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"DIVOT DUST" MARCH 1995

Another year of GOLF is just around the corner, with a full slate of tournaments, away games and our normal Honey Pot and Par Point competitions.

As per the Annual General Meeting, we will be playing at Langara Golf Course on Mondays, except for holidays falling on Mondays. We, the Captain's Committee, have also scheduled competitions on Tuesdays following a Monday Holiday. If this doesn't work out because of Ladies Day on Tuesdays, we may have to take another look at it and maybe cancel these days. There are only 4 times during the year this happens so there may not be problem. We hope!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

It was good to see so many members at the Annual General Meeting. No doubt the good weather we were experiencing and strong interest in choosing the golf course for play in 1995 accounted for the attendance.

However, we start the 1995 golf season with some uncertainty as to the outcome. The decision at the Annual General Meeting to make Langara our course of play for club events, means we all have to work diligently to make the system, as outlined by Dave Fairweather, a success.

It is essential that all members become involved in attempting to obtain tee-times, do not sit back and rely on others to do the phoning, involvement by all available members is essential to obtain an adequate number of tee-times.

Unless we apply ourselves to the task, participation by all who wish to play will not be achieved. So, GOOD PHONING, GOOD GOLFING and GOOD LUCK.

FINANCE CHAIRMAN REPORT TO END OF JANUARY 1995:

At the AGM, plus mail-in cheques, we took in \$2,410.00. From that we spent \$600.45 for the Divot Dust, deposit to Fort Langley for away games and other odds and sods. With our 30 Day Term Deposit we have a balance of \$8,249.07. We are within \$73 of the amount we had at the same time last year. So we are looking pretty good for the coming year.

NOW FOR THE GOOD NEWS—

After months of hard work and keeping up to date on our appeals to the Vancouver Parks Board regarding our club, as far as being recognized as a Club within the Public Course, Dave Fairweather, received the following letter from the Parks Board:



BOARD of PARKS
and RECREATION
CITY OF VANCOUVER

2099 BEACH AVENUE
VANCOUVER, B.C.
CANADA V6G 1Z4
PHONE (604) 257-8400
FAX (604) 257-8427

February 21, 1995

Mr. Dave Fairweather
3300 River Road
Richmond
B.C. V7C 5N2

Dear Mr. Fairweather:

We are pleased to grant permission to pre-book tee times for your opening and closing tournaments with the following provisions:

Play commences at approximately 8.00 a.m..

On Monday, March 27, 1995 at Langara Golf Course.
On Monday, October 16, 1995 at Langara Golf Course.

12 to 15 tee times per match.

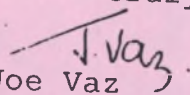
Tee times are acceptable to Mr. Muncie Booth, the Professional at Langara.

I understand that you will contact our Clubhouse Manager, Sandra MacSorley, to arrange for the acceptance of meal vouchers (\$5.00 per voucher). The accepted meal vouchers would be paid for at the end of each session and Sandra will register this in the appropriate way.

Please contact, as soon as possible, Mr. Muncie Booth to reserve tee times.

Wishing you and your members an enjoyable golfing season.

Yours truly,


Joe Vaz

Manager of Income Operations

C.C. Muncie Booth, Professional, Langara Golf Course
Sandra MacSorley, Manager, Clubhouse, Langara
jv/golf/tourndf5

On March 22nd, at the SMOKER?, I think we should give Dave a vote of thanks for his dogged pursuit on behalf of the West Point Golf Members.

DON'T YOU JUST HATE IT WHEN -

You leave a 40' putt hanging on the lip and people say it's a "Great Putt", but if it falls in, you're "unconscious"?

Read the following carefully, regarding booking strategy for Monday play at Langara - if you don't understand it, please question Dave Fairweather, at the Smoker. He wrote it!

