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# AS TIME GOES BY

*Galvin Green, John Letters and Ping – examined!*

With the dreaded winter months around the corner, we caught up with a man who's been using waterproofs in tough conditions.

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**JONATHAN HERD 18 HCP**  
BISHOP'S STORTFORD GOLF CLUB  
**GALVIN GREEN ARN JACKET AND**  
**AUGUST TROUSERS £448**

I love the challenge of winter golf – but I've always scrimped a bit on waterproofs, thinking a £100 set would do the job. But in really awful weather, they don't perform. I read something in TG about Galvin

Green and after a month of playing solely in the rain, my £450 looks like money well-spent. Not only have I been bone dry, but my golf actually improved too. The ARN jacket is very quiet and extremely breathable. It's a lot of money to spend, but I feel much more confident that I am going to stay dry. A really good investment.

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**DRY DELIGHT**

I'd always thought Galvin Green's waterproofs were expensive, but having stayed bone dry after a month of playing solely in rain they were well worth the outlay.

**JOEL TADMAN 5 HCP**  
OUNDLE GOLF CLUB  
**PING S56 IRONS £100 EACH**



I used some lovely Mizuno MX-23 irons for ages, but I wanted to get more from my

game and invest in new technology. At first, I struggled to get consistency with the irons – they certainly aren't as forgiving as the Mizunos, but after three months of fairly intensive practice and play I've started to see the benefits. I love the penetrating ball flight and the amount of spin that even the long irons generate and, despite being slammed around in the boot of my old Astra, the heads still look good and well-maintained.



**MIKE MANNING 18 HCP**  
LEIGHTON BUZZARD GOLF CLUB  
**JOHN LETTERS MALLET £59.99**



I took part in the TG Putters Test earlier in the year and I loved this – and after a good couple of months with it, it's still in my bag. I like the simple, uncomplicated design. I find it well-balanced too, and I get solid feel at impact. The one thing I would say is that some of the paint has started to flake off, which doesn't seem to have affected my putting but it does somewhat spoil the overall appearance. But aside from that, this is a really good value-for-money putter that works well for this particular higher-handicapper!

