

Balcarrick Golf Club

Men's Club – Hon. Secretary's Report 2017

On behalf of Captain Anthony Manning outlined below 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 Gerry Dowling. All those nominated were elected

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

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
Senior Cat. 3 75+	12
Senior Cat. 2 65 – 69	16
Senior Cat. 4 70 – 74	3
Senior Cat. 1	56
Under 26	4

Under 30	3
Honorary Members	18
Overseas	2
Total	410

Finance

The Men's competition income amounted to €133,234 an increase of €19,266 on 2016. This included income from Sunday Opens which produced €10,540 of revenue for the club this year. This is becoming a significant part of Club's ancillary revenue. Prizes and vouchers amounted to €27,431 a surplus to the Club of €105,803. This surplus is an important part of the Club's revenue.

Cash sponsorship of competitions by various members during the year was €878. This sponsorship is greatly appreciated by the Captain and Committee.

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.

Golf

This year Balcarrick was privileged to host the Fingal Seniors Final and the GUI run Secondary Schools tournament a big thank you is due 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.

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.

The Captain wishes to express his gratitude to Seamus McDonnell Handicap & Competitions Secretary and able assistants 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 pristine 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.

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

Captain Anthony wishes to thank 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.

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.

