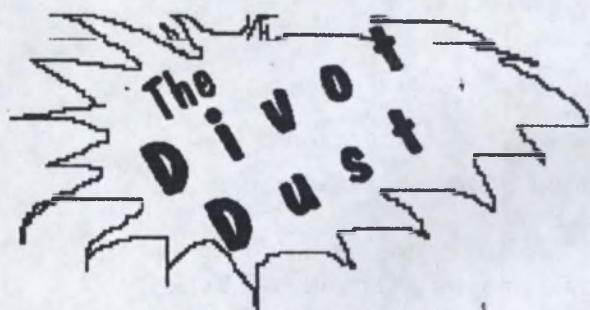




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DIVOT DUST MARCH '96

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi members — another season is about to get going. Let's turn out and make things go.

Dave Fairweather, Hugh Marshall and myself observed a Feb 5/96 Vanc. Parks Board meeting and heard several submissions put by the weekend clubs re: the \$3 surcharge motion per round. The commissioners passed the motion. Needless to say, the weekend clubs were annoyed.

At this writing, we are feeling out the Parks Board staff trying to sell them the benefits of WPGC being a weekday Snr Mens Club ie: give our well oiled organization a block of times. It's a tough battle. I feel that if we don't get staff support, we then have to lobby the commissioners. We estimate that WPGC members spend about \$50,000 per year at the Parks Board courses.

On another note, a phoning system supplied by Fairway Systems Inc., USA is being purchased for 1996. Dave Fairweather is inquiring how this will affect WPGC. It'll be one of these "push 2 to get twilight" or push 23 to get lost. Woops, I just smashed up my phone.

I just came across some special exercises for golfers - aren't you doing your stretches? I'll bring copies to our Smoker. See you there. Now get in shape for Opening day.

Best regards Noel



WPGC Divot Dust
Mar 96

TREASURERS REPORT:

Starting the 1996 Golf Season, we are once again in a good financial position.

Our Bank Balance as of January 1, 1996 was \$1,320.00 this after sending a deposit to Fort Langley and Surrey Golf Courses for two of our away games, and also a transfer of \$8,000 to a 30 Day GIC.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

As of this "Divot Dust" we have a full compliment of members (88).

This was obtained by the leaving of 7 members for some reason or another. We had 3 members move from Associate to Full Playing and bringing in 4 new members. (New Membership List enclosed)

"Driving as if you were late for a dental appointment is a good safe speed".

WELCOME TO GOLF 1996

You will find enclosed your new fixture card and new membership list. Please keep these handy to remind yourself of our golfing days and dates and what's going on these days and also in case you are asked to phone others in your foursome for some of our tournaments.

To start with:

WHAT?	OPENING SMOKER
WHEN?	MARCH 20, 1996 @ 7:00 PM
WHERE?	ARBUTUS RECREATION CENTRE

OPENING DAY -- MARCH 25, 1996

President VS Captain

We have a block time and foursomes will be arranged and available at Opening Smoker.

We have once again sent a request to the Parks Board, by Dave Fairweather, over the signature of our President, requesting that they recognize WPGC as the Seniors Club playing on Parks Board Courses. We hope to have an answer back by our Opening Smoker.

Divot Dust
Mar 96

It has been discussed with the Captains Committee and also with the Executive that we play all of 1996 at Langara Golf Course. One of the main reasons for this is because Muncie Booth has promised us block times opening and closing days and also for our "Palcutta Tournament". We also thought that from reports we have heard about narrow fairways and water at the new McCleery Course, it would be an idea for our members, on their own, to play McCleery a few times and let us know at our AGM in December were we should play in 1997, at either Parks Board Courses or somewhere else.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

If you are interested, please find enclosed "How your index is computed", this will enable you to figure out your own index. It also reminds you of "equitable stroke control" under "adjusted score procedure".

Note: If you want to play on Opening Day, please get your name on the sheet at Langara or phone me prior to March 17th (273-5802).

***DON'T FORGET OPENING SMOKER, MARCH 20TH @ 7:00PM --
ARBUTUS REC CENTRE AND OPENING DAY, MARCH 25TH***

SEE YOU THERE!

- Note -

We have just learned that Bill Gerard's wife has passed away after a gallant battle against cancer.

All the members of West Point Golf Club send their condolences to Bill in his time of sorrow.

That's 30!

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NOTE!

OVER.



