

Thank you for the opportunity to explain the management of the Ball Collectors at Plett CC.

The Ball Collector is an entity that has established itself at Plett CC for many years now. The Pro Shop has had an arrangement with the Club to purchase the second hand balls from the Ball Collectors, at a price based on the condition of the ball.

Gimme Golf took over the The Plett Pro Shop in October 2019 and changed the grading structure and pricing of each grade, with an increase as follows:

Before : 3 different Grades R0.50 / R2.00 / R5.00

Now : 3 different Grades increased to R1.00 / R3.00 / R8.00

It must be noted that we did not increase the selling price and kept it the same as our predecessor.

In January 20 we paid the following out R634 / R5790 / R14 648 = R21 072.00

In January 21 we paid the following out R718 / R6708 / R13 912 = R21 338.00

We started realising a change -

In April 21 we paid out R414 / R2322 / R4872 = R7608.00

In November 21 we paid R411 / R2190 / R6336 = R8937.00

When looking at these figures you will note that we pay more in the higher Grade and the perception that we pay them 'peanuts' is not true. It must also be noted that we covered 7 Ball Collectors through the lockdown, providing them with food parcels throughout. In addition to this, I introduced an incentive scheme where a collector will receive a pack of 'E Pap' for every 5th drop. Each collector will also receive a peanut butter paste on a daily basis when bringing their balls.

It is now unfortunate that we find ourselves short on balls and the collection of balls is now sold to a number of members and visitor alike either on the course, in the car park and or surrounding areas. This is not the best practice and could lead to unsafe behaviour on the course, not to mention a golf ball that has not been sanitised, which we do before selling it on to the golfer.

It will not take a genius to work out that this has a ripple effect on The Pro Shop and having no stock to sell to our member and visitor.

It is important that our members have a truthful understanding in how we look after the Ball Collectors and in the process that is used to assist all concerned.

Kind regards

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