



Playing at McCleery Golf Course

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Hi Fellows:

First of all, let me apologize for the first edition of your 1992 Divot Dust being late. There were a couple of interruptions that took place that had to be attended to first. Our Captain, Ed Angel decided that due to the serious illness of his wife Nancy, to write the Club explaining that he wanted to resign as Captain for 1992. Your Executive in talking to Ed, thought it best to refuse acceptance of his resignation. It was suggested and agreed by all parties that he remain our Captain and that I take over temporarily as Captain to back up all the efforts of Ed and try to implement his plans. I then had an un-scheduled Stroke and was hospitalized for a couple of weeks. Fred Walsh, Dave Fairweather and several other members stepped into this void to help. **GOOD NEWS** - Ed's wife is home from hospital and I too am home recovering, but I would like to take this opportunity of personally thanking the many members who phoned, visited and sent cards during my hospital confinement.....**ONWARD AND UPWARD**.....

First off, **CONGRATULATIONS TO YOUR NEW EXECUTIVE FOR 1992**, which was elected at our Annual Meeting, Friday evening, January 24th, 1992 at the McCleery Clubhouse. It was very well attended by 51 members. **YOUR 1992 EXECUTIVE AS FOLLOWS**.....

POSITION	NAME	VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE WORK ASSISTANCE
President	Fred Walsh	
Secretary	Roy Moulton	To be selected from membership
Treasurer	Phil Mare	
Captain	Ed Angel	C. Mackay, E. Bobinski, A. Williams
Vice Captain	Len Brown	Tyke Kanelles
Director	Gordon Munro	G. Reynolds, A. Williams, M. Guiguet, G. Crosson
Director	Tom Herbert	To be selected from membership
Past President	Dave Fairweather	

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We are saddened to learn of the death of NORM CLARK on December 19, 1991. Norm was 69 years of age and had been a long time member of our West Point Golf Club. He could always be counted on to participate in all of our events and his name can be found as a Winner on some of our trophies and shields. His name will also be remembered into the future as the donor of the trophy for the W.P.G.C./U.G.C. Inter-Club competition. Norm served as our Vice Captain in 1990 and was well known for his quick wit and dry humour. When cancer began to take its toll in the summer, Norm had to drop out of active play. He was a real competitor and a regular guy. We will miss him.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This provides me with a timely opportunity to welcome all Members to active participation in our 1992 Program of Activities. As we enter our 61st year of Club activity, there is a slight cloud of uncertainty with respect to the improvement plans for the McCleery Golf Course and just what impact these may have on our future play. It seems clear however that **WE WILL NOT BE AFFECTED UNTIL AFTER 1992**. While we have recently welcomed four new members to the Club, we still have 5 openings to bring our Regular Membership back up to 85. Your efforts to encourage the sign-up of new members is essential at this time.

I hope you have an enjoyable golf year and look forward to your presence at our Opening Smoker, Friday evening, Arbutus Recreation Centre, March 13th, 1992

Signed: Fred Walsh, President

SURVIVAL

This seemed an appropriate word when you see the Health and Welfare Report on Page 2 and wish better health for all.

THE MAIN PROBLEM WITH OLD AGE IS THAT YOU DON'T GROW OUT OF IT

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Most golfers join a Golf Club to enjoy fun, fellowship and organized competitions with other golfers.

Why then -- Do our club records show?

- Less than 50% turnout for our regular Friday play.
- Less than 50% join in the Competitions
- Less than 50% participate in the Away Games.

If you are one of the non-participators, why not make a special effort this year to take part in the Club's Competitions and Special Events ?

An INFORMATION PACKAGE has been prepared to assure that every member is well informed about all Club activities. It includes:

- A Schedule of all 1992 Events
- The Format of all Competitions and Tournaments
- The Club Rules and Conditions for Play
- A Roster of all Club Members & Name Tag for Opening Smoker
- A B.C.G.A. Membership Card.
- A New Membership Application Form

Each week the Bulletin Boards will be used to post information concerning current Club Activities, including:

- Sign Up and Entry Sheets for Competitions and Special Events.
- Individual or Team Draws for Matches and Away Games
- A record of all Competition and Tournament Winners
- An up-to-date revised Handicap record
- Announcements and Entry Sheets for Special Events and Away Games
- A Sign-up sheet for members wishing to join a Foursome.
- A Change of Address Form.
- A listing of all current Friday Competitions

Each Member is asked to:

- Check the Bulletin Boards each playing day or at least once each week.
- Sign up and participate in Club Competitions and Special Events.
- Meet fellow members and arrange regular Foursomes.
- Join in the fun, fellowship and friendly competitions of the Club

IT IS THE DESIRE OF THE MATCH AND HANDICAP COMMITTEE TO MAKE THIS AN INTERESTING AND ENJOYABLE GOLFING YEAR FOR EVERY MEMBER.

Ed. Angel, Captain

MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBERS - Bill Johnson, Roy Larson, Peter Lawrence, Norm Howell

A very warm welcome fellows and hope you enjoy your association with the W.P.G.C.

Good golfing. Be sure to add Norm HOWELL to your new February, 1992 Roster.

HOWELL, Norm 4232 Price Crescent Burnaby V5G 2N1 435-3085

Our membership as of this issue of the Divot Dust is as follows

80 Regular + 4 Associate and Honorary for a total of 84

09 members removed from 1991 roster - Capped 85 - 09 = 76

04 new members added 76 + 04 = 80

We have openings for 5 new members

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Am not going to try and give you the current status on our members and their families other than to list those having health problems

[01] Ed Angel's wife	[02] Howie McDonnell's wife	[03] Tyke Kanelles's wife
[04] Harvey Cook	[05] Bob Jack	[06] Greg Reynolds
[07] John Girling	[08] John Berry	[09] Bill Stevenson
[10] Bert Borton	[11] Gordon Munro	[12] Dave Fairweather's wife
[13] Doug LeBlanc	[14] Bill Boyd	[15] Chuck Menzies
[16] Colin Oliphant		

JUNIOR GOLF

We have had a special request for any old golf clubs or old golf balls that are still round and if you have any, please be good enough to contact Alvie or his staff in the McCleery Pro Shop. Thank You.

ELECTRONIC PHONE-IN RESERVATION SYSTEM

Implementation has been put off due to BC Telephone having too many Rotory (Pulse) phones in use for conversion to Touch Tone. Parks Board funding has been brought forward and now awaiting Telephone conversion.

FINANCIAL

The West Point Golf Club Bank Balance - January 31st, 1992 - \$8,531.17

OPENING SMOKER

Your attendance at this event is VERY IMPORTANT as this is the time we give out the INFORMATION PACKAGE, which gives you all the details you really need to know whats going on in your Club.

My thanks to Greg Reynolds for heading up the phone committee to get all you guys out to this Opening Smoker. You'll be hearing from his committee

YOUR 1992 PERSONAL GOLFING YEAR CALENDAR

NO	GOLF COURSE	DATE	TOURNAMENT	DETAILS
01	McCleery	Mch.20	President vs Captain	OPENING DAY
02	Seymour *	Mch.30	AWAY GAME	Monday
03	McCleery	Mch.27	No Tournament	Honey Pot & Par Points
04	McCleery	Apl.03	No Tournament	Monthly Medal & Par Points
05	McCleery	Apl.10	Scramble	4 Man Teams - Total Gross
06	NO GOLF	Apl.17	No Tournament	Good Friday - Holiday
07	Fort Langley*	Apl.27	AWAY GAME	Monday
08	McCleery	Apl.24	No Tournament	Honey Pot & Par Points
09	McCleery	May 01	McIntyre Trophy	1st Round-54 Holes-Net Strokes
10	McCleery	May 08	McIntyre Trophy	2nd Round-54 Holes-Net Strokes
11	McCleery	May 15	McIntyre Trophy	Final Round
12	McCleery	May 22	No Tournament	Honey Pot & Par Points
13	Carnoustie *	Jun.01	AWAY GAME	Monday
14	McCleery	May 29	Angel Trophy	2 Man Teams - Qualifying
15	McCleery	Jun.05	Angel Trophy	1st Round completed
16	McCleery	Jun.12	Angel Trophy	2nd Round completed
17	McCleery	Jun.19	Angel Trophy	3rd Round completed
18	Lake Padden	Jun.22	AWAY GAME	Monday
19	McCleery	Jun.26	Angel Trophy	Final Round
20	McCleery	Jul.03	Parker Shield	54 Hole-Eclectic-1st Round
21	McCleery	Jul.10	Parker Shield	54 Hole-Eclectic-2nd Round
22	University	Jul.15	AWAY GAME	Wednesday
23	McCleery	Jul.17	Parker Shield	54 Hole-Eclectic-Final Round
24	McCleery	Jul.24	Renshaw Trophy	Club Championship - Qualifying
25	McCleery	Jul.31	Renshaw Trophy	Club Championship - 1st Round
26	McCleery	Aug.07	Renshaw Trophy	Club Championship - 2nd Round
27	McCleery	Aug.14	Renshaw Trophy	Club Championship - 3rd Round
28	McCleery	Aug.21	Renshaw Trophy	Club Championship - Finals
29	McCleery	Aug.28	West Point Shields	Qualifying
30	McCleery	Sep.04	West Point Shields	1st Round completed
31	McCleery	Sep.11	PALCUTTA	See your Fixture Card
32	McCleery	Sep.18	West Point Shields	2nd Round completed
33	McCleery	Sep.25	West Point Shields	3rd Round completed
34	McCleery	Oct.02	West Point Shields	Final Round
35	McCleery	Oct.09	LeBlanc Shield Trophy	Monthly Medal Playoff
36	McCleery	Oct.16	Secretary vs Vice-Captain	CLOSING DAY

