

CARTON HOUSE MEN'S GOLF CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT 2017



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2017 Committee

- ▶ The Committee elected at the AGM on the 6th February 2017 were:
 - ▶ Paul Hanly - Captain
 - ▶ Tom Healy - Vice Captain
 - ▶ Des Kavanagh - Treasurer
 - ▶ Eugene Sheehan - Finance Committee
 - ▶ John Walsh - Secretary
 - ▶ Paul Mullarkey - Handicap Secretary
 - ▶ Pat Doyle - Competition Secretary
 - ▶ James O Loughlin - Competition Committee
 - ▶ Joe Lavin - Inter Club
 - ▶ Brian O'Connor - Social
 - ▶ Colin Cunningham - Junior Convenor
 - ▶ David Ganly - Communications
 - ▶ Tony McDonagh - Ex-Officio

Competitions 2017

- ▶ The competitions calendar was kept similar to recent years in order to take advantage of better course conditions and longer daylight hours for the major competitions.
- ▶ The Captain's Prize was played in July
 - ▶ Played on consecutive weekends
 - ▶ 303 people played on The Montgomerie Course in Captain's Day 1
 - ▶ The top 120 qualifying to play in Day 2 on The O'Meara Course with their scores carrying forward
 - ▶ Congratulations to Ciaran Dunne who came out on top
 - ▶ 118 people played in The Captain's Plate and was won by Oisin Devereux
- ▶ The Presidents Prize was played in June
 - ▶ Competition opened on the Friday afternoon again this year
 - ▶ 190 played in the competition which was won by Jim Stanley
- ▶ The Scratch Cups were played on consecutive weekends in August/September
 - ▶ David Fulham won the Senior Scratch Cup
 - ▶ JP Linnane won the Junior Scratch Cup
 - ▶ Joe Reilly won the Intermediate Scratch Cup
 - ▶ Declan Ward won the Minor Scratch Cup
- ▶ The Autumn League ran for five weeks with the best four scores counting.
 - ▶ This competition was won by Adrian Guckian

Competitions cont..

- ▶ The Coonan Cup was played as a Matchplay played over one week.
 - ▶ Top 16 qualifiers available to play into a matchplay
 - ▶ Seamus Lynch was the overall winner
- ▶ Weekend 18-hole qualifying competitions began in April
 - ▶ an average of 200 played in the weekend competitions
 - ▶ 8 Medal competitions scheduled during 2017 with an average of 215 playing
- ▶ The Golfer of the Year competition format was similar to last year
 - ▶ every weekend competition counting along with the Matchplay competitions, Medals and the Majors
 - ▶ David Fulham won the Golfer of the Year competition
- ▶ The current Winter League started in December 2017 and will run until the end of February 2018.
 - ▶ A similar format was kept to last year with four divisions and the winner of each division going forward to a playoff in March

Competitions cont..

▶ **Midweek Competitions**

- ▶ The midweek semi-open competitions continued on Wednesday's
- ▶ The 18 hole & 9 Hole Fun midweek singles competitions are still very popular

▶ **Club Match-play events.**

- ▶ The match-play events were played over the summer with the finals played in early October
- ▶ The Captain and Committee congratulate the winners of the major match-play club competitions:
 - ▶ Club Champion: Colin Cunningham
 - ▶ Singles Winner: Eoin Redmond
 - ▶ Fourball Winners: Ger Breen & Dwyer McCaughley
 - ▶ Foursomes Winners: Ciaran MacCriostall & Grellan Dunne

▶ **Ready Golf Continues**

- ▶ The introduction of ready golf has been readily accepted by the members with varying reduced round times from 10 to 25 minutes.

Competitions cont..

▶ Prizes

- ▶ Competition prizes (apart from scrambles, Captains, Vice Captains and Presidents) are be added to Members Loyalty Cards.
- ▶ Details of prizes are submitted to the Golf Shop. We are aware that there were some delays during the year in crediting prizes to the cards. This was due an administrative issue at the Golf Shop end. We are satisfied that the matter has now been resolved and apologise to any members affected.
- ▶ Going forward, we have asked the PLC for a facility for members to review transactions on their cards and understand that the IT system requirements necessary to facility this check have been included in the wider Development proposal.
- ▶ Weekend prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Gross, top 3 in 4 Divisions, Front 9 and Back 9
- ▶ Over 330 members won prizes during the year

▶ Competition Results

- ▶ The goal was to publish the weekend results on Monday night
- ▶ There are exceptions in 2017 where there were a number of queries which needs investigation
- ▶ The goal is to publish the results of the Midweek Competitions by Friday