TEE OFF TIME - BOOKING STRATEGY

PLAY DAY: Mondays (excluding holidays)

PLACE: Langara Golf Course

BOOKING TIME: 12:00 Noon Saturday

COORDINATOR: Dave Fairweather
244-3788

Procedure for Foursome Make-up:

- Prior to 11:00 on Saturday, any group short a player, should advise Dave;
- Any member who would like to play, but is not in a regular group, should communicate this to Dave prior to 11:00;
- He will fill the holes and/or make up foursomes from those wanting to play.

Procedure for Established Foursomes:

- Two players from the Foursome (those who have had the best success in getting through), will call the Langara Pro Shop at 280-7888 to book the most suitable time available, in their own name.
- As soon as a tee-off time has been obtained, advise the member of the foursome designated as the anchor.

If not successful in getting through to Langara by 12:15, stop calling and let the anchor player know.

When the anchor player has heard from both calling members, he will make the choice of tee-off time for the foursome.

- Immediately thereafter, but not later than 12:45, the anchor should advise Dave (to track how we are doing), of the time selected and also, if a second time was obtained, the tee-off time and the name in which it was booked.
- At 13:00 and for half an hour thereafter, these spare times will be available to any foursome or threesome whose calling members were not successful in obtaining a suitable tee-off time.
- Should any spare times remain uncommitted at 13:30, Dave will request the person in whose name it was booked, to cancel the booking.
- As we gain experience and move into the busier playing period, we may have to consider extending the call-in duration to 12:20 or have three members call into the Langara Pro Shop.

IN THE SWING OF THINGS...

- BALL:** A sphere made of rubber bands wound up half as tensely as the man trying to hit it.
- COURSE:** A mirage that looks smooth, lush and grassy, but is actually home to sand and the five great lakes.
- FAIRWAY:** The well-kept and seldom used portion of a golf course.
- FLAG:** A beacon to a rallying point where members of a foursome meet every 20 minutes and exchange alibis.
- HAZARD:** Man-made difficulties, consisting of equal parts of sand, water, profanity and ulcers.
- HOOK:** An unexpected detour.
- PAR:** Mathematical perfection, usually attained with a soft pencil and a not-so-soft conscience.

- - A T T E N T I O N - -

OPENING SMOKER

WHEN? WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 1995 @ 7 PM

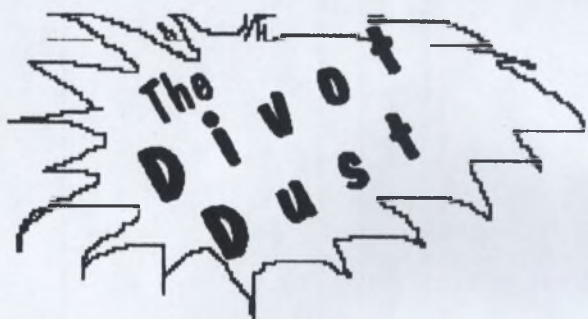
WHERE? Arbutus Recreation Centre

SEE YOU ALL AT THE SMOKER!!

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"DIVOT DUST" MAY 1995

◆ PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The first month of play is now behind us and we appear to be having considerable success at this time in obtaining sufficient tee times to satisfy our needs. Dave Fairweather is doing a great job in coordinating our efforts and allocating times to those groups not successful in their phoning. Of those groups who obtain only one tee time we ask, please let Dave know your tee time for our records. Dave is keeping a record of these times to provide us with information to reinforce the proposal we have made to the Parks Board. If we can show them that we are getting sufficient times with the phone-in system, they may recognize it would be to their benefit to award us a block of times and reap some financial return, as our proposal suggests.



The Parks Board has not yet responded to my last letter asking when they may be considering our proposal. It may be that they are waiting until they conclude their negotiations with the clubs that already have privileges at the city courses, should this be so, we can still hope for a positive response.

A reminder now on turning in score cards and playing 10 rounds with club members on scheduled play days - which includes away events - to maintain membership eligibility under the ten (10) 18 hole rounds rule.

Last year two members lost their membership in the W.P.G.C., one for playing only one round of golf, the second, who apparently played more than sufficient rounds, failed to submit score cards for more than 5 rounds played anywhere.