SPECIAL EVENT

McCleery Jul.27 PUTTING JAMBOREE Monday

FOR DETAILS YOUR FIXTURE CARD PLUS COMPETITION FORMATS WILL GIVE YOU THIS INFORMATION

The Opening Smoker is Friday March 13th, 1992 - Arbutus Recreation Centre
 The Palcutta Smoker is Friday Sept. 11th, 1992 - McCleery Clubhouse
 The Annual Banquet is Friday Nov. 06th, 1992 - Bella Casa Restaurant
 The Annual Meeting is Friday Jan. 15th, 1993 - McCleery Clubhouse

GOLF FEES - 18 Holes - Regular \$20.00, Seniors \$10.00, Senior Pass \$390.00
 18 Holes - Regular Electric Carts \$23.00, Seniors \$20.00
 09 Holes - Regular Electric Carts \$13.00, Seniors \$11.75
 Pull Carts - \$3.50. ALL PRICES QUOTED INCLUDE ALL TAXES, INCLUDING GST

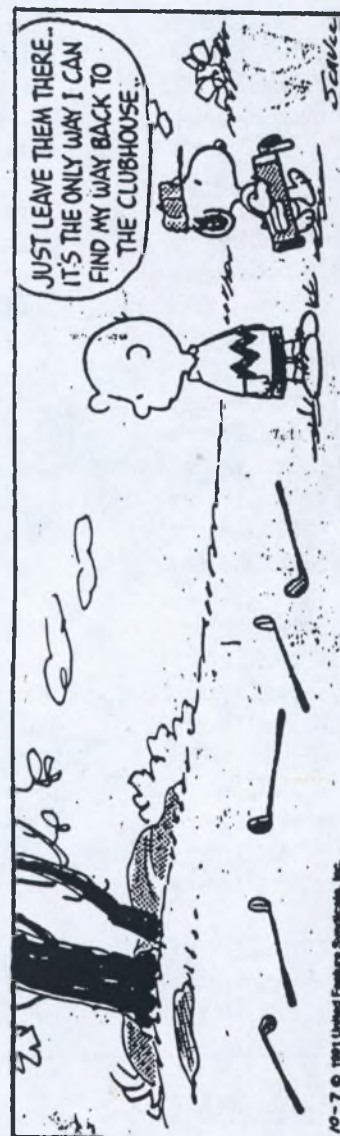
STAFF - Pro Shop - Alvie Thompson, Donna, Patti, Alec
 Clubhouse - Sandra MacSorley, Zarina, Linda, Connie, Jelena, Desa, Manyee

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ARE YOU A REAL GOLFER?

HAVE YOU DONE ALL OF THESE THINGS?

- [01] PLAYED THE OLD COURSE AT ST. ANDREWS, SCOTLAND
- [02] MADE A HOLE-IN-ONE (OR AT LEAST WITNESSED ONE)
- [03] PLAYED AT LEAST 54 HOLES IN ONE DAY
- [04] SHAKE HANDS WITH ARNOLD PALMER
- [05] BE THE FIRST TO TEE OFF AT DAWN
- [06] MADE AT LEAST THREE BIRDIES IN A ROW
- [07] PLAYED PEBBLE BEACH
- [08] BREAK A CLUB IN ANGER
- [09] BE THE LAST TO COMPLETE PLAY AT DUSK, PLAYING THE LAST HOLE IN NEAR DARKNESS
- [10] WIN A TOURNAMENT
- [11] RUN OUT OF BALLS
- [12] GO TO THE BRITISH OPEN
- [13] FOUR PUTT A GREEN IN A TOURNAMENT
- [14] PLAYED GLEN ABBEY
- [15] CALL IN SICK TO PLAY GOLF
- [16] HIT A SHOT OUT OF THE WATER - SUCCESSFULLY
- [17] GO TO THE MASTERS, EVEN IF ONLY FOR A PRACTICE ROUND
- [18] PLAYED GOLF IN EVERY PROVINCE OF CANADA
- [19] HIT AT LEAST THREE BALLS IN A ROW OUT OF BOUNDS
- [20] PLAY 18 HOLES WITH A TOUR PRO
- [21] PLAY A SCOTTISH OR IRISH LINKS COURSE IN A 40 MPH WIND
- [22] LOSE ON A MATCH OF CARDS
- [23] PLAY 18 HOLES BY YOURSELF
- [24] LOWER YOUR HANDICAP AT LEAST FIVE STROKES IN ONE YEAR
- [25] MAKE PAR ON A HOLE AFTER HITTING A BALL OUT OF BOUNDS
- [26] REACH A PAR FIVE IN TWO
- [27] GO ON A WEEK-LONG GOLF ORGY WITH THE GUYS (OR GALS)
- [28] TRY TEACHING A SPOUSE, CHILD OR FRIEND TO PLAY
- [29] READ AT LEAST ONE BOOK BY BOBBY JONES
- [30] PLAY 18 HOLES IN LESS THAN THREE HOURS
- [31] HAVE A BOUT WITH THE SHANKS
- [32] PLAY 18 HOLES IN HARD, STEADY RAIN
- [33] HAVE YOUR SWING VIDEOTAPED
- [34] CALL A RULES VIOLATION ON YOURSELF
- [35] CHIP IN ON THE LAST HOLE TO WIN A MATCH
- [36] HOLE A FULL SHOT FROM THE FAIRWAY OR ROUGH
- [37] BIRDIE EVERY HOLE AT YOUR HOME COURSE.
- [38] READ THE RULES OF GOLF
- [39] PLAY IN A SUDDEN-DEATH PLAYOFF
- [40] BOUGHT A NEW SET OF CLUBS FROM YOUR GOLF PRO SHOP
- [41] COME FROM FIVE DOWN TO WIN A MATCH
- [42] HIT A DRIVE 300 YARDS (EVEN IF IT'S DOWNHILL, DOWNWIND ON A ROCK-HARD FAIRWAY)
- [43] PLAYED WITH A COLORED BALL FOR 18 HOLES
- [44] PLAY A WRONG BALL IN A TOURNAMENT
- [45] FORGOT YOUR SCORE ON LAST HOLE PLAYED
- [46] PLAY WITH AN AILMENT OR INJURY - AND PLAY MUCH BETTER THAN USUAL
- [47] MAKE A LONG PUTT ON THE LAST HOLE WITH A CROWD GATHERED TO WATCH
- [48] YIP A SHORT PUTT ON THE LAST HOLE WITH A CROWD GATHERED TO WATCH
- [49] WATCH JACK NICKLAUS PLAY IN A MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIP
- [50] PLAY A FOURSOME (ALTERNATE SHOT) MATCH OR TOURNAMENT
- [51] PLAY A ROUND ON TWO DIFFERENT COURSES IN ONE DAY
- [52] YOUR FOURSOME--ACCUSED OF PLAYING TOO SLOW
- [53] ANNOUNCE THAT YOU'RE GIVING UP THE GAME
- [54] FALL IN LOVE WITH AN ANCIENT AND/OR FUNKY PUTTER



HOW YOU SCORED, NEXT EDITION

Every Real Golfer Should Do

Handwritten signature: M. J. Jumper

APRIL 15TH, 1992



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This Edition is a pretty full one, so away we go.

With our abundance of health problems having settled down a bit, the month of March has really got our members out playing golf, taking full advantage of a record setting month of good weather for Vancouver.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanks for the excellent work done by the Executive and other members to make the Opening Smoker, Opening Day, first Away Game at Delta and the Scramble tournament so successful. With attendance in the first 4 out of 6 outings being in the 50's, is most encouraging, keep it up and have a great golfing year. Thank You

Fred WALSH, President

HEALTH AND WELFARE

We want to extend our personal condolences to
Howie McDonnell and Neil McIntyre
in their bereavement

MEMBERSHIP

A special WARM WELCOME to our Five New Members and wish them Good Luck in their association golfing with the West Point Golf Club.

McNAB, Ian	1937 Berkley Avenue	North Van	V7H 1Z4	929-4029
TEMPERTON, George	6051 Forsyth Crescent	Richmond	V7C 2C4	273-3437
McFADDEN, Bert	6011 Redfern Crescent	Richmond	V7C 2V6	275-2120
MARSHALL, Hugh	4879 Collingwood Street	Vancouver	V6S 2B5	266-9657
PHILLIPS, Bus	7596 Selkirk Street	Vancouver	V6P 4H4	261-6071

These 5 new members bring us to our CAP LIMIT of 85. Please add to your membership roster. PLEASE mail new membership applications to Club's Box Number shown on application.

