Trevor Williams, will be umpire in 2025.

5) Annual subscription:

Although we will not increase the 2025 match fee, the annual cost of our software licences regrettably forces us to increase the membership subscription to £5pa.

6) Handicapping issues:

AKVG's reputation for professionalism has been enhanced by our status for 3 years as an England Golf 'Approved Tournament Organiser'. Trevor Williams will take the lead on our application for 2025.

Did you know that until our scorers have entered online the scorecard of every player entering a tournament the WHS technology prevents us from closing the tournament and proceeding to the prize-giving? Warm thanks to the huge majority who do submit promptly. In the event of a 'missing' scorecard, entry by us of a NR or DQ it will cause problems for the player and that is the last thing your association wants. All Reps are requested to take note.



The Association of Kent Veteran Golfers

Our fixtures in 2025 (as at 2 Aug 2024)

<i>month</i>	<i>date</i>	<i>competition</i>			<i>venue</i>	<i>Notes</i>
April	Mon 14 th	Representatives' Decanter		Singles	Wrotham Heath	Reps mtg. No Buggies.
May	Thurs 1 st	The Captain's Prize <i>plus</i> Desmond Barker Trophy	Q	Singles	Littlestone Warren	
May	Thurs 29 th	Glyn Thomas Trophy	Q	Singles	Redlibbets	
June	Thurs 26 th	Derek Ruthven Trophy	Q	Singles	Cherry Lodge	
July	Weds 2 nd	v- Devon County, Day 1		team	Churston, Devon	Team of 16.
July	Thurs 3 rd	v- Devon County, Day 2		Team	Tiverton, Devon	Team of 16.
July	Thurs 24 th	John Bailey Trophy	Q	Singles	Sene Valley	
Aug	Tues 19 th	Emerton-Court Trophy		Pairs	Sittingbourne MR	3 pairs + reserves
Sept	Thurs 11 th	Morris Trophy	Q	Singles	Lamberhurst	
Oct	Fri 17 th	Saga Trophy + AGM	Q	Singles	West Kent	+ AGM; + PotY

[key: Q = qualifies for the Player of the Year award]



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ITEM 5 –Treasurer’s Report for the Year Ending 31st December 2023

1. There was a deficit for the year in the profit & loss account of £2,041 (2022 - £1,663 surplus)
2. The association held £15,457 of net assets at the end of the year including £11,069 of cash & bank balances.
3. Subscriptions paid for 2023 were £1,904 - 634 members.
4. Administrative expenses were approx. 10% higher than the previous year at £3,279.
5. Donations to the Captain’s charity (£1,000), and The Kent Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance Trust (£1,250) were provided for from the activities of the year.
6. The position at the end of the year was as expected given that subs were held at £3 and match fees were set at extremely competitive levels. Although reserves were reduced they remained at a satisfactory level.

Activity to 31st August 2024 (6 events plus the reps mtg)

1. Administrative expenses £860 ahead of subscriptions (NB: annual subscriptions to be increased to £5 for 2025)
2. Charity account £2,000 to the good
3. Competition account neutral; fees for 2025 to be held at £51pp.

Profit & Loss Comparison

01/01/2022 Through 31/12/2023 (in U.K. Pounds Sterling) (Accrual Basis)

