



Playing at Langara Golf Course

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DIVOT DUST MARCH 1998

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Welcome to what we hope will be a very pleasant year of golf and friendship.

It is my hope that even though we do not have a block of times, the club will become more cohesive.

At our past AGM, I expressed that better camaraderie might be achieved by having members volunteer for minor tasks such as trophy collector, a name tag distributor, a typist, a camera enthusiast . . . etc. As a result, I am happy to report that Noel Armstrong and Bill Johnson will co-edit with Bud Brown future Divot Dusts. Please pass along any interesting news or anecdotes to them for publication. In addition, Ian McNab will now be in charge of ball distribution.

What can you do? Please call me.

Another avenue to follow for better friendship is to play the away games and/or enter competitions where you are not a member of your regular foursome.

We hope to make the evening socials more interesting and entertaining. Come to our first one on Tuesday, March 24/98 and find out what Ray Robins has in store!

Good Health and Good Golfing.

Hugh Marshall, President

A note from Noel Armstrong, Past President of '98 and Bill Johnson, Treasurer of '94 and '95.

This past year '97 was successful for our club and our '98 year should be better and see more member involvement. So Bill Johnson and I have taken some load off Bud Brown's back by helping out with the Divot Dust. Just the work involved in assembling our newsletter (100 mailouts) is considerable. So Bill and I would like to include some personal anecdotes about you or some WPGC history. Just give Bill or myself a call.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT Cont'd:

My 4 yrs of executive work has been fun . . . so volunteer if you are able. Incidentally, Burnaby Mountain Seniors Club has over 60 volunteers and Brock House Community Centre (Vanc Pks Bd) has a volunteer waiting list! The price is right!

My main WPGC activity this year is as Past Pres., acting in an ex-officio style. I thank all of you for helping to keep our club viable these past years.

TREASURER'S REPORT: by Stan Lawson

At the beginning of each year our finances are in good shape, as usual.

All deposits for our away games have been paid and we also have a term deposit of \$4,000, this leaves us with enough money in our current account to carry on with our normal day to day operations.

Prior to above payments and investments, we had current assets, as of January 31/98 of approximately \$7,000. Since then we have received membership dues from 11 new members plus dues from some members who hadn't paid prior to Dec 31/97. All in all we are in a solid financial state.

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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: by Al Williams

We lost some of our members from last year, for one reason or another, but have replaced them with 12 new members, giving us 98 playing members at the present time.

Remember, if you move during the year, please let me know so we can keep our membership list up to date.

"Notice of a special membership meeting"

Take notice that a special general membership meeting will be held on ***Tuesday, March 24, 1998 at 7:00pm at The Arbutus Recreation Centre***, where an extraordinary resolution will be proposed to amend By-Law 1x Audit and Legal, by changing the third word in Section 1 Auditor, to read "may" instead of "shall" and also "may" instead of "shall" in the second line following "Annual General Meeting and He . . .".

The above may be adopted by two-thirds majority vote of members present at this special meeting.

SEASON OPENING "SMOKER"

Where? Arbutus Rec Centre

When? Tuesday, March 24, 1998

Time? 7:00 pm

CAPTAIN'S REPORT: by Bud Brown

Let's all that can attend the "Smoker" and get the year started in a great way, especially the new members. Come on out and meet the ones who may in the coming months be either your partner or friendly competitor.

You all will have received the "Divot Dust" prior to the Smoker, where you will find a membership list, fixture care, and conditions of play format. Keep these handy and refer to them at all times, so you will know when and what competitions are on each week, and how the competitions are played.

You will also receive a sample score card. This is to remind you how to fill out your card prior to putting them in the box, in the men's loo under the notice board. Please check the notice board every time you come out to play, so you can keep up with the activities within the "Club".

Another important reminder - Away Games:

All those who sign up for "Away Games" must pay their green fees for these games at least 2 weeks prior to date of play. Those not paid up will be replaced, if possible. Those who have paid and cancel out after the cut-off date without a legitimate excuse will not receive a refund, unless replaced by another player. The above is required because we have to pay the green fees for number of players booked at least 2 weeks before our reservation date.

Ray Robins, our New House Committee Chairman, would like some help from the members in coming up with ideas for our smokers. If you have any, give Ray a call, he'd appreciate it.

If you are complaining about the weather, how about this definition -

Usual Weather: A term used to describe the usual weather.

That's 30 for now!

P.S.: The sheets are up at Langara for Opening Smoker and Opening Day Competition. Get your names up as closing day is March 24, 1998.