GOLFING ACTIVITIES

A special thanks to Len Brown, Ed Bobinski & Doug LeBlanc for all their efforts in the Match & Handicap record keeping, supervised by Captain Ed Angel.

Unconfirmed rumor that Peter Roche has written away for application to join the P.G.A. Senior Tour, after his great round of Gross 71 at the Delta Golf Course, way to go Peter and congratulations young fellow.

The Opening Day, the Captain's Team was soundly trounced by the President's Team.

An interesting observation on the Scramble Tournament was the 1st & 2nd place winning teams, who had three 1992 New Members on their teams, what is this all about!! Hummm. Way to go Ian, Bert & Peter, keep it up.

Over 50 members out to 4 out of 6 outings this year - GREAT - A real credit to the Membership Phoning Committee and the follow up on our New Members by the Vice Captain and his volunteer committee.

ANSWERS TO HOW "REAL" ARE YOU -(Reference Page 4 of Feb.15/92 Divot Dust)

Don't feel bad if you haven't done all of the things on the list...there's still time. Evaluate yourself according to the following scale, based on how many items you've checked off.

- 00 - 10..You might be a beginner, in which case you have plenty of time. But if you've been playing golf for a while, you might want to consider another sport.
- 11 - 20..You're still only skimming the surface of the true golf experience. It's time to start trying a little harder.
- 21 - 30..Not bad, especially if you're only around the middle point of your golf life. Still, there are gaps to be filled in.
- 31 - 40..You're definitely for "real". While you show enthusiasm for the game, you're not quite a golf nut.
- 41 - 53..Not only have you played a lot of golf, you've played it with rare passion.
- You could quit the game to-day and not have missed anything. We suspect, however, that you'll keep playing long enough to do most everything more than once.....and maybe a few things we haven't thought of.

The finest eloquence is that which gets things done.

—David Lloyd George

EDITORIAL

The purpose of this Editorial occupying almost all the space in this month's Divot Dust is for the following reasons.....

- [01] Since 1986 when the Club moved from UBC to McCleery Golf Course, approximately 50% of our current membership is NEW.
- [02] Because of the many convoluted stories from so many different people as to what actually happened to cause this move should be explained.
- [03] I have decided to take this on as a major project under cover of the Membership Committee, member of the current Executive of the Club and Editor of your Divot Dust.
- [04] The History of the WPGC, prepared by our own Ed Angel has been mentioned a number of times in the various publications of the Divot Dust. However, it was felt that a good number of our older members and certainly most of our new members are not aware of this publication.
- [05] A beautiful job was done by Ed in the research and preparation of this History of our Club and it seems a shame if any of our members have not read it and maybe were not aware that there is a Viewing Copy available to any member by calling Gordon Munro at 980-9985.
- [06] The Editorial under review in this month's Divot Dust is not in anyway a duplication of our history, but rather an explanation of our Club's personal "D" Day Invasion by the Provincial Government's privatization of our golf course in 1985.
- [07] The WPGC, instituted in 1932, playing at the University Golf course for 53 years, DIED ON MARCH 31ST, 1985.
- [08] The WPGC (Mid-Week) instituted in 1974 and authorized on May 7th, 1974 with 20 charter members, 3 of whom are still active in our club, is our club to-day.
- [09] The privatization by the Provincial Government that took place on April 1st, 1985, caused a major separation in the WPGC in which a relatively quick decision had to be made, i.e., go with the new UBC Club or leave.
- [10] Playing at the UBC course prior to 1985 with or without the WPGC umbrella was a real delight. Everyone pitched in and helped and it was a very healthy golfing atmosphere.
- [11] Several hard working members of the WPGC 1985/1986 Executive in consultation with the Vancouver Parks Board and more specifically Alvie Thompson, Head Golf Professional at McCleery Golf Course, saved our WPGC (Mid-Week).
- [12] Because the majority of WPGC members were week-enders, 224 out of a total membership of 277 opted to leave the WPGC, leaving 53 members of the WPGC Mid-Week members to fend for themselves.
- [13] Of the 53 members who opted to stay with the WPGC, 35 are still with the Club and can rightfully be called charter members of the WPGC (Mid-Week) as of April 1st, 1986.
- [14] Of the 35 charter members still with the club, 15 still continue to belong to both clubs, UBC and WPGC and play at UBC (Mid-Week) on Wednesdays.
- [15] Of the 35 charter members still with the club, 20 still continue to belong to the WPGC (Mid-Week), but don't play at UBC on Wednesdays.
- [16] This separation of the WPGC (Mid-Week) into these two factions, UBC (Mid-Week), playing on Wednesdays and the WPGC (Mid-Week), playing on Fridays has created some friction because of the different opinions as to what took place in 1985 when the new management at University Golf Club told the WPGC membership quite unceremoniously to 'Get Lost'.
- [17] To continue to support this type of management at UBC has both confused and confounded the charter members who support the WPGC playing at McCleery.
- [18] Nobody is trying to tell you where to play golf, its none of anybody's business. But when the UBC Mid-Week playing on Wednesdays at UBC causes the WPGC (Mid-Week) to play Fridays at McCleery in order to accommodate the University Mid-Week, that is called interference.
- [19] Under the heading - PERCEPTION - by the golfing public, the Lessee at UBC must have some sort of an arrangement or support under the Provincial Government Privatization Legislation to allow.....
- [20] For not providing a Senior Green Fee Rate for a single 18 hole game of golf on a Crown Land Public Golf Course.
- [21] If the golf course is not PUBLIC, not PRIVATE, not SEMI-PRIVATE, then there must be some other connotation under this Legislation that has never been properly explained to the golfing public.

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University course only for the rich?

By DON HARRISON
Staff Reporter

It's enough to make you wrap your putter around a tree.

The price of 18 holes of golf at the University Golf and Country Club is scheduled to increase 110 per cent by 1987.

According to an investment statement provided to potential shareholders by the new leaseholders of the University facility, a stroll on one of the best public golf courses in Canada will rise from its current \$9 tariff to \$15 next spring and \$20 in 1987.

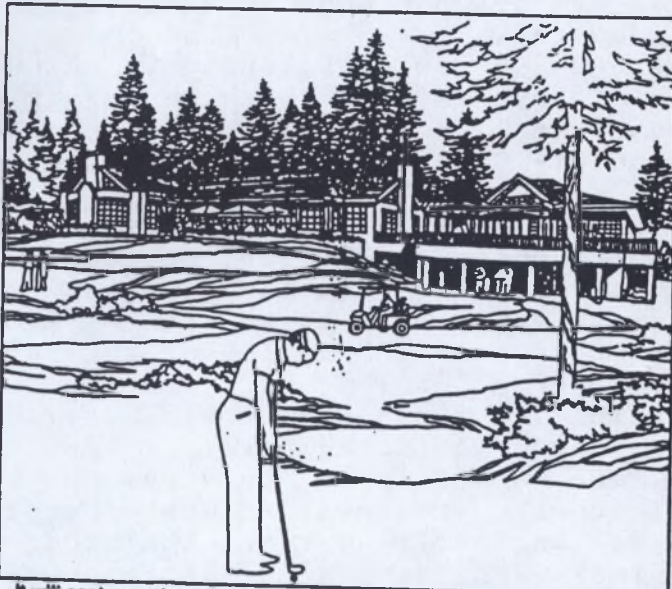
The investment package of the Robin Lecky group, provided to The Province by a Vancouver-area course operator who lost out to the Lecky group in the bidding, also projects that only 50 per cent of the 71,000 rounds of golf to be played at the course in 1986 will be truly public. The other half will come from dues-paying club members or higher-paying tournament players who both will have preferred tee times.

"We feel the public is being diddled," said the source. "What has happened is mostly Shaughnessy (Golf and Country Club) guys have taken over with the idea of turning it (University) into a second Shaughnessy."

"When we met with the government we were told one of the criteria was to keep the course for the public. It will be an elitist course."

Some of the eight principals in the Lecky group are from Shaughnessy, but when interviewed earlier this month, Lecky stressed his desire to keep the course accessible to the public and improve availability of the course for such groups as juniors and University of B.C. golf team.

"It's not just sour grapes," the source insisted. "I wanted it (the lease), but it is



It will cost more to make the rounds at University Golf and Country Club.

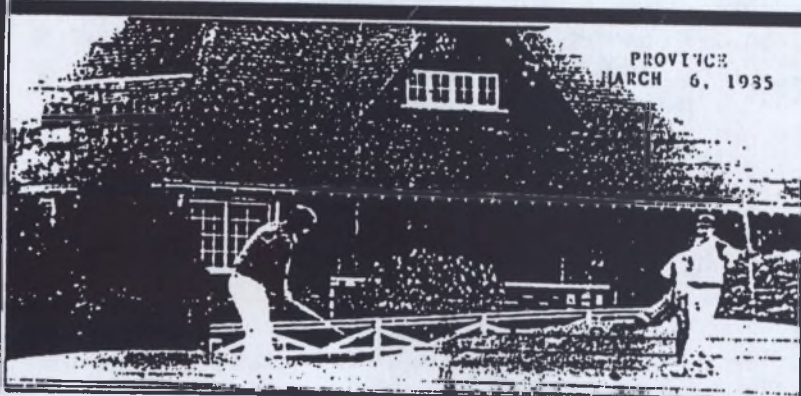
not a matter of life and death. We felt it (Lecky's clubhouse food and liquor revenue projections) were so out of line, we thought we had a pretty good chance of getting the bid.