15/01/2024

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Category Description	01/01/2023- 31/12/2023	01/01/2022- 31/12/2022
INCOME		
Administration Account		
Expenditure		
Bank Charges	-62.04	-76.99
Captain's Honorarium	-100.00	-100.00
Committee Expenses	-1,018.10	-714.03
Honorarium	-500.00	-500.00
Insurance	-452.74	-422.90
Membership Cards	-172.80	-173.40
Misc	-410.61	-65.01
Postage	0.00	-82.79
Printing & Stationary	0.00	-83.00
Trophy & Engraving	-430.00	-401.95
Website & Software	-132.80	-250.91
TOTAL Expenditure	-3,278.89	-2,870.98
Income		
Bank Interest	154.78	13.80
Misc Credit	52.00	13.00
Subscriptions	1,904.00	2,082.00
TOTAL Income	2,110.78	2,108.80
TOTAL Administration Ac...	-1,168.11	-762.18
Charity Account		
Charity Income		
Ball Sweep	3,106.00	2,297.62
Misc Ball Sweep Ex...	-298.76	-78.00
Net Cost Gloves (Ba...	-135.55	-28.40
Net Cost Golf Balls (...)	-548.33	-326.04
Net cost of Caps	-129.87	-149.85
Net Cost Towels (Ba...	-170.00	-132.60
Year End Stock Adj...	-3.06	0.00
TOTAL Ball Sweep	1,822.43	1,582.73
Donations Received	0.00	0.00
TOTAL Charity Income	2,356.43	1,980.73
Donations Made		
Captain's Donation	-1,000.00	-1,000.00
Kent Air Ambulance	-1,250.00	-1,500.00
Other	-66.00	0.00
TOTAL Donations Made	-2,316.00	-2,500.00
TOTAL Charity Account	40.43	-519.27
Clothing Acc		
Clothing Expenses		
Polo Shirts	-253.86	-673.76
Slipover	-19.87	0.00
TOTAL Clothing Expen...	-273.73	-673.76
Clothing Income		
Payment from Members	365.00	840.00
TOTAL Clothing Income	365.00	840.00
TOTAL Clothing Acc	91.27	166.24
Competition Account		
Competition Expenses		
Captain's Discretion	-300.00	0.00
Cost of Course	-28,583.40	-23,267.20
Prizes	-1,139.00	-1,531.53
TOTAL Competition Ex...	-30,022.40	-24,798.73

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Category Description	01/01/2023- 31/12/2023	01/01/2022- 31/12/2022
Competition Income		
-Match Fees	29,054.00	28,925.00
-Refunds	-864.00	-512.00
Lunches	592.00	558.50
TOTAL Competition In...	28,782.00	28,971.50
TOTAL Competition Acco...	-1,240.40	4,172.77
Devon&Cornwall Matches		
D&C Expenditure		
Green Fees	-464.00	-2,486.00
Hotel	-4,194.80	0.00
TOTAL D&C Expenditu...	-4,658.80	-2,486.00
D&C Income		
other	0.00	18.00
Receipt from Players	4,918.10	1,034.00
Refund Match Fees	-339.00	0.00
TOTAL D&C Income	4,579.10	1,052.00
TOTAL Devon&Cornwall ...	-79.70	-1,434.00
Stock		
Income	368.82	0.00
Caps	10.00	30.00
ties	15.00	120.00
Towels	10.00	20.00
TOTAL Income	403.82	170.00
Stock Expenses		
Cost of Caps	-19.98	-29.97
Cost of Ties	-60.00	-105.00
Cost of towels	-8.15	-15.60
TOTAL Stock Expenses	-88.13	-150.57
TOTAL Stock	315.69	19.43
TOTAL INCOME	-2,040.82	1,642.99
EXPENSES		
Uncategorised	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	0.00	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	-2,040.82	1,642.99

Balance Sheet

As of 31/12/2023 (in U.K. Pounds Sterling) (Accrual Basis)

22/02/2024

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Account	31/12/2023 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
BMM No 2 Acc	10,048.39
Current	917.41
Future Matches Fees Account	0.00
Ball Sweep Float	40.00
Clothing Account	0.00
Queries Account	63.00
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	11,068.80
Other Assets	
Deposit on Future Matches	900.00
Stock - Caps	755.58
Stock - Golf Balls	1,142.60
Stock - Golf Gloves	134.83
Stock - Pitch Repairer	382.89
Stock - Ties	105.00
Stock - Towels	967.20
TOTAL Other Assets	4,388.10
TOTAL ASSETS	15,456.90
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	
Other Liabilities	
Accruals&Prepaid	4,915.40
Invoices Outstanding	0.00
Match Fee Account	0.00
Match Refunds Due	0.00
TOTAL Other Liabilities	4,915.40
TOTAL LIABILITIES	4,915.40
EQUITY	10,541.50
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	15,456.90

Roger Thomas, Hon Treasurer

Ellis Parker, President

Tony Martin, Auditor



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ITEM 6 – Membership Secretary's Report

During this season four new clubs have joined our association and we have been pleased to welcome members at West Malling, The Ridge, St Augustines, and Littlestone Warren. By the end of September AKVG had 633 members at 39 Kent clubs.

