

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

..... *Gary Sinclair*

It's just about time for us to tee-off – and we're ready! Your Executive has been meeting monthly since the AGM and everything is in order for a most satisfying season of good fellowship and a great variety of competitions – 16 at McCleery and Langara as well as five Away Games. It looks like a "best ever" season is upon us - particularly in light of your continued support in the management of our competitions.

As you review the 2005 Fixtures schedule you will notice the opportunity for increased involvement for all and, of course, the corresponding increase in the number of awards and prizes available. Unfortunately, our membership numbers, for a variety of reasons, have declined. As a consequence, so has our revenue – in spite of our fee increase for this 2005 season - thus creating a possible shortfall situation within our awards program. One of our management objectives this year is to achieve a balanced budget. Therefore, we must make an effort to increase our revenue. Three of the ways this can be accomplished are: recruitment of new members, a lowering of the age requirement for WPGC membership, and/or an additional increase of our membership fee.

Based on your overwhelmingly positive response to our telephone poll, we have taken a first step by officially reducing the club's age requirement to 55 years – effective immediately. We realize that this measure alone will not produce sufficient fiscal security and will continue to stress the need for additional playing members. If these measures do not prove to be financially fruitful by mid-season, we will then seriously consider the fee increase option.

Our primary playing objective is to enjoy our season and toward this end I return to my opening comments – we are ready! Our Captain's preparations have ensured that we are ready for the start of a banner season. Let's get at it and let the good fellowship begin! I look forward to seeing you all again at the *Opening Social* in the Arbutus Recreation Centre on Tuesday, March 29th, where we will officially get the season's opening ceremonies underway in preparation for our first official event – the *President vs Captain – 4 Ball Full Handicap* competition on Friday, April 1st.

Remember the sage words of PGA player Chip Beck –

"Pain and suffering are inevitable in golf. But misery is a choice."

Cheers!

Gary Sinclair

CAPTAIN'S OPENING ADDRESS TO THE MEMBERSHIP*Stan Lawson*

The Captain's Committee has been at work during the off season. The Calendar of Events has been updated and approved by your Executive. Our objectives were to:

- 1 Change the playing dates and locations so that those who missed out on playing in certain competitions last year may be able to play in them this year.
- 2 Certain events were very popular last year so both the T.N.T. and the Eclectic will be held at both courses.
- 3 Provide an equal number of playing days for mixed competition as well as play within your regular foursome
- 4 Increase number of Away Games to five. (Surrey and Fort Langley are in and Royalwood is out.) I would recommend



that we consider making at least one change of venue each year.

There have been some minor changes to the Competition Format and these have been made mainly to simplify the administration of the Club's activities done on Saturday morning.

The Captain's Committee hopes that the work done so far meets with your approval. However, if you wish clarification on anything that we have done so far or if during the season you wish to discuss any issue call me at 604-940-8876 at your pleasure. We will consider any suggestion and act on it as promptly as possible.

It is the sincere hope of the Captain's Committee that at the end of the season we served you well.

Captain W.P.G.C. Stan Lawson

Opening Social
Tuesday, March 29th
7 p.m. at

Arbutus Village Recreation Center
(Entrance is under and at the rear of
Safeway at 30th & Arbutus. (Approach
from south side of Safeway)

Opening Day at McCleery



Friday, April 1
President vs Captain
4-Ball full handicap competition

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Since the report given at the Annual General Meeting in November 2004 we have lost four members but gained four so our roster still stands at 80 active (or playing) members and 8 non-playing.

The four members that elected not to renew their membership for 2005 were *Jim MacFarlane, Terry MacDonald, Mel Endelman* and *Terry Kong*. All expressed regret for having to leave the Club and the enjoyment they had as members but for one reason or another they could not continue.

Our new members are *Karl Crosby, Farrell Hannah, Jim Trotter* and *Blair Trousdell*. We welcome them to our Club with the certain knowledge they will enjoy the friendly competition and social atmosphere that our Club offers.

The Club Executive is concerned about the declining membership which has reduced from the target number of 100 in just a year. Members are encouraged to introduce prospective new members to the Club and to call *Ray Dujardin* at 604-874-3727 with any specific names. We currently have 9 pending applications so there is much room for more!

To encourage new applications the Executive has reduced the entrance-age rule from 60 years to 55. This requirement was not a bylaw but a rule set some years ago by the Executive. A recent canvass of the Membership resulted in an overwhelming vote in favour of the change. In accepting younger members we will ensure that the standing commitment of members to participate regularly in Friday play is maintained.

Ray Dujardin

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

		(604)
Karl Crosby	Port Moody	931-6184
Farrell Hannah	Coquitlam	936-7528
Jim Trotter	Vancouver	224-6741
Blair Trousdell	N Vancouver	980-2301

IN MEMORIAM

Long standing member , *Horst Dietrich* , passed away late last year in Mexico where he had moved. His playing partner, *Norm Watt*, sent the Divot Dust the following tribute.

"I had the pleasure of playing with Horst for ten years. We had a great foursome that included Charlie Barker and Neil McIntyre (latterly we added Ozzie Isfeld and Tony Appel.) At first I wasn't sure it was going to be a pleasure but we soon found a common bond—we liked to take money from each other—which at times I found difficult because he played by the rules. The word "gimme" was not in his vocabulary. As much as I would say, "is that a gimme Horst?" He would simply say, "putt it or mark it." Horst was the most competitive golfer I ever played with. He gave no quarter and expected no quarter—at least not until the end of the round. Horst was the best short putter I've ever seen—10' and under he was deadly. I will miss the give and take of our competitions, but most of all I'll miss a good buddy and friend."

Norm Watt



TEE-TIME COORDINATOR

Mike Alms (604-683-1086) has very thoughtfully agreed to continue as our tee-time coordinator.

