



DMVGA



PRESIDENT DAVID BROMAGE NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2023

As your new President it is my intention to periodically bring you up to date with the less formal news items away from the 'every day running' of the Association, which is left in the capable hands of Secretary Malcolm Tester, Competition co-ordinator Tim Douglas-Riley, and Treasurer Malcolm Toone.

Foremost, I am delighted and honoured to follow in the footsteps of our 2024 Captain, Bob Small, who has served admirably as our President for the last three years. I will endeavour to maintain the profile of this office without much ado. It is my intention to continue to be of service, in whatever manner possible. Hopefully, along with the Captain, continuing to visit Clubs to chat and meet members, being present at events and being involved in committee.

Forty members of the Association recently attended the AGM held at Sidmouth Golf Club which had followed the concluding event of the season, The Captain's Invitation. It marked, of course, the conclusion of my period of Captaincy of which I had been immensely proud. It had culminated sixteen years of involvement on the committee, witnessing many changes and the development into the finely tuned organisation it has now become. There was the bonus that one the victors of the Frank Dance Salver for this competition, was Nigel Sharp, from Sidmouth GC.



President Bob Small presenting the Frank Dance Salvers to Nigel Sharp (SID) and Tom Hall (FIN)

The AGM also witnessed the retirement of David Grieve (Tiverton GC) from the committee after seven years. David had been prominent in reviewing, updating, and amending Association and Emerton Court Rules and acting as Rules adjudicator.



Past President, Bob Small, presented him with an engraved Glass Tankard as a memento and sign of recognition for his stalwart service.

The Emerton-Court Final took place on the 18th September resulting in new first-time winners in the form of Great Torrington. A classic finale against Exeter GCC, all square after the five games and taken to a 19th Hole. The draw for the 2024 competition was made at the AGM, an arrangement which allows more time for fixture arrangements next year.

The first and second fixtures of the Winter Series get underway on Thursday 26th October at Stover GC and then 13th November at Yelverton. With such a high entry, and one that allows more players to participate, speed of play is crucial to ensure play is completed before light fails. Not quite so at Stover as the clocks will not have 'gone back.' Grateful thanks to Tim Douglas-Riley for organising.

Cordial felicitations to one and all, keep safe, keep warm, keep playing!

David Bromage – President DMVGA – Autumn 2023



2023-24 DMVGA, Captain, Bob Small and President David Bromage