HOW YOUR INDEX IS COMPUTED

BY DIFFERENTIALS

A handicap differential is the difference between the adjusted gross score and the RCGA course rating, multiplying the difference by 113, dividing the resulting figure by the RCGA Slope rating and rounding off to the nearest tenth. The following is an example for a course with a 71.5 course rating and a 130 Slope rating.

Adjusted gross score	95
Course Rating	<u>71.5</u>
Difference	23.5
Handicap Differential	$113 \times 23.5 = 20.4$
	130

The value 113 in the above formula is the national average for Slope ratings and is used to weight differentials.

INDEX FORMULA - LOWEST 10 OF LAST 20 DIFFERENTIALS

a) The index is computed from the lowest 10 of the player's last 20 rounds as follows:

Total of 10 lowest differentials	147.1
Total averaged	14.71
Total multiplied by 96%	14.12
Delete all numbers after tenths digit	14.1
RCGA Index is	14.1

b) Fewer than 20 differentials available:

Available	Used	Available	Used
1 - 4	No Index Issued	12 to 13	Lowest 5
5	Lowest 1	14 to 15	Lowest 6
6 or 7	Lowest 2	16 or 17	Lowest 7
8 or 9	Lowest 3	18	Lowest 8
10 or 11	Lowest 4	19	Lowest 9

COURSE HANDICAP

A player does not play with his RCGA Index. He must convert it to a course handicap. Course handicap tables are provided to each club. These tables are derived from the following formula:

RCGA Index	17.8
Slope rating of the course to be played	134
$17.8 \times 134 = 21.12$	
113	

This figure is then rounded off to the nearest whole number.

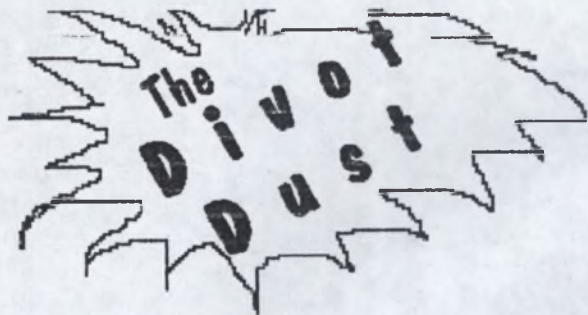
Course handicap = 21

SAMPLE COURSE SLOPE RATING - 134			
INDEX		COURSE HDCP	
below +2.2	+3	18.2 TO 18.9	22
+2.1 TO +1.3	+2	19.0 TO 19.8	23
+1.2 TO +.5	+1	19.9 TO 20.6	24
+.4 TO .4	0	20.7 TO 21.5	25
.5 TO 1.2	1	21.6 TO 22.3	26
1.3 TO 2.1	2	22.4 TO 23.1	27
2.2 TO 2.9	3	23.2 TO 24.0	28
3.0 TO 3.7	4	24.1 TO 24.8	29
3.8 TO 4.6	5	24.9 TO 25.7	30
4.7 TO 5.4	6	25.8 TO 26.5	31
5.5 TO 6.3	7	26.6 TO 27.4	32
6.4 TO 7.1	8	27.5 TO 28.2	33
7.2 TO 8.0	9	28.3 TO 29.0	34
8.1 TO 8.8	10	29.1 TO 29.9	35
8.9 TO 9.6	11	30.0 TO 30.7	36
9.7 TO 10.5	12	30.8 TO 31.6	37
10.6 TO 11.3	13	31.7 TO 32.4	38
11.4 TO 12.2	14	32.5 TO 33.3	39
12.3 TO 13.0	15	33.4 TO 34.1	40
13.1 TO 13.9	16	34.2 TO 34.9	41
14.0 TO 14.7	17	35.0 TO 35.8	42
14.8 TO 15.6	18	35.9 TO 36.4	43
15.7 TO 16.4	19		
16.5 TO 17.2	20		
17.3 TO 18.1	21		

ADJUSTED SCORE PROCEDURE -

If your course handicap is.....

- 1.) Plus or scratch - Limit of one over par on any one hole.
- 2.) 1 to 18 inclusive - Limit of two over par.
- 3.) 19 to 32 inclusive - Limit of three over par.
- 4.) 33 or over - Limit of four over par.



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"DIVOT DUST" MAY 1996

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In spite of rain, we are showing nice participation - this is good for all of us.

Some Pks Board News: So far we are not adversely affected by what follows - but keep your ear to the ground....read on!

I observed the May 6 Pks Board meeting last night to determine the Board's decision and action re: authorizing small group tournaments at Fraserview (Langara was not mentioned).

