

Balcarrick Golf Club

Ladies AGM 14th November 2018 Honorary Secretary's Report

Good afternoon ladies, on behalf of Lady Captain Bridie and our committee, I would like to welcome you to our 2018 AGM, and to present my report on the activities of the Ladies section of Balcarrick Golf Club.

The Officers and Ladies' committee members of 2018 were as follows:

Lady Captain	Bridie Johnston
Lady Vice Captain	Laura O'Farrell
Ex Officio	Louise Stirling
Hon. Secretary	Una Campbell
Hon. Treasurer	Sheila Rafter
Hon. Handicap Secretary/ Competition Secretary	Jacqueline Connolly
Committee Member	Mary Murphy Fiona Donnellan
One Governing Body Liaison Officer	Louise Stirling

THE COMMITTEE:

I think you will all agree that our Lady Captain did an amazing job this year. She excelled at representing and promoting the club throughout the year. Her organizational skills and her knowledge are second to none. We thank her for all her hard work and dedication.

Our Lady Vice Captain Laura also did an outstanding job this year. She represented the club at various ILGU meetings and was a wonderful help and support to our Lady Captain Bridie during the year.

Our Treasurer Sheila Rafter kept us all in line and did a great job. Thank you, Sheila.

Our Competition & Handicap Secretary Jackie Connolly organized our competitions throughout the year with all the work that that entails, liaising with ILGU re handicaps and other queries which arise from time to time. Thank you, Jackie.

The Committee would not have operated so successfully without Committee Members, Mary Murphy and Fiona Donnellan. Thank you both. I would also like to thank Ex Officio, Louise Stirling, who was a mine of information and a valued help to the Committee. Thank you, Louise for all your hard work and dedication. Louise will be stepping down from the Committee at the end of this year.

The Ladies Committee met on the 2nd Wednesday of every month, and there were often extra meetings arranged to organize upcoming events.

The club was represented at the following ILGU meetings:

- AGM: Saturday 27th January, attended by Lady Captain, Lady Vice Captain and Ex Officio, Louise Stirling
- Hon Secretaries: Saturday 3rd February (Morning) attended by Una Campbell
- Competition/Handicap Secretaries: 3rd February (Morning and Afternoon) by Jacqueline Connolly

OVERVIEW OF THE YEAR:

The Spring League Competition on the 20th January which was good fun, a great success and enjoyed by all.

The Captains' Drive-In took place on Saturday 3rd February which was a great success with large numbers of club members wishing Lady Captain Bridie good luck for the year ahead.

March brought the St. Patrick's Day cup which was won by Jacqueline Connolly.

The Australian Spoons Trophy was played on the Wednesday 25th and Saturday 28th April in Balcarrick. This was won by Marlene Kennedy and Sheila Crilly. They went on to represent the club at the East Leinster District Finals which took place on Monday 13th August at Black Bush GC but unfortunately, they did not qualify for the All Ireland Finals.

April was the start of the 'Get into Golf' programme which began on

16th April and continued until the finale on Monday 16th June. With the help of the golf 'buddies', Monday evenings continued throughout the Summer months much to the delight of the ladies who had signed up for the GIG programme.

Our Past Captains' Memorial competition took place on Wednesday 16th and Saturday 19th May and was won by Fiona Donnellan. This was sponsored by Patsy McCarthy and Anne Byrne.

Our Ladies Open, took place on Wednesday 13th June. It was very well supported with 86 ladies playing and beautiful prizes sponsored by Blue Moon and presented by Lady Captain Bridie to the winning teams. On the 17th June we hosted the ILGU Cups and Shields. On the 27th June we had our Summer Lunch organized as always by Brenda Hayes. It was a great day. Delicious food and great atmosphere. Thank you, Brenda.

On Wednesday 11th July, we held our Lady Captain's Prize to the 5-day Ladies and on Saturday 14th July to the 7-day Ladies. In total 44 ladies played in brilliant sunshine on both days. The prizes were fantastic. Congratulations to the winners, with special congratulations to the overall winner Linda Sherlock (7-day ladies) and Linda Wagner (5-day ladies).

20th August took us to Tulfarris Hotel/Golf Club, for Lady Captain's away day. The weather continued to shine with some great golf played and a wonderful evening was enjoyed by all.