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PLAYER'S NAME (PRINT)

Player

Date

Attest

(OUT) FRONT NINE

(IN) BACK NINE

(OUT) TOTAL

SLOPE AND COURSE RATING



Blue Tees	361	518	177	318	158	360	495	349	334	8070	352	428	135	324	316	179	458	426	370	2988	3070	6085	112/64.4	126/71.5		
White Tees	336	493	140	287	125	323	465	316	294	2779	321	400	122	296	283	147	436	390	329	2724	2779	5503	107/65.9	117/70.2		
Red Tees	284	225	107	250	105	260	426	259	258	217	272	343	75	251	222	117	381	325	229	2417	2471	4648	94/62.1	110/67.5		
SMITH	5	7	4	4	4	6	6	5	4	45	1	4	6	3	5	4	4	6	6	5	43	45	88	18	70	
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PAR POINTS - HONEY POT																										

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COMPETITION

ADJUSTED SCORE PROCEDURE - (CORRECTED GROSS SCORE)

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.

HANDICAP

PAR POINTS
NET SCORE ON EACH HOLE

PAR - 1 POINT
BIRDIE - 2 POINTS
EAGLE - 3 POINTS
BOGIE OR WORSE - No POINTS

NET

ATTESTER'S NAME

WEST POINT GOLF CLUB

COMPETITION FORMAT

1 REGULAR COMPETITIONS

MONTHLY MEDAL is played in 1 Division, on the first Friday of each month. Low net receives 3 balls, if two are tied each receive 3 balls; if 3 are tied each receive 2 balls, a clear 2nd receives 2 balls and a clear third 1 ball. The Low Net including ties qualify for the LEBLANC SHIELD Monthly Medal playoff.

PAR POINTS is played in 2 divisions (0-18 & 19-Up) as scheduled. Scoring is based on individual hole net scores, with 1 point for PAR, 2 points for a Birdie and 3 points for an Eagle. Highest total points in each Division receives 2 balls, with 2nd receiving 1 ball. Ties will be broken by using the best back 9.

HONEY POT is played in one division. An entry fee is paid as part of your MEMBERSHIP DUES. The weekly pot is determined by dividing the total entry fees by the number of Fridays we have a Honey Pot competition during the season. The POT is split 50 - 30 - 20.

ALL ABOVE COMPETITIONS REQUIRE AN INDIVIDUAL CARD PROPERLY SIGNED AND ATTESTED AND MARKED WITH COMPETITION NAME ON THE CARD.

2. SCRAMBLE

4 man teams - 4 handicap levels - maximum handicap 30.
18 holes - Stroke play - Gross score.

Method of Play:

- a. Each member of the 4 some tees off.
- b. The best Tee shot position is selected and each Member plays from that spot.
- c. The T Shot of each Member must be used a minimum of 3 times and recorded with a T or an X on the card.
- d. The same procedure is followed for each succeeding shot until the Green is reached.

e. The best position on the Green is selected and each Member putts from that spot. If not holed out, repeat the procedure from the next best position.

f. Card must be totaled and signed by at least 2 Members of the 4some.

WINNER; The 4some with the lowest Gross score for 18 holes.

AWARD; 3 golf balls to the winning 4some Ties to be broken by best back nine.

2 golf balls to the members of a clear 2nd place team.

1 golf ball to the members of a clear 3rd place team.

3 MCKINTYRE TROPHY;

Net stroke play over 54 holes. total field eligible. Full current handicap to be used.

To be played on successive Fridays as per Fixture Card.

Individual card required for each round, marked Mckintyre and signed and attested.

Ties will be broken by comparing the Net Score for the Final round. Should Final round Net scores be identical, the tie will be broken by the best Net score over the Back nine, then if necessary by matching the Net score for the last hole, the 2nd last hole, etc.

WINNER; Low total net score over 54 holes.

AWARD; Keeper Plaque/Trophy for the winner.
3 balls to the Runner-up.

4. ANGEL TROPHY

2MAN TEAMS-combined NET STROKE PLAY over 36 holes.

Maximum individual handicap is 30. Total handicap of partners must total 34 or more. Current handicap will apply.

To be played over successive Fridays per the Fixture Card.

A Team card is required after each round marked Angel, showing combined net total. signed by both players.

Winner; The Team with the lowest combined Net Score over the 36 holes. Ties will be broken by the lowest combined Net Score of the final round. Should the tie remain, it will be broken by the best combined Net over the last nine, then if

necessary by the combined Net Score of the last hole, then 2nd to the last hole, etc.

