

## **The Garforth & Kippax Golfing Society (Est 1968)**

The Garforth & Kippax Golfing Society (G&KGS) is now over 50 years old and has been a prominent society within Garforth Golf Club during this time.

Currently with around 85 members G&KGS provides members with a series of golfing competitions throughout the calendar year coupled with a strong social aspect encouraging members to play golf together but also to enjoy each other's company along with fine dining and wine. Many of our social dinners also encourage members to bring their partners, whether golfers or not, to the dinners and presentations.

The Society is run formally with a democratically elected President, Captain, Vice-Captain and Executive Committee comprising elected officials such as Secretary and Treasurer. Accounts are formally and independently audited annually with all officials reporting to the Annual General Meeting of the Society usually in March of each year. Any member is eligible to stand for any of these elected positions. The society is genderless so has both male and female members.

Over the years a series of competitions and social events has developed with prestigious trophies awarded and monetary prizes for winners and sometimes runners-up. These are listed as follows;

- **Spring Medal** – played for in May in conjunction with the club monthly medal
- **4-Club Trophy** – played over 9 holes with an informal buffet meal afterwards in the club house
- **Golden Jubilee Trophy** – presented for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Society and played for in a June midweek stableford
- **President's Trophy & Sandy Roberts Salver** – both of these are played for in the July club monthly stableford
- **Frank Green Trophy** – played for in the October club monthly medal
- **Thirlwell Shield** – this is an annual knock-out tournament with a £2 entry fee usually drawn in April
- **Golfer of the Year Award** – ranking points are awarded throughout the year in all society competitions to find the society Golfer of the Year
- **Captain's Away Day** – each year usually Aug/Sep the Society Captain has an away day in which members and guests can attend. Members play for the **Wilson Ryder Bowl and Fairhurst Putter**
- **President's Invitation Day** – traditionally the first event of the season played in conjunction with a club team event. The President awards prizes to the best teams comprising at least to society members and these are presented at an evening dinner with partners.
- **President v Captain Challenge Match** – usually played in Sept/Oct a 12 per side challenge match is played with an evening dinner and presentation
- **Social Entertainment Evening** – in recent years the society has held an end of season social event in the club for members, partners and guests with a meal and professional entertainment
- **Annual Dinner and Prize Presentation** – usually held on the first Friday in December a formal dinner is held in the club house when the year's prizes are presented. Members may invite guests to this function
- **Club Society Days** – the society has always supported these events and usually enters at least 2 teams of 4 players

The Annual Subscription to the G&KGS is minimal currently standing at £5 and this funds the prizes offered throughout the golfing season. Entry to the Society is £7 which includes the first year's Subscription of £5 and a £2 Society Badge.

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