BOOKING TEETIMES ONLINE

You will notice from the Fixture Card that we can now book online for Friday teetimes at www.vancouver.ca/park/golf. First step is to go to the website, follow the steps to create a password, etc. then bookmark the site for further use. We suggest one person in each foursome might want to give it a try. It takes some time to get registered so we suggest that you get set up prior to a Sunday night at 7 pm!

HISTORICAL NOTES

Gary Sinclair thought it would be of interest to our members to receive a list of our Executive Members from 1986 to 2005. A chart outlining this is on page 4.

If you do not see your name on the chart, please give some thought to volunteering as and when vacancies arise.



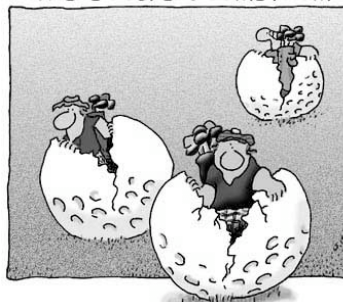
your "dust" editor, Hans Stausboll asks if you every noticed

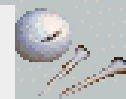
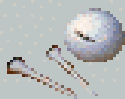
"that golf is a game in which the slowest people in the word are those in front of you, and the fastest are those behind?"

and

Did you ever wonder

WHERE GOLFERS COME FROM





McCleery/Langara

P.O. Box 104, 3456 Dunbar St., Vancouver BC V6S 2C2



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

You've done it! Congratulations on your response to our need for increased membership. As you will see in our **Membership Director's Report**, your recruitment efforts have produced the numbers needed to ensure the viability of our extensive competition schedule and its support structure. From the Club management perspective – we are in good shape!

We can all be pleased with the first week of our season. The Opening Social evening was well attended and, thanks to the planning of **Fred Griffin**, our Social Director, and the management of **David Haddleton** and his support crew of **Jim Forbes, Bill Gerard and Al Williams**, was a most enjoyable event. The remarkable clearing of the weather conditions for our Opening Day's President vs Captain competition was an unexpected bonus.

The **Captain's Group's** revision of the composition of our previous foursomes, to facilitate the integration of our new members, appears to have achieved its purpose as an enhanced degree of post-game camaraderie is apparent in the clubhouse. In all likelihood, further adjustments will have to be made to accommodate a few more new members and we hope that you will respond to this additional bit of "integrative tuning" in your customary positive manner.

Special congratulations are in order for **Hugh Marshall** and his foursome for the design and management of the long awaited **Designated Ball Competition**. As you may remember, this event has been a few years in the making and had suffered two rain-outs last season – we were beginning to wonder if it was meant to be.

According to a significant number of our members, the **On-Line Tee Time Reservation** procedure has proved to be an effective and efficient experience – give it a try, if you haven't already done so.

WPGC Caps - David (our Director-at-Large) **Haddleton's** venture to make customized WPGC caps available to us has been a resounding success. We extend our compliments to him for his creativity and enthusiasm. *For those of you who have not yet obtained one, and would like to, please contact David to make the appropriate arrangements.*



I am sure that you will enjoy the competitions that the Captain's Group have scheduled for the **Langara portion** of our season and hope that your Monthly Medal, Honey Pot, and Par Point pursuits are fruitful – remember - *No Gimmies!*

Cheers!

Gary Sinclair

CAPTAIN'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP*Stan Lawson*

Club operations appear to be running smoothly as all requests for help have been filled with enthusiasm. I thank all of you for your support.

I hope by the time you receive this report that each foursome has selected a Foursome Captain as we will be moving to Langara on June 6th. Having Foursome Captains is absolutely necessary in light of the block time opportunity that we have.

Slow play has been a concern at McCleery –some of it justified, some of it unfounded. To help deflect some of this criticism please do the following:



- Record your exact starting and finishing time
- Try your best to keep up to the foursome in front.

Your round at Langara should take about 4 hours and 10 minutes. I am sorry I have to bring this issue to your attention but in order to keep in the Pro Shop's "good books" we must make every effort to comply with course policy re speed of play.

MARSHALS

Please do not get into conflict with the marshal. If you have a problem, call me and I will "deal" with it. I have already had "words" with *Pat Dunn* over this issue and he is very understanding. Enjoy your game, try not to feel rushed but please make a concerted effort to keep up with the pace.

AWAY GAMES

The turnout at the Surrey Golf Club was the best we have had in some time. Unfortunately, we were rained out but have rescheduled for Monday, July 25, tee-times starting 11:46 a.m. If you did not sign up the first time, why not sign up now—we can handle more players.

We have an upcoming game at Lake Padden in Bellingham (Monday, June 13th.) Following play at Lake Padden some of us will "retire" to the Black Angus (close to the golf course) for some good social activities i.e. food, drink, and conversation. Come join us and participate in a great day.

Captain W.P.G.C. Stan Lawson



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE... *Ray Dujardin*

Since our last Annual General Meeting we have lost 14 playing members (including three transfers to Associate/non-playing status) but gained 24 so our roster now stands at 90 playing

members and 10 non-playing for a total of 100 members. Many thanks are due to those of you that have sponsored new members this year. At the current level of membership we can maintain all of the privileges we have become used to. But it is important that we continue to keep an eye out for new prospects.

Since our March Issue we have gained the following six new members: *Ron Babcock, Lorne Lindsay, Sadru Mitha, Gordon Riley, Dave Stephens* and *Bill Wilson*. We heartily welcome these golfers to West Point with the certain knowledge they will enjoy the friendly competition and social atmosphere that our Club has to offer. We know existing members will do all they can to make all new members feel at home and help them get acquainted with our Club routines and tournament formats.

As indicated above, we still have vacancies for new members but it becomes increasingly difficult to fit people in as the season progresses—so if you have anyone in mind, get them to contact *Membership Director, Ray Dujardin*, as soon as possible. Sponsors of new applicants should keep in mind our basic Club requirement that new members must evidence an ability to play to a handicap index of 30 or less. We like to see five signed recent scorecards or some other evidence of the applicant's ability or handicap index.

