



**Celebrating our 75th Anniversary
1945 - 2020**

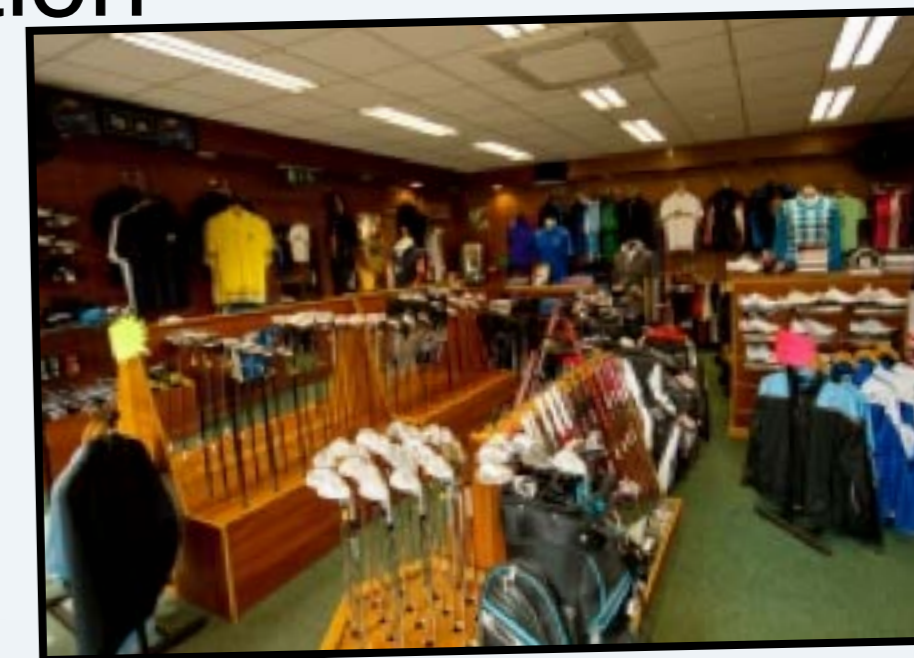
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The Golf Professional

The arrival of our professional Nigel Howley in 2004 marked a significant milestone in the club's history. This was a new departure for the club and what an asset Nigel has proven to be. He is a highly regarded professional, both in the Club and in GUI circles and is now an integral part of BGC. Plans to build a Pro shop, club offices and committee room followed. Construction started in 2007 and was completed in 2008. Since Nigel arrived at BGC his Assistant Professionals were Chris Cullen, Rory Dervin, Graham Sweeney and Ronan Higgins.



Nigel Howley PGA



The Pro Shop

Clubhouse development

In keeping with the development, the clubhouse was also refurbished recently. Firstly the windows were replaced and what a difference that made to the light and heat in the clubhouse. Secondly, the carpet and furniture received an upgrade and this added greatly to the ambience of the clubhouse itself. Thirdly, the snooker room was converted into a lounge area. This has proven to be an inspired move as this room has hosted music nights, parties and a room for societies' presentations.

Milverton

One of the major events that took place in the club occurred in the early years of the new millennium was an attempt by Treasury Holdings to acquire the lands of BGC and provide us with a new set-up at Milverton, 7km south of Balbriggan. An EGM was held and strong opinions were voiced on both sides. Eventually it was decided not to sell the club and as it transpired it was the right decision. This led on to the development of the course and what a huge and forward thinking development that was!

Under the watchful eyes of Captain Hugh Devlin and Martin Tully, we now have one of the best courses in Leinster, if not further afield, and it was finished approximately one year ahead of schedule. Since our upgraded course opened in 2010 it consistently features in the top 100 parkland courses in Ireland. Under the watchful eye of Course Superintendent Peter Byrne and his staff, a high standard of course presentation has been maintained since the newly designed course opened.

Night Time Golf at BGC in 2017

One of the most unusual social events that took place was the Night Time Golf. A novel idea, and a very popular one at that. It could be said that some play better golf in the dark than they do in the daylight!



With the Night Time Golf organiser are (L-R): Peter Slevin, James Roche, Padraig Masterson and Darragh Callaghan



(L-R): Sinead Walsh, Nessa Carter, Evelyn Whelan and Gillian Whelan

"Get into Golf"

The future for BGC looks bright and the club is making strenuous efforts to attract people to the club and of course to get them to stay. The 'Get into Golf' programme is very successful, due mainly to the wonderful work of the members who volunteer their time.



Ladies who have completed the "Get into Golf" programme.

