

Balcarrick Golf Club

Joint Club – Hon. Secretary's Report 2017

On behalf of Captain Anthony Manning outlined below is a brief report of the Joint Club activities during this year.

I commence this report by extending the members sympathies to the families of 1992 Captain John Hancox and Maureen Mead a successful manager of ladies inter club teams.

Election of Officers and Committee

The following members were elected as Officers and Committee at the A. G. M. of the Joint Club on November 27th. 2016. The names of those proposed for Committee were listed as follows and all those nominated were elected.

President	Christy O Driscoll
Captain	Anthony Manning
Lady Captain	Louise Stirling
Vice Captain	James Daly
Lady Vice Captain	Bridie Johnston
Hon. Secretary	Gerry Dowling
Hon. Treasurer	Neil Stirling
Ex Officio	Gerry Dowling
Committee	Teresa Ranson
Committee	Seamus Mc Donnell
Committee	Bridie Johnston
Committee	Jacqueline Connolly
Committee	Jim Robertson
Committee	Philip Higgins
Committee	Willie Killeen
Committee	Willie O'Hara

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	213
5 Day Male Members	86
Full Lady Members	37
5 Day Lady Members	5
Senior Lady Cat.(4) 70 – 74	3
Senior Lady Cat. (2) 65 - 69	3
Senior Cat. Men (3) 75+	12
Senior Cat. Men(2) 65 – 69	16
Senior Cat. Men(4) 70 – 74	2
Senior Cat. Men (1)	56
Senior Cat. Lady (1)	6
5/10 Year	11
Under 26	4
Under 30	3
Junior 20/22	9
Junior 18/19	5
Juvenile(12-18 Years)	7
Honorary Members	18
Country	2
Overseas	2
Total	500

18 Members have been granted Leave of absence during the year

Golf

In June this year Balcarrick again hosted club the Dublin Region for the “ Ladies in Golf Day”. This was an International event and it provided a great opportunity to promote the course and club facilities. The club was also the venue for a number GUI/IGUL tournaments.

A thank you to all those who helped make them a very successful event.

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.

Congratulations to the winners of the Balcarrick match play competitions singles, four-ball, foursomes and the mixed foursomes. The Captain and Lady Captain wish to thank the Men’s and Ladies Handicap / Competition Secretaries for organising these Competitions and their prompt posting of results throughout the year.

The Club

On Saturday 30th September the club members enjoyed at great time celebrating the 25th anniversary of the move to the new course. Congratulations to all the winners in the two shotgun start competitions and we look forward to our clubs 50th anniversary in a few years time.

Course

This year most of the machinery used to keep the fairways, rough and bunkers in condition were replaced and the results of this investment are clear to see as the course has matured in to one of the best all year-round courses.

Martin and his staff endeavour to maintain the course in prime condition and the benefit of purchasing a new fairway mower this year is clear in the excellent condition of the fairways throughout the year.

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 recently at the entrance to the car park.

Pro shop

Stephen continues to provide an excellent service to the members and in addition his professionalism with visiting societies and guests to the course is greatly appreciated.

The Learning Centre is proving very successful and it is an excellent facility on our door step.

The Office

I would like to thank Patricia Fennelly 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

A big thank you to Gerry Mulholland for organising and coordinating the weekly Lotto, the Christmas Raffle and the Annual Jack Collins Memorial Day. These events realise significant revenue for Balcarrick Golf Club.

We also thank Pat & Clare Cluxton for organising the ever popular monthly 9 and Dine events. The 9NDine events include Golf, Supper and a Quiz and are held from April to September and encourage golfers and non-golfers participation. Surplus funds generated are donated to the club each year.

Thanks also to members who during the year very generously sponsored competition prize.

Looking Forward

The Captain and the 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.

Yours in Golf

Gerry Dowling

Hon. Secretary.