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February 1985

Here we are into another year. Is this your year? This, of course, could well be the biggest in our whole history as a club. As you are probably aware by this time, the course goes out to new management and what our position will be at this writing is in the lap of the gods. We shall talk about that later in this epistle but in the meantime let us pay tribute to one who served our cause well with his interesting and informative Divot Dusts, and whose talents are now directed towards gardening. If your pansies are wilting, contact our good friend Roli Parker, of whom we speak, and if he can't straighten them out, he knows someone who can. Thank you, Roli. Well, let's pick up the shovel and start digging, for there is much to report.

COMING EVENTS

OPENING DAY SMOKER: This event will be held at the Officers Mess 4050 West 4th Ave.. We had a most enjoyable time using this facility at the Fall Tournament, so plan to be there this time. Date is March 1st, bar at 6:30 p.m., with a light meal around 9 p.m.. A film will be shown (sorry, it's about golf) and Mr. Johannsen, President of the BCGA will attend and address us on the new rules of golf and that alone has to be worth the price of admission. There will be a nominal door charge of only \$2.00, which will buy you a ticket in the draw and will serve to defray the costs in connection with this most entertaining evening. Plan to be there.

OPENING DAY: The Weekend Club will tee off on the first event of the season on March 2nd and 3rd (Saturday and Sunday, if you haven't got a calendar). You will, of course, be required to sign up for times on the preceding week. The tournament will be the Captains' vs. the Vice-Captains' teams. However, if things do not improve at the course weatherwise, we would spend the day making snowmen. Light refreshments will be served on both days. The Mid Weekers will commence their year on Wednesday, March 5th. Their opening is combined with a meeting, so to those of you who have been hibernating over the winter, shake the cobwebs loose and get cracking. Again this group will sign up the week before. Dougie Whittle is your new Captain, let him know. Now in connection with opening days a schedule of events is attached. Please keep them handy for future reference.

By the way, if you have not paid your dues by the time you read this, then your account is overdue and we shall have to struggle through next year without you. No one will be permitted to participate in club events unless dues are paid. To whom it may concern, the address to send your cheque is as follows:

West Point Golf Club, P.O. Box 46471,
Station G, Vancouver, B.C. V6R 4G7

Your Executive met on Tuesday, February 12th and discussed our future. Reports from the committees were unavailable, mainly because they had nothing to report. They did discuss new applications. Heretofore someone handed someone an application and the process was set into motion. Well, the rules have changed. If you are approached by someone who wishes membership, advise that person to write to the Secretary at the club address, who in turn will send out the application, together with the instructions concerning the next move on part of the applicant. The needs of the club will be better served using this procedure.

The Captain (Terry Wong) has a tremendous program lined up for us this year. He may from time to time require assistance from members other than his own committee, on Saturdays and Sundays, and volunteers would be appreciated. I know, lots of you have trouble finding things to do on the weekends, so here is one way to get out of the kitchen, or the garden, and do something constructive.

According to the latest report we have concerning the takeover, it would appear that we are down to the short strokes. It might well be that by the time of receiving this, the decision will have been made. Upon receipt of the information your executive will meet immediately and try, if possible, to meet with the new ownership to establish our position. Hopefully, we shall have some information to present to you at the opening smoker.

MIDWEEK
PRE-OPENING DAY
SOCIAL EVENING AT THE CLUB HOUSE
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1985

EVENTS:

GOLF FILM
TABLE GAMES
NEW MEMBERS
GOLF COURSE GOSSIP
FOOD & BEVERAGES

Sign up in the Clubhouse if you are coming

COURSE JOTTINGS: Back-room at the clubhouse is undergoing a paint job. The ladies' room was done recently. How's that for non-discriminatory action. Don Close and Frank Haylett lining up to join the midweekers. Got an application the other day from a 73 year old who wishes to join the club. Can't play golf, he says - he's a cinch to get in. Jack Derbyshire is in hospital - chin up, Jack. Denny Peck and his gang played Musqueam the other day, the only course open. They were all very excited - they all broke 90. Army & Navy has a sale on gum boots, handy footwear for the next couple of months. Howie Hainstock is back from his sojourn on the Big Island - getting expensive over there, he says. Dick Hanley was slumming with the natives down the Carribean way. By the way, I would like to keep this column going so if you hear of anyone unfit for play for whatever reasons, or little tid bits of interest, or anything funny, like McIntyre getting out of a sandtrap in one, please let me know. We are really gossipers at heart and this type of information makes good reading.

If there is anything bothering you about club activities, contact any member of the committee, or myself at 738-2443, and a solution to your problem will be forthcoming. Until the next time - Ta Ta.

REMEMBER THE SMOKER!