The Pks Board want to squeeze more revenue out of our golf courses and since Monday and Tuesday PM play is about 35%, the Pks Board staff feel that some more money could be got by allowing small private tournaments once a week from 2 - 4pm.

My concern about this proposal is that interest groups such as travel agencies would see this as a means to make a profit via hosting tourist groups and thus push local golfers such as ourselves to one side.

Fortunately, this concern was voiced by Comm. Morgan who moved an amendment that the tournaments be of a "not for profit nature". Her motion passed even though the NPA rarely support ideas from COPE.

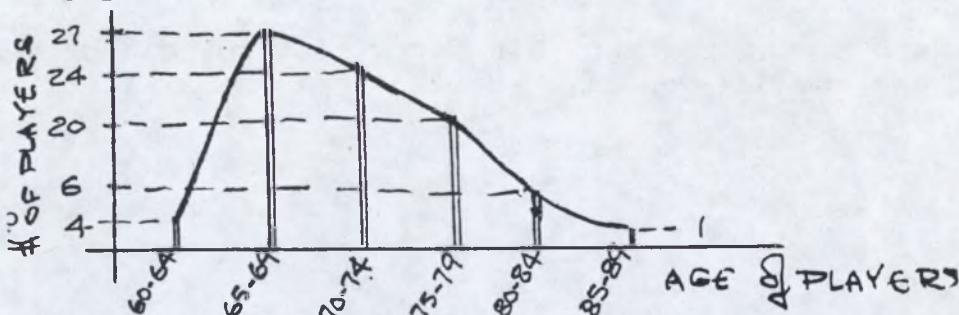
This selling of block times will be tried as a trial this year and then assessed by the Pks Board staff.

This matter came upon me suddenly - I luckily saw Colin Kelly's letter in the Sun and was thus able to track the issue. While I didn't get a chance to speak to the issue, I did pass out a short precis voicing opposition.

My membership survey yielded some interesting info:

Note our slow drop off during our 7th decade

This graph is likely true of any Seniors grp.



Where do we live?....46 west of Main Street; 5 east of Main; 4 in the West end; 8 on the North Shore; 3 in Bby; 16 in Richmond; 4 in Delta and 2 in Surrey.



◆ **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Contd:**

We have 18 self formed foursomes. I put these on an 11 X 17" sheet. If you want a copy, just ask...it helps us to know the various subgroups in our Club.

Now continue golfing and thus stay your health.....

Best regards - Noel Armstrong.

◆ **TREASURER'S REPORT**

As of April 30/96, we seem to be in fairly good financial shape.

We have a bank balance of	\$ 576.50
30 Day GIC maturing May 6	\$ 7000.00
Petty Cash	\$ 100.00

Leaving a balance of \$ 7676.50 in current assets.

We will be taking in another 12 members, so the balance should change considerably in the next month.

◆ **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

The Executive at our meeting of May 7th, decided we could bring in the 12 members we have on the waiting list. One of the applicants will be in England until July and another has trouble meeting our handicap limit. These two may be taken in at a later date.

See the complete list of names, phone numbers and addresses further on in the "Divot Dust". Cut them out and attach to your present membership list for future reference.

◆ **RAIN, RAIN, GO AWAY —**

We got lucky, with no rain on opening day for our President Vs. Captain competition. We had 64 golfers scheduled to play. However, after a few cancellations we ended up with approx. 58 playing in the tournament. Sorry to say the President's side slaughtered the Captain's side 28 to 17.

Harv Cook, Dave Fletcher, Jack Pomfret and Ray Robins got lucky and picked up the KP's. Doug Symonds ended up Low Gross Winner on the hidden holes and 4 others tied for Low Net.

Sandbagger, Don Lamb won the Honey Pot with a net 62, followed closely by Dave Fletcher with a 63 net and Chas MacKay at 65.

Then came the Rains! Our Monthly Medal had to be postponed till April 15th. However, we were lucky enough to get the 4 Ball Scramble played on time. Tom Herbert, Ian McNab, Bill Johnson and Ron Harris took 1st Place with a 64. Then came the Monthly Medal and Gerry Rovers found his putting stroke and posted a net 62 as the Winner.

Then came the Rains, Again! The McIntyre Trophy had to be postponed for a week and our away game at Grandview had to be postponed to May 3rd.

Chas MacKay has kept his hot streak going and came in with a net 63 to take the May Monthly Medal.

