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# GALVIN GREEN CLOTHING

How much of an impact can modern fibres in clothing have on your golf game? Four *Golf Monthly* readers visited the Belfry to find out what Galvin Green's latest range has to offer and if layering can provide added comfort and improved performance

While golf clubs have always benefited from research and development and the latest technology, golf clothing was never considered as something that would help your game. Recently opinions have changed and golf garments feature the latest fabric technology. These garments are designed to regulate your temperature out on the course and keep you comfortable in all conditions.

Photography Tom Miles

Four *Golf Monthly* readers were perfectly suited to try out a range of clothing designed to perform in a wide variety of conditions. They regularly play at one of the most northerly courses in Wales, Prestatyn, where wind is almost always a factor and dressing appropriately to suit conditions can be tricky. After being introduced to Galvin Green's range they all took a number of layers away with them to test out before offering their feedback.



The GM readers assess their Galvin Green gear

**GM READER  
LEE STANFIELD**

Age: 43 Handicap: 15

**PRODUCT: MARC AND MILOS  
VENTIL8 SHIRTS £69**

The range of Ventil8 shirts are part of the cool layer designed to transport moisture away from the skin. This is achieved twice as quickly than standard polyester shirts because the fibres disperse moisture over a large area, allowing it to evaporate at a quicker rate. This, combined with high levels of breathability, helps to keep the golfer cool and dry in hot conditions. The shirts feature anti-bacterial technology that keeps the garment smelling fresh. They are also designed to be lightweight and soft for added comfort.

**LEE'S REPORT...****Did you learn anything new when you were fitted for your garments?**

Learning about the multi-layer concept helped me understand what combined layers I should be looking to wear for different conditions. Having never worn a windstopper before I found it particularly interesting how breathable the Banks jacket was. It was lightweight and comfortable to wear as an alternative to the usual top layer.

**How did the clothing perform during your testing?**

I found the Ventil8 shirt material very comfortable and breathable in all weather. The Duke sleeveless jacket was perfect in combination with all the other Galvin Green garments. The multi-layering idea made it very easy to prepare for, and feel comfortable in, all weather conditions. When combined together, the clothing performed far superior to any other golf clothing I have worn. In particular, the Nick trousers were very comfortable and were lightweight on the course.

**GM READER  
MIKE THOMAS**

Age: 47 Handicap: 2

**PRODUCT: NICK TROUSERS £89**

The Nick trousers are made from 100% polyester that stretches as well as being soft and light to help provide a comfortable fit. Moisture wicking helps to keep the legs at a comfortable temperature, regardless of the weather conditions. The trousers are available in white, grey, red, blue and black. The fabric retains its size and shape after washing to maintain a 'new' feel.

**MIKE'S REPORT...****Did you learn anything new when you were fitted for your garments?**

I found that the unique design of the garments maintains body temperature, keeping warm air in, but still being breathable so that you don't overheat. It clearly incorporates the latest technology, and it combines a number of thin layers depending on the weather. At the same time it does not compromise the golf swing through restriction.

**How did the clothing perform during your testing?**

Being a member of a links course, all of the clothing has been put to the test during the last few weeks in the wind and rain! It's designed to be breathable and this certainly was the case, keeping me warm but at the same time not overheating. The trousers are lightweight and unrestrictive, essential for striking the ball and picking it out of the hole. The design means that three or four layers can be worn without restriction.

**GM READER  
MARK CROMPTON**

Age: 43 Handicap: 8

**PRODUCT: BANKS HALF ZIP  
WINDSTOPPER £119**

The Banks sits in Galvin Green's warm layer, which is designed to be lightweight and protect against wind chill. An ultra-thin membrane protects from the wind, but is also highly breathable to help keep the body at the optimum temperature. The fit of the lightweight Windstopper range is created in a way that should not interfere with the swing. They can be combined with Insula, Ventil8 and Skintight layers depending on conditions.

**MARK'S REPORT...****Did you learn anything new when you were fitted for your garments?**

I had read in magazines that Galvin Green clothing was light and breathable. I was told at the Belfry that this makes it comfortable to wear for long periods of time and easy to change if the rain comes out on the course. I was impressed by the wide range of choice on offer from the brand and the fact that different designs would appeal to young and old golfers.

**How did the clothing perform during your testing?**

The whole range we tested was comfortable and easy to play in. All of the garments are a lot more expensive than other brands, but I found that after a long period of testing, the quality is worth the extra cost. I was impressed by the flexibility on offer and the fact that the clothing didn't get in the way when swinging. Also, all of the items were very lightweight.

**READER TEST****GM READER  
COLIN BEVAN**

Age: 51 Handicap: 3

**PRODUCT: DIXON PULLOVER £89  
AND DUKE BODYWARMER £69**

Both the Dixon and the Duke fall into the Insula category. This layer is designed to keep the body warm and comfortable. It releases excess heat and moisture, but insulates the body and keeps out the cold. The design provides a snug fit in order to prevent interfering and keep the body warm. Built-in air chambers are warmed by the body heat and provide insulation for long periods of time.

**COLIN'S REPORT...****Did you learn anything new when you were fitted for your garments?**

I found it very interesting learning about how layering worked, as I don't like feeling 'bulked up' with thick clothing on the golf course. I play all year round, in the wind, rain, cold and heat and don't like to feel restricted. I find it quite difficult to know what to wear in different conditions. It was interesting to learn about how air is trapped between the layers and how you don't overheat.

**How did the clothing perform during your testing?**

The clothing was amazing. On the day of the test it was overcast, but muggy and warm. I would have worn shorts any other time, but it felt as though I didn't have any clothes on. A big plus for me was the grip band inside the trousers which keeps the shirt in place. I would normally mix and match different makes, but combining clothes from one brand worked really well.

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