

An Oasis of Golfing Tranquillity

Situated overlooking the magnificent Liffey Valley, Castleknock Golf Club boasts some of the most spectacular views on the entire north side of Dublin. Set in a serene oasis of tranquillity, the course has been designed to reflect the grandeur of its magnificent location.



11th HOLE - PAR 3

The club occupies the lands of Somerton House which originally formed part of the Luttrellstown Estate and once belonged to Henry Lawless Luttrell – the last of the famous Luttrells of Luttrellstown.

Designed by golf course architect Jonathan Gaunt, the course has been described as “modern with undulating greens, a pleasure for all golfers”

The thoughtful and imaginative design offers an exciting game for golfers of all levels while

the variety of tees ensure that all golfers enjoy a suitably challenging experience. The greens are generally considered to be among the best in the country and the course is maintained to an exceptionally high level. This can be seen by the quality of the fairways and greens whether it be summer or winter.

In these recessionary times, consumers have become extremely discerning when it comes to spending their hard earned money. Pressure

is high on companies to offer better and better deals on their products and services. In the drive for lower prices, what sometimes gets left behind is the quality of the product and service. Golf Clubs are no exception.

While there are superb green fee and membership deals now available at Castleknock Golf Club, the most noticeable difference between this course and many others is the fact that the club continues to invest heavily in course maintenance. Anyone who plays the course will notice that the quality from clubhouse to tee to green has not been sacrificed despite the downturn.

Most golfers agree that playing a course with temporary greens is not playing golf at all. In most golf courses temporary greens are an unavoidable fact of winter golf. In Castleknock Golf Club however, the greens remain playable all year round: No mats, no temporary greens, just winter golf as it should be.

For those who are not prepared to sacrifice on quality, Castleknock Golf Club is the ideal venue for membership, society outings or just a casual game. With full 7 day membership of the Club costing as little as €60 per week, this is truly the best value in Dublin for a golf course of this quality.



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Playing the course

Set against the magnificent backdrop of Somerton House and Estate, Castleknock Golf Club was established in 2005. The course features tremendous variety where careful and creative design has led to an exciting game for golfers of all standards, demanding the use of every club in the bag.

Although it is still a relatively new golf course, Castleknock has been built to the highest of standards and exhibits features and characteristics normally only found on much more mature courses.

The variety of tees ensures that all golfers enjoy a suitably challenging experience. Many greens are guarded by water features, which reward the thoughtful and strategic player. The course combines excellent design layout with impeccable maintenance and according to resident tour professional Peter Lawrie, “it has the best greens in Ireland.”

The outstanding condition of Castleknock Golf Course is all year round and the excellent drainage and attention to detail ensures the very best of golfing conditions for all who play there. In recent times the club has been one of the few that have continued to invest in its facilities and it is now justifiably recognised as the best winter course in Ireland.

Castleknock Golf Club has moved up to position 63 in the recent Golf Digest Top 100 Irish Golf Courses. Proof, if proof was needed, of the continuing improvement and maturity of this fine course.

Measuring over 6,700 yards, the par 72 course included 4 hectares of lakes and offers paved buggy paths to allow for buggy use all year round. There are no mats or temporary greens and it is truly a case of “what you see is what you get.”

Buggies, electric trolleys & pull trolleys are also available for hire at the magnificent clubhouse and after the game a fine meal in the Vue restaurant or a snack in the club's coffee bar will top off a great day's golfing.

FURTHER INFORMATION:
on membership, green fees or the Vue restaurant is available from the club (tel. 01 640 8736) info@castleknockgolfclub.ie or online at www.castleknockgolfclub.ie





PETER LAWRIE AT CASTLEKNOCK

Castleknock's Golfing Ambassador

"I suppose I see myself as an ambassador for the club."

So says Irish international golfer Peter Lawrie describing his relationship with Castleknock Golf Club.

Peter, who lives just down the road from the club in Farmleigh, is the 'touring professional sponsored by the golf club and he also uses the facilities of the club to keep his game in tip top form between tournaments.

Originally from Rathfarnham, Peter moved to Park Drive in Castleknock with his wife Philippa eight years ago. More recently they moved again to the newly developed Farmleigh estate where they now live with their three young girls – aged 3, 2 and newly born.

With a father, mother and older brother all involved in golf it was probably inevitable that Peter would also be bitten by the bug. "I went to Terenure College where they tried to get me to play rugby but I used to say I couldn't because my hands were too valuable!" he said.

Peter explains the professional circuit by comparing it to the English football league. "We have a premiership which is the European Tour, then there is the Challenge tour which is the equivalent of the Championship and finally the

European Pro Tour which is similar to Division 1 of the League.

"When I left school I wanted to be a golf professional and worked my way through the system to eventually get my tour card. I am now in my seventh year on the European Tour and I have been lucky enough to keep my card during all that time," he said. "856 professionals enter the game each year and I am currently ranked 147th in the world so I reckon I am doing OK."

This may seem a bit on the modest side. Last year he won the Spanish Open and he has also been involved in two play-offs.

Having such an excellent golf course near his home is an absolute boon to Peter who speaks glowingly of the course which he says has "the best greens in Ireland and is playable 52 weeks of the year. This is due to the quality of its design, the high level of maintenance and type of grasses used. It really is a perfect venue for me when I am home."

According to Peter, "as a resident of Castleknock, I was aware of the developments that were then going on at Somerton and when I saw what was

happening at the new course, I was very pleased to be asked to represent the club as its touring professional."

Peter puts the cost of participating on the European Tour at around €100,000 annually so the sponsorship of Castleknock Golf Club is most welcome. However, as he points out, "I am very happy to be able to represent something of such a high quality. It's also quite amazing when people see my connection with Castleknock, how they react. Even in places as far away as Kuwait I have been approached by people who have played here and want to tell me how much have loved the course."

Looking to the future, Peter says he would love to represent Ireland in the Ryder Cup. More immediately his ambition is to achieve a place in next month's Race to Dubai. Sixty golfers will qualify for this prestigious event and at the time of going press, Peter was ranked 47th and looking likely to qualify.

In the meantime he will be taking every opportunity he can to ensure his successful participation in the event with a few more rounds at his local Castleknock course.

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