The committee reviewing membership compliance with the above rule are willing to accept many reasonable excuses for failing to do so, but at some point the line must be drawn and the rules of membership eligibility must be enforced.

To protect yourself make sure your group turns in a score card, if no group card is being deposited in the box provided, deposit a card for yourself. It is your responsibility to ensure that your round is recorded.

When you play a round of golf at another course obtain a score card from that course, plainly print the following:

1. Your name
2. Course rating

◆ **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONT'D:**

3. Slope rating
4. Your corrected gross score + score for each hole
5. The date

Finally, sign the card. No attesting signature is required on a score card used solely for handicap purposes. The honour system applies.

Remember, submit score cards for every round of golf you play.

◆ **LATE NEWS FROM PARKS BOARD**

We received a letter from The Parks Board after the President had sent his report for the "Divot Dust". Following is an excerpt from that letter:

"As far as reserved tee times for your club on a weekly basis, the Board has decided not to permit any new allocations for clubs on our golf courses."

Signed: Philip Josephs - Director of Administration.

"How Good A Red Hot Idea Is Usually Depends On How Much Heat It Loses When Somebody Throws Cold Water On It."

◆ **A REMINDER RE BOOKING TIMES (FROM DAVE FAIRWEATHER)**

The Tee Off Time Booking Strategy
(Amended Slightly)

1. If you have an opening in your foursome, or are looking for a game:
Call Bill Gerard Before 11:00 AM on Saturday at 272-4271;
2. Have up to 3 players from your foursome call the Langara Pro Shop (280-7888);
3. Calling players in each foursome should pool info re: tee-off times obtained;
4. Choose one and have one player advise Dave Fairweather (244-3788) of the time chosen and any others obtained, along with the names of those booking them. DO THIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE;
5. After 12:45 PM, spare times will be available to those who were successful in obtaining a suitable time.

Dave Fairweather

◆ **TREASURER'S REPORT**

At the end of April, we are pretty sound financially with an adjusted balance of \$6,059.00 which is approximately \$400.00 ahead of last year. We have just approved 2 new members so this will increase our balance by another \$270.00.

Looking Good For The Balance Of The Year.

◆ **CAPTAIN'S REPORT**

It was brought up at the Executive Meeting on May 2, 1995, in regards as to how we are doing with changing our day of play and also having to change to Langara??

With the first 6 weeks of play with one holiday and one rain out, we have obtained, on an average, of approximately 60% of the tee times between 7:08 AM and 9:49 AM (very good).

Opening day, President vs Captain, we had 64 golfers booked for this competition. That is approximately 65% of our membership.

For our 4 Ball Scrambles we had 60 golfers taking part - another good turnout.

The McIntyre Trophy had 41 of us who remembered to mark their cards "McIntyre". There may have been more, but if the cards weren't marked "McIntyre" they were not entered. Still a very good turnout.

It appears to me that the changes we have had to make has not dampened our enthusiasm for taking part in our competitions. Keep it up!

"If You Can't Grow Old Gracefully, Do It Any Way You Can."

It has been suggested by the Pro Shop that we play from the White Tees. This would possibly speed up our play, make our game more enjoyable, and not be so tired when we finish (because of the up and down layout and distance between green and next tee box).

To keep peace in the House, it has been decided, that as of May 22 (Holiday) and thereafter our club will play from the white tees. This will entail entering the new slope rating of 107 and course rating of 65.9 and all handicaps will be based on this.

◆ **UP DATE ON LANGARA**

As you all know the Pro Shop is open and the Club House opened May 11/95. From now on please buy your ticket in the new Club House as the old one is locked up.

In the men's bathroom at rear of the Pro Shop there are lockers for daily use and large showers.

We have permission to use the wall in the shower room for our Information Board and Box for our handicaps. These will be installed before you get this newsletter.

In the breezeway between the Pro Shop and Cafeteria, there is an Information Board which we can use for our weekly information, which used to be on our Board attached to the Pro Shop at McCleery. Please remember to look at this Board on your way to play golf. Now you know why we want to keep peace in the House.