HIP - HIP - HIP

What's with all these hip operations?? Bill Leishman had one about 6 weeks to 2 months ago. Jack Apps had one about a month ago. Both are coming along great, although still a little gimpy, but chomping at the bit to get back to swinging the club again. Bob Duncan and Stan Lawson are both going in, in the near future for the same thing.

Peter Lawrence is recuperating from a prostate operation and almost ready to play again. Ed Hamilton is also going in for a hernia operation in the near future.

Sure is tough getting old, you start falling apart like a cheap watch!

Good Luck and fast recovery to you all and hope to see you back on the Links as soon as you can.

You will find enclosed a pocket sized "Rules of Golf" book to carry in your bag or pocket, supplied by the "Club" - free of charge to you. These are supplied to be used when you are not sure of a rule and how it may affect you or your opponent.

To add to your knowledge of the rules, we will have Russ White of RCGA attending our next Smoker with a tape to show on "Rules of Golf" with a question and answer session afterwards.

♦ **IMPORTANT NEWS:**

— SMOKER —

WHEN? Tuesday, JUNE 18, 1996

WHERE? Langara Club House

TIME? 7:30PM

Coffee and donuts will be supplied Free of charge. However, if you want a cold beer or pop you'll have to pay for them yourself.

NOTICE BOARD-

We have a West Point Golf Club Notice Board, we haven't used since we left McCleery.

We now have permission to attach it to the Large Notice Board in the Causeway between the Pro Shop and the Lunch room.

It will be hanging just below the ledge on the board and will inform you for the day, plus Monthly Medal, Par Points and if been upgraded.

s board EACH playing day!

REMEMBER - -

SMOKER - Tuesday, June 18 @ 7:30PM - Langara Club House.

1 Player in 4 some to turn green fees into Pro Shop.

Please arrive at least 20 minutes before your tee time.

Replace your Divot + one - repair your ball mark on green + one.

Try to play ready golf as much as possible.

I think that I shall never see
A hazard rougher than a tree;
A tree oe'r which my ball must fly
If on the green it is to lie;
A tree which stands that green to guard
And makes the shot extremely hard;
A tree whose leafy arms extend
To kill the iron shot I send;
A tree that stands in silence there
While angry golfers rave and swear.
Irons were made for fools like me
Who can not ever miss a tree!

THAT'S 30 FOR NOW!

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WPGC DIVOT DUST - August 1996

President's Message

How are we all getting along with the computerized phone system?....I've asked around and some have had success and some have had problems. For myself, I've had success except that at times the bookings don't always start right at 7:00pm. I do know that you have to be alert and careful and push the correct numbers!

I talked to Joe Vaz (Pks Board) re: Tee-time phoning. He is of the opinion that Fairway Systems Inc. Denver, Col. will iron out the bugs and that golfers will get to know how to use the system. When I told him that Lake Padden and Sudden Valley took out their systems, he said that Fairway had so far put in 300 systems. I told him that I hope that the system would work out especially for Seniors who comprise of about 40% of weekday golfers. I then stated - "I know how we (WPGC) can help make this system work - give us a block of times and thus take a load off the system"....to which he said "the Pks Board wouldn't go for that"....and added that some municipal courses in the US give preferred bookings and charge more to golfers living outside the municipality. So far our Pks Board does not favor this.

I had a good chat with Joe and feel that we should have many more so that he becomes familiar with who/what WPGC is.

Our June 18th smokeless Smoker was a success. 41 turned out to the Langara Clubhouse - nice place for a social. We had hoped to get Russ White of the BCGA to discuss the rules of golf, but we had a clash of dates. Dave Fairweather then tried for Howard Norman, Project Manager of McCleery, but again a clash of dates. I then tried Joe Vaz of the Pks Board who was busy June 18th. Bud Brown asked Muncie Booth but he was playing in a tournament. So we put on our own program with myself, Dave Fairweather, Al Williams, and Bud Brown all contributing....and this turned out to be successful....probably the best!

Have you tried out McCleery yet? Please do since we have to decide on our course of play for '97 at our AGM.

Good Putts.....Noel Armstrong.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

To bring you up-to-date on competition winners----

June and July Monthly Medal Winner was *Ches Hooper* with a 60 and 59 net score - now that's hard to beat!

The "Angel Trophy" was won by *Ed Bobinski and Ron Harris* with a 272 total, followed in second place by *Norm Watt and Wes Brisseau* with a 277.

