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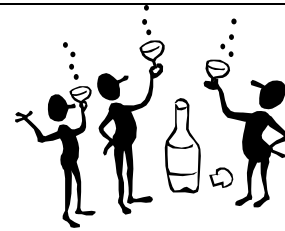


Ray Dujardin

It is my pleasure to welcome all new and returning members to the start of the 2007 Season which kicks off with the Opening Social at the Arbutus Rec. Centre on Tuesday March 27th followed by the Opening Day of play on March 30th. I know some of you will still be basking in the sun in warmer climes but I urge those stalwarts here in Vancouver to make special efforts to attend – to socialize and learn more about the stimulating events planned by your Board of Directors for 2007.

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Opening Social Evening – 2007
 Tuesday, March 27 – 7:00 P.M.
Arbutus Village Recreation Centre
(Behind & below the Safeway store)



So many of our Members are linked to the Internet now (several have come on board over the winter) that we will be relying more and more on keeping the Membership informed on Club activities through the West Point website and via email. To this end our foursomes will be captained by Members with Internet connections so that if necessary they can keep their foursome partners up to date on all Club happenings.

Those of you still receiving this Divot Dust via Canada Post (because you have no email) will find included a list of the foursomes, a Club membership directory, a fixture card and a very handy WPGC booklet we have named "Pocket Reference". The latter was prepared by our industrious Membership Director – thanks Brian! The bulk of you will get this Divot Dust package via email but will have to pick up your Fixture Card and Pocket Ref at the Opening Social or when you make it to the golf course. Of course if you really want to find out what's going on – visit our excellent website.

You have a dedicated Board of Directors looking after Club affairs – please use them! By which I mean that when issues arise speak to one of the Directors. Last season there were occasions when complaints were made directly to the golf club staff on one issue or another. We have worked hard over the years to forge a good relationship with the Langara and McCleery people so please help us to maintain it by making your comments to us not them.

As President I will try to help maintain the fine West Point traditions that have evolved through the efforts of those that have served before me. Above all let's have loads of fun and enjoy social but competitive golf played in one of the best golfing areas in the world!

Wishing you a great 2007 Season (and looking forward to seeing you at the Opening Social)

Ray Dujardin

Opening Day – 2007
 Friday, March 30
McCleery Golf Course
 Bud Brown Eclectic
*(Contact your foursome captain
 for your Tee Times)*





Captain's Message

captain@westpointgolf.org

Welcome back to all returning members of the West Point Golf Club and a hearty welcome to all new members of the Club. While you all have been traveling, reading books on golf or practicing your game, the Captain's Committee has been hard at work planning the 2007 season. The results of the Members Survey conducted last fall was used to guide us in trying to develop a playing schedule favoured by the members. As with all organizations, there was not total agreement on the part of all members in creating the schedule, but we tried to accommodate the wishes of everyone. As a result, there are some changes introduced for next year that we hope you will find exciting. The major ones are the following:

1. The Club Championship and the Flight & Stroke Play Championships will be run as separate events, the first in July and the second in August;
2. The number of Away Games has been reduced from five (5) to four (4) with the games to be played at Surrey, Ledgeview, Lake Padden and Riverway;
3. Two interclub games are scheduled with the UBC Men's Club; a home and an away game;
4. A Four-Ball Match Play event will be introduced this year, replacing the Designated Ball event.

The adjudication and processing of the score cards each week for purposes of the honey pot, par points, and monthly medal has also been changed. Rather than doing this function on Saturday following Friday's play, we will do the work immediately following play on Friday. This will require all members to promptly submit their score cards upon completion of their round.

Some changes to the Foursome Groups have been made to accommodate changes in the membership. The wishes of the membership for a change in their group were taken into account. In addition, the Captain's Committee tried to pair up members using a cart to reduce cart rental costs.

The role of the Foursome Captain, the contact person for each group that was introduced in the 2006 playing season, has been strengthened. The Foursome Captain will be the resource person for each group and the key contact for communication between the Captain's Committee and the playing members. We are trying to create better communication of club events, social activities, and playing schedule to enhance the golfing experience of all members. The Committee asked that all members use their Foursome Captain as a resource person in keeping themselves informed about West Point Golf Club activities. As well, the Captain's Committee has adopted the strategy that the WPGC website is a core tool for all members for all aspects of Club events. Please go to the site early and often to keep up-to-date with happenings in the Club. (www.westpointgolf.org)

I would like to acknowledge the hard working members of the Captain's Committee who are dedicated to making the 2007 Season the best ever!

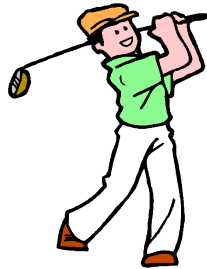
Jim Selley – Captain
Duncan MacInnes – Vice Captain
Andy Schmidt – ex-officio member
Dave Stephens – committee member
Paul Levy – committee member
Bob Schutz – committee member

Please feel free to contact any of the members of the committee with concerns, issues or just to say congratulations on a good job!

The Captain's Committee hopes that the 2007 Season will be an enjoyable experience for all members and we wish you all golfing success. We look forward to seeing you all on Opening Day March 30!

TIP for the First Dust Divot:
“Keep your head down and come through the ball” – J. Nicklaus.

Jim Selley



Opening Day Sign-up Procedures

All foursomes will be scheduled to play.

The Club's *Tee Time Coordinator*, Vice Captain Duncan MacInnes, will assign each foursome a Tee Time and then inform all foursome's captains.

Your foursome captain will then contact you to let you know your assigned tee time. If you have not heard from your foursome captain by Friday, March 23rd, please contact him or our Tee Time Coordinator.

Also, check our website – click on the “tee times” location
www.westpointgolf.org

Membership Director's Message

membership@westpointgolf.org



As at the date of this report the 2007 membership of the West Point Golf Club is 90 playing members. Included in this number are five new members: *Terry Goreman, Sim Leong, Ambrose Lewis, Wing Mar, Art Roberts and Peter Zazulak*. I am certain that you join me in welcoming these gentlemen into the club.

In conjunction with your Board of Directors, membership has created and distributed what we hope you will find to be a handy pocket reference. This Pocket Reference contains a list of the foursomes; the membership roster showing each member's telephone number and (where applicable) their email address; a description of this year's competitions (competition format) and the date(s) on which each competition will be played. Your comments and suggestions as to what else should be added or deleted in future years would be

appreciated.

Application for membership and membership requirements can be found on the Club's web site at www.westpointgolf.org or by contacting the Membership Director, Brian Ciccozzi at 604-263-7687 or jerri_ciccozzi@telus.net. Future new members will be put on the Spares List until a spot becomes open in one of the foursomes. However, our experience has shown that being on the Spares List does not necessarily mean that the individual will not have an opportunity to play with the Club members each week. History has shown that there are a sufficient number of weekly absences to ensure that spares will get to play each week.

Brian Ciccozzi

Twenty three of our currently active members have, in the past, served on our Board of Directors. A sincere "Thank you!" is extended for their contributions to the growth of the Club:

Ed Bobinski
Neil Brett-Davies
Jesse Cove
David Dickson
Dave Fairweather
Maurice Foisy

Bill Gerard
Ed Gibbon
Jack Grant
Bruce Groom
David Haddleton
Harold Hunter

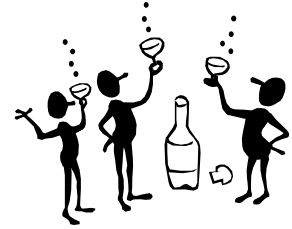
Gil Jones
Norm Kent
Stan Lawson
Hugh Marshall
Ab Miles
Roy Moulton

Ben Oxholm
George Sarich
Andy Schmidt
Hans Stausboll
Al Williams

2007 Opening Social



Social Director's Message



The extensive Social Committee is planning three major festive events for the year, the first being our Club Social on March 27.