Award; Keeper Plaque/Trophy for the winning Team Members. 3 balls to the runner up.

5. PARKER SHIELD;

ECLECTIC-Stroke Play-Gross score, on Fridays as designated in Fixture Card.

Played in two divisions(0-18&19-up)

Total field eligible.

SCORING; a. The gross hole scores of the first 18 holes will be recorded on a master sheet by the Captains Committee.

b. On each successive round, on the card to be submitted, circle each Gross score which is lower than the previously posted score. The Committee will make the changes on the Master sheet.

c. An individual card is required for each round marked PARKER.

Ties will be broken by the better back nine of the last round played.

WINNERS; Lowest composite 18 hole Electic Gross score in each division.

AWARDS; Keeper plaque/trophy for the winner in each division.

3 balls to the runners-up.

6 W.P.G.C. PUTTING JAMBOREE;

Total membership is eligible.

Played over 18 holes as layed out by the Captains committee.

Ties will be broken by sudden death PUTT.

WINNER; Lowest score over 18 holes.

AWARDS; Keeper plaque/trophy for Putting Champ.
3 balls to the runner-up.

7. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (RENSHAW TROPHY)

Total field is eligible.

1st 18 hole round- total gross score.

An individual card is required marked Club Championship.

FLITES;

a. Championship Flite-8 lowest gross scores.

b. Other Flites-balance of field divided into Flites of 8 in order of Gross score. There will be no partial Flites.

MATCH PLAY-

- a. Championship Flite-all play at scratch.
- b. Other Flites-all play at full current handicaps.
- c. All matches are 18 holes.
- d. Each match must be completed by the completion date indicated.

TIES:

- a. Ties after 18 holes will be broken by mutual agreement by; an 18 hole replay, a 9 hole match; sudden death; or on the putting green.
- b. Ties in all Flite finals must be replayed over 18 holes.

WINNERS;

- a. Champion Flite-club champion.
- b. Other flites-flite winners.

AWARDS; Keeper plaque/trophy for Club Champion and Runner-up.
Trophy for Flite winners, 3 balls for Runner-up in each flite.

8 WEST POINT SHIELDS;

2 Man - Low net - 2 divisions (0-18 & 19-up)

METHOD OF PLAY;

- a. Maximum individual handicap is 30.
- b. A random draw will be made up from the sign up sheet.
- c. 2 man net score over 36 holes. Ties broken by better back nine on final 18 holes. Card to be signed by both players.

WINNERS; Champions in Low and High handicap divisions.

AWARDS; Keeper plaque for Champions in each division. 3 balls to runners-up.

9 LEBLANC MONTHLY MEDAL;

- Play-of Monthly Medal winners and ties.
- Singles net stroke play over 18 holes. full handicap to apply.
- Card to be signed by at least 2 members of the 4some.
- Ties to be broken by best Net back 9, then if necessary by matching net score of the last hole, then 2nd to last hole, etc.

WINNER; Low net over 18 holes.

AWARD; Keeper trophy to the winner, 3 balls to the runner-up.



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JUNE 1998



❖PRESIDENT'S REPORT

coordinator.

Our opening day, Scramble and first Social, were well attended and enjoyed.

Yours in cooperation and communication -
Don Lamb, Asst. Club Captain. . . 🏌️

Are you having problems with the Vanc Pks Bd computer reservation system? Please limit your callers to only 2 members from each 4some. We are creating some of our frustrations by overloading the phone lines.

Don Lamb, our coordinator of tee times has some beneficial instructions appearing elsewhere in this Divot Dust. Please refer to them . . . see below *.

While on the subject of computers, I am very pleased that our computer controlled handicap system will now accept scores from courses other than Langara.

Enjoy your golfing . . . see you at our June 17th Social.

Hugh Marshall... 🏌️

* From Don Lamb - Extra (surplus) Tee Time Procedure:

Members who have an extra tee time to give to the needy - please phone *Don Lamb @ 736-2199* as soon as possible after you have conferred with the players in your group.....Members who require a tee time, please phone *Don Lamb @ 736-2199* after 7:30pm.

For Pro-Shop information when Don has assigned your 4some a tee time, ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR GROUP MUST KNOW THE NAME OF OUR MEMBER WHOSE TEE TIME YOU ARE USING!

Please inform Don if your group will only be a 2some or 3some, so that he might accommodate other members. Similarly, if you are a single, phone Don and he will place you.

