



Playing at Langara Golf Course

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WPGC DIVOT DUST - MAY 1997

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This latter part of April saw the death of Bud Brown's wife Audrey . . . a sad event as many of us know. And for this we feel sorry Bud . . . it was nice of you to pay us a visit to Langara on our Friday, May 2nd play day....thanks!

I've written a letter to Gary Perks, Supr. of Golf Courses, 2099 Beach Avenue (Vanc. Pks Bd.) V6G 1Z4 asking him to budget money for:

- a putting green where the old Club House used to be;
- a chipping green just south of the big sand pile (on pkg. lot) - this is where a chipping green used to be;
- adding a putting green just north of the 1st fairway tee area. The existing putting green is too small and shows signs of wear;
- improving and enlarging the old 11th green down by Oak Street. At present, this old green does not simulate the other 18 greens on the course and is a substandard practise area.

I noted that the number of rounds played at Langara in 1995 was 76,700 and in 1996 it was 66,000. This drop of 10,700 was probably due to other courses opening up - competition - so it is time for the Parks Board to put some of the golf course profits back into Langara.

So members of WPGC - please write a letter either to Gary Perks or to say Duncan Wilson, Chair of the Vancouver Parks Board and ask for improvements to Langara. If we have several letters sent in, it will bring some attention, maybe even *action*.

We (WPGC) sent in our annual \$50 donation to B.C. Golf Hse. This is where we keep our minutes and correspondence for past years, and on occasion we have to dig into these for information.

This golf museum is very interesting, a treasure place for our game. Pay a visit some afternoon and do some putting ~~on~~ the green adjacent. You'll enjoy it.

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Good Putts - especially those wonderful compound roll putts at Langara.

Noel Armstrong.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

During April we had an income of \$223.59 and expenses of \$959.07. With our bank balance of \$1,651.84 and a 120 day term of \$4,000 and a 30 day term note of \$4,500 and a petty cash account of \$100, leaving us with a current total of \$10,251.84 as of April 30th. This balance is \$2,500 more than we had last year at this time.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT:

The 4 Ball Scramble held on April 11th was won by the team of *Les Brown, Rog Kronquist, Frank Lee and Ron Harris* with a score of 64. The Monthly Medal on May 2nd was won by *Doug Symonds* with a net score of 61. The 54 hole net score McIntyre Trophy was won by *Tom Herbert* with a total net score of 195 followed closely by *Hugh Marshall* with a 203.

We have had great turnouts to our competitions this year. Opening Day we had 84 players registered with 80 of them finally playing. The President's side won a close one with the outcome being decided by the last 3 foursomes.

The 4 Ball Scramble had 64 golfers competing, this being one of the largest turnouts for this tournament. For the McIntyre Trophy we originally had 50 players entered.

Phoning for tee times:

It has been discussed by the Executive the problem of getting through to get Tee Times. It was suggested that perhaps we are blocking each other out. So it was decided in the future only 2 people from each foursome phone for times and see if this has any bearing on making it easier to get through. Please let us know how you are making out.

Distribution of Tee Times:

In future, after receiving this, please phone in all spare times to No. 1, Don Lamb and if not available then call Ab Miles and give either one of them your spare time plus if you need anyone to fill in your foursomes. If you don't have a game and are looking for one, please phone as above and they will try to match you up.

Handicaps:

We have received a new program from the CPGA to be put into operation for this year. The new program will only accept corrected gross scores from your home course which of course is Langara. The computer will then compile your score and give you an Index and Handicap for Langara. 2

With this new system we no longer require scores from other courses, so **do not** list games played at University or McCleery or anywhere else as they are not required.

The idea is that if you play at another course, you take your Index from Langara and use this to determine your Handicap at whatever other course you are playing.

Got this straight?????.....I hope so!

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Membership List:

Please make the following changes to your Membership List:

- Ed Bobinsky - corrent phone number is 682-0413;
- Les Brown is a full member NOT an Associate;
- Ed Hamilton is no longer a member (cross him out); and
- Bill Rodgers is no longer a member (cross him out).