Membership Director Ray Dujardin



Booking Tee-times at Langara... *Neil Brett-Davis*

We will be playing at Langara during the months of June, July and August. You can assure a tee-time by following these procedures

- 1) Each regular foursome has been asked to declare a Contact Person (CP)



- 2) On the Friday before play at Langara that involves play in regular foursomes, we will post a copy of the Club Foursomes list on the West Point Notice Board.
- 3) The CP for each group will check off, on the posted list, those members who will be playing the following week. (If no members of a foursome are playing that Friday but they do wish to play the following week, an e-mail or telephone call to the Captain may be used to confirm attendance). Note that on Fridays when a competition is being played with non-regular groups it is still the CP's responsibility to canvas his regular foursome and indicate their attendance for the following week on the check-off sheet
- 4) On Saturday morning, following the Friday posting, the Captain's Committee (CC) will prepare a Tee-time reservation sheet including the names of all members who have been checked-off the previous day. The CC will assign desired starting times to the best of their ability, but will fill incomplete foursomes with players from groups previously indicating their willingness to be used in this manner.
- 5) The Pro Shop will be advised in writing on Saturday morning of the starting times requested by WPGC on the following Friday.
- 6) Assigned tee-times will be distributed by e-mail to CPs who are responsible for advising the other members of their group. As well, CPs must confirm receipt of their tee-time to the CC.

Vice-Captain Neil Brett-Davies

AND THE WINNERS ARE...

Results of our tournaments to date with congratulations to the winners

LeBlanc Trophy-qualifiers so far are:

Ed Bobinski
Dick Smith
Roy Moulton

Bud Brown Eclectic-winners:

Wayne Ferry
Gordon Monteith
Tony Appel

Designated Ball –winning team:

Arnold Tennant
Gord MacCulloch
Jim Mackie
Jim Trotter

KUDOS TO

Ab Miles had a Hole-in-One on McCleery's #13 on Opening Day. This was Ab's third Hole-in-One.

Jack Jones who turned 90 a while ago shot an 85 (that's right 85) at McCleery on May 13.

Congratulations to both



PUTTING JAMBOREE

Scheduled to take place at McCleery on Tuesday, June 21. Course design and management by *Wally Lyle*. This is always a fun event. Do plan on attending and bring your putter.

Keep in mind that "three putting" is not that embarrassing unless you have to hit wedge shots in between.



DIVOT REPAIRS

On May 9, sixteen of our members together with the Tuesday Ladies and another men's group volunteered to repair divots at McCleery. The WPGC gang repaired five fairways. Sore backs were tended to afterwards with beer and snacks, compliments of The Vancouver Parks Board.

Thanks to all of our sixteen volunteers.

BAG TAGS

Anyone wanting a new WPGC tag, please contact *Ray Dujardin*.

MAILING OF DIVOT DUST

As an economic measure, we are looking into the feasibility of e-mailing the Divot Dust to members with internet access.

Everyone will receive a copy of this May issue by regular mail and as a trial, an electronic copy will also be sent to those members who have internet access.

If you find that you can't retrieve your e-mailed copy (or if it is illegible), please contact *Ray Dujardin*.

If your e-mail address has been changed or not on the Membership Roster, please advise *Ray*.

and on the lighter side . . .

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"Story with a Moral" submitted by Carl Jonsson

IN 1923, WHO WAS

1. President of the largest steel company?
2. President of the largest gas company?
3. President of the New York Stock Exchange?
4. Greatest wheat speculator?
5. President of the Bank of International Settlement?
6. Great Bear of Wall Street?

These men were considered some of the world's most successful of their days.

Now, 80 years later, the history book asks us, if we know what ultimately became of them.

THE ANSWERS

1. The president of the largest steel company, Charles Schwab, died a pauper.
2. The president of the largest gas company, Edward Hopson, went insane.
3. The president of the NYSE, Richard Whitney, was released from prison to die at home.

4. The greatest wheat speculator, Arthur Cooger, died abroad, penniless.
5. The president of the Bank of International Settlement, shot himself.
6. The Great Bear of Wall Street, Cosabee Livermore, also committed suicide.

However, in that same year, 1923, the PGA Champion and the winner of the most important golf tournament, the US Open, was *Gene Sarazen*.

What became of him?

He played golf until he was 92, died in 1999 at the age of 95. He was financially secure at the time of his death.

The Moral:

**Screw Work
Play Golf**

and the following submitted by Gary Sinclair:

We ARE more valuable than any of the younger generations:

We have silver in our hair

We have gold in our teeth

We have stones in our kidneys

We have lead in our feet

and

We are loaded with natural gas



That's all for now folks from your "Dust" editor, Hans Stausboll, who points out that for most of us the only difference playing with a \$5 golf ball versus a \$1.50 ball is \$3.50



President's Message

Well – the start of our Langara stint was certainly a test of our resolve! Although the June rain was excessive, we did manage to complete all of our competitions as scheduled – with the exception of the rainout of Day 1 of the Championship rounds. The transition to Langara was smooth and the introduction of the block times has made the experience even more enjoyable – thanks are in order to our *Captain and his Vice's* for finessing and managing this most convenient arrangement.

Thanks, also, to *Wally Lyle* and his support team of *George Dedrick*, and *Roger Kronquist* for their design and management of the **Putting Jamboree**. The turnout was one of the best in years and it was most gratifying to have five Associate Members in attendance. *Reid Mitchell*, *Harvey Cook*, and *Les MacKenney* participated in the event and *Russ Abraham* and *Ed Angel* (an Honourary Member) attended as observers.

As the middle third of our season progresses, we are looking forward to the crowning of our Club Champions (in all of our categories), the **Parker Shield** competition, the **Langara** version of our TNT play, as well as the ever popular **Palcutta Tournament** as we wind-up our stay at the Langara Course.

The social event of the year is our forthcoming **Palcutta Bid Night**. It promises to be a most entertaining evening as the Auctioneer du Nuit, John Dennison, will be at his eloquent best as he urges us to wager the maximum on the outcome of the pending competition.