Our "Putting Jamboree" was attended by about 36 aspiring putters, with your Captain being the worst. However, one of our quieter, softly spoken members took home the winners prize after taking only 33 putts, ten better than the Captain. You've already guessed who I'm referring to -- none other than *Bert Borton*. *Congratulations!*

The "Club Championship" was contested by 48 golfers in 7 flites. Great turn out....Nice going.

Club Champion	<i>Tom Herbert</i>	Runner Up	<i>Lloyd Shippam</i>
1st Flite Winner	<i>Ray Robins</i>	Runner Up	<i>Don Lamb</i>
2nd Flite Winner	<i>Roger Kronquist</i>	Runner Up	<i>Norm Watt</i>
3rd Flite Winner	<i>Roy Moulton</i>	Runner Up	<i>Wally Lyle</i>
4th Flite Winner	<i>Ches Hooper</i>	Runner Up	<i>Wes Brisseau</i>
5th Flite Winner	<i>Dave Wilson</i>	Runner Up	<i>Alex Ratka</i>
6th Flite Winner	<i>Jim Dobie</i>	Runner Up	<i>Axel Christensen</i>
7th Flite Winner	<i>Brian Philley</i>	Runner Up	<i>Harold Hunter</i>

We've had some great turnouts for our away games. At Newlands in May we had 35 golfers turnout with *Stu Ritchie* leading the way with an 84 and one of our fine old golfers *Ron Harris* having a net 60.

At Lake Padden in June we had 38 golfers show up and after the mess up over carts, *Ab Miles* put it all aside and shot a blistering 76 to take low gross. *Dave Wilson* and *John Heal* tied for low net with 62's.

Once again, West Point out played University in our Annual Competition, 28.5 points to 18.5 to retain the Trophy for another Year! The only dark cloud was the one hanging over the golf course - soaking everyone for the first 9 or 10 holes. However, 58 golfers braved the weather and enjoyed the food and festivities after the game.

It was discussed between West Point and University that in future years this competition be played at another course as an away game for both clubs. Think about this for awhile and we will determine this proposal at our AGM in December.

At the time of this printing the "Parker Shield" Eclectic is being played with 52 golfers taking part. I know some of you won't be able to complete the four rounds but your name is there anyway.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Club is in good financial shape as of July 31, 1996.

We have a 30 day GIC of	\$ 6,019.79
Current bank balance of	\$ 1,999.52
and petty cash of	\$ 100.00
For a total of	\$ 8,119.31

Let's not spend it all in one place as we will need lots for the Annual Banquet and Competition Prizes.

Note: Please mark the following on your calendar

"PALCUTTA SMOKER"

DATE.....Wednesday, September 4/96

TIME.....7:00 PM

WHERE.....Arbutus Recreation Centre

BRING LOTS OF MONEY (Cash, cheque - NO credit cards accepted)

Entry sheet will be up within the week. Get your name on early as the close off will be September 1, 1996.

We have to have number of players to give to Muncie Booth a week before the tournament to get our block time.

"PALCUTTA TOURNAMENT"

WHEN.....September 9/96

WHERE.....Langara Golf Club

Don't forget to sign up for our away game at Fort Langley on Friday, August 23, 1996. Tee off at 9:30AM.

Remember in these away games we are playing for the "Bob Jack" Trophy. This is determined on net score over the best 3 games played out of the 6 away games.

It has also been discussed by the Captain's Committee and the Executive, that next year we play once again at McCleery and go back to Friday play. This was determined because of only one Friday Holiday (Good Friday) which we can play on Easter Monday, also because of conflict with University away games being on Mondays and also because of the 5 day pre-booking with the computer booking system.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Please change your membership list as follows:

Wally Lyle	929-1053
Frank Lee	435-8090

The above names are on the New Members List.

That's 30 for now.....See you at the "Palcutta Smoker"

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WPGC DIVOT DUST - October 1996

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

During August, we of the Executive were making preparations for our smokeless Palcutta (Sept. 4 Arbutus Rec. Centre). I knew we had to get a liquor permit so off I went to the Liquor store and gave a story about a birthday party for Don Lamb and friends. The store manager asked me a few questions and then handed me a 50 page book. "Take this home sir, study it and write the enclosed exam. Then with a \$48 cheque go to Surrey and you'll become a Licensee. You'll get a "Serving it Right" card complete with an eleven digit number. Then come back here for your permit."

So you see, my "story" just didn't wash even though Don's birthday was close by and I had planned on getting a birthday cake just in case the LCB and police did a "walk through" at our Palcutta.