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP qualifying starts on June 20th, so please get your name on the entry sheet posted on our Notice Board in the men's bathroom. Low 8 gross score qualify for the Championship Flite and others in gross score sequence qualify for other flites. REMEMBER games may be played at any time as long as they are completed within the time allotted. GET YOUR NAME DOWN.

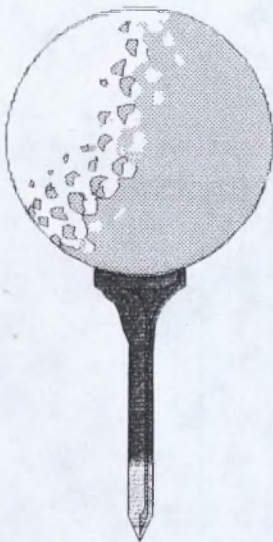
From Me to You:

To all those who sent cards of condolence and who attended my wife's Memorial Services, THANKS. It was greatly appreciated. I always said you were a great group and you sure proved me right! Once again, THANKS for your kind thoughts.

That's 30 for now.....

Editor: *Bud Brown*
Production: *Joanne Holley*

LATE NEWS FLASH



MOTION - Moved and seconded that
Players who plan on playing an
away game must pay either in cash
to the Club's away game organizer
or by cheque to the Club's P.O. Box
104, 3455 Dunbar St. Vancouver, B.C.
V6S 2C2, by the posted "cut off date"
prior to the match. Refunds will be
made for extenuating circumstances
only.

Passed unanimously.



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This is a transcript of an actual conversation between a US Navy ship and Canadian authorities off the coast of Newfoundland during October 1995.

US: Please direct your course 15 degrees north to avoid a collision.

CAN: Recommend you divert YOUR course 15 degrees south to avoid a collision.

US: This is the Captain of a US Navy Ship. I say again, divert your course.

CAN: No, I say again, you divert your course.

US: This is the battleship USS Missouri. WE ARE A LARGE WARSHIP of the US Navy. DIVERT YOUR COURSE.

CAN: This is a lighthouse.....your call.

Well boys, I've joined several members of our Club who are minus a prostate gland. I've been told that the cancer had not progressed out of the prostate gland. I'll know for sure in a few months. A PSA test will be an indicator of this.

What I learned in spades was to keep yourself in good shape. Since the operation results in a large raw area inside the body, the better your health, the easier and faster it takes to recover.

When did you last have a digital rectal examination (DRE) ? And have you had a test for Prostate specific antigen (PSA) ? Don't be shy in talking about this. This male sex gland can do a lot of us in!

Rounds played at Pks Bd courses is down this year - probably due to new courses opening up and less money to go around.

	1995 ROUNDS	1995 SNRS RNDs	% SENIORS WEEKDAY	1996 ROUNDS	1996 SNRS RNDs	% SENIORS WEEKDAY
Fraserview	82,286	25,956	45%	67,500	17,790	39%
Langara	76,734	19,125	35%	66,000	13,587	30%
McCleery	OPENED	AGAIN 6/28/96		37,500	7,175	28%
TOTALS	159,020	45,081		171,000	38,552	

1996 Rounds Burnaby Mnt 65,629 (down about 1,000)
 Riverway 54,369 (1st yr at 18 holes)

See you at the **SMOKER - ARBUTUS REC CENTRE 7:00PM, MARCH 25TH**

Hope to have Muncie Booth out.

Regards.....Noel Armstrong, President

BUSINESS FROM AGM:

It was suggested at the AGM that we should have an Auditor do our books at year end. We have checked the Societies Act and found that we are classified as a Non-Reporting Society, so an Auditor is not required.

Since 1986 when WPGC moved to McCleery there has never been an auditor. All Financial Statements sent to Victoria have been signed by two executive members and has been OKayed by them. However, the request for an Auditor is in our By-Laws, so the present Executive will be bringing forward a Notice of Motion to have it deleted from our By-Laws as it has never been acted upon.