Also, from the social perspective, keep in mind that our **Away Games** schedule is an easy and enjoyable way to take advantage of a variety of interesting courses as well as a way of providing another opportunity to build Club camaraderie. If your schedule permits, don't miss the final **Redwoods** (contact David Haddleton) and **Fort Langley** (contact George Sarich) fixtures – you never know, the **Bob Jack Trophy** could be in your future!

Remember September marks our return to **McCleery** and the final third of our season where we set our sights on the **Joe Dwyer** and **Doug LeBlanc Shields** as well as the **Ed Angel Trophy** competitions.

Reviewing the season thus far, it is appropriate to comment on the contribution that the enthusiastic participation of our new members has made to the Club's atmosphere – we have all benefited from your talent and energy.

Finally, I am pleased to inform you that the **Executive** has been working to add the electronic dimension to our intra-club communications. This issue of the **Divot Dust** marks the **first** of two ventures that we have made into the electronic world.

Through the efforts of our DD Editor, *Hans Stausboll*, and our Membership Director, *Ray Dujardin*, we are distributing this newsletter online to those of you who have provided us with your email addresses. Of course, the customary "snail mail" delivery option will be maintained for the few who do not have access to this service.

The **second** venture is our development of a **WPGC Website** which we feel you are going to enjoy and find a useful source of current information regarding our Fixtures, Competitions and Winners, Tee Times, Current Events, and the like. Look for its introduction at the Social.

I hope to see you all at the Palcutta Bid Night.

Cheers!

Gary Sinclair

CAPTAIN'S REPORT *Stan Lawson*

After a rainy beginning to the Club Championship the Vice-Captains are administering a very spirited championship. The competition is closely contested and we have close to 50 members participating. An idea that I will be proposing to the Executive and may put forward to the A.G.M. in November is to have the Club Championship completed in a two-week time frame. We would play our usual Fridays and possibly on the following Mondays. There are some drawbacks to this proposal; i.e. no block times on Mondays. However, the shortened time frame would probably enable more of our members an opportunity to participate. Let me know what you think of the proposal.

Don't forget to record ALL of your golf scores on the computer. By doing so we have a very accurate handicap for you and thus no one will receive the "sand bagger" award. If you would like, we can enter your scores in the computer for you. Simply fill out a W.P.G.C. score card and indicate you wish us to complete

the task and it will be done. Remember to provide us with your password if it is something other than WEST.

If you are the Foursome Captain, please fill out a score card each week and include the starting and finishing times of your round. If your round takes longer than 4 hours and 20 minutes you may hear the wrath of the Marshal. Now we don't want that to happen do we!

I hope you are all looking forward to the Palcutta and will be at the Palcutta Bid Night on TUESDAY, AUGUST 16TH at the Arbutus Recreation Center (see competition format on Pages 6 and 7) Our very able auctioneer Sir John of Dennison has assured me that the pot will be at least \$2500 (we have many very wealthy new members). **Ab Miles** is looking forward to a paid holiday to Hawaii this winter so come to the Bid Night and donate to such a worthy case. Right Ab!

Don't forget if you have any concerns or ideas that you feel can improve the administration of our club please call me, e-mail me, or speak to me at the course. If you can't find me then speak to any Executive member as all concerns or ideas receive careful consideration.

Captain W.P.G.C. **Stan Lawson**

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE... *Ray Dujardin*

Since the May issue of Divot Dust the membership list has remained fairly stable. Two new members were inducted: **Rex Fortescue** and **Don McIntyre** and no doubt many of the members will already have had the pleasure of playing with them. Don is actually returning after being an active member a couple of years ago. We also welcome **John Santos** as a visiting member to our club for July through September. John is staying with his son and family for the summer and hails from Western Australia where he is a member of the Carramar GC – one very similar to West Point. You can visit the Carramar website at carramarsocialclub.org.au.

We sadly report the sudden passing of fellow member Charlie MacKay. He will be sorely missed.

We currently have **92** playing members (not including the visiting member) after adding 26 new members since the start of the 2005 season. Non-playing members (honorary and associate members) now number **9** so our total membership is **102**.

The introduction of so many new members this season has certainly had a very positive effect on our club in many ways. Although we are well past the halfway mark of the season members are still urged to sponsor likely new candidates for membership. Late-joiners will pay a pro-rated annual fee based on the months remaining of the season and with many events still remaining such as the Palcutta there is still a lot of fun to be had!

We try to keep in touch with members having health problems that prevent them from participating in club activities, however we need your help. If you hear of members going through a rough patch because of illness please let any of your executive members know so that we can follow up in some way.

Members might be interested in the following table which shows the distribution of ages (based on age attained in 2005) for our Playing Membership

Age Group	Members	Percent of Total
Nineties	2	2%
Eighties	21	23%
Seventies	39	42%
Sixties	27	29%
Fifties	3	3%
Total	92	

Those with a statistical frame of mind will see immediately that the numbers would fit a classic distribution curve with no skewing (bias either side of peak) and a median in or about 75.

Membership Director

Ray Dujardin

New Tournament ... *Neil Brett-Davies*

One of the more remarkable sporting achievements is the round of golf in which the player equals or betters his age. West Point Golf Club currently is favoured with at least seven who have achieved this sporting apogee.

The Executive Committee has decided to recognize such achievements in two ways:

- 1) A register will be maintained by the Club Secretary to record the names of those who shoot their age in a West Point game.

- 2) A competition will be played annually amongst those members who have shot their age. Handicaps will be the age that the eligible player reaches in that calendar year. Low net will receive the *McQuarrie Hunter Tankard* which, together with a suitable record book has been presented by Paul Levy (who does not yet threaten to shoot his age!)

We intend to play the competition on the same day as the LeBlanc Shield (for Monthly Medal winners). This year that will be Friday, October 14th at McCleery. Currently eligible players, to our knowledge include: *Bruce Groom, Gil Jones, Jack Jones, Norm Kent, Wally Lyle, Ab Miles, Bus Phillips* and *Doug Symonds*. Their names will be inscribed in the register and they can enter the tournament by submitting an individual card, suitably attested and marked "Tankard"

If any other members are eligible to join this select group, please submit names and some evidence of the accomplishment, to the Captain's Committee.