The team is considering a wide variety of activities...prizes, gifts, champagne, dancing, band.....but we're assured at least, that the West Point club hats will be sold and beer, wine, and spirits will be served.

Your new president will be welcoming new members and old, providing a calendar of events, foursomes lists.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Tuesday, March 27, 7:00 p.m. at the Arbutus Recreation Centre (*behind and below the Safeway store*).

Jim Appleby

Have you met our Systems Manager

The Captain's Committee is pleased to announce that Roy Moulton will continue to serve the Club as our Systems Manager and oversee the computer tracking of our game score entries.

It would be remiss if we did not express our appreciation for this behind the scenes work and, in addition, his single handed efforts to ensure that those members who do not have internet access receive a hard copy of the Divot Dust via Canada Post. This means that Roy gathers all our materials – then completes four mailings per season to those members of ours who are electronically deprived. Talk about service – thank you, Roy!





Opening Day information

from our

Vice Captain
& Tee Time Coordinator

Duncan MacInnes

captain@westpointgolf.org

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OPENING DAY COMPETITIONS

Bud Brown Eclectic – Day 1

Longest Drive
KP's

Par Points
Honey Pot

Please refer to page 8 of your *Pocket Reference* booklet
(available at the Opening Social Evening)
for a description of the BB Eclectic scoring procedures.

FOURSOMES & CAPTAINS – 2007

TEAM	CAPTAIN			
1	Miles, Ab	Dickson, David	Plummer, Jack	Gibbon, Ed
2	Stausboll, Hans	Sizer, Brian	Williams, Alan	Paquette, George
3	Moulton, Roy	Girling, John	Duncan, Bob	Fortesque, Rex
4	Stephens, Dave	Gatto, Bob	McIntyre, Don	Leong, Sim *
5	Schmidt, Andy	Dujardin, Ray	Appleby, Jim	Ciccozzi, Brian
6	Marshall, Hugh	Lawson, Stan	Sinclair, Gary	Hunter, Harold
7	Appel, Tony	Monteith, Gordon	Isfeld, Ozzie	Roberts, Art *
8	Gerard, Bill	Jones, Gil	Letherby, Cal	Smith, Dick
9	Foisy, Maurice	Shippam, Lloyd	Poole, Ernie	Alms, Mike
10	Griffin, Fred	Jonsson, Carl	Foster, John	Mackie, Jim
11	Clancy, Don	Trunkfield, Geoffrey	Wilson, Bill	Wood, John
12	Cowlin, Bud	Watson, Garry	McPherson, John	Goreman, Terry *
13	Lyle, Wally	Kent, Norm	Mitha, Sadru	Mar, Wing *
14	Kronquist, Roger	Lockhart, Glen	Lindsay, Lorne	Oxholm, Ben
15	Thiessen, Norm	Ferrey, Wayne	McNichol, Bill	Sarich, George
16	Fairweather, Dave	Symonds, Doug	Groom, Bruce	Tennant, Arnold
17	Brett-Davies, Neil	Levy, Paul	MacInnes, Duncan	Selley, Jim
18	Schutz, Bob	Bobinski, Ed	Lewis, Ambrose *	Babcock, Ron
19	Grant, Jack	MacCulloch, Gord	Trotter, Jim	McHattie, John
20	Allen, Chris	Griggs, Neil	Curley, Kent	Schwab, Dieter
21	Haddleton, David	Cooke, David	Carter, Mike	Thomson, Craig
22	Rotherham, Don	Cove, Jesse	Doiron, George	Thomas, Dave
SPARES	Wilkinson, Fred	Zazulak, Peter *		
* new member				

FOURSOME CAPTAINS' DUTIES

1. Avoid slow play. You are to make sure your foursome keeps up to the foursome in front of you.
2. Make sure that members of your foursome are signed up on time for the coming golf games.
3. Make sure all members are aware of tee-off times once they are assigned. Tee Times will be assigned on Friday afternoon for the following Friday. If you are one of the few groups that must book by phone or computer you will be advised on Friday afternoon.
4. *Please* make sure any problems are brought to the West Point Golf Club's attention. *Please* do not go to the Pro Shop or Parks Board with problems.
5. Make sure all members of your foursome report their scores immediately after play on Friday.
6. Make sure all members of your foursome post their scores in the McCleery Golf Course's Handicap System.

Most people play a fair game of golf – if you watch them
Anonymous

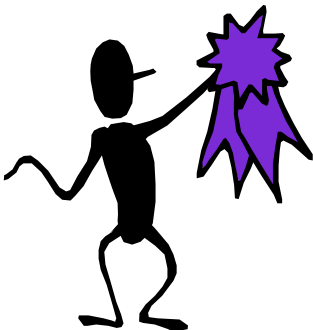
Coming Events

Volunteer Recognition

The *Captain's Group* wishes to publicly recognize those Club members who are giving so freely of their time to organize and manage our scheduled competitions while we are playing at McCleery Golf Course during March, April and May.

To the following members, we offer a sincere
"Thank you for your assistance!"

Jim Selley, Captain
Duncan MacInnes, Vice Captain



Opening Day Social
Jim Appleby, Carl Jonsson

Bud Brown Eclectic
Brian Ciccozzi

T.N.T. Tournament – McCleery
Wayne Ferrey

Ed Angel Trophy
Garry Watson

Away Game Competition
David Haddleton – Surrey Golf Club

Friday Afternoon Card Adjudicators
Andy Schmidt, Dave Stephens,
Bob Schutz

Did you know...



In 1989, the Club first printed the "Special Playing Rules" on the season's Fixture Card "...to make sure that all members were playing the same game". Although these "local rules" still accompany our fixture card, there are regular "requests" for the clarification of the appropriate behaviours associated with some of the more common situations created as a result of our errant shots.



DAVE FAIRWEATHER

CHARTER MEMBER - WPGC

President 1991

Captain 1989,90,2002,03

Editor's Note – Dave has kindly agreed to join the Divot Dust's regular staff as the Club's Rules Commentator and our advisor on rules interpretation and "brush-up" reminders.

A RULES REMINDER

by Dave Fairweather

Rules Editor

In preparing for this piece, I first checked what references I possessed dealing with the rules of golf and decided to take a pass on my nicely bound Rules of Golf book by Francis Ouimet, published in 1948, priced at \$1.29. However, a sentence in his Introduction, still holds today and is as follows: "Golfers should not fail to realize that it is a game of great

tradition, of high ideals of sportsmanship, one in which a strict adherence to the rules is essential".



So let's review *Rule 27 – Ball Lost or Out of Bounds; Provisional Ball: (Outside a water hazard).*

Ball is Lost if:

- a) It is not found within five minutes after the search has begun.
- b) The player has put another 'ball in play' from the spot from which the original ball was struck, without declaring it as a "provisional ball".
- c) The player has played any stroke with a 'provisional ball', at a point nearer the hole than the point where the original ball was thought to be.

Out of Bounds: If a ball is clearly seen to go out of bounds, the player shall play another ball, as nearly as possible to the spot from which the original ball was played - under penalty of one stroke: *(From the teeing ground –you will be lying three; through the green, you will be lying two more than the count on the original ball).*

If you feel that the ball may be found, in the interests of pace of play and to save a walk back to the point from which the errant stroke was played, advise a 'fellow-competitor' that you are playing a 'provisional ball'.

If you have not put a 'provisional ball' in play and the original ball is not found, **it is not an option** to drop a ball anywhere on the course and play on. *You would not have a valid score for that hole in doing so and would be ineligible for entry of a card for the Monthly Medal and Honey Pot competitions.* In this situation, to have a valid score, your **only option** is to **go back** to the point from which the errant stroke was played, to put a 'ball in play'.