It was also decided the Rules governing the qualifications for an Associate Membership should be added to our By-Laws. This will also be brought forward by a Notice of Motion to the AGM. We will accept membership for Associate Members as we have in the past for this year.

"Old Age and Treachery will overcome youth and skill".

IMPORTANT NOTICE OPENING SMOKER

Where: Arbutus Recreation Centre
When: Tuesday, March 25th, 1997
Time: 7:00 PM
Guest: Muncie Booth, Pro at Langara

Sheets are up at the Golf Course, so if you haven't already put your name up for the Smoker and Opening Day play, please do so ASAP. The draw will be made up prior to the Smoker, so you will know your times and 4some for Opening Day, on Friday, April 4th. Also, Club Crests and Bay Tags will be available at the Smoker (where you can't smoke).

We will also be asking the Membership at the Smoker their preference for our Annual Banquet to be held as a luncheon do, instead of our usual evening affair.

GOODIES FOR YOU!

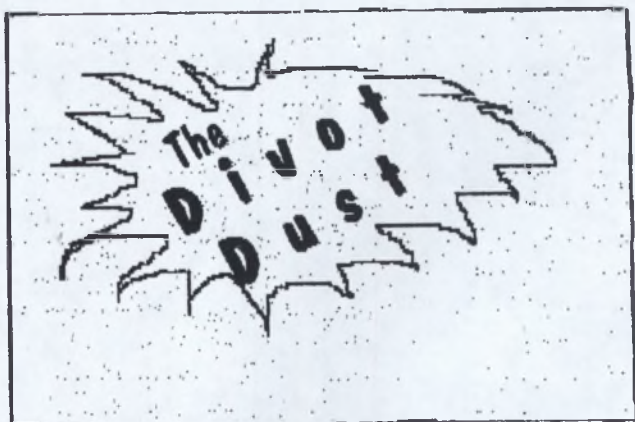
Please find enclosed with your Divot Dust the following:

- 1) Fixture Card
- 2) 1997 Membership List
- 3) Sample Score Card, (please try to follow the Sample as close as possible, especially the Date, Scorer and Attester).

"You should have at least two aims in Life; to make a little money first and then to make a little money last".

**That's 30 for now.
See you at the Smoker!**

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Production: Joanne Holley



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As you've probably noticed, I'm vacationing this summer-mostly in the Yukon and Northern B.C., not much golf except at the Top Of The World course at Dawson, Y.T. This is a nine holer in the Yukon wilderness put in by some mining companies and Dawson city. It has grass greens and nice grass fairways and you can play twenty four hours per day (Lat. 65) in June. Vegetation growth is incredibly fast at this time of the year - vegetable gardens in Dawson were up to or surpassing gardens in Prince George, of course, when playing you have to look out for Bear and Moose.

Our executive will have a few openings for 1998. Roy Moulton is looking for members interested in serving. From my own experience as a golfer, executive work teaches one quite alot about the game. I now know how to "do golf" which is different from playing golf. Give Roy a call - don't miss out!

Congratulations, Tom Herbert on another club championship. Tom is our lowest handicap golfer and has the distinction of avoiding the Pks. Bd. telephone booking system by turning up at five a.m. to tee off. His 4-some is often having coffee as I'm just about to start play. I bet they go home and snooze.

I'm becoming interested in the Audubon approach to golf course management. The Audubon society is a large group of people whose interest is in promoting bird wildlife. It has spread from the U.S. to Canada and the rest of the earth. On talking to Gerry Perks of the Pks. Bd. I find that our three Pks. Bd. courses will be up to Audubon standards in three years (Point Grey Golf Course is already there). With the Audubon system in place, golf courses are more healthy for us as well as the birds. Our B.C.G.A. supports the concept of this environment Protection which incidentally, lowers the cost of maintenance.

See you at the *Palcutta*!

