



Club Pros Since 1945

In 1949 George Johnson commenced a fifteen-year tenure when he was nominated for the Ryder Cup team at Ganton, only just missing out on final selection. When George departed in 1964, the club secured the services of Ted Large.

Ted arrived with an excellent reputation as a tournament player, coach and club professional and lived up to his promise. In 1964 he won the Staffordshire Open and then in 1966 and 1967 consecutive Staffordshire Professional Championships.

Ted stayed until 1976 and Jim Rhodes took on the role permanently in 1980. Having worked at Beaudesert Golf Club, Jim was well known to the Midlands golfing fraternity with several wins in Midland professional tournaments. After arriving at South Staffs he claimed further victories in the Staffordshire Open Championship and the Staffordshire Match Play Championship which he claimed three times. He was voted Midland PGA Player of the decade in 1987 the year in which he won the European Club Professionals' Championship in Holland.

In 1998 Jim left to pursue a full-time career on the European Seniors Tour and the Club engaged the services of ex European Tour Professional and Ryder Cup player Peter Baker.

Peter Baker Golf Academy