We are in discussion with members at several other clubs who have expressed an interest in joining AKVG. If you have contacts at other clubs which are not already affiliated to AKVG, and you think they may be interested in joining us, please let me have their details.

This season 660 rounds have been played at our events by 207 members representing 31 affiliated clubs. We started well at Faversham with 90+ entries then an overcrowded middle of the season which reduced turnouts and we finished strongly with 90 at Sweetwoods Park and 102 today at Westerham. 2025 will offer further opportunities to enjoy experiencing other people's tracks while getting to know an ever-widening number of Kent golfers.

The membership fee for 2025 will be £5 and I trust you will agree this continues to be an excellent bargain. I have put together a pack for all Reps that consists of their current membership list, a quantity of membership cards, and instructions on what needs to be done. It will make my job easier if you are able to sign up your renewing and new members early in the new year.

We will kick off our 2025 season at Wrotham Heath (which drains well) with our annual golf day and briefing for Reps and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Jeff Root
14 Oct 2024



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ITEM 10 – Introductory speech by NIGEL TUBMAN, AKVG Captain for 2025

I was born in 1950 on a farm near Bethersden but my Kentish roots go back at least 500 years. I went to schools in Hythe, Folkestone and Dover and met my wife Diane at Folkestone Tech in 1967. We have two children and 4 grand daughters.

A shaky start to my career saw me in NZ and Australia working in admin and on a dairy farm and returned to the UK after a couple of years and eventually joined Ashford Jobcentre and remained a civil servant for 30 years finishing my career working as an adviser and project manager in Central Europe and beyond for some 15 years.

I've got a motorbike (a Triumph Tiger 900) and enjoy short and long trips – in the early Summer I rode down to Gallipoli (Turkey) and across to Albania and ferry to Italy and home (4600 miles). My other hobby is gardening especially growing vegetables and anything that involves machinery.

I played my first golf on the Hotel Imperial Golf Course at the age of 8. I played golf very occasionally for the next 40 years until I joined Cranbrook Golf Club (to be Hemsted Forest) but left in 2017 when the mud got to me. I joined Littlestone which many of you know is a fantastic course especially when/if the weather is fine.

I've been an active member of AKVG for nearly 15 years and was delighted to be asked to become Captain for 2025. It is a great honour and I hope that we will all have a memorable year and that the weather gods are kinder to us than they have been of late. We will play a fantastic number of courses and my Captain's Prize event will be held at the Littlestone Warren course on Thursday 1st May 2025.

Our annual match against Devon will take place 1st-4th July playing Churston and Tiverton golf courses. We need a team of 16 and we are a few players short. If you are interested, please email me at nigeltubman@btinternet.com.

My chosen charity is the *Young Lives Foundation* based in Maidstone. They offer mentoring and support to disadvantaged young people in Kent and they are keen to get young people active and drag them away from their phones and out into the fresh air and, with your donations, I hope we can send a number of young people on a 3-day adventure course in the autumn of 2025. One of their fund-raising activities is a golf day and in 2025 they will hold an event and I hope we can put team or two together.

Carlo Nuvoletta will be a fantastic Vice Captain for 2025 and I look forward to working with him and I know you will all give us both plenty of support.

Well done to Alan Wood for his 2024 Captaincy; he will be a tough act to follow. And, many, many thanks to Nigel Courtney and Dave Parker who have done so much for AKVG over the years. I hope they will enjoy their retirement from their AKVG duties.

Nigel Tubman
23 October 2024