Finance

- ▶ See Separate Presentation



Handicaps

- ▶ The Handicap Committee for 2017 comprised of:-
Paul Mullarkey (Secretary), Sheamus Considine, Seamus Thompson
- ▶ The Handicap Committee monitors and manages Carton member handicaps in line with the CONGU rules and GUI guidance and tries on behalf of the Committee and membership to ensure the spirit of fair play in handicaps is assured for the total membership of Carton. The Handicap Committee is also the main liaison body for the GUI and is responsible for the dissemination of handicap and ruling updates to the membership.
- ▶ We currently have 482 members (October 17) on the Handicap database, of which 455 are managed as “Home” and 27 as “Away” Members.
- ▶ Handicaps are managed in line with normal domestic and external competition results, in addition to which, there were two handicap reviews carried out in 2107. The purpose of the reviews is to identify players whose general playing performance and scoring patterns is at variance with the norm in their Handicap Category and who as a consequence might be considered for a handicap reduction/increase. Based on the Review details, recommendations for handicap adjustments are made to the GUI who in turn may ratify, amend or reject the recommendations.

Handicaps cont...

- ▶ The Annual Review of Handicaps took place in November 2017. The GUI accepted the Carton Report after 3 amendments were made and 48 players were approved for adjustments. (8 for reduction and 40 for increase). 7 members declined the increase.
- ▶ The previous handicap review was conducted in Apr 2017. A number of downward adjustments arose from this review.
- ▶ A number of these downward adjustments were appealed to a Carton Handicap Appeals committee (CHAC) (an independent committee set up for the purpose and made up of the hon Sec, the Ex Officio Captain and a past captain). The CHAC reviewed the available evidence, the relevant CONGU guidelines and the handicap processes and on the basis of this review, upheld the decision of the Handicap Committee and confirmed the handicap reductions.
- ▶ A number of member's whose handicaps were cut appealed the findings of the CHAC to the Leinster branch of the GUI. After submissions by all parties, these appeals were upheld and the handicap reductions were reversed.
- ▶ The Handicap Committee engaged with the GUI with a view to understanding the basis of the appeal ruling which, on the face of it, seemed to be at variance with the CONGU guidelines. The GUI has now provided further guidance which relates primarily to recording competition condition details and the Handicap Committee is currently reviewing its procedures with a view to providing an enhanced evidence pool which can form the basis for the Annual Handicap Review process.

Social

▶ Captains Drive-in 4th of March

- ▶ Day was very successful with brilliant spring sunshine.
- ▶ Both Captains arrived in an Army Tank, and yes, the Lady Captain did out drive the Men's Captain!!!
- ▶ Over 150 golfers attended on the day with 40 guests
- ▶ Food & Entertainment was really good, in what proved to be a fantastic day.

▶ Presidents Prize - 9/10th June

- ▶ Time sheets were full on both days
- ▶ The old house always proves to be a great venue and it was made extra special as it was the last year with the Mallaghan family at the helm.
- ▶ The dinner with spectacular food was attended by 160+ people and was a great success.

▶ Captain's prize - 16th/17th of July

- ▶ 2 weekends of golf with full time sheets
- ▶ There was an actual Tournament score board on display after the first day and we had a live scoreboard on display on the final day
- ▶ The food was excellent on the day and the music was provided by Dave O'Mahony.
- ▶ Another highlight was an interview with Irish football legend Paul McGrath, which everyone enjoyed.

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Social cont...

▶ Vice Captains Day 9th/10th of September

- ▶ This event was again held over 2 days to facilitate the large number of participants
- ▶ The entertainment on the evening was a classical guitarist.
- ▶ The presentation night was well attended with the food and entertainment enjoyed by all.

▶ Club Away Weekend - September

- ▶ Like last year the club embarked on a Club Away weekend in September. The venue was Sligo and courses played were Enniscrone and Rosses Point. An intrepid group of hardy members also ventured out to Carne to get some links practice in before the main event. Weather was tough and all courses were in superb condition.
- ▶ Overall a great weekend was had by all and, thanks to the good folk in Rosses Point and Enniscrone, the costs came in at under €200 for golf and accommodation which was fantastic value.
- ▶ The plan is to look at possibly staging a more extensive trip in 2018. More anon.
- ▶ Many thanks to John Walsh for organising this very successful outing.

▶ Joint Captain's Banquet 4th November

- ▶ This was a fantastic event and the variety of entertainment was first class
- ▶ Over 180 people attended
- ▶ And people danced until the small hour, all those who attended had a wonderful time.

Social cont...