I studied the book, then wrote the exam. It took me about 12 hrs. I was rather annoyed at first in doing all this work but as the day wore on I realized - this is interesting.....I'm learning something. My daughter dropped by, looked over my shoulder and shrieked with laughter - Dad for somebody raised in strict Methodist style - you must be having guilt feelings!

So now we don't have to tell a lie to get a permit. What I basically learned from the book was: Duty of care - that is looking after a person's safety and ultimately a third party. Foreseeability - will he/she get drunk? Liability for damages - money. So you see, we have a responsibility to each other.

At our last Executive Mtg. Oct 1/96, we voted to up the annual fee by \$5 in order to cover rising costs. This gives a price of \$90 for our 1997 membership which is a good deal. We members get a lot of service for this money. We, the Executive, are permitted to raise the fee by dint of a motion passed at our last AGM - item 13.

At our upcoming Banquet, November 8th, Harold Hunter will be at a table waiting for your 1997 dues. Please pay up so that we don't have to embarrass you by asking.

Boy, I love those 30 ft. Langara putts - those compound duplex rools are a challenge even when missing!

Good Putts.....Noel Armstrong.

FINANCE REPORT:

We still seem to be financially able to finish the season with some left over to start next year.

At the present time we have a GIC of \$5000 with \$1448 in our current account balance, plus a Treasurer's Petty Cash of \$100, leaving us with a total of \$6548 to finish the year. However, with trophies and prizes plus our payment for the Banquet, we will have a reasonable balance to start next year. Because of increased costs to BCGA and CPGA and also for increased money for prizes next year, the Executive decided to increase the fees \$5 for next year. Therefore, to pay your dues at the Annual Banquet the rates will be:

Playing Members	\$ 90
New Members	\$ 90 + \$50 Initiation Fee
Associate Members	\$ 50

Please bring cash or cheque (No charge cards) and pay your 1997 dues at the Annual Banquet on November 8, 1996.

"Inflation - when you have money to burn and can't afford the matches"

"LEST WE FORGET"

Our condolences to:

- * **BOB JACK's** family, who recently passed away and
- * **BOB SIMMONS** on the tragic loss of his daughter, and
- * also **GEORGE AYLWIN** on the loss of his wife.

COMPETITIONS:

Sorry we had to cancel the West Point Shield Competition in September, as we only had 10 or 12 sign up for each division. Maybe we should reschedule it to another time of the year (maybe during the Club Championship?) and maybe change the format. Your ideas would be appreciated.

Our away games had great turn outs with 34 - 40 golfers competing in all 6 away games. The "BOB JACK" Trophy for these games goes to the golfer, who played at least 3 away games, with the lowest net score over at least 3 games out of 6 we played -- AND THE WINNER IS -- *DAVE WILSON* with a net score of 200 followed closely by *Ab Miles* at 203.

Special accolades also to *Al Williams* who played in all 6 away games and *Charlie Barker* who shot his age 84 at one of them.

Also a great round of applause to *Ab Miles*, who did a great job on these away games and to also *Bill Donaldson* his right hand man.

By now, you know who the BIG WINNERS were in our "Palcutta" competition. Nice to see one of the new members *Ken Keegan* pick up about \$330 and his partner *Dave Wilson* another \$280 or so. (Inside info - Ken played the Friday prior and shot 101 - Figure this out).

MONTHLY MEDAL WINNERS:

<i>Gerry Rovers</i>	-	<i>APRIL</i>
<i>Chas MacKay</i>	-	<i>MAY</i>
<i>Ches Hooper</i>	-	<i>JUNE - JULY</i>
<i>Ernie Poole</i>	-	<i>AUGUST</i>
<i>Les MacKenney</i>	-	<i>SEPTEMBER</i>

The above were to play-off for the LeBlanc Shield on October 7, 1996, so as of this writing, I don't have the final results but good luck to all of them.

"Life not only begins at forty - it begins to show"

"ANNUAL BANQUET AND AWARDS DINNER"

WHEN.....Friday, November 8, 1996
TIME.....6:30 No Host Bar - 7:30 Dinner
WHERE.....Knights of Columbus Hall
8337 Granville St (across from
Old White Spot
FOOD.....Prime Rib plus all the trimmings

CAPTAIN'S RAMBLINGS

Speaking above of Shooting Your Own Age? How about *George Paquette* shooting his, at 77 on Sept 30th at Langara.

We have asked *Muncie Booth* to be our guest at our **Annual Banquet** and he has accepted. I think this is something we should do for the cooperation from him and his staff with putting up with us old goats and their cooperation in giving us our 3 days during the year with block times without having to go through the Parks Board again.