Remembrance - Frank McDaniel



The WPGC was saddened to learn of the passing of a long time member who was extensively involved in many community activities as well as his avid golf interest.

Frank was the winner of the "1st Putting and Chipping Jamboree" which was introduced in 1990. He also served as our Social Director from 1993 through 1995 and was an active Associate Member until his recent death.

REMEMBER WHEN?

Competition Winners – March, April and May 2006

Congratulations on last year's performances!

Enjoy it for a little while longer – we start again soon!

Bud Brown Eclectic
0-18 Jim Selley
19-24 Paul Levy
25Up John McPherson

Runners Up
0 –18 Jim Appleby
19–24 Gordon MacCulloch
25Up Lloyd Shippam

T.N.T. Tournament @ McCleery
Norm Thiessen, Andy Schmidt,
George Sarich & Rex Fortescue

Runners Up
Duncan MacInnes, Wally Lyle,
Dick Smith & Gary Sinclair

Ed Angel Trophy (2 Man Teams)
Arnold Tennant &
Geoffrey Trunkfield

Runners Up (Tie)
Jack Plummer &
Tony Appel

Dave Stephens &
Gordon Montieth



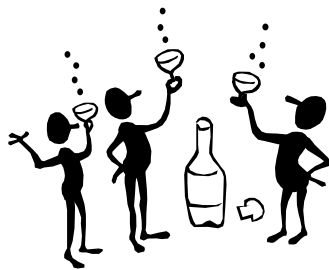
It has been said that – Youth is a period of missed opportunities;
as is that good golf score you had hoped for.

Don't forget our 2007

77th Annual Social Evening

Opening Day Arrangements
Foursome Groupings & Tee Times

50-30-20 Draw



Date: *Tuesday, March 27*

Time: *7:00 P.M.*

Location:

*Arbutus Recreation Centre
Arbutus Village Shopping Centre
(Behind & below the Safeway Store)*

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Ray Dujardin

After a wet and soggy start and some cancelled rounds I think it is safe to say we are finally underway with the new season. Congratulations to all of you who survived the Bud Brown Eclectic and handed in some scores. However we had a very good turnout on May 4th for the TNT tournament and some keenly contested play. Personally this is one of my favourites – playing in a different foursome from usual and it's easy to keep score! I certainly appreciated those “prepared” scorecards showing the strokes given hole by hole for each player.

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The Opening Social was quite well attended and the Social Director and his crew made sure we were all well-catered to – many thanks to them. The Vice Captain introduced many of those members who will serve as Foursome Captains this season. These are responsible positions that underpin the efficient running of our playing schedule. Through them we will keep the Captain's Committee informed and current as to which members will be playing in an event and they will also be conduits for any information that needs to be conveyed to members. Your Foursome Captain (who by now you should know well) is also charged with encouraging his foursome to play at a good pace – as prescribed by the Captain and the Course Marshal.

Generally speaking things have gone well with the playing schedule although we still have some teething problems to iron out with the new format at McCleery. I am sure the Captain will have more to say on this but I want to emphasize the importance of signing-up one week in advance or at least letting your Foursome Captain know your intentions – and living up to them! Trying to organize the Ed Angel Tournament proved to be a nightmare with so many last-minute cancellations and late entries. Please consult the Club notice board every time you visit the course we are playing and visit the West Point website frequently to stay informed.

The Membership Director will give you the numbers and names but I want to say welcome to all new members and a thank you to those of you who sponsored them. It is hard at times trying to remain connected to all of our members when our playing times are so far apart on Fridays. This is why the Away Games are ideal opportunities for getting to know your fellow members better. So please give these outings your consideration – they are great fun. Our current playing membership seems to have leveled out at 93 – providing us with both the numbers and revenue to maintain our normal program. So we are in good shape!

Finally I wish all members a very successful 2007 Season with good golfing and happy social times. We often get frustrated with our play and the numbers scored. Consistency just seems to be totally unattainable. Remember though to be thankful that we are able to play at all in these our senior years and to enjoy the moment. This applies to me as much as anyone and I have to continually remind myself how blessed I am to be playing golf with friends.

Cheers!

Ray Dujardin

P.S. - Don't forget we transfer our Friday outings to Langara on June 1st where we continue for the months of June, July and August before returning to McCleery. You will find it very lonely turning up at McCleery on June 1st.

We Move to Langara Golf Course

On Friday, June 1, 2007

*For the months of
June, July & August*

*www.westpointgolf.org
click on "tee times"*



Captain's Message

Jim Selley

captain@westpointgolf.org

After a challenging start to the season due to weather, we seemed to have settled into a better weather pattern and the golf scores show it. Given the rainouts, we have not had a great deal of foursome play and thus members are still getting acquainted with their foursomes and the new procedures for score card adjudication and signing up for the next week. As the adjudication takes place during play on Friday (rather than Saturday morning), the Captain's Committee asks that all players turn in their score cards promptly to the committee, don't put them in the box on the West Point board.

In addition, Foursome Captains are to advise Duncan MacInnes which members of the foursome will be playing the following week. This will allow Duncan to determine if additional tee times are needed (we have 15 block times) and make the draw. I sense that members are very pleased with the securing of block time at McCleery and the elimination of the task to book times each Sunday evening. In return, I would like to remind members that we have a responsibility to the Pro Shop Management and fellow members to arrive at the club and be ready to play at assigned tee times and maintain a reasonable pace of play during the round.

To reinforce this obligation and to standardize club playing practice, *Additional Rules of Play* were established, accepted by the Board of Directors, and have been disseminated to Foursome Captains. A summary of the Rules is contained in this issue of the Divot Dust, please take the time to review them. A meeting of Foursome Captains or their alternates was held with the Captain's Committee to review the Rules. Pace of play has been monitored since the meeting and play times have been excellent. The Pro Shop Staff and the Course Marshals have also expressed pleasure with the pace of play of our members. Keep it up guys, you are doing GREAT!

We have completed three of our competitions: the Bud Brown Electic, the TNT and the Ed Angel. The event chairs, *Brian Ciccozzi* with his wonderful spreadsheet for the Electic, *Hugh Marshall* and *Jim Trotter* and their helpers have done an excellent job with the events, despite issues of constantly changing participation.

In addition, we held our first Away Game at Surrey. Many thanks to *David Haddleton* for a wonderful job organizing the event. The Captain's Committee strongly urges members to stick to commitments made to play in competitions if at all possible. The Divot Dust has recorded all the winners in each of these competitions.

We complete spring play at McCleery on May 25 and will be moving to our summer home at *Langara Golf Course on June 1*. Block times have been arranged with Langara as we had last year. Get out and practice your putting as you all know how challenging the greens are at Langara. Our first event at Langara is the McIntyre Trophy on June 1 & 8, chaired by *Don Clancy*. We also have an Interclub Match with the University Midweek Mens Club on June 4. This is a repeat event started last year and will consist of a home and away format. *Brian Ciccozzi* has graciously offered to organize the event. We have a very busy start to our season at Langara.

Our next Away Game is scheduled for July 9 at Ledgeview Golf Club, always a popular event and a great course to play. *Dave Fairweather* is the event chair and has arranged an attractive price for the green fees.

I would personally like to thank the members of the Captain's Committee, consisting of *Duncan MacInnes*, Vice Captain, *Paul Levy*, *Dave Stephens*, *Bob Schutz* and *Andy Schmidt*, ex-officio member, for all their dedication and hard work. They have made my life much easier. Please give them your support. If we all pitch in, the club will benefit and the workload will not be onerous on anyone.