Regards.....Noel Armstrong, President

TREASURER'S REPORT:

As of July 31, 1997 we have total liquid assets of \$7,573.92. This is made up of a balance of \$2,080.91 on June 30th, plus 30 day term notes of \$7,000, less expenses of \$1,606.99. It would appear that we are on par to be able to finish the year and have a small balance left over to start next year.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Roy Moulton, our Chairman of the Nominating Committee, is in the process of *looking for* people to run for the Executive next year. **If you are interested in helping out, please give Roy a call at 222-3039 or have a talk with him at the Palcutta Smoker, he would appreciate it.**

CAPTAIN'S REPORT:

June *Monthly Medal* winner was *Len Brown* with a net score of 62, followed in July by Doug Whittle with a net 64, and in August by George Wilson with a 61.

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CAPTAIN'S REPORT Contd:

Next came, our Club Championship where we had 8 Flites plus the Championship Flite.

After a tough battle with *Ab Miles* in the Championship Flite, *Tom Herbert* once again took the Championship with a 1 up win. Congratulations again Tom (to put your mind at rest, we are purchasing a new trophy for the Club Champion).

- 1st Flite* won by Len Brown over Jim Dobie.
- 2nd Flite* had Dave Fairweather defeating Doug Whittle.
- 3rd Flite* Doug Symonds over Les MacKenney.
- 4th Flite* Jack Catherwood over Al Williams.
- 5th Flite* Horst Dietrich over Les Brown.
- 6th Flite* Ken Keegan over Dave Wilson.
- 7th Flite* Bill Gerard over Bill Donaldson.
- 8th Flite* Bill Cartwright over Brian Sizer.

At the present time, we are in the middle of the PARKER SHIELD 72 Hole *Eclectic*. After each round please turn in a separate card and circle the holes that you have bettered over your previous round and we will transfer them to the Master Sheet. Thanks!

****IMPORTANT NOTICE****

Our away game at Mayfair Lakes had to be put off until August 26th, because of sanding and aerating the greens. Also, we will be having an early start, like 7:30 am., starting on the 1st and 10th tees. Keep this in mind and get your name down on the Sheet posted on the board.

PALCUTTA:

The sheets are up on the Board, so get your name down for both the Smoker and the Tournament. The Smoker will be held at the Arbutus Rec Centre on Sept 3rd, a Wednesday, with the Tournament on Friday, Sept 5th.

Entries close on Aug 29th, so we can get the Draw made-up and to also notify Muncie Booth of the number of golfers, so he can block off the times for us. We will most likely start teeing off at 7:29AM. Get your names up PDQ.

*"It's nice to see people with plenty of getup and go,
especially if some of them are visiting you".*

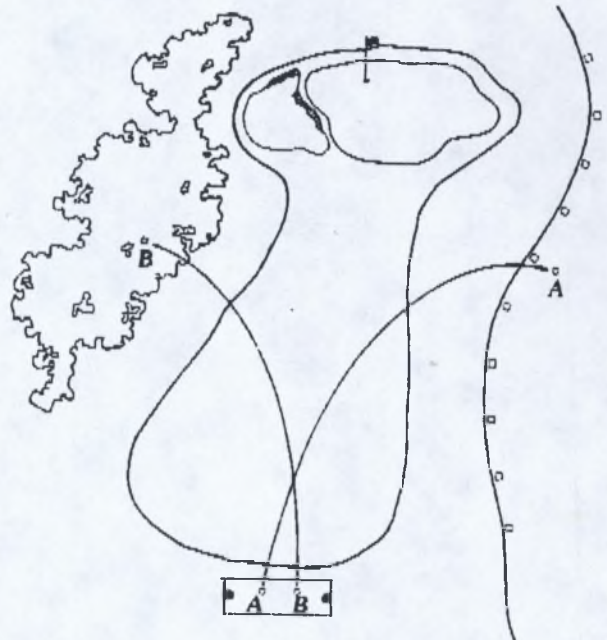
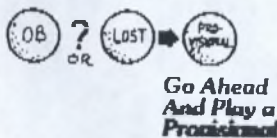
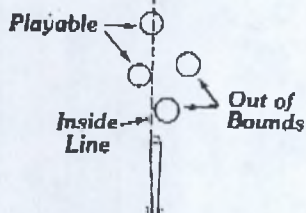
LEST WE FORGET

Three or four weeks ago, we lost two long time members of the West Point Golf Club. Gordon Crosson and Phil Mare passed away within days of each other. Our sympathy goes out too their families. We will remember them.

