

## Great Golf and Great Value

So says Dave Rafferty, Captain of Balcarrick Golf Club.

Situated in Corballis, Donabate, Co. Dublin, this award-winning course is only minutes from the airport and at 5,990 meters in length off the “regular” tees, presents a fair but challenging test for golfers of all abilities.

At the moment, says Dave, we have some fantastic offers on green fees and membership.

We offer a great value golf experience at any time outside of competition times for €20, including all day breakfast or breakfast bap or soup/sandwich combo (or €10 for golf only early bird or twilight times).

Full details of green fee and membership rates are on our website: [www.balcarrickgolfclub.com](http://www.balcarrickgolfclub.com).

A limited number of new memberships is also available with no joining fee - all you pay is the annual subscription (with sliding scale reductions if you join part way through the year).

For example, the cost September – December 2010 for a 7 day member is just €500 and €337 for a 5 day member. This also includes GUI membership and insurance cover. Special staggered payment options are available at no extra cost. Other attractive rates for Sept. – Dec. are available for families (10% discount for 2<sup>nd</sup> member), juniors, 3<sup>rd</sup> level students up to age 28 (€178), under 26s (€300), 26 – 28 (€375), Overseas (€135) and Country (€154) members.

Apart from a superb course, Balcarrick has a modern clubhouse (upgrade to showers / toilets will begin shortly) and ample car parking. Members can avail of on-line booking to reserve tee-times. The club also has a fully stocked pro shop and resident GUI professional, Stephen Rayfus, and his assistants are always on hand to offer advice and help in any way they can. The club has its own practice area and putting green, while golf lessons are available at a reasonable cost. Buggies and trolleys can also be hired.

For those who like to know the exact distance for their next shot, the course has been fully digitised and the use of GPS distance finders is permitted.

Financially, the club is in good shape. According to Dave, many clubs have borrowed heavily and spent extravagantly in the good times. Some of these clubs now have loans of several million euro and all new members automatically become liable for these debts on joining. Thankfully, says Dave, we resisted the temptation to overspend and the club continues to benefit from prudent financial management both in the past and in future years.

Balcarrick is an 18 hole, par 73 course with water hazards on 14 holes and an abundance of wildlife.

It is owned and run by its members, having been founded originally in 1972 and its redevelopment in 2007/8 has received international recognition.

We have a very active Junior section and won the Andy Desmond Trophy in May 2010.

The club also has a very active ladies section and lady captain and this year initiated a successful coaching programme to encourage both beginner ladies and men into golf.

There's never been a better time to join says captain, Dave Rafferty. Apart from everything else, we're a friendly club. And with such fantastic offers available you're winning all the way. So why not give us a try? You'll be glad you did.

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