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Dear Fellow Golfer :

Major changes involving the course are about to happen, and initially we shall have a name change. Effective April 1st 1985, the course shall become known as "The University Golf and Country Club". The structure of our club will also be subjected to some changes. We, your executives, have had some off the record discussions with members of the management group, who insist that our club will continue to exist, and that they are most anxious to see a smooth and mutually satisfactory transition take place. The financial structure will change, and although no information is available to us at this writing, an article in the March 6th 1985 edition of the Province suggested that green fee costs would exceed Parks Board costs by some 10 to 15%. The same article went on to outline the groups intentions with respect to improvements involving the course, and to their plans to build a new clubhouse facility. We, especially the older members will recall that in 1972 and again in 1977 similiar promises were made and we hacked on, but this time it is for real. Although the course will be forever public, it might well be that with the completion of the groups plans, we may well see a course equal to or better than any in the area, if not in all of Canada. We regret that it has not been possible for us to sit down with the group and get down to specifics concerning the change over, and this is to some extent understandable, because, it is only three short weeks since the group were advised that they were the successful applicants. Don Gilchrist, our president, is working hard on our behalf, and at a special meeting of your executive held on Tuesday March 5th, Don reported on the conversations he had with one of the founding members of the group, and it was this person who indicated the need for the club to exist. He informed Don that a new clubhouse would indeed be built, perhaps housing seperate quarters for the club, and that the original costs per member for all that the clubhouse has to offer would be \$200.00 per annum. This is perhaps a fair price for the opportunity of moving from the extacy of

coin operated vending machines to that of a modern restaurant facility offering the opportunity to purchase a cold beer after a hot round, or that to taking your favourite aunt out to dinner. This might well prove to be the least economical chance we shall ever have to move into a country club atmosphere without the necessity of a large cash outlay. Don is confident that the group are most sincere in their desire to work in harmony with us, and although the cost to participate might increase, so will the quality of our belonging. We have been given the opportunity to get in on the ground floor so to speak, and this in the years to come might prove beneficial to our membership. While what has been said here is to some extent hearsay, your executive will meet the group on March 19th, at which time we hope to procure such information necessary to our needs.

With this in mind a meeting of the entire membership will be held at the Officers Mess, 4050 West 4th Ave, commencing at 7 P.M. and it goes without saying that your attendance is most necessary. The date upon which this meeting will occur is Tuesday March 26th.

Bar facilities will not be available prior to the meeting, but probably will be after the meeting has ended.

Regretfully, we have nothing by way of good dependable information for you at this time, but we hope to come to the general meeting with well founded facts concerning our future, so if you have any interest at all in the future of your club, plan to attend.

Yours in Golf
Neil Mc Intyre
Club Secretary



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October 23rd 1985

Time does not permit me the luxury of visiting Bernie Smiths lovely and capable secretary, who normally does such a splendid job, of typing my epistles. Thank you Sigi, for all your past efforts on our behalf. Much has happened since our last contact. Trophies have been won and lost, but one thing becomes very obvious when one checks the handicap sheets and that is we are either getting to be better golfers or the course is getting much easier to play. The former is probably more true. It was a great summer, the course was in good shape and these factors generally produce better golf. By the time you read this the weekenders will have closed their season and the midweekers will be about to close off their season. Wouldnt it be nice to have a large crystal ball to look into and foretell our future. Will there be closing days in our future? Remember when we all used to meet at Deans for closing day breakfasts? If you can go that far back you have been in this club a long time. You know, I had it once said to me that the west pointers have by far the best club in all of B.C. and when you reflect on our accomplishments over the years one must agree. This brings me up to the meeting of October 18th which the University Golf Club arranged and invited us to attend. On your way out of the building you received a letter from Dave Gillespie and that indicated to you that if you were to continue to play at our favourite course and claim membership, application would become necessary prior to December 31st 1985, for inclusion in the new club which would supercede our present club membership. Your executive met last night to study the letter addressed to all potential members of the about to be formed University Golf Course. The tone of the Gillespie letter was obvious, and put into simple terms, stated, its us or nothing, and you have but one opportunity to participate in the new club activities. You alone who read this, will have to determine which way you want to go. To this end, the executive are duty bound to call an extraordinary membership meeting and this will be held at the Faculty Club, U.B.C. on Wednesday November 13th 1985 commencing at 7.30 P.M. sharp. All members who attend will receive two complimentary bar tickets and free coffee. Two resolutions will be placed before the membership and these are as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That circumstances prevailing leaves your executive with no alternative other than to consider the dissolution of the West point Golf Club

And

BE IT RESOLVED: That the membership discuss and vote on the disbursements of the residual funds at hand on December 15th 1985.