RULES / TIPS:

Rule 27 — Ball Lost or Out of Bounds

- A ball is lost if it is not found within five minutes after you first begin to search.
- A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies beyond the inside line of objects such as white stakes, or a fence or wall that marks the playing area.
- If your ball is lost or out of bounds, you must add a penalty stroke to your score and play another ball from where you played your last shot.
- If you think your ball may be lost or out of bounds, you may play another ball (provisional ball) from the place where your first ball was played. You must tell your opponent or fellow-competitor that you are playing a provisional ball and play it before you look for your first ball. If you cannot find your first ball or if it is out of bounds, you must count the strokes with the first and provisional balls, add a penalty stroke and play out the hole with the provisional ball. If you find your first ball in bounds, continue play with it and pick up the provisional ball.



Ball is out of bounds when it is beyond white stakes, fences, or walls marking playing area. SEE BALL A

If your ball is lost or out of bounds, add one penalty stroke. Play another ball from where you played your last shot. SEE BALL B

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE!

Please make the following change to your membership list:

Bill Gerard New phone 244-0411

"Did you know that most of the time the shortest distance between two points is under construction?"

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DIVOT DUST OCTOBER '97

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Another great golfing season is coming to a close. Our volunteers for all functions came through admirably.

Our six away games were nicely organized by Ab Miles along with our Putting Jamboree at Musqueam.

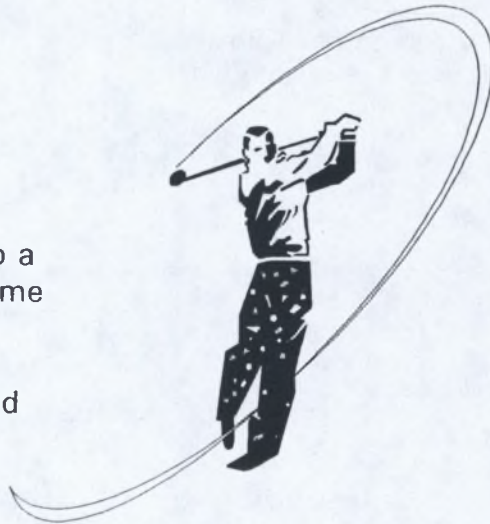
The away games require long term planning starting in January. Most of the golf courses require money up-front along with a specific number of times blocked off. If we don't fill all the spots, we are charged for those green fees. Two of our members this year were no shows and thus had to be asked for a cheque! This action prevented our West Point members from having to foot the bill.

So far the Parks Board has not charged for no shows but the phone-in tee time system is designed such that they can. So be sure to honor the Parks Board system especially when using someone else's time. Be sure you know the name of whose tee time you are using and give him a ring . . . otherwise he might cancel it out from under you!

The Audubon system of golf course management is catching on in Canada. There are now 170 courses in Canada working toward full certification and six fully certified courses. Once a course is up to the Audubon standard it is a more healthy place to be, birdlife is greater, and the cost of maintenance decreases.

I'm applying Audubon principles in my own garden in Vancouver and also at my summer place on the Island.

On talking to Gary Perks (Pks Bd Golf Sup't) I understand that once Fraserview opens, application to certify for Audubon standards will be made for all three courses. He also said that an expanded putting green at Langara is being asked for and that netting will be put up alongside #1 and #2 so that cars and people won't be hit by hooked balls.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT Cont'd:

Don't forget our Annual Banquet (luncheon) at Bella Casa on November 7th and also our December 10th AGM at Arbutus Rec Centre.

Good winter putts Noel

TREASURERS REPORT:

We seem to be well within our budget figures going into the final month of play this year.