While I'm at it lets think about next year. Where will we play - McCleery, Langara or somewhere else??? Think this over and let's bring it up at our AGM in December. I haven't had a chance yet to talk to Earl Francis, Pro at McCleery and Fraser view, because if I go to McCleery he's at Fraserview, If I go to Fraserview he's at McCleery. However, one of these days I'll catch him and see what the situation is for next year.

FIGURE THIS OUT-

"He who laughs last may henceforth smile with a toothless grin"

That's 30 for now.....See you at the "BANQUET"

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Merry Christmas

Happy New Year



WPGC DIVOT DUST - December 1996

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our Executive have been conscientious and diligent in carrying out their duties this past year for which we are thankful. I've found that it paid to read our history and be guided by our older and more experienced members. Throughout this year I've felt that we take for granted our well oiled WPGC. How did we achieve this? It is primarily the foundation formed years ago by those members that have been before us - the likes of Roli Parker, Ed Angel, Dave Fairweather, Bud Brown, Len Brown, Roy Moulton to name a few.

This year I've done several things . . . but I'll just mention:

- wrote the SIR (serving it right) test to enable us to get a liquor permit. This was about 12 hrs plus \$48
- asked the Parks Board for a block of times (with Dave Fairweather's help). This was a washout. We got turned down flat. We had a very well written dissertation which included Dave's statistics on our rounds played and the revenue contribution of WPGC. It's very difficult to work through corporate bureaucracy.
- sent out condolences to members in difficulty.

Bud Brown in his good horse-sense way will have more to say re: our chances for a block which will determine our course of play. Remember and note that a block of times expands our friendship, camaraderie, and social well-being and does away with that bothersome act of phoning 280-1818.

I've often referred to WPGC as my Men's Club!

Please see enclosed from Munice Booth.

Good Putts.....Noel Armstrong.

See you at the AGM - December 11/96 at the Arbutus Rec Centre 7:00pm.

"You may be a fine upstanding citizen, but it makes no difference to a banana peel."

TREASURER'S REPORT:

This is just a quick report of our total income and expenses for the past year, 1996.

Total Revenue	\$ 9678.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 8868.99</u>
Leaving Surplus of	\$ 810.00

This figure is high because of rainouts we never had our closing day, Secretary vs Treasurer, Tournament. This day normally costs us about \$400 (lunch, prizes, golf balls).

I will have the final figures and budget for 1997 at the AGM on December 11/96.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- * When: DECEMBER 11, 1996
- * Where: ARBUTUS RECREATION CENTRE
- * Time: 7:00 pm

THINGS TO CONSIDER AT AGM:

1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS -

The following are those recommended by the nominating committee:

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

Remember - these are only recommendations. Others may be nominated from the floor.

2. WHERE AND WHEN TO PLAY -

- a. Langara, McCleery or Somewhere else (if possible)
- b. Mondays - with all its holidays (6 at least)
Fridays - one Holiday only.

Things to Consider when deciding:

- ease or difficulty of play
- width of fairways (for us duffers)
- water hazards
- block times (opening and closing days, Palcutta) McCleery??
Langara - OK all ready (see insert from Muncie Booth)
- accessibility for our notice board and card box
- hospitality and cooperation of pro

3. APPROVAL OF BUDGET FOR 1997.

REMINDER TO ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

All reports must be written and read out at AGM and presented to Hugh Marshall after being moved and seconded.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT:

A full report will be given at AGM. However, I would like to take this opportunity to say thanks for another great year of golf, especially -

TO: All the members for their cooperation and friendship during the year.

Don Lamb - for his help and dedication in helping me in keeping things running smoothly.

Ab Miles - for doing a great job on our away games.

Len Brown, Ed Bobinski and others - for their help at the Putting Jamboree, Palcutta and other tournaments where help was needed.

Dave Fairweather, Bill Gerard - for their help in correlating our tee times and filling in foursomes.

**See you all (I hope) at the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. . .
Wednesday, December 11, 1996 - 7PM at Arbutus Rec Centre.**

The following is for your amusement and thought -

IRONY The difference between prison life and a full-time job

In prison you spend the majority of your time in an 8' X 10' cell. At work you spend most of your time in a 6' X 8' cubicle.

In prison you get three meals a day. At work you only get a break for one meal and you have to pay for that one.

In prison you get time off for good behavior. At work you get rewarded for good behavior with more work.

At work you must carry around a security card and unlock and open all the doors yourself. In prison a guard locks and unlocks all the doors for you.