On July 22 at Langara, these members shot their age or better:
Gil Jones, Ab Miles, Doug Symonds

Vice-Captain **Neil Brett-**

Davies

and another contribution from Neil...



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PALCUTTA TOURNAMENT



PALCUTTA AUCTION

Tuesday, August 16 at Arbutus Recreation Center – 7 pm



TOURNAMENT PLAY

Friday, August 26 at Langara Course

ENTRIES

- \$7 per player. Entry fee goes into the TEAM POOL (\$5) and (\$2) into the HONEY POT. The Team entry fee must be paid on bid night (4 X \$7=\$28)
- This tournament is open to all members. However a maximum of 30 is the limit for individual handicap
- The sign-up sheet will be removed from the notice board at 9 am on Saturday, August 13th. The team draw will be made at that time

TEAM COMPOSITION

- The total entry list will be divided into 4 divisions from the lowest to the highest handicap. One player from each division will be selected to make up the team
- All efforts will be made to make certain that the team composition will be unique—different from last year
- The team total of handicaps will be similar
- Any scratches after the team composition is posted (Saturday at 1 pm) results in individual forfeiture of the \$7 entry fee

SCORING

- The team total score is the combined total of the points accumulated by 3 out of 4 players on the team: QUOTA POINTS + HANDICAPS x 3 = TEAM TOTAL
- Each of the 3 players submits his total of quota points plus his handicap
The QUOTA SCORING SYSTEM is as follows

1 point	bogie
2 points	par
3 points	birdie
4 points	eagle
5 points	You wish!

- d) To the total of Quota Points each player adds his handicap (maximum 30)
- e) Each team score card (2 score cards per team) must be checked and signed by all players
- f) Incorrect or incomplete score cards will result in disqualification

TEAM POOL (4-man teams)

- a) \$5 from each individual entry fee makes up the Team Pool
- b) Team prize distribution is as follows: 45%, 25%, 15%, 10%, 5%
- c) Tie breaker rules – see below

HONEY POT (Individual)

- a) \$2 from each individual entry fee makes up the Honey Pot
- b) Scoring – 18 holes net score (maximum handicap is 30)
- c) The team score card may be used if the net score is properly indicated
- d) Prize distribution: 50%, 30%, 20%

AUCTION FORMAT

- a) All bidding is at the option of the individual members and is in no way the concern of the Club, Tournament Committee or Auctioneer
- b) No team or team member can bid to buy their team either directly or indirectly
- c) Bid money is payable by cheque/cash at the close of each team auction. The successful bidder must be prepared to sell 50% of the bid to the Team. This option must be exercised prior to the start of the tournament
- d) Minimum bid or raise must be in increments of \$5 or more

SCRATCHES

If a team is scratched for any reason the auction money will be refunded to the bidder

AUCTION POOL MONEY ALLOCATION

- a) Auction pool distribution will be: 45%, 25%, 15%, 10%, 5%
- b) PAYMENT will be made to the BIDDER who will be responsible for any distribution to Team Members who have bought in

TIE BREAKING RULE

In the event of a tie for any position in the Team Pool or the Auction Pool, the monies will be shared equally by totaling the monies in the place positions and divided equally.

REMEMBER!
ALL PUTTS MUST DROP!



Got all that?
Your "Dust" editor Hans
Stausboll



Executives' AGM Reports for Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2005 Arbutus Club – 11:30 AM

PRESIDENT'S REPORT ... October 2005

The Executive is pleased with the accomplishments of the past season – our 20th – and feel that we have had a banner year in many aspects of the program. We have been able to extend the work of previous Directors and continue the development of our playing schedule and management procedures.

Our primary objectives, beyond “...*the encouragement of good fellowship among our members and the promotion of golf ...*”, were twofold: firstly, we set out to present a golfing schedule that was interesting, enjoyable and offered a variety of experiences and rewards. Secondly, we were committed to operate the Club in a fiscally responsible manner. We feel that we have accomplished these objectives and have created an atmosphere and a platform that will facilitate the work of next year's executive.

Selected highlights of this year's achievements are:

- Restructuring of the Club's data base to facilitate communication.
 - Revision of the admission requirements to accept applicants who have reached the age of 55 years and who play to a handicap index of 30 or less.
 - Initiated a recruiting campaign that resulted in the acquisition of 26 new members.
 - Circulated questionnaires to determine the degree to which our new members are adapting to the Club's operation, and to identify potential volunteer personnel.
 - Restructured the composition of existing foursomes to accelerate the integration of our new members and to quickly introduce them to the “ways” of the Club. This involved the revision of many established foursomes and we thank those involved for their resilience and adjustment to this procedure.
 - Effort was made to increase the number of members involved in the management of our competitions. To this end, we can report that more than 50 members responded to this initiative and volunteered their skills, time and energy
 - Arrangement for Block Times for the duration of our stay at Langara GC.
 - Addition of three new competition formats to extend the variety within our schedule of fixtures: the Bud Brown Eclectic, the Designated Ball and the McQuarrie Hunter Tankard events.
 - Introduction of WPGC caps to help in our attempts to build a Club identity.
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- Establishment of an e-mail network to further facilitate communication.
- Design and creation of a Club website (www.westpointgolf.org) to provide a ready access to information relating to most of the Club's operations.

Overall, it has been a year of significant and continued progress and I wish to commend the 2005 executive for their unstinting work on behalf of the Club.