◆ **Personal comments and observations from the Captain: (me)**

I know I'm good, but I am not a mind reader. Cards are being turned in with no date on them, no name in the players section of the card, but, nicely signed and attested....but who's score is it? when you can't decipher the signatures. Away games not played at Langara, I only get date (sometimes), name and corrected gross score. I need the score for each hole, because I don't know if you used the "equitable stroke" procedure as it should be. This could make a difference in your handicap. It's not too difficult to fill out a card completely, they don't cost you anything, and put it in our score card box the next time you play at Langara.

Thank's fellows, I know you'll be better from now on.

◆ **LAST BUT NOT LEAST**

Joe Dwyer is under the weather and taking tests. Let's hope your back swinging clubs real soon.

Peter Lawrence is also having problems and taking tests and won't be playing for awhile. Let's hope things are not too serious and you'll be back playing golf soon.

"IF YOU CAN LAUGH AT YOURSELF, THERE'S HOPE"

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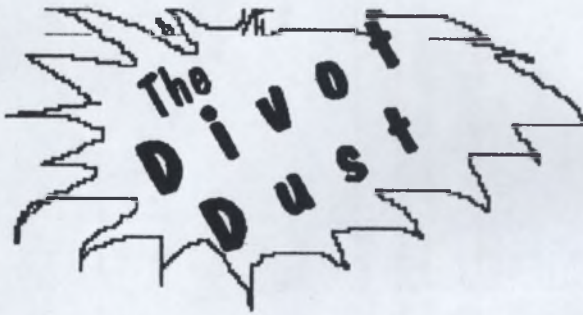
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"DIVOT DUST" JULY 1995

◆ PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are now at the midway point in the golfing year at Langara and the major complaint I hear from our members is, without doubt, the degree of difficulty of the greens. All the greens are difficult and some are outright vicious. The quality of some of the fairways leave a lot to be desired, no doubt they will improve with good maintenance in due course, but I fear the greens will remain difficult for most of us.

I have taken the opportunity to walk along the dyke at McCleery and down onto the course, to try and gain some idea of their plans on shaping the greens, but they are not far enough advanced to determine their intentions.

The number of ponds at McCleery will without a doubt affect our play, but if the greens are fair I will not complain too much about water coming into play. To my inexperienced eye it is impossible to say if they are proceeding on schedule, but with the good weather we have had I see no reason to suppose that seeding the course will not be done at the appropriate time. The final layout of the course will no doubt differ in some areas from the last plan obtained from the Parks Board by Dave Fairweather, which we all had the opportunity to see at the opening smoker. Some modification during construction is to be expected, it is to be hoped that they don't position more ponds close to greens giving us more aggravation.

Let us hope that the construction of McCleery is superior to Langara.

◆ FINANCIAL REPORT TO JUNE 30, 1995

We started the month with \$961.00 in the bank plus \$6153.00 in 30 Day Term Deposit.

We had an income of \$1210.00 from different sources and expenditures of \$1135.00.

Taking all this into consideration, we have total fluid assets of \$7190.00 (approx.), which is \$110.00 ahead of our balance for the same period last year.

It appears we are doing well financially.



"A GREAT OAK IS ONLY A LITTLE NUT THAT HELD ITS GROUND"

◆ **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

If you feel like travelling around a bit to play different courses, Hugh Marshall supplied a couple of ideas for your consideration - -

- EAGLEMONT GOLF CLUB - MT. VERNON, WASH.

Approximately 20 miles south of Bellingham - Take "College Way" exit at Mt. Vernon and head east.

Great Experience! - Mountain course with 5 different tees.

Whites - 6200 yds Slope 124

Greys - 6450 yds Slope 126

Blues - 6700 yds Slope 129

\$35 US - Green Fees including cart.

- HOMESTEAD GOLF CLUB - LYNDEN, WASH.

Take 264th (Aldergrove Customs) to Badger Rd. (1st flashing amber light) turn east for approx 1 - 1.5 miles. Price is Right - \$20 CDN (Seniors) during the week if you bring a foursome. Fair amount of water with the 18th hole playing approx 515 yds to an island green - very pretty layout with a fair amount of water. Course is in beautiful shape.

