

Balcarrick Golf Club

Men's Club – Hon. Secretary's Report 2018

On behalf of Captain James Daly here is a brief report of the Men's Club activities during this year.

Election of Officers and Committee

The following members were elected as Officers and Committee at the A. G. M. of the Men's Club on November 20th. 2016. The names of those proposed for Committee were listed by Anthony Manning. All those nominated were elected

President	Christy O Driscoll
Captain	James Daly
Vice-Captain	Jim Robertson
Hon. Secretary	Anthony Manning
Ex Officio	Anthony Manning
Committee	Billy O'Hara
Committee	Gerry Dowling
Committee	Willie Killeen
Committee	Seamus Mc Donnell
Committee	Philip Higgins
Committee	Jim Robertson
Committee	Austin Seagrave
Committee	Paul Byrne

Membership

I am delighted to take this opportunity to officially welcome the many new members who joined our Club this year as a result of an extensive recruitment campaign by the Officers and Committee. I hope your decision to join Balcarrick is proving a satisfactory and enjoyable one, should you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Committee.

Full Male Members	206
5 Day Members	98
Senior Cat 3 (75+)	6
Senior Cat 2 (65 – 69)	21
Senior Cat 4 (70 – 74)	1
Senior Cat 1	48
Under 26	12

Finance

The Men's competition income amounted to €126,000 a decrease of €10,000 on 2017. This Included income from Sunday Opens which produced €13,000, a €2,500 increase on the previous year. This provided valuable revenue for the club this year. Prizes and vouchers amounted to €30,000 a surplus to the Club of €96,000. This surplus is an important part of the Club's revenue.

Cash sponsorship of competitions by various members during the year was €1,000. This sponsorship is greatly appreciated by the Captain and Committee.

Golf

This year Balcarrick Golf Club had the honour of hosting the Barton Shield in May. The event was a very successful 2 days. This was due to a lot of hard work by the staff of Balcarrick Golf Club and indeed by many members. We received letters of thanks and congratulations from visiting Captain's and team captain's as well as the GUI.

Our own team did us very proud in reaching the latter stages of the competition.

I would like to thank all the players who represented Balcarrick in the various inter-club competitions during the year and of course the team managers who give so generously of their time.

A big thank you to Niall Foley our overall Inter Club team manager.

Congratulations to all the winners of the Balcarrick match play competitions singles, fourball & foursomes. This year the club championship was played over a weekend with a play off the following weekend between the top group of players.

A huge congratulations is due to Gavin Fitzmaurice who lowered the course record to 67, while winning the Medal on the 18th of August.

The Captain wishes to express his gratitude to our Handicap & Competitions Secretary Gerry Dowling and able assistants Philip Higgins & Seamus McDonnell for their efficient management of competitions and prompt posting of results.

Course

It can clearly be seen that because of the funding invested in the Course in previous years that it is has matured into a course comparable and indeed better than the best around.

Martin and his team continue as usual to maintain the course in excellent condition. Martin was very tested this year due to the long dry spell. He was unhappy to see that the 1st, 2nd & 3rd fairways were slow to recover but is waiting till spring so that he can continue to work on these. The bunkers were a challenge during the dry spell also but with recently added sand and some repair work over the winter he hopes to get them into excellent condition.

Our course was the main source of a lot of the praise received over the weekend of the Barton Shield. We are very thankful for having such a great course to play on each week.

A big thank you is also due to the group of volunteer members who do excellent work cutting back brambles and bushes on the course and at the entrance to the car park.

Pro shop

Stephen and Ed continue to provide an excellent service to the members in the Pro Shop. Sadly Stephen was sorely tested this year due to illness and it's been great to see him back over recent months. A huge thanks must go to all members who helped out in the Pro Shop during Stephen's illness.

I would like to wish Stephen a full recovery in the near future.

The Office

I would like to thank Patricia Fennelly, our Office Administrator for her help and guidance to me during my year as Secretary. Her knowledge of the internal operations of the Club and her efficient work ethic is invaluable to Balcarrick.

Fundraising

Captain James wishes to thank Gerry Mulholland for organising and coordinating the weekly Lotto, the Christmas Raffle and the Annual Jack Collins Memorial Day. He also wishes to thank Pat Cluxton for organising the "Nine & Dines" during the year which proves to be a valuable fundraiser for our Club.

These events realise significant revenue for Balcarrick Golf Club and I would encourage all members to support these fundraisers in the coming year.

Looking Forward

The Captain and Committee will continue to work unceasingly to increase the membership of Balcarrick Golf Club in 2018, enabling us to develop our course and facilities even further.

Finally

The A. G. M. of the Men's Club takes place on Sunday 19th. November please make a special effort to be there and make your voice heard.

Yours in Golf

Gerry Dowling

Hon. Secretary.