

PRO SHOP REPORT 2024

Once again 2024 was another busy year with golf numbers continuing to grow. Most certainly the substantial rain we had in the middle of the year helped boost these numbers. During this time, we had to be fair to our members by implementing booking rules to give them priority, whilst trying our best to accommodate visitors and groups where possible.

In the Shop itself I would like to thank my team which is continually growing. Lloyd has completed year two of his apprenticeship and has taken on more responsibility with lessons from which he is getting great reviews. Anyone looking for lessons please see us in the Shop and Lloyd, or I will do our best to accommodate you. With the course as busy as it is we are restricted to when we can do lessons so that we do not interrupt golfers. Along with Lloyd we have Brett, Barney, Phil and Stevo in the Shop. My good wife Jo does all our bookwork from home as well. I believe we have a great team, and I thank them for their efforts. I would also like to wish Lloyd all the best for the final year of his apprenticeship.

Something we do in the Shop is employ local kids to look after the carts in the afternoon. We have 11 kids in total on the books with two kids per day washing them and putting them away. Over the last few years, I have employed over 20 local kids with many of them gaining trade apprenticeships. Two of the boys have gained greenkeeping apprenticeships here at the club. This is something we are quite proud of, and I also thank the juniors for their efforts.

To our hardworking staff at the club, a job well done to all. We have a wonderful club which I feel privileged to be a part of. To Will and our Grounds staff, guys, it's been a tough year and whilst most of the time things have been great there have been some curveballs. Things are on the mend and hopefully the course will be better than ever in the not-too-distant future.

As is the nature of the club there are so many volunteers. To our Board and respective Committees thank you and a job well done in a busy and difficult year. To the outgoing Board members thank you and we look forward to working with the incoming Board members.

Whilst there are too many people to thank individually, I would like to thank personally a few people for their help. To **Rob Russell, Phil Lyons** and **Nic Hall** who I have worked very closely with, cheers guys and we as a Club are very lucky to have you guys doing what you are doing. Of a morning, we have **Peta and Warwick Merchant, Geoff Collins, Barney Curran, Brad Sharpe, Vince O Connor, John Burling, Matty Vout** and most recently **Mark Williams** helping us to get the day ready. You guys are all awesome and save us plenty of time in the morning for which we are grateful. **Garry Hoare** also needs a mention. He has been helping me for many years with all things motorized. Gaz you are a legend, and I thank you.

Finally, I would like to say thanks to all our members for their support. Again, it is a privilege to represent you as your club professional and I look forward to 2025.

Cheers

Greg Collins
Club Professional