One final point on handicaps. Make sure to enter your scores for all games played during the season. If you have a problem and need help with getting scores entered, please contact any member of the Captain's Committee.

Good health and good golf to all members.

Jim Selley

OPENING DAY AT LANGARA

McIntyre Trophy Competition – Day 1 of 2
Don Clancy - Coordinator

Par Points
Honey Pot

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Membership Director's Message

Brian Ciccozzi

membership@westpointgolf.org



As at the date of this report membership in the West Point Club is 93 playing members. I would like to take this time to acknowledge our 9 new members and their sponsors.

New Member	Sponsor
<i>Laurie Craddock</i>	<i>Jack Plummer</i>
<i>Terry Gorman</i>	<i>Brian Ciccozzi</i>
<i>Sim Leong</i>	<i>Duncan MacInnes</i>
<i>Ambrose Lewis</i>	<i>Brian Ciccozzi</i>
<i>John Matkovich</i>	<i>Kent Curley</i>
<i>Wing Mar</i>	<i>Duncan MacInnes</i>
<i>Don McPherson</i>	<i>Ray Dujardin</i>
<i>Art Roberts</i>	<i>Gordon Monteith</i>
<i>Peter Zazulak</i>	<i>John Foster.</i>

Sponsors should make every effort to introduce those that they sponsored to the other members and encourage our new members to sign up for the away games. As most of know the away games are not only fun but a great way to get to know some of your fellow members.

Our 93 playing members exhibit a wide variety of playing skills: 21 with handicaps between 11 and 18; 38 with handicaps between 19 and 24; and 34 with handicaps of 25 or more. It is this diversity that keeps our club interesting and competitive.

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Good golf to you all.

Brian Ciccozzi

Football commentator and former player Joe Theismann, 1996: "Nobody in football should be called a genius. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein."

Coming Social Event

Social Director's Message

Jim Mackie



The next three months feature two major competitive events that offer us a significant social opportunity. They are our annual *Putting Jamboree & Social Function* and our *Palcutta Draw and Bid Night*.

The *Putting Jamboree* will be coordinated by *Norm Thiessen* and is be held at McCleery GC on Monday, June 25th. Be sure to sign-up for this exacting event.

The Palcutta Tournament is preceded by the *Team Draw and Bidding Night* that will be coordinated by *Kent Curley*. Our returning auctioneer is *John Dennison*. This entertaining evening will take place at the *Arbutus Recreation Centre* on Tuesday, August 28th with the Tournament being held on Friday, August 31st. Sign-up materials will be available in mid August – look for them on the Notice Board.

We also consider our *Interclub* and our *Away Game schedule* as a great opportunity to socialize with your fellow West Pointers. We invite you to look for the sign-up sheets, which are posted regularly on our Notice Board, and participate in the excellent camaraderie that has become a major part of these events.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at these excellent Club events.

Jim Mackie

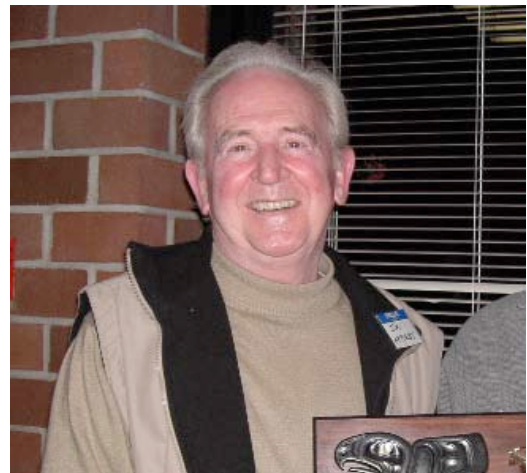
Director at Large's Message

Jim Appleby

Our West Point golf caps have been a popular item – so much so that we have depleted our supply and have had to place an order for an additional quantity that is expected to arrive within a few weeks. Please let me know if you wish to purchase one. We have managed to keep the price at the original \$12.00.

If you have any suggestions regarding other items that may contribute to our "Club" atmosphere, please let me know.

Jim Appleby



Did you know...



In 1989, the Club first printed the “*Special Playing Rules*” on the season’s Fixture Card “...to make sure that all members were playing the same game”. Although these “local rules” still accompany our fixture card, we have the periodic need to clarify our procedures in certain situations and to take action to improve our “pace of play”. As mentioned in our Captain’s Message, the following “*Additional Rules of Play*” are offered to enhance our playing atmosphere. ...*Editor’s note*



Additional Rules of Play:

Information from our

Vice Captain
& Tee Time Coordinator

Duncan MacInnes

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1. Out of Bounds;

If a provisional ball is not played and the original ball is determined to be out of bounds, the player drops a ball within two (2) club lengths of the spot that the foursome members determine the ball crossed the white stakes. A two (2) stroke penalty is applied;

2. Time to find lost ball;

The club rule allows two (2) minutes to search for a lost ball. If the ball is not located during that time, the player drops another ball at the location the foursome agrees the ball came to rest. A two (2) stroke penalty is applied;

3. Plugged balls:

During wet conditions in spring, if a ball is clearly in play but cannot be found and agreed by the foursome to be plugged, the player can drop another ball at the spot the foursome agrees the first ball landed. No penalty is applied;

4. Posting of scores for Handicap Purposes:

If a player does not complete a hole, the maximum adjusted score for the player must be recorded on the scorecard, an “x” is not allowed to be posed. Note rule 3 c) under Handicap on the Fixture Card which states that members must record adjusted gross scores for all games played;

5. Pace of Play:

To assist the Captain's Committee in monitoring the pace of play, the Foursome Captains are asked to record the start time and completion time for the round on the official scorecard for the group. The Foursome Captains are to turn in the scorecard to the Captain's Committee along with the members who will be playing the following week as soon as possible after completion of their round.

Note: Foursome Captains should encourage members of their foursome to play a provisional ball if there is a possibility that their first ball is Out of Bounds or could be lost.

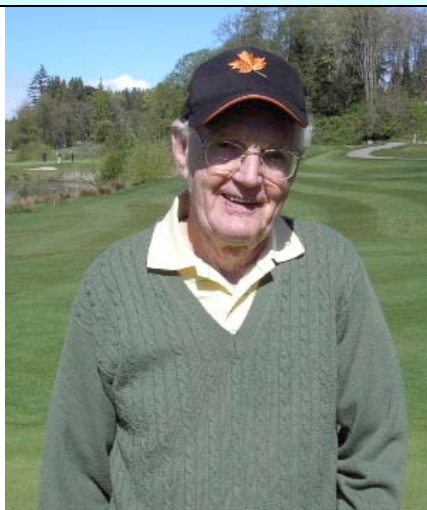
HOLE IN ONE FIRST OF OUR SEASON!

Congratulations to Harold Hunter

13th Hole at McCleery – 166 Yards – May 18th

His foursome said, "T'was a thing of beauty!"
Harold said, "Good, I don't have to putt!"

The WPGC congratulates Harold for his unique accomplishment



...and the membership thanks him for the resulting
"beer on the house"
to be provided at the Palcutta Bid Night Social Evening

Putting Jamboree 1990 - 2007

Roving Reporter – Did You Know...



"A *Putting and Chipping Jamboree*, a Club first, spiced up with a *Stylish and Outrageous Costume Event* was held on the morning of *July 24, 1990*, at the Putting Green adjacent to the Clubhouse. Forty-three members enjoyed this fun event that was followed by lunch in the Clubhouse. Patti, from the Pro-Shop, added much to the affair by loaning her friendly personality as judge of the varied costumes of the day. *Dave Fairweather* came out on top of the most outrageously dressed group and *Ed Angel* was judged the most stylish. The top putters had their day, proving that one putt is all that is needed on a green, and that par for any hole should be revised. *Norm Kent* bested *Doug Symonds* in a play-off for number one in the 1 to 18 handicap decision. *Frank McDaniel* downed *Alex Chrystal* to capture the 19 and up division".

from Ed Angel (1991), West Point Golf Club 1932 -1990 – A History. p.382.