Five of our current Directors have completed a second term in their office and will be standing down on November 2 - their performances deserve to be recognized. Here's to **Stan Lawson** and **Neil Brett Davies** for their outstanding contribution and leadership within the Captain's jurisdiction; to **Kris Guttormsson**, our Treasurer, for his meticulous management of our financial needs and responsibilities; to **Bill Johnson**, our past President, who has served us well through the contribution of his insight, wealth of experience and thoughtful comments to our deliberations. And a special thanks to **Hans Stausboll** for devoting an extra year, in an *ex-officio* capacity, to ensure that our Divot Dust's production continued. To them all – thank you for the two years of service that you have dedicated to the WPGC.

The remaining members of the Executive have also contributed significantly to the year's successes and will be returning to serve as the core of the executive group in 2006. We are in good hands as **Ray Dujardin, Andy Schmidt, David Haddleton, Ben Oxholm and George Dedrick** will form the nucleus of next year's Executive.

Finally, I would be remiss if we did not express our appreciation for the behind the scenes work of **Roy Moulton**, our Systems Manager, who oversees the computer tracking of our scores; **Michael Alms** who has excelled as our Tee Time Coordinator; and **Ab Miles** who ensures that all trophies are prepared for presentation at our year-end awards ceremony.

It has been a pleasure to work with you and serve as your president over the past two years. I consider it as an honour and take this opportunity to thank you all for your support of the Club's activities. I am looking forward to continuing my association with the 2006 Executive in the capacity of Past President.

Gary Sinclair



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Secretary's Report ← ← ← *George Dedrick*

All Club business is up-to-date. There is no outstanding correspondence. The monthly meetings of the Executive Committee were well attended. All deliberations of the Committee have been duly recorded in the minutes which are on file.

The annual report of the Club was filed with the Registrar of Companies in Victoria within the 30 day time frame as prescribed by law

Yours sincerely

George Dedrick, Secretary WPGC



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Captain's Report←←←*Stan Lawson*

As the 2005 season comes to a close I take this opportunity to thank all of you for the privilege of serving as your Captain these past two years. The cooperation and support I received from all of you has made the captaincy a most memorable experience.

I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge and give special thanks to the Executive (particularly our President Gary Sinclair) and to the members of the Captain's Committee (Neil Brett-Davies, Andy Schmidt, and Ben Oxholm). Their efforts on our behalf have resulted in a most satisfying experience for all the members of the West Point Golf Club.

This year we were able to negotiate three months of Block Times at Langara, an objective our club has been trying to achieve for many years. Hopefully the same arrangement will happen in 2006. A decision on this subject will be reached in early 2006. We keep our fingers crossed on this subject.

We now have the opportunity to compete in our most popular competition (the T.N.T.) at both Langara and McCleery. This event, the Designated Ball competition, and the additional Away Game were added to the Calendar of Events, as well as the McQuarrie Hunter Tankard Award.

The addition of some 26 new members to our club has been a great success. They have been warmly welcomed by all our members and by all accounts they have enjoyed their experiences with the club. Ray Dujardin, our most capable Membership Chairman, has done an outstanding job in placing the new members in foursomes and special thanks to all those 2004 foursomes that accepted the opportunity to help integrate the new members.

Yours sincerely

Stan Lawson, Captain W. P. G. C.



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Membership Committee Report ←←← *Ray Dujardin*

The 2005 Season was one of many changes and it is to the credit of all members that they adapted readily to the changes and with their support we all had a great golfing year.

Last season ended with only 80 playing members, 20 short of our maximum playing roster of 100. After 10 members resigned and three transferred to associate status we were reduced to a playing roster of 67 before the 2005 season started. One of our playing members sadly passed on early in the year, further reducing the number to 66.

We launched an aggressive program to recruit new members with the enthusiastic support of several members who sought out and sponsored many likely candidates. The effort made by these members is gratefully acknowledged and we urge all members to follow their example next year – our future depends on keeping our roster of playing members at full strength. We also lowered the admission age to 55 in recognition of the lower ages at which people retire these days. As another measure we increased the use of computer technology to handle the administration of all membership activities. The program as a result of these initiatives was successful in recruiting 26 new members to bring the number of **playing members to 92**. In other words the core membership of 66 at start of season was increased by 39% through the influx of new members! It is to the credit of the Captain and his Vice Presidents that existing foursomes were all re-arranged to accommodate the new members compatibly.

This season we welcomed John Santos, a visiting member from Western Australia's Carramar Club which in many respects is similar to our Club. John was visiting his son here for three months. We are open to these kinds of arrangements so keep this in mind if you know of any long-term visitors that are qualified to join us.

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We now have **nine non-playing members**. Three are honorary members: Ed Angel, Joe Dwyer and Roli Parker. Six are associates: Russ Abraham, Wes Brisseau, Harvey Cook, Les MacKenney, Frank McDaniel and Reid Mitchell. It is always a great pleasure to see non-playing members attend our social events and the putting jamboree. These are the guys that contributed so much to making the Club what it is today. We are glad to see that some turn up on game days to chat with members after their rounds – passing on useful golfing tips no doubt!

One initiative started this year is the adding of email addresses to the membership records. As a result we can now contact 75 of 92 playing members. This is useful for distributing latest information immediately to the members without incurring mailing costs and we urge all members to ensure that if they have an email address that we have it on file. Divot Dust, the membership roster and other information have been sent successfully using email. Our President has been instrumental in setting up the fine West Point website which will also facilitate communication with the members in the future and give prospective new members a good insight into all Club activities. If you have a prospect in mind direct him to the website at <http://www.westpointgolf.org> and of course also call the Membership Director with contact details if there is real interest shown.

With deep regret we report the passing on of members Bruce Cooper, Charlie MacKay and Fred Walsh during the year. They will be greatly missed.

Yours sincerely,

Ray Dujardin, WPGC Membership Director



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Social Director's Report ←←← *Fred B. Griffin*

The opening social gathering was held at the Arbutus Village recreation Centre on March 29 with approximately 60 in attendance. Coffee and cookies were provided along with a no host bar with beer and liquor @ \$2.00 a drink. A 50-30-20 draw was conducted with the proceeds given out to 3 lucky participants. The revenue was \$12.47 short of the estimated cost of supplies. The other costs to the club were for the rental, tip and liquor license totaling \$226.00 giving us a total expense of \$238.47.

