

Secretaries Annual Report



Dear Member,

The Entry Forms for our meetings – 2019 Fixture List – County Match details – Application forms for the Annual Dinner are now available on the WEBSITE and can be downloaded by visiting www.kentgolfcaptains.org/members and scrolling down to the appropriate file.

The Membership Directory will be forwarded to you on a separate email in line with our DATA PROTECTION POLICY so it does not appear on our website.
AGM details and our Annual Accounts will be emailed in March.



Please check the details within the directory to ensure your details are correct. If you wish to play in any of the Members Meetings please download the entry forms and return them to me by post.

There are two ways one can pay, either by cheque or Internet Banking. If using Internet Banking please use your membership number and surname as the REFERENCE. Your membership number can be found in the first column of the Membership Directory, which will be sent to you shortly attached to a further email.

(Bank details are: NatWest – Sort Code: 51-81-07 – Account No: 83122117).
Account Name: The Society of Kent Golf Captains)

Should you still wish to pay by cheque it will NOT be necessary to send separate cheques for each meeting. You can either send one cheque for all your entries OR one cheque dated February 28th for entry's up to the 31st July 2019 and one post-dated cheque (1st August 2019) for entry's after the 31st July 2019.

Internet payments will have to be a one off payment for all your requested members meetings dated 28th February 2019.

Secretary's Report:

My report started last year with the sad news that our President for 2017 Reg Taylor had passed away during his year in office and sadly I have to report that our Examiner Doug Stoker passed away this November.



Doug had been a great supporter of our Society with us having his company at our meetings, County Matches and on a number of our Overseas Tours. He had been our Examiner for the past 5 years and his contribution and advice will be sadly missed.

*Doug Stoker with The Society
in Turkey 2016*

Because of this sad news, we now require a new Examiner for the Society. Should any member having accountancy experience be interested in this position, please contact me or our Treasurer Mike Stephens for more information.

Another season over and another year gone and another year older but some happy golfing memories in what has been a delightful sunny summer for us golfers. (Except for the ladies match. See below) Our Members Meetings this year were well supported and saw us visit both ends of the County and our congratulations go to all the winners of our trophies and salvers, photographs and reports, all of which can be seen on our website.

County Matches.

Our Inter-County friendly matches during 2018 ended with us winning 3 – halving 3 and losing 1. Our thanks go to all the Team Managers for their organisation. These matches are great fun to play in and are very similar to your own club FRIENDLY matches and open to all regardless of one's handicap. We are always looking for support for these matches. We had one or two matches during 2018 when we were ringing around for players. So, if you would like to play in any of this year's matches please contact the Match Managers. Details can be found on the downloadable County Match File on the Members tab our Website.



Harewood Downs G C, Bucks.



The Team.

The Queen's Jubilee Trophy 2018

This years event was hosted by Sussex Golf Captains and played at The Nevill Golf Course in August on a very wet rainy day. For the second year running we came a creditable 2nd with 170pts (best 6 scores counting) behind the winners London with 178pts. Our thanks go to our team which included: Ray Williams (Eltham

Warren) – Alan Dodd (Eltham Warren) – John Grant (Wrotham Heath) – Steve Mansfield (Sittingbourne) – Richard Lamb (Bearsted) – Paul Roberts (Woodlands Manor) – Ron Dunham (Hawkhurst) and Brad Smith (Sittingbourne).

Match v The Kent Ladies.

Our match against The Kent Ladies also took place in August and was played at West Kent Golf Club on another very rainy day which closed the course due to flooding after playing a few holes.

The two Captains decided that an honourable half would be a fair result. This is a mixed team event and you are drawn to play with a member of the Kent Ladies Captains playing an Aussie Stableford format. You are then drawn to play for either the Men's or Ladies Team. Our Team Manager for this fixture is Harry Wanless. If you would like to play in this year's match please contact Harry, details of which can be found on the County Match Downloadable file on the Website..

The Spring Tour.

held in April last year was held at Lagos (Portugal) and was supported by a group of 67 travellers. We stayed at the Vila Gale Hotel and played two rounds at Palmares and two rounds at Alamos. The main competition which is played for over 3 rounds of golf is for the Ron Kuness Salver which was won by Brad Smith (Sittingbourne) for the second year running with a score of 101pts. He won with the last putt on the last green from Keith Fuller (Shortlands). The Secretary's Plate which is open to all members who are over 70 years young and have a handicap of 19 and above was won by Nic Morrison (Eltham Warren). More details are available on the website.



Los Alamos Golf



Kempinski Hotel

2019 Tour to Turkey.

This year's tour will be going to Belek in Turkey staying at The Kempinski Dome hotel, departing on the 24th April. We have a party of 59 travelling this year and will be playing two rounds at the Sultan and two rounds on the Pasha golf courses. I am sure it will be another successful event.

The Annual Dinner.

Held in April 2018 was very well supported by members and guests and we were entertained by our Guest Speaker Roger Dakin who kept us amused with his jokes and stories especially about our Captain at the time

William Albery who he has known for many years. In William's speech he made the fatal mistake of telling one or two stories about Roger. Boy oh boy, did Roger get his own back which made for a very funny and enjoyable evening. **This year's Annual Dinner will be held on the 5th April at the Weald of Kent Hotel & Golf Course near Headcorn.** Our guest speaker will be Barry Williams. The maximum number we can accommodate for this dinner is 180. So please apply early to avoid disappointment.



Sundridge Park Members

The Charity Fund.

This year we raised a total of £3026.00 and I would like to thank all members for their generosity to the Children's Charity Fund. In 2018 we donated £4000 to two worthy charities and our thanks go to Phil Draper for all his time and effort in making our charity the success it is. Further details can be found on our Website.

Clothing.

The clothing range continues to be popular with sales of shirts, jumpers and ties etc. exceeding £3300.00. Full details of our clothing range can be found on our website or you can contact me direct.



Please visit the website at www.kentgolfcaptains.org where you will find news, results, clothing page, application forms for all our events, application forms for membership, plus much, much, more. Our thanks go to Terry Ralph who is our website administrator for all his time and effort which is very much appreciated in making sure the website is up to-date.

Our Treasurer, Mike Stephens very rarely gets a mention for his very important contribution and time he gives to the Society. I have had the pleasure of working alongside Mike since I became Secretary and I can assure you we are very lucky to have someone of Mike's dedication carrying out the Treasurers duties.

On a personal note I would like to thank Peter Embleton and Pat Quadling who have helped me at our meetings, giving me help and advice and guiding me to which I hope you all agree was another successful year for our SOCIETY. May I close by wishing you all good health, good golf and may all your wishes come true for 2019.

I look forward to meeting up with many of you during our forthcoming season.

David Honnor
Secretary

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