

WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY GOLF LTD - ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25

It has been a busy and successful year, with 14 county competitions, 38 county team matches, along with 89 Winter Knockout matches, and finals. This included 1113 players in competitions, 28 clubs in team competitions, with 24 clubs hosting an event, including 3 Midland Golf Union competitions. Without the support and involvement of clubs and their members this would not have been possible.

With the agreement of clubs and to assist clubs when hosting a county event, we introduced a rule change that requires club to offer courtesies for members of a hosting club. Where courtesies are not offered a club or individual would not be able to enter that event, *comment on outcome*.

We have been reaching out to members at clubs through our newsletters, email and Facebook to keep them updated on County activities. Our newsletter goes out to 300 subscribers and to all clubs for forwarding on to members and our Facebook feed is reaching around 1000 viewers each post.

There has been a change in our tournament software with a move from Intelligent Golf to Golf Genius. Golf Genius provides greater functionality and better suits the type of events we present. There are some slight differences in how clubs and individuals sign up, which does not appear to have been an issue.

Golfing

Adam Norman (Moseley GC), and Simon Green (Worcester G&CC) move into their second year as County and 2nd team captain respectively; Anthony Hill continues to lead the seniors team. They are joined by Junior Captains, Logan Lawless (U14), Alex Perry (U16) and Teddy Fee (U18). The organisation of Junior golf continues to develop with plans to create closer links with clubs which includes the offer of grants to support the training of Community Golf Instructors, subject to approval of our grant request from England Golf. Anthony Hill, our Director of Golf along with team managers Luke Perry (U14), Mark Evans (U16) and Kevin Fee (U18) are co-ordinating Junior golf matters.

Our junior coaching and development programme is delivering technical and on course coaching to our U14 players in conjunction with the England Golf Talent Pathway and oncourse coaching to U18's. This includes an emphasis on competitive match play whilst building team cohesion.

Our teams played in the Midland League, EG County qualifiers and friendlies with 57 men and 41 boys taking part during the year. The 2nd team were successful in winning their league with the 1st team taking third place, just 1 point behind.

Details of County competition results and other notable achievements are attached to this report. Special mention to Richard Sadler and his achievement of 150 1st team appearances and to Mark Hewlett Jr who won the Midland Boys' Amateur Championship, and the Midland Golf Union Boys' Order of Merit, which is a rare achievement for a Worcestershire player.

WHS & Course Rating

In 2024, the county course rating team fully re-rated five courses: Rose Hill (Lickey Hills course), Cocks Moors Woods, Dudley, Evesham and The Worcestershire. The following clubs are included in the schedule for 2025: Ombersley, Halesowen, Churchill & Blakedown and Bewdley Pines. In addition to full re-ratings, the course rating team continues to support clubs with the provision of additional ratings (eg for winter courses, rating tees for both men and women).

Policies Mandated by England Golf

We have adopted an England Golf approved Alcohol, Drugs and Anti-Doping Policy as part of the affiliation agreement with England Golf and reviewed and updated other general policies. Our England Golf SafeGolf accreditation has been renewed.

2024 RESULTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

County Championship	
Champion (Centenary Putter)	Eddie Vernon (Hollywood GC) (74 & 73)
Philip Padmore Trophy	Eddie Vernon (Hollywood GC)
Youth Champion	Tom Blizzard (Droitwich GC)
GD Carr Cup	Tom Godfrey (Fulford Heath GC) (72, 80 & 73)
Thomson-James Cup (A Teams)	Moseley GC
Jubilee Shield (B Teams)	Stourbridge GC

Senior County Championship	
Champion (Nevil Carroll Salver)	Bill Thompson (Kings Norton GC)
Runner Up	Darren Henn (Gaudet Luce GC)
Best Nett (Denis Hayes Salver)	Bill Thompson (Kings Norton GC)

Boys' County Championship	
Champion (Mansell Cup)	Mark Hewlett Jr (WG&CC)
Runner Up	Phil Krone (Moseley) GC
Best Nett (Rigbey Cup)	Harry Fall (Moseley GC)
U16 Champion (Brian Peplow Trophy)	Alex Perry (Gaudet Luce GC)
U14 Champion (Jim Gray Trophy)	Nicholas Campbell (Wharton Park GC)
Winning Club (Miram Salver)	Gaudet Luce GC

Worcestershire Open Championship	Not played
---	------------

Worcestershire Matchplay Championship	
Champion (Derek Greey Cup)	Eddie Vernon (Hollywood GC)
Runner Up	Steven Clarke (The Kidderminster GC)

Senior Matchplay Championship	
Champion (Senior Matchplay Salver)	Richard Tattersfield (Moseley GC)
Runner Up	Graham Wallace (Bransford GC)

Boys' Matchplay Championship	
Champion (John Fraser Cup)	Harry Evans (Gaudet Luce GC)
Runner Up	Tom Griffiths (Redditch GC)

Senior Fourball Championship	
Champions (Wharrad Jugs)	Mark Birchill & Richard Dilloway (Kings Norton GC)
Best Nett (Aberdovey Salvors)	

Redditch Trophy (Club Knockout)	
Winners	Halesowen GC
Runners Up	Hagley GC

Droitwich Shield (Club Knockout)	
Winners	Moseley GC
Runners Up	The Worcestershire GC

Kidderminster Cup (Club Knockout)	
Winners	The Worcestershire A

Runners Up	The Worcestershire B
------------	----------------------

R&A Salver (Club Knockout)	
Winners	Wharton Park GC
Runners Up	Little Lakes GC

Boulton Salver	
Winners	Callum Hutchinson & Alex Lockett (Kidderminster GC)
Runners Up	John Cullen & Alex Emms (Vale GC)

Brandhall Gold Vase	
Winners	Bromsgrove GC
Best Individual Nett Score (EGU Salver)	Andrew Lammas (Bransford GC)

Club Team Handicap Tournament	
Winning Team (Dave McDermott Bowl)	Hollywood GC
Individual Winner (Brenda Smith Cup)	Martin Sibley (Ombersley GC)

County Mixed Competition	
Mixed Salvors Winners	Becky & Bob Silverster (Redditch GC)
Runners Up	Ros & John Daws (Redditch GC)

Invitational	
Winners	Little Lakes GC
Runners Up	Kings Norton GC

Peter Adams Trophy	
Winners	Little Lakes GC
Winners Gross Trophy	Moseley GC
Presidents Shield (most 1st team pts)	Kieron Austin (Churchill & Blakedown GC)
Chandler Shield (most 2nd team pts)	James Bishop (WG&CC)
Bolton Shield (most Senior team pts)	Dave Marshall (Rose Hill GC)

Cunningham Trophy (most U18 Boys team pts)	Lewis Tolley (WG&CC)
---	----------------------

Bill Thompson Trophy (most U16 boys team pts)	Harry Evans (WG&CC)
--	---------------------

Senior Rookie of the Year	Mark Dunkley (Moseley GC)
----------------------------------	---------------------------

Worcestershire Boys Order of Merit	
John Moreton Trophy	Logan Lawless (Kings Norton GC)

In addition to the above County results there were many notable golfing achievements in 2024, including:	
Midland Boy's Amateur Champion	Mark Hewlett Jr (WG&CC)
Midland League 2nd Team Winners	
Midland Golf Union Boy's Order of Merit	Mark Hewlett Jr (WG&CC)
150 County appearances	Richard Sadler (Moseley GC)