

VAPROSE GOLF SOCIETY **CONSTITUTION**

The golf society shall be known as Vaprose Golf Society.

PERMANENT ADDRESS

- 96 Westhall Road, Warlingham, Surrey, CR6 9HB

AIMS. OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE

- To organise and promote the game of golf under the R & A Rules.
- To ensure continuity and interest for the members - to hold at least five golf tournaments during a season.
- To organise and promote social events for the members and their families.
- To participate in and organise any other functions and events as decided by the committee.

MEMBERSHIP

The following persons shall be the members of the society:

- Founder members.
- All persons who shall be invited to the membership by the founding members..
- The membership will be restricted to males only.
- The membership will be limited to 44 in total. Any changes in numbers must be approved by unanimous decision of the committee and ratified at the AGM.
- Any future new members must have played at least 3 games as guests in the previous season before being invited to become a member.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS AND JOINING FEE

- Every member shall be required to pay an annual subscription by the first day of the seasons tournament each year.
- The amount of the annual subscription and joining fee shall be such as may from time to time be prescribed by the committee and agreed by majority at the AGM.
- The current annual subscription is £25.00 and the joining fee is £100.00.
- The minimum fee for the country member will be £50.00 annually which gives them first preferences to future events.

REGISTER OF MEMBERS

- The society secretary shall maintain the register of members of the society.

RETIREMENT AND FORFEITURE OF MEMBERSHIP

- Any member wishing to resign his membership shall tender written notice to the committee and on acceptance his membership shall cease accordingly.
- Any member giving such notice shall remain liable to pay any subscription or other sums due from him at the date of such notice.
- Any member shall "*ipso facto*" cease to be a member if his annual subscription shall remain unpaid after three months have elapsed from the day on which such subscription shall become payable.
- Any person ceasing by death, resignation or otherwise to be a member of the society shall not, nor shall his representatives, have any claim upon or interest in the funds of the society.
- Any member shall forfeit his membership of the society if he resorts to violence and/or verbal abuse of fellow members in a disagreement of whatever nature.
- Failure to attend at least three out of five tournaments without prior leave of absence from, the committee in any one season, the member shall forfeit his membership.

DISCIPLINE AND DISPUTES

- The member shall not act in any way that would discredit and/or lower the reputation of the society.
- Any disputes and disagreements which are not relating to society affairs should be settled without involvement of the society.
- Any disputes and disagreements which are relating to the societies affairs, the committee's decision is final. The committee has to have a 2/3rd majority.
- All the R & A Golf Rules apply during all outings and local club rules will be announced prior to each tournaments commencement. Every member shall follow the rules of the society otherwise any disciplinary action would be decided by the committee.
- The rules are those set by the committee from time to time.

THE COMMITTEE

- The founder members shall form the initial committee.
- The members shall hold the office of President, Captain, Vice Captain, Treasurer, Secretary, and two members to be elected for the fixture committee.

- The members of the committee must exercise their powers jointly and in accordance with any decision based on 2/3rd majority.
- Any vacancy in the committee may be filled by the appointment of any member of the society by the committee based on a majority decision of 2/3rd.
- New officer's elections will take place during the AGM.
- Nominees must be forwarded in 21 days prior to the AGM and must be seconded in each case.
- Only members can vote.
- In the event of more than one nominee is forwarded for a post, the members will elect by show of hand at the AGM. Majority will carry the vote.
- A member of the committee will vacate his office automatically if he:
 - Ceases to be member of the society.
 - Failure to attend at least three consecutive committee meetings without prior leave of absence from the committee and a total of more than half the number of meetings in a given season.
- Powers of the committee are to the direction, control and management of affairs of the society which may for those purposes exercise all the powers of the society as vested by the society at the Annual General Meeting and may from time to time make such regulations as they may deem necessary or expedient.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

- The committee shall meet at such times as they may deem requisite and may regulate their meetings as they think fit.
- The president of the society shall chair the meetings.
- A quorum at the meetings of the committee shall be five or such greater number as the committee may from time to time decide.
- A meeting of the committee shall be determined by 2/3rd majority.
- Minutes of the proceedings of every meeting of the committee and of the attendance of the members of the committee thereat shall be recorded by the in a book kept for that purpose, and shall be signed by the president of the meeting at which they are read.

ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT

- The committee shall cause proper book of accounts to be kept and shall to the annual general meeting in each year a statement of income and a balance sheet made up to the preceding thirty first day of December together with the report of the auditor or auditors therein.
- A copy of the said accounts and of the report of the auditor or auditors shall be sent to every member entitled to receive notice of the Annual. General Meeting

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

The AGM of the society shall be held at such place as the committee shall appoint on the first or second week of March of each year.

- There shall be transacted at each AGM the following business;
 - i). Receiving the annual report of the committee.
 - ii). Receiving and approving the annual accounts of the society and the auditors report on them
 - iii). Appointment of an auditor or auditors.
 - iv). Any other motion which has been submitted to the committee and circulated to all members 30 days prior to the AGM.
- At the AGM and general meetings the President will chair the meetings.
- Twenty two members plus the committee present in person shall be quorum at any AGM.
- No other member shall be entitled to be present or to vote at any Annual General Meeting who is in arrears with his subscription or other sum payable by him to the society.
- The minutes of the proceedings of every AGM shall be recorded by the secretary in a book kept for that purpose and shall be signed by the chairman of the meeting at which they are read.
- The minutes of the AGM will be sent with the approved annual accounts to all the members.

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

- This constitution may be amended by resolution of the society to that effect duly proposed and carried at the Annual General Meeting at which at least 21 days prior notice in writing has been given to every member specifying the exact terms of the resolution to be moved.

DISSOLUTION

- The society may at any time be dissolved by a resolution passed by a two third majority voting at an extraordinary general meeting of the society of which at least 21 clear days notice in writing shall be sent to all members of the society.
- Such resolution may give instructions for the disposal of any assets held by or in the names of the society, providing that if any property after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities such property shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the society but shall be given or transferred to such other organisation as decided by the members at the concluding meeting.
- In the event of any disagreements, all the proceeds and assets shall be donated to a known Children's Charity.