Whites - 6000 yds Slope 119

Blues - 6500 yds Slope 125

Blacks - 6900 yds Slope 129

TRY THEM OUT - YOU MIGHT LIKE THEM!

◆ **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

Please add the following to your membership list:

BRADLEY, George	943-4521	
CATHERWOOD, Jack	438-9755*	You may already have these two on your list.
HUNTER, Harold	224-4688*	
RITCHIE, Stu	271-1313	
ROBINS, Ray	922-7450	

Don Close is feeling a lot better now, and has rejoined the Club as an Active Member from Associate.

"AN AGRUMENT IS WHEN TWO PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO GET IN THE LAST WORD FIRST"

◆ **CAPTAIN'S REPORT**

IMPORTANT DATES:

- July 19

InterClub match with University Gang at University Golf Club
7:30 AM Shotgun Start
Cost \$28 Green Fees + \$10 if planning on staying around for lunch

- July 25 - Putting Jamboree

Musqueam Golf Center - S. foot of Dunbar Street
10:00 AM Registration \$5 chit to each player for lunch

Come and have some FUN - Associates more than welcome!

GOLF HIGHLIGHTS:

- LeBlanc Trophy Qualifiers - May Hugh Marshall....Net 66
June Tom Herbert.....Net 64
- McIntyre Trophy Winner Jack Apps.....Net 206
- Angel Trophy Winners Noel Armstrong &
Al Williams.....Gross 261

We have had great turnouts for our Tournaments with 48 taking part in the Club Championship (less 2 or 3 that I goofed on).

I have asked Dave Fairweather to Contact Joe Vas, of the Parks Board, to see if they will allow us a BLOCK TIME for our "Palcutta" Tournament in September.

Dave has talked to him and he didn't say "No". He suggested to Joe that we will receive a \$5 chit for lunch, Bribery?? Never! Joe is to get back to Dave shortly after he has talked to the Powers that Be. Let's keep our fingers crossed.

It appears to me, from score cards, that everyone seems to be scoring better and enjoying the game more from the White tees. Right.. OK, we'll continue on playing from the "Whites". Now if they would only level out greens.

Fred Walsh, our nomination Chairman, is working on people who may want to sit on the Executive next year. If you are interested or know of someone who is, please let Fred know.

Keep this in mind:-

"Frequent naps prevent old age, especially if taken while driving" (I don't mean off the tee).

THAT'S 30 FOR NOW!

Bud Brown - Editor
Joanne Holley - Production

LATE NEWS UPDATE !!!

THE PARKS BOARD HAS TURNED DOWN OUR REQUEST FOR A BLOCK TIME FOR OUR "PALCUTTA". SO IT WILL BE PLAYED AT MAYFAIR LAKES AS IN FUTURE CARS.





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"DIVOT DUST" SEPTEMBER 1995

◆ PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The playing of the Palcutta Tournament heralds the end, in a few weeks time, of our official golfing year. We can look back with satisfaction on a successful season of golf, thanks to the hard work of the Executive and particularly the Club Captain and his very able committee.

Dave Fairweather's representations to the Parks Board on our behalf gained us blocks of times for Opening and Closing Days, plus a valuable block of times for our Palcutta Tournament. His coordinating of the phone system for tee times is superb. Many Thanks, Dave.

A number of members have spoken to me about the possibility of obtaining a block of times for our regular play days. This seems a remote possibility at this time after being turned down earlier this year. The information I have received concerning the clubs presently having official recognition by the Parks Board, is that their privileges are under assault and their ability to operate as a club will be severely tested. This gives us little reason to hope for privileged times for ourselves.

The Parks Board have proposed rotating their tee times over a three week period between 7:00AM and 1:00PM start times, in addition, a \$5.00 surcharge per round per member is also proposed. In a meeting with the Parks Board the clubs registered a strong protest but received little sympathy from the Board. Keep in mind these clubs have a long history playing at the city courses.

