



Devon County Ladies' Golf Association (DCLGA)
Devon Golf Limited (DGL)



An Invitation from Devon County Ladies' Golf Association and Devon Golf Limited
The Development of Devon Golf

The Devon Ladies' and Men's golfing bodies have been considering the future of Devon Golf and the possibility of a merger of the DCLGA and DGL. This is in line with many of the country's sporting bodies, including England Golf, who have already merged to encourage greater participation irrespective of gender, race or creed - and not least to continue to access Sport England funding.

For DCLGA and DGL there are many other good reasons to amalgamate:

- a) improved communication to all Devon golfers through one single organisation running Devon Golf
- b) a modern, professional and well-governed structure allowing for increased efficiency in the administration of the game
- c) greater development opportunities for all golfers of whatever age or skill level
- d) a 'one-stop' organisation with whom sponsors and external partners can liaise
- e) more representation and a greater say for all clubs in Devon
- f) fewer calls on clubs' generosity due to a more streamlined and coordinated match schedule
- g) economies of scale when dealing with suppliers of services and purchasing

Both DCLGA and DGL have many years of great tradition behind them. It is important that we continue to acknowledge this but also move forward positively to address the changes in how people now participate in golf and to help more clubs grow their membership.

All national governing bodies need to comply with a Code for sport governance to receive funding and have rules to ensure fair representation of both women and men on any board or committee. England Golf are working to follow this Code and supporting Devon in adopting some of the main principles of the Code.

As a member of an affiliated golf club, you have the say in whether a merger progresses and we invite you to join us at any of the 3 meetings we have arranged:

Tuesday, 3 rd October 2017	Tiverton Golf Club – 6.30pm
Wednesday, 4 th October 2017	Boringdon Park Golf Club – 6.30pm
Thursday, 5 th October 2017	Stover Golf Club – 2.30pm
Wednesday 11 th October 2017	Portmore Golf Club – 2.30pm (added 11 July)

Whilst they might seem to be some time away, this is to allow you as individual club members, club managers, boards, committees and club professionals the time to consider all aspects and advantages. If we receive a positive response, we would hope to implement the change early in 2018.

Please feel free to contact any member of either DCLGA or DGL committee if you have any questions.

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