

Balcarrick Golf Club

Joint Club – Hon. Secretary's Report 2016

On behalf of Captain Gerry Dowling, outlined below is a brief report of the Joint Club activities during this year.

Unfortunately, I commence this report on a very sad note for our Club when we all recall the untimely death during the year of our 2013 Captain Ray Crilly.

Ray bore his illness with great dignity and courage, he is sadly missed here in Balcarrick by his wide circle of friends and his regular playing partners.

The members extend their sympathies to his wife Sheila and his family.

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 29th. 2015. The names of those proposed for Committee were listed by Christy O Driscoll Captain. All those nominated were elected

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

Paul Wright was co-opted onto the Joint committee in January

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	235
5 Day Male Members	90
Full Lady Members	37
5 Day Lady Members	5
Senior Lady Cat.(4) 70 – 74	3
Senior Lady Cat. (2) 65 - 69	4
Senior Cat. Men (3) 75+	9
Senior Cat. Men(2) 65 – 69	11
Senior Cat. Men(4) 70 – 74	1
Senior Cat. Men (1)	60
Senior Cat. Lady (1)	5
Under 26	6
Under 30	1
Honorary Members	18
Overseas	2
Total	508

18 Members have been granted Leave of absence during the year

Golf

In June this year Balcarrick was honoured to be chosen as the host club representing 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.

Furthermore this year the Club hosted the Irish Boys under 14 tournament and a big thank you is due to all those who helped make it 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.

A special word of congratulations to the Barton Cup team and their Manager Joe Hughes who lost out by the narrowest of margins to Headford taking them to the 18th. hole in the last match of the Leinster semi- final.

Also congratulations to the Ladies who were challenging for a record three in a row in the Ladies Fingal Seniors only losing out narrowly to Skerries in the final.

Well done to Lady Captain Teresa and Lady Vice Captain Louise on reaching the Final of the Australian Spoons which took place in Beech Park Golf Club.

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

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.

Course

It is clearly evident as a result 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 staff endeavour to maintain the course in prime condition and the benefit of purchasing a new fairway mower this year is clearly evident 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. He is ably assisted in the efficient functioning of the pro shop by Iarlaith.

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

The Office

On a personal note I wish 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.

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 2017, enabling us to develop our course and facilities even further.

Yours in Golf

James Daly

Hon. Secretary.

