



Kent Golf Captains Secretaries Report

January 2020.

Dear Member,

The Entry Forms for our meetings – 2020 Fixture List – County Match details – Application forms for the Annual Dinner are now available on the WEBSITE and can be downloaded by visiting our website.

<https://kentgolfcaptains.org/members>

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.

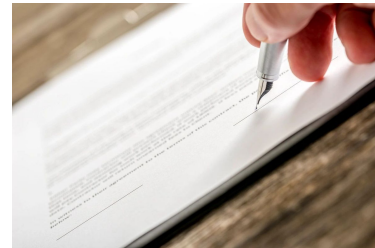
There are two ways one can pay, either by cheque or Internet Banking. If using Internet Banking please use your membership number and surname as the REFERENCE. Your membership number can be found in the first column of the Membership Directory, which will be sent to you attached to another email.

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 2020 and one post-dated cheque (1st August 2020) for entry's after the 31st July 2020.

Internet payments will have to be a one off payment for all your requested members meetings dated 28th February 2020.



My Report

It is with regret that once again I have to start my report by informing you that Ron Paterson QPM, Past Captain and Past President of our Society passed away in

November last year.

Ron had been a great supporter of our Society and had been a member since 1988 in which time he was a great supporter of our meetings, County Matches and supported the Overseas Tours on many occasions. I am sure he will be sadly missed not only at his golf club Sundridge Park but also by us within the Society.



Jubilee Trophy Venue 2019 Stoneham G.C.

The 2019 season has much to be remembered for. We returned to **Royal Cinque Ports** in June first time for many a year and had a tremendous support for this iconic and challenging golf course. Our other meetings at **West Kent – Langley Park – Wrotham**

Heath – Wildernesse – Shooters Hill and Rochester & Cobham were also enjoyable days to remember. The support we received this year overall for these meetings created a record number of players participating for our season. Our congratulations go to all the winners of our trophies and salvers, photographs and reports of which can be seen on our website.

Our Inter-County friendly matches during 2019 ended with us winning 5 and losing 2. 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 2019 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 and downloaded via **The Website (Members Page)**.

The Queen's Jubilee Trophy 2019 was hosted by Hampshire Golf Captains and played at Stoneham Golf Course in August. For the sixth time in the last seven years we came a creditable 2nd with 209pts (best 6 scores counting) behind the winners Oxford with 211pts. Our thanks go to our team which included: Alan Dodd (Eltham Warren) – Steve Bootes (Sittingbourne) John Grant (Wrotham Heath) – Steve Mansfield (Sittingbourne) – Richard Lamb (Bearsted) – Paul Roberts (Woodlands Manor) – Roger Witchlow (Shooters Hill) and Brad Smith (Sittingbourne). However, we did have a player (Alan Dodd) who had the best score on the day with 41pts playing off '4'

Our match against

The Kent Ladies also took place in August and was played at **West Kent Golf Club** and saw the MENS team win, with a score of 395pts against The Ladies team of 382pts. This is a mixed team event and you are drawn to play with a member of the Kent Ladies Captains playing an American Greensomes 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 attachment.

The Spring Tour

in April last year was held at **Belek (Turkey)** and was supported by a group of 60 travellers. We stayed at the Kempinski Dome Hotel and played two rounds on the Pasha and two rounds on the



Our Venue for the 2020 Spring Tour

Sultan golf courses. The main competition which is played for over 3 rounds of golf is for the **Ron Kunes Salver** which was won by **Tony Negal (Sundridge Park)** with a score of 107pts. **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)** for the second year running with a score of 109pts and the Ladies competition was won by **Heather Baynes (Eltham Warren)** with a score of 102pts. More details and photos are available on the website.

This year's tour will be going to **Benulup in Spain staying at The Fairplay Golf & Spa resort near Cadiz**, departing on the 21st April. We have a party of 58 travelling this year and will be playing two rounds at the Fairplay GC and two rounds on the Montenmedio golf course. I am sure it will be another successful event.



The Annual Dinner held in April 2019 was all but full with a 179 members and guests and we were entertained by our Guest Speaker Barry Williams who kept us amused with his jokes and stories. This year's Annual Dinner will be held on the **3rd April 2020 at the Weald of Kent Hotel & Golf Course near Headcorn**.

Our guest speaker will be Bob Webb. The maximum number we can accommodate for this dinner is 180. So please apply early to avoid disappointment.

The Charity Fund this year raised a total of **£3728.00** which is £700 more than last year mainly due to the excellent support we had at our meetings. I would like to thank all members for their generosity to the Children's Charity Fund. In 2019 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.



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The clothing range continues to be popular with sales of shirts, jumpers and ties etc., exceeding £3100.00. 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.



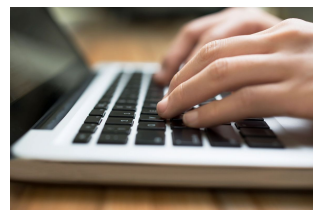
Our Treasurer, Mike Stephens also deserves a mention for the very important contribution and time he gives to the Society. I have had the pleasure of working alongside Mike since I became Secretary and I can assure you we are very lucky to have someone of Mike's dedication carrying out the Treasurers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

As mentioned in the October Newsletter, **I will be standing down as Secretary at the AGM in 2021**

having completed 7 years as your Secretary. It is time for someone else to take over and as to-date I have had one enquiry about the position. If you feel this position is for you OR you would like to know about what's involved please contact me direct OR our Chairman/Captain Roger Cruttenden.

May I close by wishing you all good health, good golf and may all your wishes come true for 2020. I look forward to meeting up with many of you during our forthcoming season.



David Honnor

Secretary

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