Don't forget about our 2007

Annual Putting Jamboree and Social Function

Date: *Monday, June 25th*
Time: *10:00 A.M.*

Location:
The practice putting area at *McCleery Golf Course*

Contact Norm Thiessen

Look for the Sign Up sheet on our board at Langara

No gimmies!

The management



Dave Fairweather
CHARTER MEMBER – WPGC

Director 1988
President 1991
Captain 1989,90,2002,03

Editor's Note – Dave has kindly agreed to join the Divot Dust's regular staff as the Club's Rules Commentator and our advisor on rules interpretation and "brush-up" reminders.

A Rules Refresher

In preparing for this piece, I first checked what references I possessed dealing with the rules of golf and decided to take a pass on my nicely bound Rules of Golf book by Francis Ouimet, published in 1948, priced at \$1.29. However, a sentence in his Introduction, still holds today and is as follows: *"Golfers should not fail to realize that it is a game of great tradition, of high ideals of sportsmanship, one in which a strict adherence to the rules is essential"*.



So, let's review *Rule 13-4 – Ball in Hazard; Prohibited Actions (abbreviated)*

Case in point:

If your shot has fallen to the right of the No. 8 green at McCleery, beyond the red hazard stakes on the slope (and you're lucky to find it), the following ruling applies:

Before making a stroke at a ball that is in a hazard (whether a bunker or a water hazard), the player must not:

- a. Test the condition of the hazard;
- b. Touch the ground in the hazard or water in the water hazard with his hand or club; or
- c. Touch or move a loose impediment lying in or touching the hazard.

(NO GROUNDING OF THE CLUB & NO REMOVAL OF LOOSE IMPEDIMENTS)

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF THE RULE:
Match play – Loss of hole; Stroke play – Two strokes.

Notes: If in practicing a swing over the ball, the club may touch some grass, so long as it does not improve access to the ball and in the backward swing of the stroke, there is no penalty if the player sweeps through the grass.

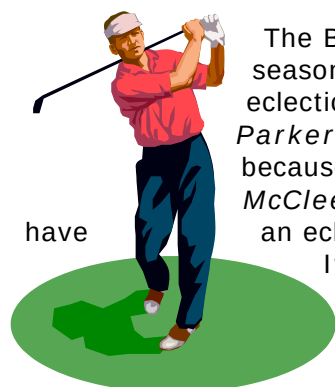
STONES by definition are loose impediments. In a bunker however, stones may present a danger to players when an attempt is made to put the ball into play. In this circumstance, such a stone in a bunker is considered a moveable obstruction and may be removed without penalty.

Keeping a Helpful Watch & Basic Etiquette

- . Keeping an eye on fellow players' shots (as far as you are able to see, that is), can assist greatly in finding a wayward ball and so keep up the pace of the game.
- . Players should always show consideration for other players, by not disturbing their concentration when about to play, by moving, talking or making unnecessary noise.
- . On the putting green, players (especially those with size twelves), should avoid treading on another player's line of putt.

Dave Fairweather

Did you know ...



have

The Bud Brown Eclectic was introduced to club play during the 2004 season. The Captain's Committee at the time became aware that the eclectic competition was a very popular event with many members. As the *Parker Shield* (the original eclectic) had been held at *Langara* and because of Club interest, it was decided to hold a second eclectic at *McCleery* during September. The event proved to be successful so we now have an eclectic at both *Langara* and *McCleery*.

It has been the custom in our Club to honour, from time to time, members who have made outstanding contributions to West Point Golf Club. Thus, it was decided to name the second eclectic in honour of *Bud Brown* who served as Club Captain for seven consecutive years.

Stan Lawson
Captain
2004, 2005

Competition Winners – April and May

Congratulations and good luck as you prepare to garner additional spoils!

Remember, it's not a gimmie if you're still away!

Bud Brown Eclectic

0-18 Chris Allen (BB9)
19-24 Ray Dujardin
25Up Georgs Doiron

Runners Up

0 –18 Brian Ciccozzi
19–24 David Haddleton
25Up Tony Appel

T.N.T. Tournament @ McCleery
David Haddleton, Brian Ciccozzi,
Terry Gorman & Wally Lyle

Runners Up

Dave Stevens, Arnold Tennant,
Jim Trotter

Ed Angel Trophy (2 Man Teams)

Roy Moulton &
Bob Schutz

Runners Up

Bob Gatto &
Kent Curley

Stan Lawson &
Lloyd Shippam



Bob Jack Trophy
(Away Game Competition)

Surrey GC

Low Gross – Glen Lockhart

Low Net – Neil Brett-Davies

Top 5 Low Net

Neil Brett-Davies

Garry Watson

John McHattie

Hugh Marshall

Glen Lockhart

LeBlanc Shield

(to be played October 12)

April Winners

0 –18 Brian Ciccozzi

19–24 John Matkovich

25Up Carl Jonsson

May Winners

0 –18 TBA

19–24 TBA

25Up

Upon hearing Joe Jacobi of the 'Skins say: "I'd run over my own mother to win the Super Bowl." Matt Millen of the Raiders said: "To win, I'd run over Joe's Mom, too

WEBSITE TRAFFIC REPORT



The website has become the major communication avenue for our Club. Its growth to date, in terms of content, has been constant and appears to serve our many functions well. The site's menu is simple and permits easy access to most aspects of our operation

In terms of member usage of the site, our "user traffic" is monitored by the Host server and reveals that we have experienced progressive monthly growth since our "launch" in August 2005.

During the month of April, the site received 616 visits (i.e., 140 visitors making an average of 4.5 visits) and they viewed 2183 pages (an average of 3.5 pages per visit).

The top four pages visited were: 1. tee times, 2. current events, 3. weekly prizes, and 4. awards and winners. To date, "Traffic" data for May is on track to exceed April's usage.

Every effort is made to keep current by posting results as soon as they are provided and to announce upcoming events when it is timely to do so.

Any suggestions or requests that you may have that will improve the site will be gladly received. You can reach me at the website's email address wpgc@westpointgolf.org or speak with me at the golf course.

Gary Sinclair

The ball will hook toward the more difficult of two hazards

COMING EVENTS –JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST

COMPETITIONS & COORDINATORS

MCINTYRE TROPHY - DON CLANCY
JOE DWYER TROPHY – ED BOBINSKY
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS – CAPTAIN'S COMMITTEE
PARKER SHIELD –BRIAN CICOZZI
T.N.T. LANGARA – WAYNE FERREY
PALCUTTA TOURNAMENT- KENT CURLEY

AWAY GAMES – BOB JACK TROPHY

LEDGEVIEW GOLF CLUB (ABBOTSFORD) – DAVE FAIRWEATHER
LAKE PADDEN GOLF CLUB (BELLINGHAM) – DAVID COOKE
MIDWEEK INTERCLUB MATCH 2 (UBC) – BRIAN CICOZZI

SOCIAL EVENTS

PUTTING JAMBOREE (@MCCLEERY)
PALCUTTA BID NIGHT (ARBUTUS REC CENTRE)

Don't forget our 2007

Annual Palcutta Bid Night
and Social Evening

Tuesday, August 28th - 7:00 P.M.

