

From The Pro Shop

2023 was again a big year for the club. Due to other courses drying out, playing numbers were slightly down on 2022 which was to be expected; however, over 45000 rounds were played at an average of over 120 players per day. These numbers are very strong and whilst slightly down on 2022 are well up on any other year. Thanks to all the members for your patience, with numbers growing very quickly we have had to make a few changes on how to book. Bookings for comps open 14 days prior to any competition day for members and members guests, whilst visitors can book 7 days in advance. There are a few exceptions to this rule with visiting groups staying in accommodation along with reciprocal and long-term groups able to book in advance. We no longer take groups prior to 11.30 am on Saturdays due to the strength of our member's comps. The only day that can be an issue is the last Thursday of the month when 32 players from the Grange who have been coming for years book into the Vets comp. Once again if members book in the first 7 days you will normally get a spot close to your desired time.

As per usual in these reports we say a lot of thank yous so I will keep this short, To Will, Chad, Adam, Kane and Gaz, I cannot congratulate you enough. The course in my opinion is in the best condition I have ever seen it. Well done and keep up the great work!

To all our committees and Board a job well done. The club is in a great position, and we are the envy of many other clubs. It's simple if it isn't broken don't fix it so let's keep doing what we have been doing. A special mention to Dave Wilson and Brian Rowe of whom we work closely with and accounting for the club's takings. Job well done gents!

A few small thankyou's to those who assist directly in the shop. To Dave Wilson, Barney Curran, Brad Sharpe, Warwick and Peta Merchant and the infamous Wazza we appreciate all that you do for us. Thanks also to Matty Vout and John Burling who regularly get out of bed in the dark on a Sunday to assist us with carts. I can't thank all of you enough.

To my staff, keep up the good work. Lloyd has successfully completed year one of the Pathway Program and is now able to coach taking some pressure off me. Keep up the good work mate. To Lawso who is my weekend warrior, Phil, Stevo, Cooper and Barney thanks for a great job. Sadly, Cooper is departing the shop to work on the groundstaff, and I would like to wish him all the best in whatever he chooses to do. This will mean you will see a little more of Barney Kingdom in the shop so feel free to give him heaps.

Lastly, a big thankyou to my wife Jo for putting up with me and doing all our administrative work from home. With our youngest Xander now off to daycare at least one day a week you may see a little more of Jo in the shop. With my oldest two Rory and Henry now at school and playing sport at different venues I myself may be absent some Saturday mornings; however, if that happens, I will be back in the shop in the arvo and you as members are in good hands with Lloyd, Lawso and Barney for the morning field.

To all of our members thank you for your support and understanding in the shop, we have a great club and it's a privilege to represent you as Club Professional.

Yours in Golf

Greg Collins