📌 **Note:** Tee times given to the coordinator can only be given to needy members by the

Our deepest sympathy and regrets to Russ Abraham on the loss of his wife Audrey this past month. This was a difficult time for Russ.

Now since exercise via Golf is a great healer, it's nice that Russ has remained on our WPGC roster.

Special General Meeting:

Results of the Special General Meeting held Mar 24th/98 at the Arbutus Rec Centre, to change our by-laws:

"To amend By-Law IX re: Audit and legal in part by changing the wording from "an auditor shall be appointed" to "an auditor may be appointed by the resolution of the members at the Annual General Meeting, and if appointed shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting", etc.

The appointment of an auditor would thus be optional.

The motion was moved and seconded and the 62 members attending passed it unanimously.

"Did you know - - 3/4's of the earth's surface is water and 1/4 is land. Its clear the good Lord intended people to spend 3 times as much time fishing as they do mowing the lawn".

❖TREASURER'S REPORT

We still have money in the bank \$810 (good), also term deposits in the amount of approximately \$7000.

We have prepaid all deposits for our Away Games this year. As Bud has mentioned in the past, please pay your green fees for Away Games prior to cut-off date. We have to guarantee tee times to the golf clubs at least a week ahead of playing. So if you have not prepaid your green fees and cancel out during this time, you will be billed for the green fees because our Club will be charged for your time. Certain cancellations will be accepted under extenuating circumstances, such as illness, death or others as determined by your Executive.

Stan Lawson. . .

❖HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

The opening Social was well attended and received many favourable comments regarding the introductions of games with 4 at a table.

Cost for the Social was \$155.00 vs a budget of \$200.

NEXT SOCIAL . . .

When? June 17/98 - Wednesday
Where? Arbutus Rec Centre
Time? 7:00 pm
Entertainment - possibly a putting contest??

❖PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to thank Don Lamb for looking after our Golf Ball distribution for the past 3 years - - he did a great job and always with a laugh.

Also, to Harold Hunter our Treasurer for 2 years - a great job, Harold. It's not an easy job, but Harold kept our books in good order.

Noel Armstrong, Past Pres. . .

❖CAPTAIN'S RAMBLINGS

MONTHLY	MEDAL WINNERS	
April	Bob Simmons	Net 57
May	Wally Lyle	Net 63

The 4 Man Scramble held April 17th was won by Ed Gibbon, Roy Symons, Dave Wilson and Ian McNab with a score of 67.

McIntyre Trophy ended May 8th with the winner being Aksel Christensen with 54 hole net score of 199.

The reason I didn't mention Opening Day before is because my team (Captain's side) got clobbered by the President's side. However, congratulations to Hugh Marshall and his side (Hand picked - by me).

Once again, I have been asked to remind you to play "Ready Golf" - *if all is clear and you are ready to hit, hit, even on the green* (if you are inclined to wait while one of your 4some has to walk around the green to play his next shot). Also, please don't forget to repair your ball mark on the green, plus 1 other, if possible. A repaired ball mark takes 5 days to regenerate and 15 days if you don't.

If one of your 4some hits into the trees, play your next shot, then go help look for his ball, it may be found by that time.

The Executive decided that I should tell you what happened to me. "I had to call Ray Robins one day who's phone # starts with 922. Being in a hurry and not really paying attention, I dialled 911 instead. I immediately hung up and redialled to Ray's # 922. When we finished talking, I immediately left to run some errands and of course, eventually ended up at #5 Legion, not knowing the RCMP were looking for me. They had gone to my home, no answer, contacted the manager, who entered my pad, of course I wasn't there. It was suggested they try #5 Legion, needless to say, yours truly was slightly embarrassed, and of course I apologized for my error.

Last, but not least a remembrance to Past Pres., Doug Whittle 1917 - 1998.

"We will remember Him"

Our golfing buddy, Doug, died unexpectedly on April 3rd peacefully at home. A memorial reception was held at the University Golf Club on April 9th. There were over 200 guests attending including a large group of golfers from the West Point and University Clubs.

Doug arrived at UBC to join the faculty of physical education in 1945. He was born in Calgary and completed his schooling, excelling in many sports and YMCA training and leadership before going to 1st year at the University of Manitoba. He met and

❖CAPTAIN'S RAMBLINGS Contd

married Eline, while in Winnipeg. They moved to Toronto where he started his formal training to a bachelor's degree in physical and health education at the U of T. Doug played actively on weekends at the University Golf Course in the 1960s following completion of his Masters and Doctoral degrees at the University of Oregon over many summers and a year of residency. He was involved with the West Point weekend play fairly early, joined the Executive and was President in 1972.