Location:

Arbutus Recreation Centre
Arbutus Village Shopping Centre
(Behind & below the Safeway Store)

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President's Message

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Ray Dujardin

The strike of City of Vancouver inside workers has certainly provided us with some unexpected challenges since the last issue of Divot Dust. Langara and McCleery became unavailable but fortunately we were able to get block times at Riverway albeit on Tuesdays instead of our usual Friday venue. The Palcutta will be played at Riverway (instead of Langara) on Tuesday September 4th and the Bid Night will be held at the Arbutus Rec Centre on

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Tuesday August 28th - even though we had planned to try Langara's facility for a change. As I write this the strike continues and other dates and venues may have to be changed – so stay tuned in to our website for up-to-date news. Our fixture card has become as changeable as the weather!

Obviously the strike has made demands on your Directors as well as on all members and I am very proud to report we have come through with flying colours!

An enthusiastic reception by the Head Pro and his staff at Riverway has certainly made things easier and it was nice to be appreciated for the business our club provided to Riverway. Your Captain, Vice Captain and Captain's Committee have done a sterling job negotiating and implementing all of the arrangements which have made serious demands on their time. Thanks guys – we do appreciate it.

The members too have contributed by adapting to the changes without too much complaint. I realize Riverway is tougher than Langara, particularly for our older members, but it is a fine course and perhaps we should think about including it as regular fixture in some way in the future. When the new clubhouse is completed, I think Riverway's popularity will increase considerably.

There's only one sour note I wish to add. We have had more last-minute drop-outs than usual of late - members who decide not play even after making a commitment to do so. This makes a lot of extra work for our Vice Captain and tee time organizer, *Duncan MacInnes* and for the current event organizer of the day. It also does nothing to endear us to the Riverway staff as every change means juggling the tee times we have already given them. So please be reasonably certain of your availability when you commit to play and only cancel out when absolutely necessary.

The Membership Director, *Brian Ciccozzi* is to be commended for managing the enrolment of 12 new members this year to date. Our playing roster now stands at 96, which is close to our limit of 100. Brian has given us some membership statistics in this issue of Divot Dust, which I'm sure you will find as interesting as I did.

Finally, I want to say how fortunate we are to have a "live" website where we can go to be abreast of latest events as they happen and all kinds of other information. Are you using it frequently? Thanks to *Gary Sinclair* our diligent Web Master.

We play on regardless of the strike. No doubt by the next issue of Divot Dust it will all be over and we will remember 2007 as a somewhat different club season – but nevertheless enjoyable as always.

Happy Golfing!

Ray Dujardin

Good judgment comes from experience,
and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.

Will Rogers

Captain's Message



captain@westpointgolf.org

With the shift to Langara in June, we got off to a great start with foursome play and the competition schedule. Unfortunately, the City of Vancouver labour dispute got in the way and resulted in a strike starting on July 23rd. As a result we had to scramble to find a venue to continue our season. This resulted in play moving to Riverway Golf Course in Burnaby with the day shifting from Friday to Tuesday. The change of day has resulted in a number of members (12 – 16 at last count) unable to participate in club play. While the members able to attend appear to enjoy the course, and appreciate the willingness of Riverway to accommodate us, the loss of participation is a concern to the Captain's Committee both in terms of foursome play and the competition schedule.

Pace of play has been monitored since the start of season and we continue to get positive feedback from the Pro Shop staff and Course Marshalls at both Langara and Riverway. Keep up the good work guys, it will go a long way in helping us continue to secure block times.. Keep it up guys, you are doing GREAT!

Despite the disruption caused by the strike, we continue on schedule with our competitions. In June, we held the McNytire and Joe Dwyer Trophy events and the Putting Jamboree. All three events were very well attended. In July, we held the Club Championship which was won by *Dieter Schwab* for the second consecutive year. Congratulations Dieter on your excellent play and achievement. On August 3rd we held the TNT at Riverway and are currently wrapping up the Flight Championships, Club Super Senior and Club Senior Master events as well as the Parker Shield Eclectic.

The event chairs, *Brian Ciccozzi* with his wonderful spreadsheet for the Eclectic, *Don Clancy* for the McNytire, *Ed Bobinski* for the Dwyer, *Norm Thiessen* for the Putting Jamboree and *Chris Allen* for the TNT and their helpers have done an excellent job with the events.

In addition, we held our second and third Away Games at Ledgeview and Lake Padden, respectively. Many thanks to *Dave Fairweather* and *David Cooke* for the excellent work organizing these events.

The Interclub Competition with University Midweek Men's Club (a home and away format) wraps up with our away game on August 27th. Good golf to all West Point participants. Bring back the trophy. At press time, the finishing touches are being put on the Palcutta by *Kent Curley* with the Social on August 28th and the competition at Riverway on September 4th. The Divot Dust and website has recorded all the winners in each of the competitions. Congratulations to all!

We were scheduled to return to play at McCleery in September, however, with the strike continuing it is uncertain when we resume play there. In the interim we will continue play at Riverway on Tuesdays until further notice. Stay tuned for updates via e-mail to the Foursome Captains and information on the website.

Our next Away Game is scheduled for September 10 at Riverway Golf Club. *Neil Brett-Davies* is the event chair and has arranged an attractive price for the green fees.

I would personally like to thank the members of the Captain's Committee, consisting of *Duncan MacInnes* , Vice Captain, *Paul Levy*, *Dave Stephens* and *Bob Schutz* for all their dedication and hard work. They have made my life much easier. Please give them your support.

Let's hope the strike ends soon so that we can return to greater participation for our fall schedule. We miss the members who are unable to play on Tuesdays.

Good health and good golf to all members.

Jim Selley

Handicap Integrity

A reminder to members to record all pending scores in the
McCleery e-handicap system.
The system is back up and functioning.

Remember, it is a club requirement to post all scores during the playing season.
Failure to record scores could result in exclusion from future competitions.

At Satsuki Golf Club, Tochigi, Japan, the 7th hole is 964 yards long and plays to a par 7, giving it the distinction of being the longest hole in the world.

In the US, Meadows Farms Golf Club in Locust Grove, Virginia, lays claim to the longest hole, a par 6 that is stretched to 841 yards.

Playing from the back tees, the International Golf Club in Bolton, Massachusetts, measures 8325 yards in length, the longest in the world.

- from Ken Janke, (2007), *Firsts, facts, feats and failures in the world of golf*

Membership Director's Message

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After the end of the 2006 golfing season our golfing membership stood at 84. During the course of the 2007 season the membership actively sought out new members. The following are our new members and their sponsors:

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Kumar Banerjee	Dieter Schwab
Peter Coyle	Jim Appleby
Laurie Craddock	Jack Plummer
Terry Gorman	Brian Ciccozzi
Michael Laidlaw	Carl Jonsson
Sim Leong	Duncan MacInnes
Ambrose Lewis	Brian Ciccozzi
Wing Mar	Duncan MacInnes
John Matkovich	Kent Curley
Don McPherson	Ray Dujardin
Art Roberts	Gordon Monteith
Peter Zazulak	John Foster

This brings our golfing membership to 96. Thanks to those sponsors whose efforts resulted in the addition of these 12 excellent members.

The club has a limit of 100 playing members but is constantly seeking new members to fill in for those who decide to retire or are unable to continue golfing for long periods of time. The executive encourage the members to assist in our recruiting program. If you know of someone who can meet the Club's requirements please encourage them to submit an application to join the Club. Information on eligibility can be obtained from the Club's web site www.westpointgolf.org or by calling Brian Ciccozzi at 604-263-7687.

Continuing a tradition started two years ago the following is some statistical information about our Clubs members:

The Club's Age/Handicap grouping is as follows:

Age Group	Handicap	Handicap	Handicap	Total
	0 – 18	19 – 24	25 & up	
80 – 89	1	8	12	21
70 – 79	12	18	14	44
60 – 69	9	11	6	26
55 – 59	2	3	-	5
Total	24	40	32	96

- Our oldest playing member was born in 1918
- Our youngest playing member was born in 1951
- The average and mean playing age of our members is 74
- Of our 96 members 52 (54%) joined the Club over the past 3 years

As at August 2007 these members recorded a total of 2,141 games of golf, 581 of which were played on the McCleery Golf Course during the months of April and May.