- ▶ **End of Year Golf Day & Social December 16th**
 - ▶ Full time sheet for the scramble & food was also served to members who played
 - ▶ Great day had by all despite the late start due to weather.
- ▶ **Other social events**
 - ▶ 2017 saw the introduction of the Friday night “Nine & Wine” events organised in collaboration with the Ladies Club and which proved to be a great success.
 - ▶ We also joined with the Ladies Club in organising a Pink Day in conjunction in support of the Marie Keating foundation.
 - ▶ There was also an away day to Portmarnock Links under the stewardship of Adrian Murphy and for those of you who have yet to experience a Murphy day, this is not to be missed in 2018.

Junior Carton

▶ Key highlights:

- ▶ 98 boys & 38 girls with over 70% actively participating (up 10%)
- ▶ Ryan Eccles & Xhemi Rama as Boys & Girls Captains 2017 (Adam Doherty & Aisling Lyons 2018)
- ▶ Junior Captains Drive In - Shot-gun start with over 70 kids (up 20%)
- ▶ Men's & Ladies Captains Prize to Juniors - Over 70 kids playing Winner: John Cunningham
- ▶ Junior Captains Prize - Over 100 kids taking part Winner: Cathal French
- ▶ The Mullarkey Cup - 26 boys & girls Winner: David Muldowney
- ▶ The Winter League - 72 (up 30%) kids - 9 hole matches in 8 person teams over 4 months

▶ Representative Golf

- ▶ Teams - Fred Daly Leinster Semi, Junior Foursomes Leinster Semi & U15's Leinsters 4th Rd
- ▶ Numerous Juniors represented men's teams in different Cups & Shields events
- ▶ Jack Doherty represented Ireland & Leinster, part of Senior Cup squad & winner Ulster Boys 2017
- ▶ Tom Lanigan wins Irish Kids Golf U12's
- ▶ 11 kids are members of Leinster or Ireland panels going into 2018 (up from 8)

▶ Child Protection

- ▶ A key emphasis in 2017
- ▶ Full compliance with CGI/GUI Child Safeguarding Procedures
- ▶ Appointment of Club Children's Officer (CCO) & Designated Liaison Person (DLP)

Communication

- ▶ The communication objective for 2017 was to ensure that members were fully informed , on a timely basis, of all relevant information and developments. Regular ongoing communication focussed on fixtures, club events, team news and social functions. The main communication channel in 2017 was by e mail, via the Club V1 system. Throughout 2017, in excess of 100 separate communications were sent out with approx 290 members reading each of these e mails
- ▶ The biggest challenge on the communications front in 2017 was the sale of Carton House. The Men's Club were, understandably, not privy to the sales process and the PLC were restricted, for legal reasons, in what information they could divulge. Despite the best efforts of the Men's Club, there was very little in the line of reportable information available on the progress of the sale and the net result was widespread rumour and uncertainty which was extremely frustrating both for the members and for the Men's committee alike.
- ▶ As part of our efforts around the sales process, the committee conducted a survey of members which was customised to provide specific information for the committee in anticipation of engaging with the new owners. The survey drew a huge response which very clearly showed the interest and concern of the members and which highlighted the frustration of the membership across the key flashpoint issues.
- ▶ On the back of the survey results, the committee help a Town Hall meeting in mid November with a view to teasing out further the comments expressed in the survey and to canvas members views about the approaches we might adopt and the priorities we might identify with the new owners of Carton. This also proved to be a very useful forum and sincere thanks to all who contributed on the night. As you will have seen in the recent comms, the views expressed at Town Hall meeting have been consolidated with the other feedback received and this is now being incorporated into the estate wide development proposal to be sent to the Mullen family for decision.

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Communication cont....

- ▶ As a result of the success of the initial survey , we would propose to use this as part of our communication platform in 2018. The plan is undertake another Club Survey in 2018 to include some standardised questions which can be used to establish reference points which can be used for comparative purposes.
- ▶ The Club V1 system will continue to be the main communication channel and members are asked to ensure that their correct e mail address is included in your renewal documentation or through contacting the Men's Club at mensclub@cartonhousemembers.com
- ▶ Direct contact is also an important part of the communication process with over 400 emails received during 2017. Your input and comments are always welcome and we would encourage you to contact the committee if you have a matter or suggestion that you would like to raise.

Challenges/Plans for 2018

- ▶ The objective for 2018 is to ensure that members are kept fully informed of all relevant information on a timely basis.
The challenge for 2018 is to make our communications more relevant and informative and in this regard members feedback & thoughts are more than welcome

Communication cont....