At the time the provincial gov't took over the UBC course for renovations, Doug, was on a special committee to consult and advise the Endowment Lands mgr on the operation of the facility. He was also the prime organizer of the annual UBC Faculty Golf Tournament and the School of Education Tournament and looked after both events for over 35 years.

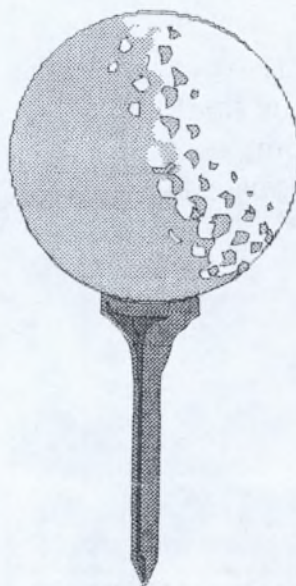
Following completion of the new University Golf Course, and establishment of the lease holders, the West Point Club left the site and started playing at McCleery. At this time, Doug moved too, but also stayed with UGC to organize the newly formed Senior Men's Midweek Club. He was very active with the new group and became captain serving for more than 10 years.

Doug was a tireless organizer, special planner and stimulating leader for all of us who had the pleasure of playing under his guidance in both clubs over the years. He was a keen competitor too, and certainly we all enjoyed his company on the course as a partner or opponent. Winning or losing really didn't matter to him, he just enjoyed being out with the boys and having fun.

Now that Doug is no longer with us, we do have a legacy of happy memories to help us enjoy the game he loved so much! We will think of him often and be thankful for the privilege of having such a gentleman as a friend.

Reid Mitchell. . .

That's 30 For Now.....Bud Brown



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❖PRESIDENT'S REPORT

OUR DAY OF PLAY: At our June Smoker we discussed our day of play since Friday is now a "weekend" day and some of us feel that our seniors rate might disappear on Friday (like Sat & Sun). Also, phoning in for a teetime is still difficult even with Frasersview now open. So what to do? Monday is possible, but we lose about 5 days due to holidays and more days due to sanding of the greens. Tuesday is not practical because of the Ladies 8:30 to 10:20 block of times. Wednesday is also not too good because of our many members (25) playing at UBC and the teetime demand on the Parks Board courses. Thursday is the least loaded of the three middle days. I just would like to point out the problems in order to prepare us all for a possible change. I personally wouldn't be surprised if our Friday rate went to \$36 since I think senior's benefits will likely be chiselled away I hope not.

Keep this in mind and we will discuss it more fully at the AGM in December.

Elsewhere in this Divot Dust you will find a suggestion for possibly alleviating the frustrating computer jam that occurs when phoning for a teetime. Please phone me if you are willing to take part in this campaign.

Another frustration!! Where were you on the night of our smoker/social?? And why were you not at our Away Games?? These events are arranged with a great deal of work for your benefit. *We ask for your support.*

Hopefully we will meet at the Sept 1st Palcutta Smoker.

Hugh Marshall...✍

❖TREASURER'S REPORT

At the end of July we are operating close to our budget forecast for the year. We have approximately \$7,000 in term deposits and \$1,035

bank balance. As you know we have to send deposits for our away games, which of course we get back. However, if you cancel out after closing day for the game without a legitimate excuse, as explained in previous Divot Dusts, we are charged for your time. Please honour your commitment when you put your name down to play.

❖ MEMBERSHIP REPORT

One of our past members, John Girling, has rejoined the club after a 4 or 5 year absence. Welcome back, John.

Charlie Barker recently had a pacemaker installed and is feeling much better after having to go to the hospital half way through a round of golf about a month ago.

Dave Fletcher had a colon operation awhile ago. However, he is back playing golf and in great fettle.

Bus Phillips thought he may have to have a pacemaker. However, after feeling tired and out of breath, something happened and the problem rectified itself, and Bus is feeling much, much better.

❖RAMBLINGS

Further to the President's message regarding the frustration of getting a teetime—

It was discussed at our Executive Meeting that we, individually (mainly Vancouver addresses) write a letter to the Parks Board, suggesting a change in the way we book times. It was suggested that we all suggest that for booking teetimes at Langara the booking time should be 5pm, at McCleery 6 pm and Frasersview at 7pm, and also to cut down on the pre-amble to help speed up getting a teetime. Remember phone Hugh Marshall (Pres.) If you want to partake in this idea.