Brian Ciccozzi

Coming Social Events

Social Director's Message



The next two months feature two major competitive events that offer us a significant social opportunity. They are our annual *Palcutta Draw and Bid Night* and our fourth and final *Away Game* where we ironically visit Riverway GC under the watchful eye of *Neil Brett-Davies*.

The Palcutta Tournament is preceded by the *Team Draw and Bidding Night* which will be coordinated by *Kent Curley* and MC'd By *Norm Watt*. This entertaining evening takes place at the *Arbutus Recreation Centre* on Tuesday, August 28th and the Tournament will be held on Tuesday, September 4th at Riverway GC. *Kent Curley* has matters very much under control and will announce the tee times soon after the Bid Night. Keep an eye on the website for the details.

We consider our *Away Game schedule* as a great opportunity to socialize with your fellow West

Pointers, and invite you to look for the sign-up sheet, which will be available at the Captain's Table on Tuesdays, and participate in the excellent camaraderie that is a major part of these events. Remember to keep *Wednesday, November 7, 2007* for our Annual year-end *Awards and Luncheon Social* to be held at the Arbutus Club. Details to follow in the next issue.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at these excellent Club events.

Jim Mackie

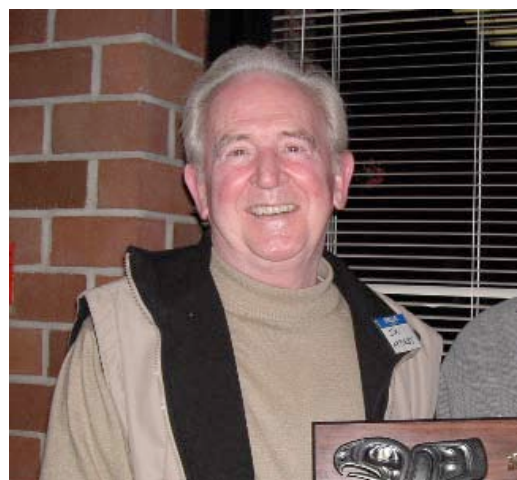
Director at Large's Message

I am pleased to announce that our new supply of WPGC caps has arrived and are available upon request – the price remains at \$12.00.

In addition, the Board of Directors has funded the purchase of commemorative bag tags to present to those members who have shot a "hole in one" during an official WPGC event.

These "brag tags" are available, retroactively, to those members who have "done it".
Cheers!

Jim Appleby





A Message from the Operations Control Table:

Vice Captain
& Tee Time Coordinator

Duncan MacInnes

captain@westpointgolf.org

The scheduling of foursomes for the Pro Shop bookings is my prime responsibility.

In order to effectively and efficiently do this we must know, on Tuesday, when at Riverway, or on Friday, when at Langara or McCleery, who is going to play on the following Tuesday or Friday. It is the responsibility of foursome Captains to let me know who will be playing each week. If you, the foursome Captain, are not going to be available for this duty, would you please either appoint a replacement or send me an E-mail on Tuesday for next week.

Although, by and large, our pace of play has been good, during the last two weeks we have had at least one foursome lagging up to two and a half holes behind. This situation has become the source of increasing concern at the Pro Shop level. Please make every effort to keep up to the foursome in front.

Thank you for all your co-operation.

Duncan MacInnes

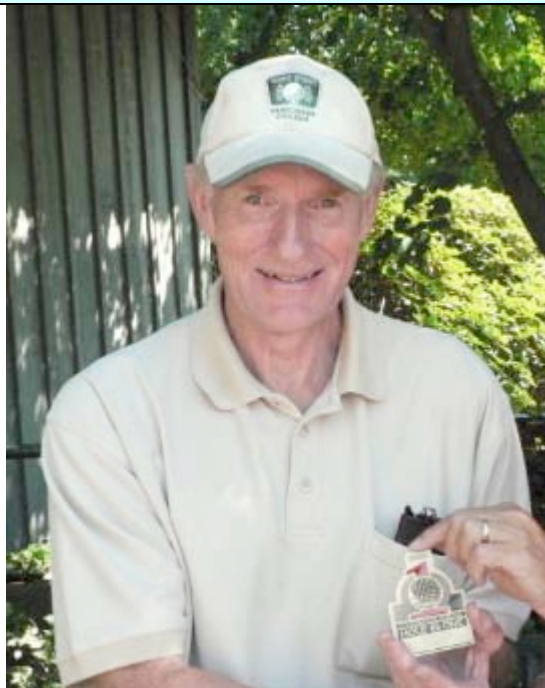
OUR HOLES IN ONE CLUB				
2007	Harold Hunter	McCleery Golf Course	Hole	13
	Dave Stephens	Langara		12
2006	Garry Watson	Langara		8
	Roger Kronqvist	Langara		2
	Hans Stausboll	Langara		2
	Don Clancy	McCleery		7
	Ab Miles	McCleery		13
2005	John McHattie	Langara		12
	Michael Alms	Langara		8

HOLES IN ONE
SECOND OF OUR SEASON!

Congratulations to Dave Stephens

12th Hole at Langara – 166 Yards – July 13th

The WPGC congratulates Dave for his unique accomplishment



...and the membership thanks him for the resulting
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that was provided at the Palcutta Bid Night Social Evening

The fun you get from golf is in direct ratio to the effort you don't put into it.

Bob Allen

Average golfer's chance of shooting a hole-in-one: 42,952 to 1



DAVE FAIRWEATHER
 CHARTER MEMBER - WPGC
 President 1991
 Captain 1989,90,2002,03

Editor's Note – Dave has kindly agreed to join the Divot Dust's regular staff as the Club's Rules Commentator and our advisor on rules interpretation and "brush-up" reminders.

A Rules Refresher

In contemplating what to cover in this piece, I got out my "How to Play Golf" book by Sam Snead, published in 1946 and costing \$2.65. Golf was a more simple game in those early days, as he covered the Rules of Golf in ten pages. On the other hand, the 2006-2007 RCGA – "Decisions on the Rules of Golf" publication is 1 1/4 inches thick.

After brushing up on Sam's instruction on how to play golf, I took out the current RCGA – *The Rules of Golf*, book.

I have noticed some uncertainty with regard to the following Rules:



Rule 22-2: Ball Interfering with Play.

If a player considers that the ball of another player might interfere with his play, he may have the ball lifted after being properly marked. This applies anywhere on the course. Should this occur in a bunker, the ball closer to the hole should first be marked a measured distance to the side.

Rule 24-2: Immovable Obstruction.

(a) *Interference by an immovable obstruction occurs when a ball lies in or on the obstruction, or when the obstruction interferes with the player's stance or the area of his intended swing. (cart path; water sprinkler control post etc.).*

(b) Relief (i) – Through the Green: The player may lift the ball and drop it without penalty, within one club length of and not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief.

One item that I picked out of the 'Decisions Book' of possible interest and benefit to our more senior members, reads as follows:

Rule 4 - 3/7: Club Broken While Used as Cane.

Q – A player uses one of his clubs as a cane while climbing a hill and the shaft breaks. May he replace the club during the round?

A - Yes. A club broken in such circumstances is considered to have become "damaged in the normal course of play" as its use as a cane is considered a reasonable act. (*Verbatim!!*)

In closing, I suggest that some of our golfers need to re-read the last item of this column in the May 2007 Divot Dust headed: "Keeping a Helpful Watch & Basic Etiquette". Lack of attention and chatter when a player is about to take a stroke continues, as does the occasional size 12 across one's putting line. We can do better!