Inter Club Competitions:

The Challenge cup were beaten in their first-round match by Clontarf in Sutton. The Minor Cup were beaten in the first round by Clontarf in Skerries. The Irish Mixed won their 1st round match but lost to St. Anne's in the 2nd round. The Junior Foursomes won their 1st and 2nd round matches but sadly lost their 3rd round match to Balbriggan on the 18th hole. The Revive Active team won their 1st round match but lost to Roganstown in the 2nd round. The Fingal Seniors played all five rounds and made it to the Final in Donabate GC. It went down to the "wire" but sadly we lost to Clontarf. Well done ladies.

Congratulations to all the ladies who took part in all the Inter Club competitions and the Fingal Seniors and thanks to the ladies for putting their names forward.

Many thanks to the following managers who gave their time to organize teams and attend the matches: Anne Byrne, Sheila Crilly, Dolores Murphy, Teresa Ranson, Louise Stirling, Aileen James and Mary Connor.

Major Prize Winners of the Club in 2018:

The Competition Secretary will present her report in more detail, but special congratulations are due to the following:

- St. Patrick's Day Cup – Jacqueline Connolly
- Past Lady Captains' Memorial – Fiona Donnellan
- Lady Captain's Overall Prize – Linda Sherlock (7-day Ladies), Linda Wagner (5-day Ladies)
- Medal Winners: Sheila Crilly (2), Jacqueline Connolly, Patricia Daly, Eileen Waters and Rita McNally.
- Matchplay Winners: Singles Competition: Grace Conway
- Mixed Matchplay Winners: Doris Kilroy and Paul Byrne.
- Ladies Fourball Matchplay Winners: Grace Conway and Una Campbell
- Club Championship: Bernie King

Acknowledgements:

On behalf of the Lady Captain and Committee I would like to thank the following who sponsored competitions during the year.

Medals: Lady Captain Bridie, Lady Vice Captain Laura, Louise Stirling, Mary Murphy, Fiona Donnellan, Una Campbell.

Team Events Sponsors:

March - Three Lady Team, Lady Captain Bridie; Singles competition, Anne Dynes, Kay McClean & Paula McCaughan.

April – Two Lady Team, Patricia Maguire, Patricia Daly, Maura McConnell

May – Past Captains' Memorial Prize, Anne Byrne and Patsy McCarthy

June - Open Day, Three Lady Team, Sponsor Blue Moon sourced by Aileen James

July – Two Lady Team, Jackie Connolly, Sheila Rafter

August – Three Lady Team, Dolores Murphy, Betty Reilly, Brenda Hayes

September – Three Lady Team, Lady Captain Bridie

October – Two Lady Team, Teresa Ranson; Singles Competition, Louise Stirling

November – 9 Hole Team Event (3 Lady Team), Lady Captain Bridie

Flowers, Hanging Baskets, Planter Boxes and additional Lady Captain's Day expenses such as wine reception and table wine at dinner and decorative balloons: Anne Byrne, Patsy McCarthy, Mary Connor, Una Campbell, Grace Conway, Louise Stirling, Carmel Carton, Patricia Maguire, Nina Tierney, Dolores Murphy, Aileen James, Pauline Melinn, Rita McNally, Sheila Rafter.

Also, a word of thanks to Paula for her hard work in making up the Christmas hampers.

Also, thank you, to all the ladies who adopted a pot and cared for them during the Summer months which was hard work and time consuming. I'm sure you will agree the club surroundings looked spectacular with the beautiful colour from both the hanging baskets and flower pots.

Thanks to the ladies who volunteered to be golf “buddies” in the ‘Get Into Golf Programme’ your help was a valuable contribution to this programme. Thank you.

Many thanks to Patricia our Office Administrator, who greatly contributes to the smooth running of the Club. Martin Sheridan and his greenkeeping team, for keeping the course in such good order. Thanks also to Stephen Ennis our club Professional who was helped this year by Ed Martin. It’s wonderful to see Stephen back after his health scare earlier in the year. Last but not least, Jacinta and her staff, Alice, Rachel, Fatima, and the kitchen team (some of whom we don’t see very much). We enjoyed the good food and your good service. Thank you.

I think you will agree, 2018 was a good year, not without challenges which we continue to tackle with the great support of our committee and our members. Again, a big word of thanks to Bridie for all her hard work throughout the year. We wish Laura the very best for 2019 and we look forward to working with her during the year.

Signed: Una Campbell
Hon Secretary