The Parks Board will hold a public meeting in October to consider the block times allocated to the clubs and the imposition of the \$5.00 surcharge.

I intend to be present at this meeting to learn of the Board's plans for the clubs involved. The knowledge gained may help us formulate an approach to the Board should we feel there is a window open to us, remote as this possibility may be.

It is not unreasonable to suggest that we may once again look at the options available to us in obtaining a block of times at another course.



◆ FINANCIAL REPORT

Bill Johnson reported that as of the end of August we are in good financial shape.

We have fluid assets of \$6,613.00 which is about \$623.00 ahead of last year.

"Don't you just hate it when the television announcers describe a player as being "Deliberate" when, in fact, he really means that he's slow."

◆ CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Now, to bring you up-to-date on Competition Results - -

Tom Herbert and Harv Cook teed up in the finals, and after an up and down battle, Tom Herbert, won the match in a nail biter and is our NEW CLUB CHAMPION. CONGRATULATIONS, TOM!

- 1st Flite Roy Symons over Doug Symonds
- 2nd Flite Geo Paquette over Bud Brown
- 3rd Flite Axel Christensen over Jim Dobie
- 4th Flite Jack Pomfret over Hugh Marshall
- 5th Flite Roger Kronquist over Jack Apps
- 6th Flite Jim Kanelles over Keith Gill

Thanks for the great turn out for the Club Championship. We had 40 golfers sign up for this, which is up from the past few years. Once again, Thanks!

◆ PARKER SHIELD - Eclectic

0 - 18	1st - Tom Herbert.....	69	
	2nd - Roy Symons.....	71	BB9
	3rd - Frank Maynard.....	71	BB9
19 - UP	1st - Charlie Barker.....	71	
	2nd - Don Sutton.....	73	
	3rd - Ron Harris.....	74	

◆ PALCUTTA

Place	Players	Points	Bidder
1st	Len Brown Ches Hooper	87	Ian McNab
2nd	Reid Mitchell Chas Barker	86	Geo Paquette
3rd	Norm Watt Joe Dwyer	84	Jack Pomfret
4th	Ed Bobinski John Voth	80 BB9	Bill Cartwright
4th	Chuck Menzies George Bradley	80	Doug Whittle

◆ 5 PLAYERS POOL as above in same order.

◆ 2 HONEY POTS

1. Ches Hooper 58
2. Ron Harris 63 BB9
3. Joe Dwyer 63

Once again our Palcutta was a great success, Thanks mainly to Dave Fairweather in getting us a block time at Langara and the cooperation of Muncie Booth in giving us 14 times for our tournament.

Holes-In-One

August 25.....Don Close on the 5th hole at Langara
Sept 11.....Ed Bobinski on the 15th hole at Langara during our
Palcutta Tournament.

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU BOTH!

"Old Age: When the gleam in your eye is just the sun on your bifocals".

◆ TOURNAMENTS TO COME:

Sept 18 and 25th West Point Shield - 2 Ball Scramble:

Sorry we had to cancel this tournament because of lack of interest and also because of sanding and punching the green and the course closed to 3PM. Another reason to think of maybe going back to Friday play or another course.

Sept 29th Surrey Golf Club (away game) Tee Time 10:00AM

Don't forget to put your name down for this last away game of the year.

Oct 2nd LeBlanc Trophy - Monthly Medal Winners

The following compete in this tournament -- Neil McIntyre, Hugh Marshall, Tom Herbert, Roger Kronquist, Cliff Gaynor and Ches Hooper.

Last but not least:

Oct 16th Secretary Vs. Treasurer - 4 Ball

Let's get our names up on the entry sheet early so we can get the draw made up and times allotted as we also have a block time at Langara for this closing day competition.

IMPORTANT DATES:

ANNUAL BANQUET	
WHEN?	Nov 3/95
WHERE?	Bella Casa Restaurant - Hudson & Marine Drive
TIME?	7:00PM Drink Time 7:30PM Dinner 8:15PM or so, Distribution of awards and prizes.