NEXT SOCIAL . . .PALCUTTA SMOKER

When? Sept 1st
Where? Arbutus Rec Centre
Time? 7:00 pm
Bring cash or cheques -
No Plastic

♦CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Past winners of our tournaments during the summer

MONTHLY	MEDAL WINNERS	
July	Bus Phillips	Net 58
August	Alex Ratka	Net 61

CLUB CHAMPION - AB MILES over Tom Herbert - hear it was a great match AB!

FLITE	WINNERS
2 ND Flite	Ray Robins over Dave Wilson
3 rd Flite	Norm Watt over Len Brown
4 th Flite	Dave Fletcher over Les MacKenney
5 th Flite	Roger Kronquist over Les Smith
6 th Flite	Harold Hunter over Frank Maynard

West Point Shield - 36 Hole - 2 Man Scramble

0 - 18 Norm Thiesen and Len Brown at 137
19 - Up Wes Brisseau and Aksel Christensen at 147

Putting Jamboree

July 28 Winner / Individual Fred Wilkinson - 34 point

Pot of Gold after a 9 man playoff...

Winner Maurice Foisy - picked \$36 for his ace.

♦GOLF COURSE HAPPENINGS

After **Bus Phillips** problems he went out an 84 - his lowest score in past 20 years.

Ab Miles shot Par 71 - under his age.

Charlie Barker - with all his problems, shot his age 86 or 87.

Bud Brown shot his age - 75

Chuck Menzies shoots his age or under so many times, I can't count them all!

Ian McNab shot the best game of his life, at 73.

Question: Who in our Club put 8 balls in the water on #17 and had a 22 on the hole???

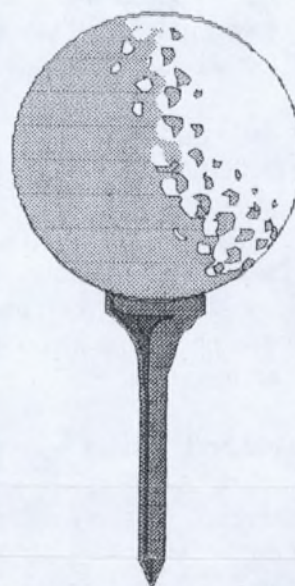
(Answer to come later - with his permission)

Those interested in the **US Open Golf Pool** we held, the following are the winners - prize money was \$56

1.	Dave Fairweather	\$1,464,672	22.00
2.	Stan Lawson	\$1,396,300	14.00
3.	Wes Brisseau	\$1,363,217	9.80
4.	Frank Haylett	\$1,275,819	5.60
5.	Roy Symons	\$1,259,610	4.20
			<u>\$55.60</u>

The total paid out doesn't seem to add up to \$56.00 for further information call Stan Lawson at 940-8876. I'm sure he has an answer for above and also your total and standing, if you so wish.

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♦PRESIDENT'S REPORT

At the Palcutta Auction Meeting, I suggested that if you were dissatisfied with the computer reservation system a letter expressing your concerns be sent to the Parks Board, may result in some improvements.

In reply to my letter I received the following:

1. The Board had some valid reasons for not instituting 3 different call-times for each course.
2. Punch the telephone digits **firmly** and **slowly** rather than fast. When you interrupt the flow of the digits or if you go too fast the computer reads this as your first chance completed and will then revert you to the opening sequence. If you go too fast or interrupt the flow again you will have just destroyed your 2nd chance!! Good Bye!
3. When the system does not open at 7:00 pm: Please phone Mr. J. Vas or his secretary at the Vanc. Pks. Board and LEAVE A MESSAGE WITH THE COMPLAINT – he feels that this problem can be rectified locally.

Note: At present the computer handles 16 calls at a time. By next spring, this will be increased to 23 calls at a time. Theoretically then the wait-time should be reduced by one third.

IMPORTANT ITEMS:

1. Next year, Mr. Muncie Booth will be headquartered at McCreery. A vote on our playing venue for next season might arise at our Annual General Meeting – be prepared!
2. Your annual fee is due by *January 1, 1999*. It is essential that you meet this deadline. Several members over the past few years have neglected to comply and this has cost the club money and has put an undue hardship on the Executive. If you miss the deadline the Executive will assume that you do not wish to remain a member!