Lecky, however, says no green fee price for 1987 has been set yet.

"What we have said is we'll be competitive with other Lower Mainland public courses," said Lecky. "We have had different (green fee) projections, but likely 10 per cent."

The Lecky group is also trying to borrow \$2 million from the banks and entice 100 investors into the scheme at \$10,000 a unit to raise the necessary capital to upgrade the course to their stated goal of "equal to the best private club." The founding partners will have a minimum of \$150,000 invested, but their plan calls for them to retain more than 50 per cent of the voting shares.

"We hope to have an announcement (on investors) by the end of the week," said Lecky.



There won't be much left of the old clubhouse at the University golf course. A new facility will be built.

Group on right course

By DON HARRISON
Staff Reporter

"There is no reason why it can't be the finest public golf course in Canada."

Those words, from new leasee Robin Lecky, will warm the hearts of thousands of Lower Mainland golfers who have always maintained the University golf course had the potential to be as good as any course — public or private — in the land.

The University golf regular had his hopes lifted in the early 1970s when the landlord, the provincial government, spent \$2 million redesigning and upgrading all or parts of 13 holes.

But, the money soon disappeared as mysteriously as it arrived and the facility has since languished in a twilight zone of benign neglect.

"It is an outstanding golf course," Lecky said yesterday. "Everyone says that. There is no reason why it can't be as good as any private club in the country. That was our commitment."

Towards that end, the first move the eight-member group fronted by the Vancouver businessman will do when it

officially takes control of the course April 1 is change the name of the course to the University Golf and Country Club.

A small change in name, but a major change in outlook. The new club will contain the best of both worlds. A first-class layout, pro shop, dining and lounge amenities, yet open to the purse of the average player.

When the present Social Credit administration announced plans to divest itself of a number of recreational facilities in 1983, the University course was put up for grabs.

Thirty-eight groups entered the bidding last September and the Lecky group was declared the winner two weeks ago.

The partnership consists of sports commentator and promoter Greg Douglas and his partner Ron Gardner, University of B.C. director of athletics Bob Hindmarch, former Shaughnessy Golf and Country Club manager Bill Gillespie, Shaughnessy director of golf Jack McLaughlin, engineer and developer Ivan Kraemer and chartered accountant Bill Humphries.

The group negotiated a 20-year lease, renewable for another 20 years after each 10-year period. The cost was an unspecified bonus payment to the provincial government and eight per cent of gross revenues, excluding liquor.

"Our plan is to start immediately building a new clubhouse to be finished by February or March of 1986," Lecky continued. "It will be a \$1.8 million, 12,000 square foot building with full facilities."

The clubhouse will be situated on the hill currently occupied by the 14th tee. Structural instability prevents the 60-year-old clubhouse from moving to the new location, but Lecky said the famous clubhouse clock will be a prominent feature of the new site.

For course improvements, Lecky said: "The first priority will be to remove the mats (used on turf tees). The course improvement plan is basically a three-year spring and fall deal, so as not to disrupt play."

Other plans include: Green fee hikes of 10-15 per cent above those charged at the Vancouver Parks Board courses.

EXCERPT FROM 'EQUITY' MAGAZINE/MAY, 1985 LINKS AND LIMITED PARTNERS

The line-up on the board of directors makes you feel that the University Golf Course has become the farm links of the Shaughnessy Golf and Country Club. Although chairman Robin Lecky isn't a member of Shaughnessy, Gill Gillespie, president of the newly founded University Golf and Country Club, is, and the director of golf at University is Jack McLaughlin, who holds the same position at Shaughnessy.

Lecky's founding group, which also includes Bob Hindmarch of UBC, sports marketers Greg Douglas and Ron Gardner, engineer Ivan Kraemer and accountant Bill Humphries, won the right to sign a 20-year lease with the B.C. government over 38 other interested groups for the landmark golf course on the eastern edge of the University Endowment Lands.

The privatization price-tag included a \$200,000 bonus payment, \$127,000 for golf course equipment, eight percent of gross revenues (excluding liquor), a commitment to have a new clubhouse in place within 24 months and the promise to keep the course public.

About \$1 million in limited partnership units were sold in the last two months and \$1.5-million financing has been negotiated at two banks to cover the costs of rebuilding the clubhouse, which will include a fancy 125-seat restaurant.

Green fees are being hiked from \$9.75 to \$12 for 18 holes as starters, and Lecky figures that with aggressive marketing the golf course will be making money in three years.

Robin Lecky and his group won the right to run the University Golf and Country Club over 38 other applicants. Aggressive marketing is a key component in having the project making money within three years.

- [22] The 1992 Green Fees for playing 18 holes of golf at the University Public Golf Course are the highest in the lower mainland
- [23] Justification for this 'heavy' green fee structure is given as the costs associated with the development of a new and improved golf course and a new clubhouse.
- [24] A new and improved golf course could very easily be questioned by any number of local golf experts.
- [25] A new clubhouse in which the Lessee had no option but to comply, as it was part of the contractual agreement contained in the Lease Agreement.
- [26] Official name of the golf course is the University Golf Club. However, if you read the three media articles outlined in this Divot Dust, it is very clearly spelt out as the University Golf & Country Club, a title normally associated with a Private Golf Club, not a Public Course.
- [27] As PR (public relations) has really been the name of the game in the promotion of the UBC Club, the down stroke is really, 'How much to play a game of golf'.
- [28] The original management commitment of keeping the Green Fees with modest increases to 10% to 15% of the Parks Board Green Fees, has never even been close.
- [29] Preferential Tee Times to certain Service Club members and all types of the Media is the norm.
- [30] As the lease was "flipped" to a new Lessee shortly after winning over 37 other contenders, it was clear that golfing improvements for the golfing public was not the order of the day.
- [31] The original management after being rebuffed by the Financial community for financing to meet their lease commitments, took this action.
- [32] How to circumvent the Public course limitations for increased bottom line revenue and still stay within the bounds of the Government Privatization Legislation must be causing great frustrations to the current management.
- [33] An example of this is the expanded participation into a golf course of almost 'Golf Tournaments Only', presented as a package to encourage the many organizations looking for a place to hold their local golf tournament. Is this the role of a Public Golf course?
- [34] So what does all this mean? - You be the judge.
- [35] For playing friendly and competitive golf, the WPGC should be important to each of our members, as I am sure we would all like to protect this entity by supporting the McCleery Golf Course and the facilities of the Clubhouse for our social functions.
- [36] In 1985/1986, it was decided to make McCleery our friday play day course, bearing in mind, we were, for use of a better name in competition with the McCleery Golf Club and the general golfing public and then here we come, starting from scratch.
- [37] Now in our 7th year at McCleery, we have I am sure, in the eyes of the Vancouver Parks, Board, the Vancouver City Hall Council, the McCleery Pro Shop and the McCleery Clubhouse, made our presence known.
- [38] For dollars invested, \$7.50 to play any of the three city owned public golf courses, Fraserview, Langara and our home course, McCleery, this green fee price just cannot be matched anywhere in the greater Vancouver area.
- [39] Try playing McCleery on week days, other than our Club fridays, you might be pleasantly surprised and impressed.
- [40] Because of our Clubs democratic way of dealing with subjects like this and further because I am personally taking an extended holiday for May, June & July, am prepared to offer the following. The very nature of this subject is bound to stir some feelings from the other side of the coin and therefore am offering the full space in the June 15th, 1992 Divot Dust to any member or members for their personal response and comments.

As there is no connection between the McCleery golf course and the University golf course, the outcome of continued support by a few of our WPGC members of the University Mid-Week Club is inevitable. Why is it not an accepted fact that to try and continue to relive the "good old days" at the University golf course through the eyes and memories of your WPGC is over.

7 years has proved that point.

Please you guys, come home, we miss you, we need your experience, support and input to help us operate your WPGC as a single entity, supported by the entire membership.

Thank You

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JUNE 15, 1992

GREETINGS TO ALL WEST POINT GOLFERS ! ! !

Gordie Munro, your outstanding editor, is off on a 2 month auto journey through the Northern States and Western Canada. Probably stopping off at every Bingo Parlor to replenish his cash. He met Tyke Kanelles in Reno, but I didn't hear about any large sums of money being pocketed.

So, fellows, you are stuck with a substitute editor for this June issue.

Sitting on the sidelines due to the critical illness of my dear wife, Nancy, I haven't been able to take part in your successful golf activities, nor have I had the opportunity to meet our new members, to whom I wish to extend my heartiest greetings with best wishes for an enjoyable membership in our Club.

