

Hello everyone - as your Captain this year I'm delighted to send out my first missive to you all. Whilst this is addressed to all Reps, please can you forward onto all your DMVGA members - thank you. I have a number of issues to cover, none of which should tax you too much!

DMVGA tour to Kent

This takes place on Tuesday 2nd - Thursday 4th July. Presently we have a full squad of 18 but, and my experience is key here, we do need reserves as it is more than likely that we'll have withdrawals as we approach the due dates. An itinerary is attached so please can anyone who is interested forward their name to myself bobposhpig@gmail.com or to their Rep. Presently nothing else needs to be done and no monies need leave your bank account - at this stage anyway!

Matches

Whilst talking about matches, we have our usual fixtures against Cornwall at Stover (13.05) and then at China Fleet (20.05); we take on the Devon Juniors at Tavistock (7.08) a match for which we'll be looking for lower handicappers; then the tour to Kent and finally the Devon County Ladies Veteran Golf Association at Torquay (29.08). Full details will be sent out as each match approaches. In the meantime please may I reinforce our rule that DMVGA clothing must be worn at all matches with a DMVGA tie at the dinner following the match. Thank you.

Competitions

Your committee has once again put together an appealing fixture list see <https://www.dmvga.co.uk/fixture-list> With costs having risen again in the past year, the cost of entry to these competitions has been very much at the forefront of our considerations and we've tried to keep these to a reasonable level; they are still very good value when compared with members guests rates at the varying venues with a one course meal, prizes and 2's as well.

It has become clear that members are very keen to have competitive yet enjoyable golf; as a result a number of small changes have been made to formats of our varying competitions and in particular the Millennium Trophy at Downes Crediton (23.07) becoming a 3 ball Texas Scramble. Uncertain as to how popular this may, or may not be, we have allowed for 1 team from every club in the county. If this proves to be popular we will look to extend the number of tee off times next year.

Captain's Invite

This year, as usual, all trophy winners will be invited to play in the Captain's Invite at Tavistock (7.10); however, in a departure from our normal practice, trophy winners will be the guests of the Association and, as such, will *not* have to pay their normal entry fee. Your committee has made this arrangement for this year and which will be subject to the Association's financial position before making the same arrangement for 2025.

DMVGA Clothing

DMVGA clothing may be obtained by visiting our website <https://www.dmvga.co.uk/clothing> Please allow good time when ordering clothing through the website.

My Thanks

My thanks are due to the Executive Committee for their continuing hard work to ensure that the Association's golfing year goes ahead smoothly and happily for all concerned. My thanks go also to all the Reps who do such a good job on behalf of both the Association as well as the members of their respective clubs. Thank you to you all.

DMVGA Vice Captain

Finally, I'm delighted to announce that Malcolm Tester from Teignmouth has become my Vice Captain. Many of you will know Malcolm as he is our Secretary and is well connected throughout Devon Golf. Malcolm does a sterling job as our Secretary and I look forward very much to working with him as Captain and Vice Captain.

My best wishes to you all for a happy and successful golfing year!

Bob

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