I thank Jim Forbes for purchasing supplies and organizing the meeting in my absence. I also thank Ab Miles for obtaining the liquor license, Dave Haddleton for bartending, Al Williams and Bill Gerard for selling drink & draw tickets and conducting the draw.

The next social gathering was the Palcutta Auction at the Rec. Centre on Aug. 16 with 45 attending. The same food & libation were supplied with an increase in drink tickets from \$2 to \$3 to cover rising costs. To celebrate holes-in-one by Ab Miles and John McHattie a free drink for all in attendance was provided. Our revenue was down \$60.00 and the costs were down by \$28.87 giving us a total expense of \$270.65.

I thank Ab Miles for obtaining the liquor license, Jim Forbes and Jim Mackie for helping me with the supplies, tending bar, making the coffee and cleaning up after, Carl Jonsson for selling draw tickets and conducting the draw.

I have enjoyed serving as your social director and working with a great group of directors.

Yours respectfully

Fred B. Griffin, Social Director WPGC



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Director at Large Report ←←← *David Haddleton*

I was unsure what my responsibilities would be as a Director at Large, however, my fellow Directors soon had me involved in finding a company to produce some much needed bag tags. This search turned up a company in London, Ontario which was appointed to make 100 bag tags. Miller Golf of London turned out to be an excellent choice – high quality items and delivery on time and on budget. However, these new bag tags required a different type of labeler, so an electronic labeler was purchased locally. This has proven to be easy to use and has the ability to change type size and style. Both the labeler and bag tags are in the care of the Membership Director at this time.

After much discussion, it was decided by your Executive to order from Miller Golf, 100 caps with the club logo. These have proved very popular with the membership. At \$12 each they represent excellent value and we are now down to just 17 left.

For the future, I have looked into golf shirts and vests in the club colors (gold, white and dark green) with an embroidered logo. These present a difficult problem as they have to be made to fit each member which increases the cost! If a majority of the membership is interested, I (or my successor) will have samples at the opening social in March 2006.

Thanks to my fellow Board members and the rest of the membership. I really enjoyed being your Director at Large.

Respectfully submitted by

David Haddleton, Director at Large, WPGC



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Proposed Slate of Directors for the 2006 Season

presented by Bill Johnson

Election of Directors – Bill Johnson

President..... George Dedrick
Secretary..... Ray Dujardin
Treasurer Fred Griffin
Captain David Haddleton
Vice Captain..... Andy Schmidt
Membership..... Brian Ciccozzi
Social..... John McHattie
Director at Large George Sarich

Executive Appointment

Past President Gary Sinclair



McCleery/Langara

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President's Message

The season is over and now we will be conducting the year-end activities at our 75th Annual General Meeting and Luncheon on Wednesday, November the 2nd.

The final portion of our season has unfolded quite smoothly as the *Palcutta Tournament* and the remainder of our competitions were completed without a hitch. Congratulations to those of you who were “on your game” and emerged as the winners in these matches (please see our website – www.westpointgolf.org - for the complete listing of the Club's **awards and winners**). The inaugural *McQuarrie Hunter Tankard* competition was truly a notable addition to our list of fixtures. The eligible players were those Club members who had “shot their age” during the year's play. We can thank **Paul Levy** who arranged for the donation of the *Tankard* to recognize this remarkable feat (check the website's **Special Events** for names and details).

At this time of year I feel compelled to reiterate previous expressions of thanks to the *Captain's Group* for their continued excellence in the management of our weekly matches – their year long efforts have ensured that we all have had the opportunity to experience a rewarding season (even though some of us may not have done so). Good on you **Stan, Neil, Andy and Ben!**

The conclusion of the season means that the members of this year's Board of Directors have completed their terms in office. It has been a pleasure to work with this talented, energetic, and dedicated group. Five of our current Directors have completed a second term in their office and will be standing down on November 2 - their performances deserve to be recognized. Here's to **Stan Lawson** and **Neil Brett Davies** for their outstanding contribution and leadership within the Captain's jurisdiction; to **Kris Guttormsson**, our Treasurer, for his meticulous management of our financial needs and responsibilities; to **Bill Johnson**, our past President, who has served us well through the contribution of his insight, wealth of experience and thoughtful comments to our deliberations. And a special thanks to **Hans Stausboll** for devoting an extra year, in an *ex-officio* capacity, to ensure that our Divot Dust's production continued. To them all – thank you for the two years of service that you have dedicated to the WPGC.

Now, we look forward to an afternoon of good fellowship and good food and drink at our 75th AGM and Luncheon and Awards Banquet. You will have the opportunity to participate in the proceedings and to help shape the future direction of our Club.

The **Nomination Committee**, under the leadership of Past President **Bill Johnson**, will present a proposed **Slate of Officers** for the 2006 season for your consideration and approval. (*The proposed Slate of Officers appear on page 9 of the attached AGM Reports*).

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To minimize the time involved with the business of the AGM, and to ensure that all Agenda matters are appropriately dealt with, advance copies of the Board's Year-end Reports have been appended to this issue of the Divot Dust. ***Please read them and bring them, with any questions or comments you may have, to the meeting.***

On behalf of your Board of Directors I wish to thank you, the membership, for your strong participation in and support of the Club's activities and offer a special thanks to those of you who so generously volunteered your time and energy to ensure the success of our 2005 program of events.

I look forward to seeing you all at 11:30 A.M., at the Arbutus Club on Wednesday, November 2.

Cheers!

Gary Sinclair



CAPTAIN'S REPORT←←← *Stan Lawson*

The Captain's Committee (Neil Brett-Davies, Andy Schmidt & Ben Oxholm) and our club President, Gary Sinclair met recently to discuss concerns that have been raised by various members during the year. Based on much discussion the following decisions were reached:

1 PALCUTTA COMPETITION

- (a) A Palcutta Team may play in the competition as long as they have 3 players.
- (b) The member who successfully bid on the team has the option of asking for his money back or he may decide to maintain his bid.
- (c) The Palcutta Team can opt to either maintain or cancel their portion of the bid that they have bought.