Despite my inability to participate personally, news of the Club does filter down occasionally. All in all, the turnouts at our events have been the best ever, although I was a little disappointed at the poor entry of 22 for the Angel Trophy. It is difficult to understand that 63 of our members are all going to be away. In the first tournament, The McIntyre, Ed Bobinski came out the winner with Ian McNab, a new member, runnerup. By the looks of some of the scores that have been turned in by some of our new members, our older members might need to do a little practicing.

CLUB WELFARE ! ! !

Despite the spirit of camaraderie existing within our membership, there have been a few thoughts of discontent. This is a characteristic common to every Club or Association. Every member has a right to voice an opinion which is the basic concept of our democratic society. Strangely enough, in the majority of cases some good comes out of this openness in thought and expression.

President Fred Walsh said it well in voicing the view of the Executive.

"We are pleased with the excellent turnout at each of our events, and the willingness of the Executive and Members to assume responsibilities for the Committee members who have had family or personal problems. It is a pleasure to work with such a dedicated and able group of sportsmen. It is our opinion that the Club is thriving and looking forward to a long and healthy future."

There has been some talk about the inadequacy of the meeting facilities at our home Club, McCleery. In rummaging through a file of old Divot Dusts, I ran across one dated, July 1945, which should make us all feel that we don't have it so bad after all.

Quote: "There is a great shortage of sugar at the Club. Anyone who can bring a little please do so. Also, bring your own cakes and sandwiches. The Club will supply the coffee. This will be a great evening of fun and fellowship."

We should be doubly pleased that we have a Club, a beautiful Golf Course, excellent Clubhouse facilities and a friendly and cooperative personnel in the Pro Shop and Coffee Shop to work with.

How can we possibly ask for more ? ? ?

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Cultivate a smooth waggle, as the old Scotch saying goes,

"As ye waggle so shall ye swing"

GOLF COURSE REDEVELOPMENT ! ! !

Dave Fairweather has spent many hours presenting the position of the West Point Golf Club and other Senior golfers at meetings of the Parks Board and the Vancouver Council, regarding the proposed upgrading of the 3 Municipal golf courses.

Following is a brief summary, which fairly indicates Dave's outstanding effort on our behalf.

Presentation to the Parks Board, May 11, 1992.

1. We recognize the need for improvements, but strongly disagree with the 24.9 million dollar redevelopment cost.
2. The proposed plan effectively reduces the number of golf courses by 1 over the next four years, when more golf courses are urgently needed.
3. Many seniors play 3 to 4 times each week throughout the year, and they wish to continue this healthful exercise rather than being shut down for 14 months.
4. A driving range is not needed, especially since the double deck expansion at Musqueam has been built and the extra cost involved in realligning 5 fairways and the movement of hundreds of large trees.
5. Proper allocation of nearly 5 million dollars net revenue from golf course operation for golf course development was not made. This money was placed in the general fund for use by other sports.
6. The golfing community is once again asked to cough up additional monies, through increased fees, to complete improvements that should have been an ongoing operation over the years.

The West Point Golf Club supports a scaled down redevelopment program.

- a. A well planned lake and drainage system.
- b. Fairway improvements with a watering system.
- c. Proper modern mowing equipment.
- d. An expanded Pro Shop with lavatory facilities at the 10th tee.
- e. No realignment of Fairways or construction of a Driving Range.
- f. All work to proceed on 1 nine at a time rather than a total shutdown.

Letter to Mayor Campbell and City Council, May 17, 1992

The concerns of the West Point Golf Club are mainly of an economic and health nature for seniors.

1. The planned increase in green fees will result in a regular green fee of \$33 - \$34 by 1995.
2. The senior rate at 50% would be \$16.50 - \$17.00. This is an enormous increase over the \$5 - \$6 for the past two years.
3. Fewer rounds will be played by seniors due to the escalated cost.
4. The fewer rounds and healthy exercise will result in a marked deterioration and well being of many seniors.

It is difficult to understand that the basic requirements of drainage and irrigation can not be undertaken without tearing the whole facility apart and closing down the course for up to 14 months.

If the program is to proceed, it would seem just and right that the nearly 5 million dollar net proceeds from golf course operation over the past years which was placed in the general fund be credited back to the golf course redevelopment fund. Otherwise, golfers will be in the position of paying double for their sport while supporting other sports that do not have user fees.

Please refer to Dave Fairweather if more complete information is required.

CANADIAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

An article in the Score magazine once again raises the issue "Putting Canadian Back In The Open"

"Keeping the Canadian Open in one place takes away the true nationality of the tournament. Why should people in other parts of the country not have a chance to see the Canadian Open? Is it because of money? Is it easier to hold the tournament in one place?"

If the RCGA represents all golfers in Canada, then these questions should be answered.

Talk is now emanating from Golf House that taking the Championship to other sites is a possibility. The talk needs to become more than idle chat, because the Championship to regain some of its lost significance it is necessary for the powers that be to put "Canadian" back into the Open."

Comment: The golfers of the nation are the "Powers that be". Where do we stand?

SCORECARDS - THE PERENNIAL PROBLEM ! ! !

This phrase is repeated year after year with the same results - - POOR

"There are too many unreadable, incorrect and incomplete score cards. The handicap system is based on the premise that every player will play his best, and will turn in correct, readable, complete and attested score card for each game played."

Without the dedicated members who spend hours trying to decipher the scribblings on some score cards, we wouldn't have a handicap system. Every member owes a big vote of thanks to the score keepers, and should make an effort to produce better score cards in the future.

THERE ARE TWO BASIC RULES

1. A readable Foursome or Team score card (attested by all players) must be turned in for each game played.
2. Also, a readable Individual score card (attested by all players) must be turned by a player who enters a competition (Par Points, Honey Pot, Monthly Medal, or other Stroke Play competition.

A SCORE CARD MUST INCLUDE

- a. Readable names of all players and attestors.
- b. Correct date of play.
- c. Correct hole, gross and net scores.
- d. Correct up-to-date handicap.
- e. Correct differential posted at the right side of card.
(The Equitable Stroke Control System must be used.)
- f. Correct calculation of Par Points.
- g. Names of all Competitions entered at the bottom of the score card.

INCOMPLETE OR INCORRECT SCORE CARDS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FOR THE COMPETITION.

Thanks fellows, now that you have read all this, all future Score Cards will be perfect.

PREFERRED LIE RULE

To enable all players to have a fair shot due to the unevenness and great number of pot holes, the following Club rule was adopted a few years ago.

1. Through the green (the whole course except bunkers and water hazards) a ball may be lifted, cleaned, and placed not more than 6 inches from its original lie, no nearer the hole.
WITHOUT PENALTY.
2. A ball may not be move, WITHOUT TAKING A 1 STROKE PENALTY, if it lies within 36 inches (length of wedge) of Out of Bounds, Unstaked Tree Trunk, Stump, or Fence. If the ball is moved it should be moved under the Unplayable Ball Rule.
3. Rules of Golf apply in all cases of Casual Water, Ground Under Repair, Obstructions, Bunkers and Water Hazards. Do you know the Rules?

DO YOU KNOW THE RULES OF GOLF ? ? ?

1. A player's shot lands in the rough behind some trees. He declares the ball unplayable (charging himself one stroke) and moves his ball 2 club lengths to the left no nearer the hole. This takes him back to the clipped fairway, clearing the rough and trees. This gives him a clear shot to the green. Is he correct ? ? ?
2. A player chips his ball into a sand trap. He returns the ball to the spot where the original shot was made, charging himself 1 stroke and continues to play. Is he correct ? ? ?

If you are not quite sure of all the Rules of Golf, why not invest in a rule book and improve your game ?

ATTESTING

Some members have asked, "What does attesting a score card mean ? "

It means that you have carefully checked the player's score card for readability, completeness of details, correctness of calculations and agree that the score card is correct in all details.

In short you are helping the player to turn in a correct score card, that will not be disqualified.

As we get to mid-season, every golfer should be getting to the top of his game. How do you rate in the Do and Don't department ?

Yes No (Check each of the following Yes or No)

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| _____ | _____ | 1. I replace my divots. |
| _____ | _____ | 2. I repair my ball marks on the greens. |
| _____ | _____ | 3. I smooth my marks in the sand traps. |
| _____ | _____ | 4. I keep my cart off the grass tees and fringes of the greens. |
| _____ | _____ | 5. I check the Bulletin Board each day I play. |
| _____ | _____ | 6. I handle the flag on the greens with care. |
| _____ | _____ | 7. I always have my score card attested. |
| _____ | _____ | 8. I am ready to hit my next shot when it is my turn. |
| _____ | _____ | 9. I move quickly up the fairway, not holding up play. |
| _____ | _____ | 10. I obey all golf course signs and rules. |
| _____ | _____ | 11. I putt out on every hole. |
| _____ | _____ | 12. I don't take divots with practice swings. |
| _____ | _____ | 13. I own an up-to-date RCGA Golf Rule Book. |
| _____ | _____ | 14. I keep up to the foursome ahead. |
| _____ | _____ | 15. I allow the following group to play through if held up in any way. |
| _____ | _____ | 16. I know the Rules of Golf and the Local and Club Rules. |
| _____ | _____ | 17. I turn in a complete readable score card after each game. |
| _____ | _____ | 18. I calculate and post my differentials using the Stroke Control System. |
| _____ | _____ | 19. I don't mark my card when still on the green. |
| _____ | _____ | 20. I don't practice putting after finishing a hole. |
| _____ | _____ | 21. I am always on time for my game. |
| _____ | _____ | 22. I never make a mistake in calculating my Par Points. |
| _____ | _____ | 23. I am courteous to all players. |
| _____ | _____ | 24. I take my turn to get a playing time. |
| _____ | _____ | 25. I play golf for fun, fellowship and friendly competition. |

If less than 25 yes answers, there is room for improvement.