We show a balance of \$6,978 which includes our 30 day term notes. However, out of this we have our Annual Banquet and Awards Dinner plus closing day expenses still to pay.

We should be in fine financial state to start 1998 with and leave the "Club" in good shape for the incoming executive.

"Life not only begins at 40 - It begins to show!"

ANNUAL BANQUET AND AWARDS

When: Friday, Nov 7, 1997

Time: 11:30am - 2:30pm

Where: Bella Casa Restaurant
8915 Hudson Str.

We are trying a luncheon instead of a dinner this year. The thought is, that it is easier to drive in daylight than it is at night. Some of us are getting older and would rather not drive at night if possible.

You can pay your *1998 Dues* at the Banquet, which will be \$90 for a playing member, \$50 for an associate membership and \$50 initiation fee for new members plus \$90 annual dues.

We will take cash (you remember what that is?) or personal cheque, but **not** plastic.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Sick List:

George Bradley, John Voth and Dave Fletcher are recuperating at home after either sickness or operations and are on the road to recovery.

• • Lest We Forget • •

Sorry to report that Vic Schroeder passed away in his sleep on October 16, 1997. We will remember him.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT Cont'd:

It has been suggested, that you hardy souls who play throughout the winter months, keep track of the number of games you play at either Langara or McCleery and during the last week of March drop off your totals on a piece of paper and drop it off in the score card box at Langara.

We will compile the figures as it may add some fuel to our discussions with the Parks Board, re: recognizing our "Club" and maybe getting some more concessions from them.

PALCUTTA RESULTS:

Teams - The big winners were:

1st - Ian McNab and Jack Apps with 83 pts.

2nd - Len Brown and Harold Hunter tied Jim Dobie and Wes Brisseau at 81 pts.

3rd - Joe Davies and Jim Kanelles tied Roger Kronquist and Ian Colquhoun at 79 pts.

The above teams also shared in the \$300 team pool.

HONEY POT WINNERS:

<i>1st - Jim Kanelles</i>	<i>Net 61</i>	<i>2nd - Harold Hunter</i>	<i>Net 64</i>
	<i>3rd - Charlie Barker</i>	<i>Net 65</i>	

This was one of the BIGGEST and BEST Palcuttas to date as we took in \$1,955 in bids.

The **Monthly Medal Champ** was Jim Kanelles. This was played on October 10 because of the foul weather conditions on October 3rd.

West Point Shields 36 Hole 2 Man Low Net Scores:

0 - 18 Handicap was won by Norm Watt and Les Brown with a 273 total

0 - 19 Handicap was won by Ken Keegan and Cliff Roughton with a 267 total.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

I have moved -- please note my new phone number **274-5802**

See you at the Bella Casa Restaurant, Friday November 7th at 11:30 am.

SEE YOU THERE!

That's 30 for now!





"Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year"



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DIVOT DUST DECEMBER '97

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Well boys, we'll have a new president next year. I will shortly be Mr. Past Pres or as Roy and I say - Mr. PeePee. In the management of our club I've followed Roy's lead since how and what he did worked well . . . Thanks, Roy.

I've had four interesting years - two as secretary and two as president. Both jobs did not take unduly of my time. I've learned a lot and feel fortunate in being able to serve such a helpful group of people. The Executive members were especially good. Each member carried out his duties in a caring manner.

We finished off this year with 98 playing members. This seems to be a limit for WPGC since we tend to jam the 280-1818 line every Sunday evening for a tee-time. Also, it is difficult to meet one another by having such a large group and no block times (except opening, closing, and palcutta). In spite of this, we do quite well as a club.

Pks Board Green fees are going up from \$32 to \$33 - regular. The Senior's fee will be \$16.50. Even though this is just a \$1 hike, it lights up my fuse! Why do prices rise when unemployment is high and the take home pay of the average worker has not risen since the '80s? I've started to do some reading on this and find that huge inequities exist now that we didn't have in the '50s and '60s . . . ie: the WW II debt was paid off by 1950. So why do we have a debt now? and when will it be paid off?