2 HANDICAP LIMITS

The handicap limit for all competitions is 30. The exception being Par Points, Honey Pot, & Monthly Medal where full handicaps apply.

3 JOE DWYER SHIELD

There will be NO par point competition during play for the Joe Dwyer Shield.

4 DISQUALIFICATIONS

Current club policies on disqualifications will stand.

A special word of thanks goes out to the following members who coordinated September events.

Fort Langley away game - George Sarich

Joe Dwyer Shield - Jack Grant

Ed Angel Trophy - John Foster, Gordon Monteith, & Ozzie Isfeld

Unresolved issues that need some "study" are SLOW PLAY (play longer than 4 hours and 20 minutes) and failure of some members to record scores of ALL games played thus validating posted HANDICAPS. Good luck to the new Executive on these issues.

In closing I wish to thank all of you for your support and cooperation these past two years I will expand on this subject in my final report to the membership at the A.G.M.

Respectfully yours,

Captain W.P.G.C. Stan Lawson

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE... Ray Dujardin

Since the August issue of Divot Dust the membership list has remained stable.

We currently have **92** playing members. Non-playing members (honorary and associate members) now number **9** so our total membership is **101**.

We now communicate by email with 75% of our total membership. Issues of Divot Dust are sent by email which not only saves postage but lightens the work for our faithful band of members which looks after the mailing. If you receive your copy of Divot Dust by snail-mail it means we do not have your email address – so if in fact you do have email please let me know.

The West Point website (**www.westpointgolf.org**) is now up and running – thanks to the considerable efforts of our President, Gary Sinclair. Among many other things, this will greatly facilitate the introduction of prospective new members to what the Club is all about. So keep the website in mind when you meet a prospect! There is a link on the website to the Membership Director.

I have just finished reviewing a survey of our new members (in 2005) to see if we met their expectations. In summary they were all well-pleased with their first-year with the Club and all members should be complimented for the welcoming and helpful way they supported the new members.

Membership Director Ray Dujardin

QUESTIONNAIRE =MEMBERSHIP SURVEY OF TALENTS AND WILLINGNESS



If you are interested in participating in the administration of any of the Club activities, please take a few moments to respond to the following questions. All replies should be addressed to the Membership Director's email address: membership@westpointgolf.org or mailed to West Point Golf Club, P. O. Box 104, 3456 Dunbar Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6S 2C2

- 1 Do you have any computer skills such as word processing (MSWord), spreadsheets (MSExcel), accounting software or desktop publishing—which you would be willing to use in Club activities?
- 2 Do you have any other skills or time-availability to volunteer for Club activities such as organization of away-games, Putting Jamboree, tournaments, etc., or participation in the Saturday morning scorecard evaluation, distribution of awards such as golf balls, etc.?
- 3 Would you be willing to serve on the Club Executive if requested by the Nomination Committee some time in the future, and attend monthly meetings?
- 4 Can you recommend a centrally located (Vancouver) meeting hall for our two social events as an alternative to the Arbutus Recreation Centre

Your indulgence will be much appreciated

Membership Director Ray Dujardin

75th Annual General Meeting and Banquet

Wednesday, November 2, 2005 at 11:30 am

Arbutus Club, 2001 Nanton Avenue

Schedule

11:30 Annual General Meeting

12:00 Social Gathering

12:30 Luncheon



Dues for 2006 remain unchanged at \$100

The treasurer would appreciate receiving your check at this Annual Meeting

PLEASE NOTE:

- Attached to this Divot Dust are copies of the Directors' reports for 2005.
- Please bring these copies to the AGM when they will be presented for acceptance by the general membership

NOW what we have been waiting for--the proper "Senior's Golf Rules as submitted by Gary Sinclair. (Caution: only exercise these rules when playing with Seniors!)

Rule #1 A ball sliced or hooked into the rough shall be lifted and placed on the fairway at a point equal to the distance it carried or rolled into the rough with no penalty. Senior players should not be penalized for uncontrollable mechanical phenomena.

Rule #2 A ball hitting a tree shall be deemed not to have hit the tree. This is simply bad luck and luck has no place in a scientific game. The player must estimate the distance the ball would have traveled had it not hit the tree and can play the ball from there.

Rule #3 There shall be no such thing as a lost ball. The missing ball is on or near the course and will eventually be found and pocketed by someone else, making it a stolen ball. The player is not to compound the felony by charging him or herself with a penalty stroke.

Rule #4 If a putt passes over a hole without dropping in, it's deemed to have dropped. The law of gravity supersedes the law of golf.

Rule #5 Putts that stop close enough to the cup that they can be blown in may be blown in. This does not apply to balls more than three inches from the hole. No one wants to make a travesty of the game.

Rule #6 There is no penalty for so called "out of bounds." If penny-pinching golf club owners bought sufficient land, this would not occur. The golfer deserves an apology, not a penalty.

Rule #7 There is no penalty for a ball that sinks in a water hazard as golf balls should float. That they do not is a technical problem that manufacturers have yet to overcome. Golfers should not be punished for manufacturer's shortcomings.

Rule #8 Advertisements proclaim that golf scores can be improved by purchasing new clubs, balls, shoes, etc. Since this is financially impossible for the average senior golfer, a stroke per hole may be subtracted for using old equipment. As seniors have a lot of 'old equipment' this should bring them up to par.

FROM THE EDITOR

This issue of the Divot Dust is my swansong. Time for new blood which should result in improved ideas.

It has been a pleasure serving the WPGC membership for the last three years—both enjoyable and educational.

Thank you goes to the WPGC committee members for their contribution to the Divot Dust and to the membership for their input received.

Special thanks to Roy Moulton and Bill Johnson for their assistance with collating and mailing.



*Hanging it up...enjoyed the ride!
Your "Dust" editor Hans Stausboll*