I would be pleased to hear from any member who can claim 25 YES replies.

ODDS AND ENDS

In the Basque country where France meets Spain at the foot of the Pyrenees, golf is quite democratic. It doesn't matter if a Club is public or private. Wn anyone who pays the green fees may play without being hosted by a member.

Turnouts for Away Games have been very good. The members who join in these outings to play another golf course have an enjoyable time. If you haven't been a participator, why not join in the next one?

McIntyre Trophy - a test of skill and consistency - 54 holes Net Score. Won by Ed Bobinski with new member Ian McNab a close runnerup. Watch out for these new members.

Our President Fred Walsh is back from a month's holiday - eager to play better golf, especially on the back nine.

"Fellow golfers, a great group to be associated with. It's the reason for the success of our Club. Everyone is prepared to get involved. Let' keep it that way." McIntyre 1985.

That's all fellows - Ed Angel, Sub Editor

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A SURVEY

As we look forward to many possible changes that certainly will occur when work on the McCleery course begins, the following is intended to survey the membership preference for a Playing Day.

Please check your choice and drop the form in the Score Card box.
DO NOT SIGN

Monday _____ Wednesday _____ Friday _____

Please reply by June 30.

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GILLILAND CLUB'S NEW CHAMPION

The Renshaw Trophy (Club Championship) qualifying round on July 27, had a great turn out. When finished we had 16 Low Gross Qualifiers in the championship flite, with the remainder going into the 2nd and 3rd flites.

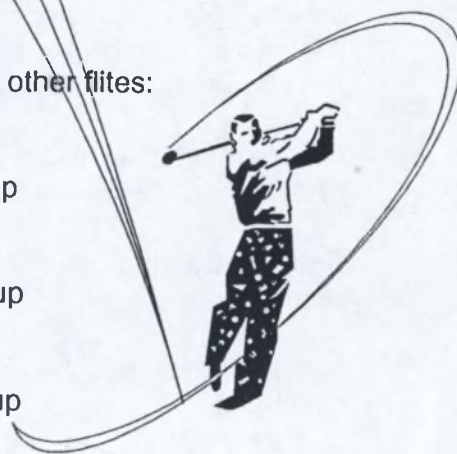
Two of the low qualifiers for the championship flite started their quest for the championship. John Gilliland and Harvey Cook after disposing of their opponents in close matches in the next two rounds, met for the championship on August 21st.

After 18 holes of some great golf with neither one more than one hole up at any time, John happened to be the one that had the one up lead at the end of the 18th hole.

Congratulations to John our new Club Champion!

Also congratulations are in order to winners and runners-up in the other flites:

1ST FLITE	Chuck Menzies - Winner Vic Schroeder - Runner-up
2ND FLITE	Hugh Marshall - Winner Roy Symons - Runner-up
3RD FLITE	Doug Whittle - Winner Wes Brisseau - Runner-up



🔔 IMPORTANT MESSAGE:

Don't forget the "Palcutta" auction September 2, 1992 at 7:00 PM at McCleery Club House. This is a fun nite to bid on your favourite twosomes in this annual tournament. Don't forget to bring money and check book to cover your bids. The format for this gala affair will be available at this time, if you don't already have one. Donuts and coffee are FREE!

"Golf and sex have something in common;
Before you really master it, you're too old to be good at it"

Excerpt from letter to Executive from Chapter, Ed Angel, June 29, 1992.

"A record of participation by members in our Club competitions on Fridays, plus away games, has been compiled up to June 26, 1992.

It is noted that some members have been participating very little, and are in jeopardy of losing their playing membership status, as per our by-laws:

To maintain membership and competition eligibility, a minimum of 10 (ten) 18 hole rounds with Club members on scheduled Friday playing days at McCleery Golf Course or at scheduled away tournaments, must be played each year."

The following recommendations are made:

1. Players with little or no participation are to be contacted by the Membership Committee to encourage play.
2. Members who indicate that they will not be able to meet the 10 game requirement, be invited to consider associate membership in 1993.

3. Each non-participating member, due to sickness or compassionate reasons, to be considered on an individual basis.
4. Executive action on non-participating members to be taken by the Executive after closing day, Oct. 16th, when a complete record of participation will be available.

NEED A GAME?

A reminder: If your foursome needs 1 or 2 players for a Friday game, please advise Ed Bobinsky by 7pm, Wednesday evening if possible. Also if you don't have a game for Friday, advise Ed that you are willing to play with others. In this way Ed can put players together for a game. Call Ed at 736-2660.

SCORE CARDS

Score card accuracy/completeness has greatly improved since the last Divot Dust exhortation. However, errors still occur each week, sometimes resulting in disqualification. To avoid disappointment:

Remember to;

1. Submit an individual card (separate from your foursome card) to make yourself eligible for prizes/awards being competed for. The individual card must be marked appropriately, e.g. 'Honey Pot', part points, monthly medal, Parker shield, etc. The competitions of the day are listed on the blackboard each Friday morning on the Pro-Shop wall above the water fountain.
2. Double and triple check the number of par points claimed. Ask your playing partner to check your card and do the same for him.
3. Determine your differential after applying ESC (Equitable Stroke Control) and indicate it on your score card.

New members read the above again, and remember this could also apply to some of our older members.

DIVOT DUST EDITOR

It is with regret that your Executive must advise of the resignation of Gord Munro from his role on the Executive and participation in the Club program of activities.

The following is from the pens of Dave Fairweather and myself, and I am sure the rest of the members of West Point Golf Club will thoroughly agree.

"Gord has been an enthusiastic and active member and has made a very significant contribution to the West Point Golf Club in the last two years as Director in charge of membership; Editor of the Divot Dust; Producer of the roster, and in addition, his calligraphy talents were always available to add a touch of class.

Gord has a strongly held vision of what the West Point Golf Club could and should be, and recognized the difficult period which the Club has ahead of it in the next few years. Golf is not on his agenda for the balance of the year."

His contribution and willing support will be sorely missed.

Further on the Golf Course Improvement Program

Your Executive recently became aware of the fact that in conjunction with the Golf Course Improvement Program now approved, the Board of Parks and Recreation of Vancouver will be undertaking a review of the organization, membership status and privileges as they apply to the existing recognized Clubs at the three Parks Board Courses (Mens-Weekend; Ladies-Tuesday; Ladies-Business).

In light of our seven years of activity at the McCleery course, with a history of 61 years as a well organized and active Club, we believe it's timely to approach the Board of Parks and Recreation for formal recognition as the Senior Mens - Mid Week Club at McCleery. Action is now underway to make this request and to seek an opportunity for discussion and approval.

Golf is a game that keeps you young,
I have the proof in hand;
At sixty-plus, for instance, I'm
still playing in the sand.

Thinking of playing other courses for a change?

If you happen to be passing a tourism B.C. Information office or booth, drop in and ask for a free copy of the 1992 (GDBC), Golf Directory of B.C. It is 96 pages of B.C. Golf facilities arranged by RC's nine tourist regions.

OR - try Wayside Par 3 - 35036 S. Parallel Rd, Abbotsford, B.C.

Located within sight of Hwy. #1 at exit 95, owned by Bill Mawhinney (*remember him?*). It is an 18 hole, par 3, 2035 yds course with excellent fairways and first class greens. Most holes are 110-125 yds. Excellent for a 2^{1/2} hr workout for your short game. Cost \$10 - No reservations required. For more info, contact Ed Bobinsky.

President's Report

The season is progressing very well and if the weather continues to favor us will prove to be an outstanding one.

I would like to add my personal thanks to Gord Munro for the valuable contribution he has made to the Club's activities, and hope that he will continue to play an active role in the Club's future. Bud Brown's assumption of the duties as Editor of the Divot Dust is appreciated and highlights the pool of talent we have in our membership.

I am aware that some members are unable, for health reasons, to play a full 18 holes, but we do wish that they will continue to participate in our activities as much as possible. A perfect opportunity is provided by the Palcutta Social Evening on Sept 22nd. We'd like to see you and look forward to meeting with you. Come and enjoy the fellowship and, if you so desire, support the teams of your choice.

† Memorial †

Bill Boyd.

Died: July 17, 1992 after a courageous battle with Cancer. Not a long time member of the Club, but an ardent golfer who loved the game and camaraderie. We will miss him.

That's 30 for this month!



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Ms Nancy Chiavario
Chairperson
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September 7, 1992.

Dear Ms. Chiavario:

We are aware that the Board of Parks & Recreation plans to undertake a review of the existing recognized Club groups playing at the three main Parks Board courses. It is assumed that this study will cover such matters as: organization; membership eligibility and status; as well as privileges presently enjoyed.

