



INTRODUCTION TO BALCARRICK FOR FOR NEW MEMBERS



January 2017

The 2017 Captains and Committees are delighted to welcome you to Balcarrick Golf Club. We are confident that you will be happy with your decision to join us and hope that you will soon feel “at home” among us. We have put together some information that might be useful to you. If there is anything else you need to know, or if you feel there are other areas that could have been covered, we would be delighted to hear from you.

In the meantime we wish you very enjoyable golf in Balcarrick.

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Office Hours: (with some exceptions)	Monday	09.30 – 17.00
	Tuesday	09.30 – 17.00
	Thursday	09.30 – 17.00

As a member you should receive a tag for your bag and a 2017 sticker. You will also need the code to the relevant locker room.

Pro shop:

Club Professional: Stephen Ennis. Contact details: 01 843 6957 (dial 1);

Mobile: 087 2248398; <http://stephenennisgolf.com/>

Assistant Pro: Iarlaith Keane.

Dearbhla Behan is also providing coaching concentrating on Ladies and Junior coaching.

Coaching may take place either out in the 300 yard practice area or indoors in the Learning Centre with access to Trackman technology.

Restaurant/Bar:

The 19th Hole

Jacinta leads the catering team. 01 843 6957 (dial 2);

Joint Committee

President : Christy O'Driscoll
Captain : Anthony Manning
Lady Captain : Louise Stirling
Vice Captain : James Daly
Lady Vice Captain : Bridie Johnston
Honorary Secretary/
Ex Officio: Gerry Dowling
Honorary Treasurer : Neil Stirling
Séamus McDonnell
Philip Higgins
Willie Killeen
Teresa Ranson
Jackie Connolly
Stewy Mangan
Jim Robertson
Bill O'Hara

Mens Committee

President : Christy O'Driscoll
Captain : Anthony Manning
Vice Captain : James Daly
Honorary Secretary/
Ex Officio: Gerry Dowling
Séamus McDonnell (Match &
Handicap Secretary)
Philip Higgins
Willie Killeen
Stewy Mangan
Jim Robertson
Bill O'Hara

Ladies Committee

Lady Captain : Louise Stirling
Lady Vice Captain : Bridie Johnston
Hon. Secretary: Laura O'Farrell
Hon. Treasurer : Sheila Rafter
Handicap/Competition Secretary:
Jackie Connolly
Ex officio : Teresa Ranson
Paula McCaughan
Mary Murphy

The Joint Committee runs the club in all matters that are not related to golf/golf competitions. These are run by the relevant Mens/Ladies Committee.

Competitions and Timesheets

Men

Weekly competitions are run each Saturday and Sunday and there are also Opens on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.

The Tuesday competition is a Seniors Open.

Currently the age categories are

Under 50: A: Over 50 and under 60; B: Over 60 and under 70; C: 70 and over.

Ladies

Weekly competitions take place each Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday (Open).

Weekend competitions are run simultaneously and a member can sign a card for either competition.

Booking System

The club uses the BRS online booking system but for last-minute entries or any problems please contact the pro shop: 01 843 6957 (dial 1)

The online system is accessed with a member number and password. Saturday competitions are opened a week in advance. Booking each Saturday for the following Saturday is limited to clubhouse access until 4pm when it becomes available off site. A member cannot book more than one line for each competition.

Booking for Opens becomes available two weeks ahead of the event.

Competition entry fees are €6 for weekly competitions and €8 for medals.

Tuesday/Thursday Opens: Guests with a member €12; Visitors €17.

Sunday Open: Members €6; Visitors €20.

Results are posted on the results page of the website. Prizes for weekly competitions, if in the form of club vouchers, can be used in the Pro shop, against an annual sub or used in the bar. (Winners need to make their choice known in the pro shop). Prizes for majors are presented either on the day itself or at a subsequent prize-giving event.

Calendar of events

The diary of events starts with the Drive-In usually (weather permitting) on the first Saturday in February. All members are invited to a team event either in the morning or the afternoon with the presentation of blazers in the clubhouse taking place in the interval between. The Captains then drive off from the 3rd tee box at the start of the afternoon competition.

The St. Patrick's Day Cup is the first major of the year and gets the season off in earnest. A number of Monthly Medal competitions are held during the season. The President's Prize, the Captain's Day and Lady Captain's Day are held in the June to August period. There is also the Peter Dunne Trophy (Men) and the Ann McMullan Trophy (Ladies) along with an annual Captains' Charities Day and the Jack Collins Team Fundraiser to name but a few. The Events page on the website will provide the up-to-date information on the events taking place.

Bank Holiday Opens

Opens are generally run on each of the three days of a Bank Holiday weekend. The traditional format is for team events on Saturdays and Mondays with a Singles event on Sundays (subject to change).

Interclub Competitions

The club enters teams in a number of competitions - usually the following:

Mens: FBD Barton Cup, AIG - Senior Cup, Junior Cup, Barton Shield, Pierce Purcell Shield and Jimmy Bruen Shield.

Ladies: AIG – Intermediate, Minor and Challenge Cups; Junior Foursomes; Revive Active Fourball and Fingal Seniors (the latter won in both 2014 and 2015).

Mixed: Irish Mixed Foursomes and O’Grady Cup.

Watch the locker room notice boards for information on how to show your interest in representing the club.

Club Matchplay Competitions

Matchplay competitions are held for the following: Ladies Singles, Mens Singles, Mens Fourball, and Mixed Fourball.

Social events

A number of social events are held throughout the year. A 9 & Dine is held on a number of these Fridays and has been a great success. The entry fee covers the competition, some food and then a table quiz. A 9-hole team competition will run on the other Friday evenings from April to September.

The Captains’ Days are followed by Dinners and there are also end of year Captains’ dinners.

The Lady members also enjoy two very sociable lunches each year – the Summer Lunch in June and the Christmas Lunch in December. Each of these is preceded by a 9-hole team event.

Clubhouse

Locker room access is by way of a code which will be changed from time to time.

Competition scores must be entered in one of the two computers in the main entrance area. Only the last four digits of your membership number and appropriate competition are required to pull up your scorecard.

A range of dining options is available in the clubhouse from bar food to a full meal. When you’ve finished your round after a very enjoyable 18 holes why not complete your golfing day by spending some time in the clubhouse over a bite, a cuppa or a drink? That way there’ll be an opportunity to chat about anything and everything and to get to know each other better!

Course etiquette

Players are asked to take one of the bags of sand available at the first tee box.

Please replace divots, rake bunkers and repair pitch marks. Rakes should be left **in** bunkers.

Trolleys are not allowed on tee boxes and buggies must stop away from each green.

If there's a chance that someone is in danger remember to shout FORE!

Except in case of emergency mobile phones are not allowed on the golf course.

If more than a hole has been lost on the group in front the following group is to be let through.

If you stray onto a hole other than the one in play remember to give right of way to those playing it.

Respecting course etiquette is to everyone's benefit. Enjoy your round!



Balcarrick – the home of great golf!