In prison you can watch TV and play games. At work you get fired for watching TV and playing games.

In prison they ball-and-chain you when you go somewhere. At work you are just ball-and-chained.

In prison you get your own toilet. At

work you have to share.

In prison they allow your family and friends to visit. At work you cannot even speak to your family and friends.

In prison all expenses are paid by taxpayers, with no work required. At work you get to pay all the expenses to go to work and then they deduct taxes from your salary to pay for the prisoners.

In prison you spend most of your life looking through bars from the inside wanting to get out. At work you spend most of your time wanting to get out and inside bars.

In prison you can join many programs which you can leave at any time. At work there are some programs you can never get out of.

In prison there are wardens who are often sadistic and psychotic. At work we have managers.

FURTHER TO MUNCHE'S LETTER

You will notice that Muncie made no mention of "Block Times".

The reason for this is that he does not want anything in writing, in case it gets back to the Parks Board.

However, in our discussions with him, we are trying to figure out a way to get the times we normally get without having to phone in for them.

He knows the percentage of times we normally get, so if we can get them closer together, it would greatly enhance our Comraderie and also feel more like a "Club".

We are sure that this can be worked out for 1997. But, the exact format has not been figured out yet.

This information is to be kept strictly within our "Club" and **NOT TO BE BROADCASTED AROUND** because the Parks Board has ears everywhere.

What is being discussed, is **STRICTLY** between Muncie Booth and West Point Golf Club and **NOT TO BE DISCUSSED WITH ANYONE ELSE.**

Bud Brown
Captain

DEAR MEMBERS OF THE
WEST POINT GOLF CLUB:

I WANTED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND INVITATION TO ATTEND YOUR YEAR END BANQUET. UNFORTUNATELY, BECAUSE OF A MINOR MISHAP AT HOME WHICH INVOLVED ONE OF MY SONS, I WAS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND.

I ALSO WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND SUPPORT AT THE LANGARA GOLF COURSE DURING 1996. IT WAS A REAL PLEASURE DEALING WITH YOUR GROUP, AS IT IS VERY APPARENT THAT YOU HAVE A REAL APPRECIATION FOR THE GAME, AND CLEAR UNDERSTANDING ON HOW THE GOLF COURSE SHOULD RUN. IT WAS A TREAT TO DEAL WITH PEOPLE WHO KNEW THE IMPORTANCE OF PROPER GOLF ETIQUETTE AND WHO KNEW THE IMPORTANCE OF SHOWING UP ON TIME FOR TEE TIMES. I HOPE I WILL HAVE THE PLEASURE OF YOUR INVOLVEMENT AT LANGARA IN 1997.

IN ADDITION, I WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW OF OUR POWER CART SPECIAL, WHICH WILL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY. THIS MIGHT BE A GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT!!

THIS IS HOW IT WORKS. WE WILL BE OFFERING A PUNCH CARD SPECIAL, WHICH NOT ONLY SAVES THE GOLFER A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF MONEY, BUT ALSO ALLOWS HIM TO RESERVE A POWER CART IN ADVANCE. FOR \$395.00, INCLUDING ALL TAXES, ONE MAY PURCHASE A PUNCH CARD FROM THE PRO SHOP, WHICH WILL ENTITLE THE OWNER THE USE OF A POWER CART FOR 20 FULL ROUNDS OF GOLF. THIS WORKS OUT TO BE \$19.75 PER ROUND, TAXES INCLUDED. COMPARE THAT TO THE 1997 RATES OF \$24.00 FOR SENIORS, TAXES INCLUDED, AND YOU CAN SEE THAT YOU WILL BE SAVING \$4.25 PER ROUND. FURTHERMORE, YOU WILL HAVE THE PEACE OF MIND IN KNOWING THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO RESERVE A CART IN ADVANCE, AND NOT HAVE TO RELY ON AVAILABILITY. FOR THOSE THAT MUST USE A CART TO PLAY, THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT FEATURE. HOWEVER, BECAUSE WE HAVE A LIMITED NUMBER OF CARTS, I MUST RESTRICT THE NUMBER OF PUNCH CARDS AVAILABLE TO 20, AND THEY WILL BE DISPENSED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS. FOR INFORMATION ON THIS PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL ME AT 280-7888.

AGAIN THANKS VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND HOPE THAT YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES WILL HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

MUNCIE BOOTH, C.P.G.A.
HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL,
LANGARA GOLF COURSE