♦TREASURER'S REPORT

The "Club" is still in a good financial position. We had a negative bank balance as of August 31st due to payment of green fees to Northview. However, we recovered this in Sept. and our bank balance at Sept 30th was approximately \$320.00 in current account, plus \$7170 in term deposits. So we look in good shape to finish out the year. Everything is within budget guidelines.

♦ MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership fees for 1999 will remain the same as 1998:

New members - Initiation Fee	\$ 50.00
Normal Play Membership	\$ 90.00
Associate Membership	\$ 50.00

Further to President's Report - 1999 dues can be paid at the Annual Banquet and / or Annual General Meeting. Bring your cheque book or cash to pay your dues - No Plastic!

According to our by-laws, dues must be paid by Jan 1st, if not received by then it will be assumed you will not be renewing membership and your space will be filled by a new member (don't let this happen to you).

♦RAMBLINGS

Health News

Jack Apps: Jack plays twice a week and has had a recent hip joint replacement. His is now much improved. I recall his discomfort prior and it was no fun. Although he takes a cart and likes a day's rest in between games, he swings a club regularly.

Charlie MacKay: Watch Chas. putt. His benign essential tremor gives him added touch around the green. This is a bit of unwanted muscle twitch in his left arm. His doctor prescribed a very good natural cure - one beer per day - so Chas. has chosen Granville Pale Ale - a nice local beer. With this "problem" Chas. is in company with the actress Kathryn Hepburn whose head shakes due to B.E.T.

♦RAMBLINGS Contd:

Len Brown: Len, like Jack, has a replacement hip. He plays 3x/week - Fraserview, Langara and McCreery. He has a standard pull cart with a few home-made inventions such as an umbrella stand. No problems for Len.

Chas. Barker: Previous news of Chas. was a heartbeat of 25 on the 4th Hole of Langara. He could have died right there but he now has a pacemaker - an electronic gadget that is inserted into his chest. So far his beat stays around 60. With some exertion it still stays at about 60. His doctor and his associated technician have found that one of the leads fastened to the wall of his heart has come loose. Although Chas. feels good, some further surgery has been scheduled.

Joe Dwyer: Like most of us, Joe is bothered with arthritis in his hips and now takes a cart. Joe plays in our eldest 4some. They are *Chuck Menzies 83, Bruce Groom 76, Doug Symonds 79, and Joe 85.* Joe is our longest member of WPGC having been with us since 1932.

Jesse Cove: Jesse had to pack it in one day on about the 3rd or 4th hole due to problems with his shoulder. He is having treatment on it and hopes to renew his golf activities next year.

Our ^{condolences} ~~congratulations~~ go out to *George Wilson* on the loss of his wife a month or so ago. A lot of us know what you are going through, its tough, and our thoughts and hearts are with you.

**ANNUAL BANQUET & AWARDS
LUNCHEON**

When? Nov 6, 1998 (Friday)

Where? Arbutus Club
Nanton & Arbutus Streets

Time? Happy Hour - 12 Noon
Lunch - 1pm

Enter off Nanton to parking area. If all filled up, park at Safeway across the street. It's just a short walk across the street to the Arbutus Club.

♦CAPTAIN'S REPORT

MONTHLY	MEDAL WINNER	
Sept 98	Wally Lyle	Net 69

We eventually got the Monthly Medal (LeBlanc Shield) play off a week late (because of weather) with Wally Lyle winning with a net 69, followed closely by Dave Wilson with a net of 71.

Closing Day Competition between the Secretary's Team and the Treasurer's Team was held on October 16th. After a see-saw battle, the last 2 foursomes decided the outcome: Secretary's Team 21 pts. and the Treasurer's Team 18 pts.

We had 52 golfers listed for Closing Day. However, 2 were no shows. So we only collected \$100 for the Honey Pot.

Winners were:

HONEY POT	WINNERS
\$ 40.00	Don Lamb - Net 62
\$ 30.00	Bill Cartwright - Net 64
\$ 20.00	Norm Thiesen - Net 65
\$ 10.00	John Gielty - Net 70 (BB9)

HIGHLIGHTS:

On Sept 25th/98 (Friday) Jim Dobie aced the 3rd hole. However, because of the flag being positioned behind the mound in the middle of the green, he didn't see it go in. The players checked the green and SHO NUFF it was in the hole. *Congratulations, Jim!* Maybe we can convince the "Club" to buy everyone a drink at the Awards Luncheon, in your honor.

About a week earlier, one of our higher handicap players, Russ Abraham, sank his second shot on the 9th hole from approximately 100 yds out. If he can do it, why can't we? Nice going Russ.

