

Balcarrick Golf Club

Joint Club – Hon. Secretary's Report 2018

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

I commence this report by extending my sympathy to any members who lost family or friends during the year.

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 2017. The names of those proposed for Committee were listed as follows and all those nominated were elected.

President	Christy O Driscoll
Captain	James Daly
Lady Captain	Bridie Johnson
Vice Captain	Jim Robertson
Lady Vice Captain	Laura O Farrell
Hon. Secretary	Anthony Manning
Hon. Treasurer	Seamus McDonnell
Ex Officio	Anthony Manning
Committee	Teresa Ranson
Committee	Seamus Mc Donnell
Committee	Louise Stirling
Committee	Austin Seagrave
Committee	Jim Robertson
Committee	Philip Higgins
Committee	Willie Killeen
Committee	Willie O'Hara
Committee	Paul Byrne

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	204
5 Day Male Members	98
Full Lady Members	40
5 Day Lady Members	6
Senior Lady Cat.(4) 70 – 74	3
Senior Lady Cat. (2) 65 - 69	4
Senior Cat. Men (3) 75+	5
Senior Cat. Men(2) 65 – 69	21
Senior Cat. Men(4) 70 – 74	1
Senior Cat. Men (1)	53
Senior Cat. Lady (1)	6
5/10 Year	11
Under 26	5
Under 30	0
Junior 20/22	5
Junior 19/21	3
Juvenile(12 - 18 Years)	7
Honorary Members	18
Country	2
Overseas	2
Total	494

Golf

This year Balcarrick Golf Club had the honour of hosting the Barton Shield in May. The event was a very successful 2 days. This was due to a lot of hard work by the staff of Balcarrick Golf Club and indeed by many members. We received letters of thanks and congratulations from visiting Captain's and team captain's as well as the GUI.

Our own team did us very proud in reaching the latter stages of the competition.

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. The highlight of the year was the great run our Senior Ladies had in reaching the Final of the Fingals Senior League. Unfortunately they lost out to Clontarf GC in the final 3-2, but should take great pride in their achievements this year.

A big thank you to all our overall Inter Club team managers for all their hard work and diligence in organising their teams.

A huge congratulations is due to Gavin Fitzmaurice who lowered the course record to 67, while winning the Medal on the 18th of August.

Congratulations to the winners of the Balcarrick match play competitions singles, four-ball, foursomes and the mixed foursomes. The Captain James and Lady Captain Bridie 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 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 excellent condition. Martin was very tested this year due to the long dry spell. He was unhappy to see that the 1st, 2nd & 3rd fairways were slow to recover but is waiting till spring so that he can continue to work on these. The bunkers were a challenge during the dry spell also but with recently added sand and some repair work over the winter he hopes to get them into excellent condition.

Our course was the main source of a lot of the praise received over the weekend of the Barton Shield. We are very thankful for having such a great course to play on each week.

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 at the entrance to the car park. We also thanks the many members who looked after flowers surrounding our clubhouse and course. Thanks also to the many members who have done work around our clubhouse saving the club vital finances and maintaining that our clubhouse looks well.

Pro shop

Stephen and Ed continue to provide an excellent service to the members in the Pro Shop. Sadly Stephen was sorely tested this year due to illness and it's been great to see him back over recent months. A huge thanks must go to all members who helped out in the Pro Shop during Stephen's illness.

I would like to wish Stephen a full recovery in the near future.

The Office

I would like to thank Patricia Fennelly, our 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. As we know Patricia changed her working hours to working 5 mornings a week. She continues to be a great help to me as Hon Sec for our club.

Fundraising

Captain James wishes to thank Gerry Mulholland for organising and coordinating the weekly Lotto, the Christmas Raffle and the Annual Jack Collins Memorial Day. He also wishes to thank Pat & Claire Cluxton for organising the "Nine & Dines" during the year which proves to be a valuable fundraiser for our Club.

The Captain acknowledges the great work done by George Harbourne in getting sponsorship for our Tee boxes. Indeed if there are any members who would be in a position to organise more tee box sponsorship, the Club would be very grateful.

We as a club are also supported by many different members who sponsor medal competitions and teams, thanks to the many different members involved.

These events realise significant revenue for Balcarrick Golf Club and I would encourage all members to support these fundraisers in the coming year.

Looking Forward

The Captain and the Committee will continue to work unceasingly to increase the membership of Balcarrick Golf Club in 2019, enabling us to develop our course and facilities even further. I wish Laura and Jim the best of luck with their Captain's year,

Yours in Golf

Anthony Manning

Hon. Secretary