PLEASE BRING YOUR CHEQUE BOOK OR CASH TO PAY FOR YOUR 1996 DUES OF \$85. Bill Johnson will be collecting your money.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	
WHEN?	Dec 13/95, Wednesday
WHERE?	Arbutus Recreation Centre
TIME?	7:00 PM

"Remember: A friend is one who knows all about you and still likes you".

"THE BALL" . . .

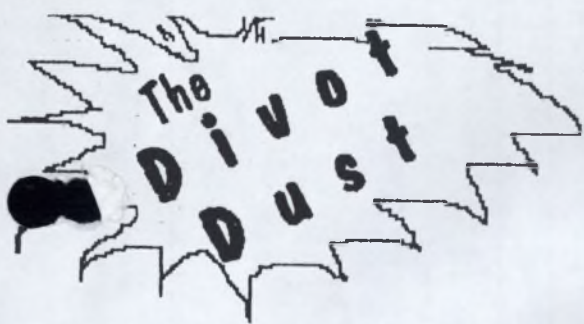
In my hand I hold a ball
White and dimpled, rather small
Oh how harmless it does appear
This innocent looking little sphere
By its size I could not guess
The awesome power it does possess
But since I fell beneath it's spell
I've been through the fires of hell
My life has not been quite the same
Since I chose to play its game
It rules my life for hours on end
A fortune it has had me spend
It has made me curse and cry
And hate myself and want to die
It promises me a thing called "Par"
If I can hit it straight and far
To master such a tiny ball
Should not be very hard at all
But my desires the ball refuses
And does exactly as it chooses
It hooks and slices, dribbles and dies
Or disappears before my very eyes
Often it will have a whim
To hit a tree or take a swim
With miles of grass on which to land
It finds that tiny patch of sand
Then has me offering up my soul
If it would first drop in the hole
It's made me whimper like a pup
And swear that I will give it up
And take to drink to ease my sorrow
But "The Ball" knows I'll be back tomorrow

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MERRY CHRISTMAS



HAPPY NEW YEAR

DIVOT DUST DEC '95

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Noel Armstrong

The Annual General Meeting to be held on December 13th, will, once again, be a time for decision making on the future of the club.

Some members of the executive are stepping down and having served the W.P.G.C. very well, will hand over their duties to their replacements knowing the club's administration will be in good hands. This continuity is essential. Without members being willing to serve in some capacity the W.P.G.C. would have disintegrated and disappeared long ago.

We must also recognize the contribution of those not on the executive committee, those who assist the Captain and other committee members at various events and functions, their help is essential to make our activities successful. I would like to correct an omission I made in the last Divot Dust. In thanking Dave Fairweather for his efforts in coordinating the phone-in system for tee times, I omitted to include Bill Gerard. Bill, as you well know, gave his time every Saturday to help members join or form groups to enable them to participate on play days, and in Dave's Absence carried the load himself. Thank you Bill, your work on our behalf was greatly appreciated. As you must realize, without the participation by many people behind the scenes our club would function very poorly, if at all. With this in mind, should you be asked to help in some small way, please give a little of your time to keep our club alive and well.

Let us hope the Annual General Meeting enjoys as great a turn out as the Banquet did.



WPGC Divet Dust
Dec 95

TREASURERS REPORT: End of October

To this date we are on par with last expenses, we have \$538.13 fluid assets in bank and a 30 day term not in the amount of \$4763.96. This gives us a total of \$5302.09, which will carry us over the Banquet and any other minor expenses till Dec 31, 1995.

Our Annual Banquet and Awards Dinner was once again a great success. 78 members out of our total membership of 96 showed up and enjoyed the food and comraderie of all those present.

A special thanks to Frank McDaniel for once again organizing a great spread. Also thanks to Don Lam and Ed Bobinski for their help during the evening.

"In the old days the Board of Education was a shingle in the woodshed".

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WHERE?	Arbutus Recreation Centre
WHEN?	7 PM, December 13, 1995, Wednesday

Mark this date on your calendar so you won't forget! This is the time we will be electing a new slate of officers to run our club next year and also to determine where and when we will be playing.