Challenges/Plans for 2018 cont

- ▶ The aim is to update weekend results by the following Monday.
- ▶ There are legacy issues with a number of member e mail addresses on the Club V1 system. Significant remediation work has been done in this regard in 2017 and the objective for 2018 is to ensure that the member e mail database is complete and accurate.
A new Club V1 app. will be rolled out early in 2018 which allows members to update their contact details on Club V1. The system will also allow short notification messages to be sent to members and it would be our aspiration to develop this as an additional communication channel
- ▶ One communication channel which needs an overhaul is the Club Website which needs updating in terms of content and presentation. A review is planned for 2018 and the Committee would certainly welcome the help of any members who are proficient in this area to help with this task.

Inter Club Competitions

- ▶ Interclub competitions have two objectives:
 1. Encourage participation among a broad range of club members
 1. In 2017 we had over 100 members participate in the different Interclub panels
 2. Be successful and win some more pennants for the club
 1. Senior cup won Leinster Pennant!
 2. Senior cup reached All Ireland finals but lost to Limerick!
 3. Duggan cup reached semi-final
 4. Metropolitan cup reached quarter final
 5. Barton cup reached last 16

Inter Club Competitions review

Senior cup

- Won Leinster Pennant
- Lost to Limerick in All Ireland semi-final
- Managed by B. Cunningham

Barton Shield

- Qualified for match-play section of regional qualifier
- Beaten by Clontarf in regional semi-final
- Managed by B. Cunningham

Junior Cup

- Team total of 315 gross
- Didn't qualify
- Managed by B. itzpatrick & D. Morgan

Barton Cup

- Lost to Killeen Castle in final 16 round
- Managed by K. Hannon

Jimmy Breun

- Played in Clontarf
- Team total of 344
- Didn't qualify
- Managed by G. Nowlan & R. Kenny

Metropolitan Cup

- Lost quarter final to Hollystown
- Managed by TJ Kelly & N. Henry

Inter Club Competitions review

Pierce Purcell

- Qualified with 363
- Lost in regional semi-final to K-Club
- Managed by G. Ludgate

All Ireland Fourball

- Lost to Blackbush
- Managed by P. Duff

Irish Mixed Foursomes

- Lost in round 3 to Killeen
- Managed by B. Boucher & C. Greenwood

Straffan Cup

- Lost to Royal Curragh in Round 2
- Managed by T. Healy

Duggan Cup

- Beat Killeen, The Castle, Baltinglass & Elm Hall to reach semi-final
- Lost semi-final to Castlecomer
- Managed by D. Kavanagh

Inter Club:- Looking Forward..

- ▶ Managers will be setting up panels in February / March time frame
- ▶ Lets build on the our success and get a green pennant this year!
- ▶ All the details on the website - under competitions - Interclub

Competition	Opponents & Qualifying location	Deadline
Barton Shield	Qualifying in Blackbush	26th May
Senior Cup	Qualifying In The Castle 1st Round Woodbrook	Sun 24th June
Junior Cup	Qualifying in Lucan	Sat 9th June
Barton Cup	1st Round Kilcock (Home draw)	Before 15th April
Jimmy Bruen	Qualifying in Castlewarden	Sun 3rd June
Pierce Purcell	Qualifying in Citywest	Sat 12th May
Metropolitan	1st Round Newlands (Home draw)	Before 22nd April
All Ireland Fourball	1st Round Luttrellstown castle (Away draw)	Before 2nd April
Irish Mixed Foursomes	1st Round Killeen (Away Draw)	Before 8th April
Straffan Cup	Draw takes place late March	TBD
Duggan Cup	Draw takes place in March	TBD

Acknowledgements

- ▶ On behalf of the committee and members, we would like to acknowledge the support received from the operators of Carton resort and in particular to Adrian McLaughlin and his the staff for their help and support with the golf activities during the year. There were many challenges over the year and it was an excellent year on some fronts and a difficult year on others.
- ▶ The committee would also like to thank Dave Kearney and Gerry Duffy for all their support over the year.
- ▶ The committee would also like to extend a very warm welcome to the Mullen Family as the new Owners of Carton House Golf Club and we are very much looking forward to working with them through 2018.
- ▶ The committee would like to say a special thanks to the fantastic team in the Caddy masters Office, the Golf Shop and Clubhouse.
- ▶ A big thanks also to John Plummer and his team for the maintenance and presentation of the two golf courses during the year
- ▶ The committee would like to thank all the members who played in the various competition's during the year and offer heartiest congratulations to all the winners.
- ▶ The committee would like to sincerely thank all the members who supported the club, the club teams, the junior programme and the Lady Captain and the Ladies committee. The members are the heart blood of the club and your continuing engagement makes Carton the very special place that it is Thank you all!

Paul Hanly Men's Club Captain 2017