This letter will serve to request that our Club be considered in the upcoming study for formal recognition as the Senior Men's Mid-Week Club at McCleery Golf Course.

As you will know from previous communications, the West Point Golf Club has been a well run organization since its start in 1932. We are presently in our seventh year of active play on Friday mornings at the McCleery Golf Course. We are a group of 85 retired senior golfers, who enjoy healthful exercise, good fellowship and friendly competition.

Over the years at McCleery, we have maintained a good relationship with the staff of the Pro Shop, Clubhouse and Course Maintenance group. We do not currently enjoy any special privileges apart from the use of a small wall section in the men's locker/washroom for posting of our Club information bulletins.

Several of our Club functions are regularly held in the Clubhouse during down periods and for the past few years, we have made a financial contribution to the McCleery Men's Club in support of Their Junior program.

We enclose for your information, the following information which will serve to give a good overview of our Club:

- a) a copy of the Club By-Laws.
- b) the Rules & Conditions of Play.
- c) the Competition Format.
- d) our Application Form.
- e) a copy of our 1992 Fixture Card.

The Board will also have on file a copy of the documented history of the Club over the first sixty years.

We would welcome an opportunity for discussion and review of our request to be recognized formally as the Senior Men's Mid-Week Club at the McCleery Golf Course.

Sincerely,

Fred N. Walsh, President.

cc: Mr. Bert Breakwell
Director of Operations

Alvie Thompson
Head Professional, McCleery Golf Course

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MERRY XMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

IMPORTANT NEWS ALERT

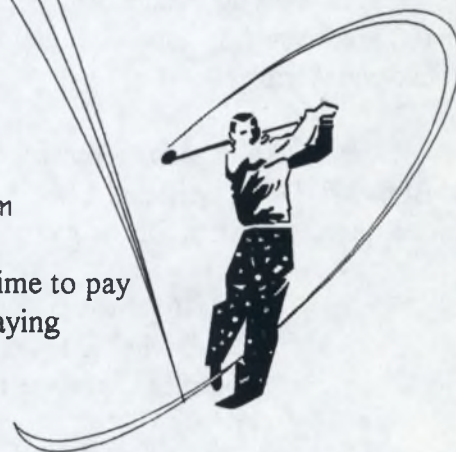
The Annual Banquet.....

When?? November 6, 1992

Where?? Bella Casa Restaurant
Hudson & Marine Drive, Vancouver

Time?? Happy Hour 6:00 pm - Dinner 7:00 pm

Remember to bring money (cash, cheque) because this is the time to pay your 1993 Club dues. They are due prior to January 1, 1993. So paying them at the Banquet, will not only save you \$.42 for a stamp, it will enable the Executive to plan ahead for 1993. Giving them some idea of what our membership will be in the coming year.



The Annual General Meeting.....

When?? January 15, 1993

Where?? McCleery Club House

Time?? 7:00 pm

Make sure you mark this date on your calendar. Because this is the time to voice your opinions on future programs, activities, electing your new executive, and B..... about what the city is going to do to our golf course.

SEE YOU ALL ON BOTH THESE IMPORTANT DATES!

*“When a closed mind re-opens,
it’s usually under the same old management.”*

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

This has been an excellent golfing season for the West Point Golf Club. The weather made a contribution but the Club’s success rests on the dedication of your directors and the conscientious and efficient efforts of all the committee chairmen and members.

The Club will be facing a number of problems, even survival, as the Parks Board proceeds with its questionable plans to rip up, tear up and restore the public golf courses. We will have to draw on the support and talents of all the members in the coming years. Dave Fairweather, the Chairman of the Nomination

Committee, is developing a slate of officers for your consideration at the Annual Meeting in January. Any member who is able and willing to join the executive or work on one of our committees should advise Dave and indicate where they can make a contribution. Also, if you are aware of another member with special skills, urge him to offer to help.

I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Banquet on November 6th, and at the Annual Meeting on January 15, 1993.

VICE-CAPTAIN'S REPORT

1992 has been a successful year for the West Point Golf Club. The weather was great and all of our tournaments and away games had good turnouts. Next year will be a greater challenge with the expected heavier play at McCleery due to the closure of Langara.

Our new members have adapted themselves very well to our Club and indeed have won their share of prizes and trophies - Well Done!

There were 60 members signed up for closing day October 16, 1992 which was very encouraging. Alvie Thompson was good enough to give us confirmed tee times from 10:03 am for our final day event. Thank-you Alvie!

I would like to thank all members for their cooperation all year and especially the help of Ed Angel, Ed Bobinski, Doug LeBlanc, Charlie McKay, Tyke Kanelles, Tom Herbert, Al Williams, Dave Fairweather and others for their valuable assistance in making this an efficient and enjoyable season.

Note: Ed Angel would like to thank Len Brown and Committee for taking over, when Ed was unable to carry on, and doing an outstanding job running all the tournaments. Once again, "THANKS" from Ed.

I think all members would certainly second the above, Thanks to a job well done.

***"The man who waits for things to turn
up finds his toes, do it first."***

"PALCUTTA"

Results	Team	Buyer	Pool
1st - 84 pts.	B. Smith & K. Gill	A. McNiven	\$717.75
2nd - 83 pts.	W. Brisseau & C. Menzies	B. Smith	398.75
3rd - 82 pts.	R. Harris & J. Gilliland	A. McNiven	239.25
4th/5th - 81 pts.	P. Lawrence & C. Barker	F. McDaniel	79.75
	G. Spilos & R. Symons	C. Barker	79.75
	C. McKay & J. Davies	L. Brown	79.25

The above winners split the player pool of \$260.00
The total auction pool was \$1,595 - the BIGGEST ever.

A great deal of thanks goes to those who worked so hard to make the "Palcutta" so successful - namely: Al Williams (auctioneer), Phil Mare, Charlie McKay, Tom Herbert, Len Brown and Dave Fairweather. Once again fellows, thanks for a job well done.

WEST POINT SHIELD - FINAL

Low Handicap -

1st Dick Ireland
2nd Doug Symonds

High Handicap -

1st Wes Brisseau
2nd Ron Harris

LEBLANC SHIELD ~ MONTHLY MEDAL CHAMPIONS

1st Hugh Marshal Net 61

2nd Bert McFadden Net 67

HEALTH & WELFARE

Jack Apps is recovering nicely after some work on his spinal column to relieve bothersome pressure on the nerves which had forced him to ride the white pony to get out on the course, let alone the aches and groans which went with it.

It is only a few weeks since Roy Symons had Quadruple by-pass surgery and there he was on Closing Day cruising about on one of the power carts checking up on how members were doing. It is good to see him making a strong recovery.

The following is to keep the members up to date on what the Executive are doing and trying to do in regard to the planned changes to McCleery Golf Course and our efforts to get the Parks Board to recognize the West Point Golf Club as an entity at McCleery.

You may be aware that approximately 100 golfers demonstrated outside City Hall on Tuesday, September 29th, with appropriate signs calling into question, the Parks Board plans to close and re-develop the three main Board courses. The group which included six from the West Point Golf Club, then proceeded to fill the visitor galleries and awaited the commencement of a regular Council meeting at 2pm.

Councillor Wilson made a motion to allow spokespersons from the group to be heard. Councillors Rankin and Erickson spoke in support of the motion, but Messrs Owen and Bellamy took the position that since the matter of the golf course improvement program had already been dealt with by City Council, it would be contrary to established practice to allow the group to be heard. In the vote which followed the motion was defeated.

Some shouts of discontent were directed at the Mayor and NPA Councillors, as we vacated council chambers.

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The West Point Golf Club Executive will continue to take issue with the Board of Parks & Recreation on the following points:

1. ***The plan to include a driving range at the McCleery Course***, which, according to the layout plan of April 1991, will take over:

- a) part of the tree and ditch area bordering the right side of the first fairway;
- b) three quarters of the existing 2nd fairway and;
- c) part of the present parking lot.

~ These changes force the re-alignment of holes 1,2,4,5,6,7 and part of 8.

~ A re-positioning of the parking lot is made necessary, using area currently occupied by the putting green and half of the clubhouse.

~ A new clubhouse is then required, to be located about where the pond is today.

All of the above changes, add up to a staggering additional cost. The cost alone of introducing the driving range with the resulting re-alignment of the front nine, will be in the order of 2 million dollars in my estimation.

The further changes needed to the parking lot and the addition of a new Clubhouse and Pro Shop by Parks Board estimates will add 2.25 million dollars to the cost.

The consequences of the decision to include a driving range at McCleery will therefore be:

- a) the burden and impact of much higher green fees to cover this unnecessary expenditure in excess of 4 million dollars.
- b) the unsightly intrusion of tall poles and nets into the parklike setting of the front nine of the McCleery Course.

This is beyond reasonable justification, as a real need when an 80 stall newly built driving range exists just down the road.

2. The intent to close the courses completely for a period of 16 months. We firmly believe that if any thought is to be given to the concerns of golfers for a place to play, a way should be found to allow play on one nine while the other is being worked on - at both McCleery and Fraser View. The revenue gained should offset any possible added costs and will keep a lot of Senior golfers in particular, getting out for fresh air and exercise.