This is an important meeting chaps, so get out and have your say. the above meeting takes place at the same location as that of our annual banquet. Talking about that, our " big do" is at the Faculty Club on Friday November 22nd. the bar facilities opens at 6.00 P.M. and dinner is at 7.30 P.M. sharp. Bar drinks will be available at \$2.50 for the hard stuff and \$2.00 for beer. Door prizes will not be a feature, but for those who want to participate \$2.00 will be collected at the door and a draw will be held, the details of which I am not fully conversant. This will not be a business meeting. The banquet is simply intended to pay tribute to our champions, and to find out who owns collars and ties and who do not. Who knows. this might be our last one, and besides the price is right. All who intend to attend the banquet must, repeat, must, enter their names on the sheet located within the clubhouse, or, notify a member of the executive of your intention to attend.

We all must be enjoying reasonably good health. I have not heard of any under the weather, although we do take this opportunity to wish Jerry Miller and Eric Nye well.

In conclusion, it is the earnest wish of your President and all members of the executive, that whatever the future might be in terms of golf, that the west pointers will continue to be a viable force, and that while our name may change our attitude to the game we love so much will never change.

Good Luck and God Bless.



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December 18, 1985

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Another year almost over, but it cannot slip past without your executive wishing you and yours the very Merriest of Christmases and the Happiest of New Years

1985 will not go down as our clubs best year. To many of us, it was a confusing year. We found ourselves at the crossroads as it were, with one segment of the club heading in one direction and the remainder in another. Nobodies fault, the new management were undergoing growing pains, and we from West Point who were looking to them for answers didn't find them, simply because they were not in a position to give them. This often happens when dealing with politicians. The competition year went ahead as scheduled, thanks to the splendid cooperation received from the Pro Shop, and to the fine efforts of the Captain and his crew. Some set backs were experienced, due mainly to the reconstruction of the course, but as the summer wore on it became obvious that those in charge of the course lay out knew what they were doing. The clubhouse became a friendly place to drop in and have a beer, the Pro Shop too emanated a nice friendly atmosphere. For many of us it meant going out to the back yard and digging up an extra tin can to meet the added costs. Many thought it was worth it, and were amongst the first to make application to join the new course group. This brings up another most important point. There are almost 200 applications in the hands of West Pointers and as of last night less than 100 have been returned with cheques in the amount of \$ 200.00 made out to the University Golf Club have been received. Do not delay completing that form beyond December 31, 1985. Believe me, thats the final acceptance date for West Point applications. Should doubts exist about the fee structure call the office at 224-7513.

This will probably be the last Divot Dust as we know it now but that does not make writing it any easier. I am trying to feed as much information to those making the transition to the new club, and at the same time trying to console the West Pointers who for so many years were successful in the management and operation of a very fine club with the very best membership available. What is the situation with the old club? You were advised by Divot Dust (October 23rd.) that a special meeting would be held at the Faculty Club on November 13th. and in spite of the offer of two free drinks to all who showed up some 93 attended. By a unanimous vote of those present, two items were determined,

- (a) That the club continue to exist for the time being and,
- (b) That after the payment of all monies due the remaining funds be frozen.

As laid out in the constitution, the West Point Club must meet in January 1986 to select an executive and discuss other matters affecting the clubs activities and to this end, the new management group will close the clubhouse to the general public, so that we can hold our Annual Meeting, and the date will be January 28, 1986 at 7:00 P.M. The bar will be open for the benefit of those wishing to indulge. Nominations will be from the floor, so come prepared to commit yourself if called upon to do so. We still have bills coming in for payment at this writing, but it is anticipated that the balance remaining in the account at the year end will be somewhere between \$ 8,000.00 and \$ 9,000.00. There will be no further notification of this meeting.

Back again to the U.G.C. Group. David Gillespie met with us, the executive from West Point last week, so as to bring us up to date on the happenings thus far, and to make certain demads concerning next years activities. A representative committee was required immediately, since it is our intention to commence our annual club competitive activities at the end of February or the beginning of March, and they wanted our dates. The Golf Committee headed by Jack McLaughlin meet monthly and our Captain will represent us at those meetings. Don Gilchrist was elected Captain, Neil McIntyre Vice-Captain, Bill Gerard Secretary/Treasurer, Terry Wong and Bary Field-Dyte, tournament Director and assistant respectively, and Doug Whittle will continue to handle the Mid-Week group. The new group are most anxious to work with us towards making 1986 a good year. It is a transition year, and a great deal of work and willing cooperation will be required to ensure its success. After January 1, 1986, those who have moved over will be into a new era, and to them we wish them the very best in their new environment. To the others not making the transition, we wish you the very best in golfing.

See you on the 28th. at the clubhouse.