The following are proposed nominating for our Executive next year as put forward by the nominating committee:

President.....	Noel Armstrong
Secretary.....	Hugh Marshall
Treasurer.....	Harold Hunter
Captain.....	Bud Brown
V-Captain.....	Don Lamb
Membership.....	Al Williams
House Committee.....	Gerry Rovers

Remember, others may be nominated from the floor during the meeting, as long as the person you are nominating has given his approval prior to being nominated.

Where and When to Play in 1996:

To start with, from the Captain's point of view, we should try to get away from Monday play. We lost 9 days of golf because of holidays and rainouts. Because of this, we didn't have enough time to play for the West Point Shield. Plus of course, we lost out in playing for our Honey Pot money. My suggestion is to go back to Friday play if we choose to stay at Parks Board Courses, or any other day if we can block time at the some other course.

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Courses:

Langara - McCleery

Continue on as we have in the past, only switch back to Friday play.

Green Acres

Monday play - but they will allow us to play around 7:30 AM to 9:00AM Tuesdays to make up for lost Mondays, because of holidays. Price is still going to be around the \$28 mark if no increase in 1996.

Surrey Golf Course

Unable to take us as they are filled up with other groups including 150 member seniors club.

Mayfair Lakes

Unable to take us as the members are complaining now about not enough time for them to play.

Boundary Bay Golf Links

New course at the south end of 72nd Street in Ladner, opening for play in April or May 1996. The powers that be seem interested in us as a seniors club and we have sent them a letter, telling them who we are, plus some background on the club and requesting a time from approximately 7:30AM to 9:00AM, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. To date we have not had a reply but we expect one prior to our AGM on Dec 13th.

"PREFERRED LIES" OR "WINTER RULES"

As we play "Preferred Lies" all year round, please read the following carefully. We received this from the B.C. Golf Association, and it is of course the final say on the above:

We are again in the time of year where the majority of courses are either playing, or preparing to play under less than ideal or normal playing conditions necessitating the use of "Preferred Lies" or "Winter Rules".

The following are recommended as "Preferred Lie" rules:

1. The lie of a ball may be improved "through the green" except that a ball may not be moved when it lies within 36 inches of a tree trunk or stump or within 36 inches of out-of-bounds. 36 inches is the length of a normal wedge. "Through the green" is anywhere on the golf course except tees, greens and hazards.
2. A ball to be moved shall be marked, lifted, cleaned and placed no more than 6 inches from its original lie, no nearer the hole and in so doing:
 - (a) A ball so moved should preserve, as much as possible, the stance of the original lie.
 - (b) The player may move his ball one time only per shot, without penalty.

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"PREFERRED LIES" OR "WINTER RULES" Contd:

3. Embedded ball:

- (a) When a ball is lost beyond a reasonable doubt in an embedded lie "through the green", another ball may be dropped as near as possible to the spot it was thought to be lost - without penalty.
- (b) An embedded ball in a hazard must be played as it lies. (Exception - see Rule 25-1(b) re casual water in a bunker).

Course ratings cannot arbitrarily be changed to offset the adjusted yardage when temporary greens and tees are in play. Course ratings can only be changed by the BCGA Course Rating Committee.

Except at courses that always play "preferred lies", scores made when playing "preferred lies" cannot normally be posted for handicap purposes as the course rating is based on playing the ball as it lies. However, under the RCGA Golf Handicap System "When a local rule for "preferred lies" or "winter rules" is adopted, the Club Handicap Committee should supervise and ensure that the courses's normal scoring difficulty is maintained as nearly as possible through adjustment of tee markers and related methods. Under such conditions, the Club Handicap Committee may accept scores for handicapping and players must record differentials for each round played.

"A bore is a fellow who lights up a room when he leaves"

So I'll leave you now. See you at the:

**Annual General Meeting
Arbutus Recreation Centre
7PM Wednesday, Dec 13/95**

THAT'S 30 FOR NOW!

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