3. A layout geared more to the lower handicap golfers. Greens should be brought more into the open, rather than being tight to new water areas, thus lessening the likely negative intrusion of the water hazards on the loss of balls and on playing time.

Dave Fairweather
Past President

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PLEASE REFER TO ATTACHED LETTER FROM: Mr. Fred Walsh, President

If you agree with the above report, sit down and drop a line of your thoughts and opinions to the Parks Board or to Council. If enough of us and other golfers write enough letters, maybe City Hall will bend to our way of thinking.

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REMEMBER:

"You never own golf; it's only on loan, so enjoy it while you can."

*"It's easy to find your station in life - sooner or later
someone will tell you where to get off."*

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That's 30 for this month. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
See you at the Annual Banquet and General Meeting.

!!!!!! LATE NEWS FLASH !!!!!!

Closing Day Secretary VS Treasurer Competition

Final Result

Secretary Team - 22.5 points

Treasurer Team - 22.5 points

UNBELIEVABLE - Every player gets 1 golf ball

Now you know why you played so hard - don't lose it on the 1st hole.

HONEY POT WINNERS - Ralph Boyle - Net 63

Ed Bobinski - Net 63

(Check *their* handicaps)



Bud Brown - Pro Tem Ed.
Joanne Holley - Production



Dec/92



Playing at McCleery Golf Course

P.O. BOX 104
3456 DUNDAS STREET
VANCOUVER, B.C.
V6S 2C2

MERRY XMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A Merry Christmas to you all and a Happy and Healthy New Year when you can enjoy golf and hear that flattering cry "good putt" over and over again. This has, for most of us, been a good year and while the Parks Board seems determined to make it difficult for golfers in 1993, we can, by scheduling more away games and shortening some competitions continue to enjoy the fellowship and good golfing that West Point has provided in the past.

All members can make a contribution to ensure a successful season in 1993 by participating fully and making sure that all the members have an opportunity to join a foursome whenever there is an opening.



Let's make 1993 one of our best ever years!

1992 WRAP-UP

TROPHY

WINNER

RUNNER-UP

Renshaw-Club Championship

John Gilliland

Harvey Cook

1st Flight
2nd Flight
3rd Flight

Chuck Menzies
Hugh Marshall
Doug Whittle

Vic Schroeder
Roy Symons
Wes Brisseau

Angel Trophy 4 Ball Match Play

Fred Walsh
Bert McFadden

Doug Whittle
Pete Lawrence

1st Flight

Dave Wilson
Roy Moulton

Tyke Kanelles
Don Sutton

McIntyre Trophy 54 Hole-Stroke Play

Ed Bobinski

Ian McNab

Parker Shield Eclectic

Low HDCP:
Doug Symonds
High HDCP:
Jack Pomfret

Len Brown
Frank McDaniel

West Point Shield Match Play

Low HDCP:
Dick Ireland
High HDCP:
Wes Brisseau

Doug Symonds
Ron Harris

LeBlanc Shield Monthly Medal

Hugh Marshall

Bert McFadden

1992 WRAP-UP CONT'D

HOLES-IN-ONE IN 1992

Don Sutton June 1/92 - 14th Hole at Carnoustie
Frank Halett July 10/92 - 3rd Hole at McCreery

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER FOR 1992

Frank McDaniel - reduced his handicap from 27 to 20 - Based on 20 games last year and 20 games this year.

CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE!

"Some foursomes take so long to putt you'd think the stakes immense: Then, ending play, the losers pay the winners fifty cents"

(Remind you of anyone at McCleery???)

"Lest We Forget"

Joe Moyles - Nov/91
Norm Clark

Bill Boyd
George Milne

"Gone But Not Forgotten"

NEW FEE SCHEDULE FOR '93 AT MCCLEERY (Read and Weep!)

Adult Rate:

1992 - \$21.03 + \$1.47 GST = \$22.50 Seniors \$11.25
1993 - \$24.30 + \$1.70 GST = \$26.00 Seniors \$13.00
(Breakdown: \$21.03 + \$.77 Infl. + \$2.50 Improv. Prog.)

50 Game Punch Card:

1992 - \$410.05 + \$28.70 GST = \$438.75
1993 - \$514.00 + \$36.00 GST = \$550.00 (\$11.00 for 18 Holes)

All future Punch Cards will have an expiry date of Dec 31/94 and all current cards will not be valid after Dec 31/94. It is expected that a refund will be made for fully unused Cards issued prior to Jan 1/93. Some credit may be considered for unused punches beyond Dec 31/94.

Punch Cards will not be sold in 1994, so if you need a Card to get you through to Dec 31/94, you should move before Dec 31/92 at the \$438.75 rate.

In talking with Philip Joseph, Manager Income Operations (Parks Board), it sounds like the Reservations System will become a fact of life in 1993.

PLEASE NOTE: If you haven't yet expressed your concerns about the Golf Course Redevelopment Program, here is the address:

Ms. Nancy Chiavario, Chairperson,
Board of Parks & Recreation,
2099 Beach Avenue, Vancouver B.C. V6G 1Z4

MEMBERSHIP - As Reported by Al Williams

At the Beginning of 1992 we had 9 vacancies to fill and these spots were filled by:

Bill Johnson	George Temperton	Roy Larson	Bert McFadden
Peter Lawrence	Hugh Marshall	Norm Howell	Bus Phillips
Ian McNab			

During the year we lost some members for one reason or another, so we filled these vacancies from new applications by John McCuaig, Lorne Cullen and Brian Sizer.

WELCOME TO WEST POINT GOLF CLUB!

"Just because a man is open-minded doesn't mean he has holes in his head."

WEST POINT GOLF CLUB EXECUTIVE SLATE RECOMMENDED BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1993

President.....	Fred Walsh
Secretary.....	Roy Moulton
Treasurer.....	Phil Mare
Captain.....	Len Brown
Vice Captain.....	Bud Brown
Director (Membership).....	Al Williams
Director (House/Social).....	Frank McDaniel
Past President.....	Dave Fairweather

Nominating Committee:

Dave Fairweather	Jack Pomfret	Fred Walsh
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The above recommendations are not edged in stone. You may still make nominations from the floor for each position, but please, have the person you are nominating approve of your nomination, either in writing or verbally at the meeting.

"The man who never makes a mistake loses a great many chances to learn something."

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Ed Angel presented the Captain's Report. He provided a detailed report and record of members participation, it pointed out a number of members who have failed to play sufficient rounds of golf to maintain membership and competition eligibility in the West Point Golf Club. The report recommends delinquent members be notified and should be given the option to:

1. Become an Associate member, or
2. Cease to be a member.

Sickness or compassionate reasons should be considered in each individual case.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT CONT'D

It was agreed by the committee that the President write to each delinquent member to elicit the reasons for their inability to play sufficient rounds of golf in 1992, and to request their intentions for the 1993 season.

The Captain congratulated the Vice-Captain, Len Brown, on the very fine job he had done throughout the 1992 season. He also expressed his thanks to those members who had so ably assisted in helping to fulfill the duties of the Captain. He specifically expressed thanks to Ed Bobinski, Charlie MacKay, Tyke Kanelles, and Doug Leblanc.

ENGLISH - As she is wrote abroad:

BRUSSELS - European Community translators recently assembled an amusing collection of abused English from signs abroad. Here are some of their gems:

- * At a Bangkok dry-cleaner: "Drop you trousers here for best results."
- * An Acapulco hotel: "The manager has personally passed all the water served here."
- * A Tokyo hotel: "You are invited to take advantage of the chambermaid."
- * A Greek tailor: "We will execute customers in strict rotation."
- * A Zurich hotel: "Because of the impropriety of entertaining guests of the opposite sex in the bedroom, it is suggested that the lobby be used for this purpose."
- * A temple in Bangkok: "It is forbidden to enter a woman, even a foreigner if dressed as a man."
- * A Norwegian cocktail lounge: "Ladies are requested not to have children in the bar."

FINAL REMINDER:

Christmas - December 25th AND New Years - January 1st

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

January 15, 1993 - McCleery Club House - 7 PM

LAST BUT NOT LEAST:

A great vote of thanks to Tom Herbert and his committee for a great turnout and super awards banquet at the Bella Casa on November 6/92.

To those 2 or 3 members who couldn't attend, you missed a succulent dinner and a chance to say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all those who took your money on the course during the year.

REMEMBER - 1993 dues are due and payable by January 1, 1993.

CLUB DUES FOR 1993:

Renewal - \$75.00 + \$5.00 for Honey Pot.
New Members - \$75.00 + \$50.00 initiation fee + \$5.00 Honey Pot.
Associate Members - \$50.00

If you haven't paid yet, please send you cheque to:

Phil Mare 2294 W. King Edward, Vancouver, B.C. V6L 3B8

THAT'S "30" FOR 1992

SEE YOU ALL IN 1993

"Some minds are like concrete - thoroughly mixed and permanently set."

Bud Brown - Pro Tem Ed.
Joanne Holley - Production