See you at the Awards Luncheon Nov 6th at 12 noon
Get your name on the sign up sheet at Langara SAP.

The Nominating Committee has been hard at work over the past month or so, coming up with a possible slate of officers for 1999 - as follows:

President	Hugh Marshall
Secretary	Ed Gibbon
Treasurer	Stan Lawson
Captain	Bud Brown
Vice Captain	Don Lamb
Membership Chrm.	Bob Simmons
Social Chrm.	Jack Grant

Others may be nominated from the floor at the AGM. So if you have someone else in mind for any of the above positions, please feel free to nominate that person at the AGM.

That's30
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DECEMBER 1998



❖ **MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR - To all members from the Executive!**

FIRST AND FOREMOST - Final and most important get-together of the year is the **Annual General Meeting.....**

WHEN: Dec 9/98, Wednesday

TIME: 7:00 pm

WHERE: Arbutus Rec Centre

Important Issues to be discussed:

1. Where to play - Langara or McCleery
2. When to play - Friday or Thursday or another day of the week
3. Election of Executive for 1999 - as suggested by nominating committee:

President	-	Hugh Marshall
Secretary	-	Ed Gibbon
Treasurer	-	Stan Lawson
Captain	-	Bud Brown
Vice Captain	-	Don Lamb
Membership Chrm		Bob Simmons
Social Chrmm	-	Jack Grant

However, if you wish, you may nominate from the floor any others for the above positions, please do so.

❖ TREASURER'S REPORT

As of October 31, 1998, our financial position is pretty good. We have total cash assets of approx. \$7,173.00 including term deposits. However, with "closing day" expenses, banquet, trophies and awards, we will deplete the balance by about another \$3,000 or so. This will still leave us with a good balance to start the new year.

❖ **RAMBLINGS and Information from Noel Armstrong - our past pres.**

Langara Improvements - for quite a while I've been bemoaning the lack of practise facilities at Langara and finally got around to writing a letter to Dunc. Wilson - Chr of the Vanc. Pks Brd. I suggested that the land next to the parking lot be used for a driving range and/or pitching and chipping. In the past 20 yrs or so, Langara has lost land to housing, then to the YMCA, then to the Vanc Comm College. Why not give some back? In business, you always ask for more than you get. And cannot golf courses be made environmentally friendly? So the Pks Brd did a search of ownership and determined that this land is crown land leased to the City but if used it must be preserved in its natural features. Duncan Wilson said that chipping and putting additions would not violate the lease - a structure would. He is having his staff discuss my proposals. I appreciated Duncan's reply. Some action might be taken but costs could be a deterrent.

If you have some interesting news about golf, golf courses, or health problems, please let me know, particularly if one of our members is in hospital or becomes a shut-in.

SECONDLY, about WPGC getting a block of times - I told Joe Vaz that we dominate play on Friday and that even though we use the phone system for a tee-time, about every other tee-time 7 to 9:30 is obtained by WPGC. In a practical sense we act as a block, we covet the course, our play time is usually less than 4.5 hours and our ethical standard is high.

He said that we might get a block in the year 2000, but not on Friday, maybe Thursday, and probably with a surcharge. So, I think we should strongly think about changing our day of play to Thursday because:

1. Obtaining a tee-time is easier
2. WPGC can establish a Thursday presence at the course

3. Since we would have established a Thursday presence, a year 2000 block is made more easily (I hope there are no other clubs floating around)
4. The Pks Brd would like us to play on Thursday, so as to ease the Friday load.

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♦CAPTAIN'S REPORT

During the year, since opening and closing days, our Club has played:

Langara approx.	1600 games
McCleery "	120 games
Fraserview "	30 games

For a total of approx. 1750 games. If you multiply that by \$18.50 per round, we have spent \$32,750 at Parks Board Golf Courses. A good argument for a Block Time. YES!!!!

Once again I would like to remind you of our policy on away games, as decided by the Executive:

A member who has made a commitment to play in an away game, must pay the required green fee whether he plays or not. The golf course charges our Club his green fees. If he has a legitimate excuse, such as work, death in family, illness, etc. the Executive will take this into consideration. If you put your name down to play and find out you can't prior to cut-off time and cancel your name off, there will be no charge to you.

From me to you - Have a Happy and trouble free Holiday Season - and did you know:

"A real friend is one who will continue to talk to you over the back fence or on the phone, even though he knows he's missing his favourite TV program".

That's 30 For Now.....Bud Brown