We had 76 out to our luncheon on Nov 7th. Muncie Booth - pro at Langara spoke - he wants us back next year -- to which I heartily concur. He gives us good service, is helpful and pleasant to work with. And this is important especially for the WPGC Executive who have to do club business with the Pro.

For the luncheon, each Executive member had 15 or so members to phone. From these calls we had 89 who said they would come. 12 were no shows . . . only



PRESIDENT'S REPORT Cont'd:

one cancelled. This does not harm us financially since the luncheon cost is included in the \$90 fee. But WPGC had to pay for these no shows and Bella Casa had to garbage the extra food. Our Banquet of last year was similar in no shows. Any suggestions on how to fix this?

At McCleery you can now get 60 balls/token. After sunset, lights come on and gas heat is available. If you are not into boycotting McCleery due to the mess made of the 1st nine, (the driving range caused shortening and narrowing of the 1st nine) it's a pleasant place to practice.

See you at our AGM Dec 10/97 -- 7:00PM at the Arbutus Rec Centre.

Regards . . . Noel Armstrong / President

By the way - Muncie Booth has a Winter special on re. carts. He also has our '97 Roster so expect his newsletter sometime soon.

TREASURER'S REPORT: by Harold Hunter

As of November 30, 1997, our current assets, including members equity, is \$7,716. This also includes \$4,060 in prepaid memberships for 1998.

It would appear we are in good shape to start 1998, we have budgeted for a slight increase in expenditures for next year, which we hope the new executive will approve.

All in all it has been interesting being your treasurer for the past two years. The Executive were very helpful and great to work with.

Good luck to the new executive and especially your new treasurer as I am stepping down to try and get my handicap down to a respectable level. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

"The hardest part of putting something away for a rainy day is finding a clear day to do it!"

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: by Al Williams

We will have a few openings for new members for the '98 season, through attrition and those that haven't played the required number of games with the "Club" during the year.

On hand we have 8 applications for membership. These should fill the openings available for the coming year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT: by Gerry Rovers

We had very good turnouts for our "Smokers" during the year with everyone enjoying themselves.

Here's a short resume of our closing Annual Banquet and Awards Luncheon held at

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT Contd:

the Bella Casa on Nov 7th.

We had 77 for lunch including Muncie Booth, however, we had 90 members saying they would be there, so we booked for 90 meals. Some who didn't show had good excuses for not being there, but others seemed not to valid excuses. In future, if you can't make it, please let someone on the Executive know, so we can modify our amount attending, and not have to pay for "no shows".

Our total expense for the luncheon, including a free drink and free wine totaled \$1,996. We budgeted for \$2,000 so at least we came in under budget.

I will be stepping down this year from the Executive, and I know your New House Committee Chairman will do a great job.

While basking on the beach and golf course in Aloha Land I'll be thinking of you poor souls basking in the rain in Vancouver.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and good golfing in '98.

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

CAPTAIN'S REPORT: by Bud Brown

Once again another golfing year is gone. Another of great turnouts to our competitions, some of them the largest we have ever had.

Congratulations to all the trophy winners and those coming in second for making the winners work for their trophies.

I should be reminding you of the AGM to be held Dec. 10th at 7 PM at the Arbutus Rec Centre, but because of the postal strike you won't receive this in time, so I won't.

I will be making available, at McCleery, the final handicap sheet for the year, so you will be able to check your handicap without going to Langara (I'll give this to Don Lamb, so he can display it, where you can see it at McCleery).

There has been some discussion on where to play next year. From discussions with the Executive and other members, the thoughts have been almost 100% that we stay with Muncie Booth at Langara and if he moves to McCleery (as rumor has it) in June or July then we also move with him. This will be brought up at the AGM, so if you get this in time, keep it in mind.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with you golfers during the past year. You're a great bunch and you don't know how much your kind words, cards and thoughts helped me through a most difficult time.

From my Heart:

Merry Christmas and a Great Golfing New Year!

That's 30 for now!