Also a reminder, in our Competitions, whether for a ball or two; honey pot money or a trophy, the ball must drop into the cup to have a valid score for each hole, to record. As per Para 5. on the back of the green Fixture Card.

Dave Fairweather

Did you know ...



According to Ed Angel's chronology of the WPGC's history, "The first *Palcutta Smoker and Tournament* was organized in 1973 to replace *Monkey Golf** which was dropped due to a lack of free evening golf course time being granted by the "new" course administration.

The new event attracted the interest of all members and soon became the Club's major event in the fall. The annual "*Monkey Golf and Smoker*" was a prominent fixture on the activity schedule from the 1940's through the 1970's".

Apparently, in 1973, *Don Close* (who was to become the Club President in 1974) and *Norm Watt* (of Putting Jamboree fame) had approached the then Club professional, *Harry Winder*, with the intent of establishing a regular golf Calcutta event. Harry, it was said, would not permit any overt gambling events at his course and denied this initiative. However, the resourceful duo wouldn't accept "no" as an answer. Norm relates that he and Don put a different spin on their idea and convinced Harry that the event that they had in mind was just a friendly competition between golfing Pals and coined the term "Palcutta" to describe it. Harry accepted this "re-packaging" and the Palcutta Smoker and Tournament was launched.

**Monkey Tournament*

"This was a team competition. The captain of each team allotted one club to each player on the team. Teams played in unbroken sequence regardless of where the ball rested, with the player whose turn it was to play utilizing whatever club he was allotted, a driver, putter, 5 iron or 9 iron. Low gross score decided the winner. The game required "serious" concentration, but roars of laughter could always be heard over Point Grey on the evenings it was played".

Ed Angel (1991), West Point Golf Club 1932 -1990 – A History. p.5.

Palcutta Tournament The Winning Teams

Held at Riverway Golf Course – September 4, 2007

1st – Brian Ciccozzi, Bill Wilson, Fred Griffin, Hans Stausboll

2nd – Norm Thiessen, Ab Miles, George Paquette, Brian Sizer

3rd - tie – Jim Appleby, Dave Stephens, Ben Oxholm, Roy Moulton

3rd - tie – Mike Carter, Andy Schmidt, Ray Dujardin, Carl Jonsson

5th – Ozzie Isfeld, Dave Thomas, Gordon Montieth, Hans Stausboll

Competition Winners – June, July, and August

Congratulations and good luck as you enter
the final two months of our season

Sometimes it seems as though your cup moveth over.



McIntyre Trophy

Winner – Bud Cowlin
Runner Up – Bob Gatto

Division Winners
0-18 Norm Thiessen
19-24 Bob Gatto
25Up Bud Cowlin

Runners Up
0-18 Jim Selley
19-24 Lorne Lindsay
25Up George Sarich

T.N.T. Tournament @ Riverway
Jim Appleby, John McHattie
Tony Appel & Bob Gatto

Runners Up
Chris Allen, Stan Lawson,
Gordon Monteith & Bud Cowlin

Joe Dwyer Trophy
0-19 Ron Babcock
19-24 Ed Bobinski
25Up Harold Hunter
Runners Up
0-18 Glen Lockhart
19-24 Paul Levy
25Up Brian Sizer

Putting Jamboree
Individual Winner
Ed Gibbon
Team Winner
Michael Alms &
Wayne Ferrey

Bob Jack Trophy
(Away Game Competition completed)

Winners (tie)

Ray Dujardin and Jim Mackie

LeBlanc Shield
(to be played October 12)

April Winners
0-18 Brian Ciccozzi
19-24 John Matkovich
25Up Carl Jonsson

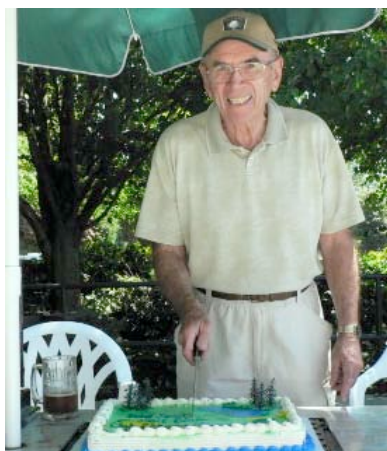
May Winners
0-18 Bob Schutz, Brian Ciccozzi,
Jim Selley & Dunc MacInnes
(4way Tie)
19-24 Art Roberts
25Up Don Rotherham

June Winners
0-18 Ron Babcock
19-24 Ed Bobinski
25Up Jesse Cove

July Winners
0-18 Duncan MacInnes
19-24 Hugh Marshall
25Up Brian Sizer

August Winners
0-18 Garry Watson
19-24 Andy Schmidt
25Up Jim Mackie &
John McPherson

THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS – DEJA VU



Match Play – Dieter Schwab Runner Up – Jim Selley

This year's competition featured 16 qualifiers engaged in some closely contested matches to declare the final four of *Dieter Schwab vs Garry Watson* and *Jim Selley vs Duncan MacInnes*. This semi-final match saw last year's finalists prevailing, thus setting up a re-match to decide this year's Club Champion.

It turned out to be *Dieter's* day as he out-dueled Club Captain *Jim Selley* to retain the trophy and the title for the second consecutive year.

The membership congratulates both *Dieter and Jim* for their performances and applauds *Dieter's* continued ability to play well while under pressure.

Congratulations to our 2006 Winners and Runners-Up

Stroke Play – Dieter-Schwab (bb9)
Runner-Up – Garry Watson



Handicap Play – Duncan MacInnes
Runner-Up – Dieter Schwab and Garry Watson

Super Masters Play – Art Roberts
Runner-Up – Gordon Monteith

Senior Masters Play – Bill Gerard

Flight	Winner	Runner Up
A	<i>Ron Babcock</i>	Ed Gibbon
B	<i>Neil Brett-Davies</i>	Art Roberts
C	<i>Ben Oxholm</i>	Jim Mackie

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PREVIOUS CLUB CHAMPIONS WHO ARE STILL ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE WPGC

1988	Norm Kent	2003	Norm Thiessen
1994	Ab Miles	2004	Glen Lockhart
1998	Ab Miles	2005	Glen Lockhart
2002	Ed Bobinski	2006	Dieter Schwab

SUPER SENIOR & SENIOR MASTER TROPHIES - DID YOU KNOW ...

Late in 2002, the Captain's Committee developed a survey to obtain input as to members' preferences on many aspects of our Club program. We also completed a file of birth dates of members to give us a picture of age distribution. It was clear that as a group we were getting older.

As a result, in the 2003 playing year, the Super Senior Trophy (75-79) and the Senior Master Trophy (80 & up) were introduced in conjunction with the Club Championship, for stroke play over 54 holes. A Handicap Champion Trophy open to all members, was also played over the 54 holes".

Dave Fairweather
Captain 1989,90,2002,03

THE SECOND ANNUAL INTERCLUB COMPETITION

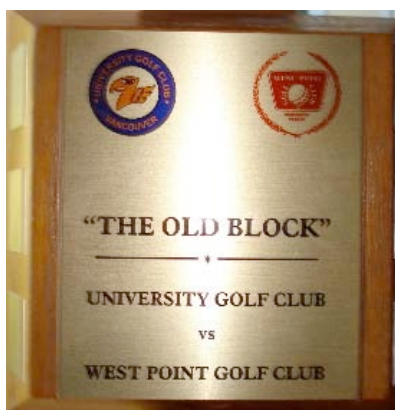
The Second Annual Interclub competition between West Point and the University Mid Week Men's Clubs was concluded on Monday with the "away" game hosted by University.



West Point had built up a 9 1/2 vs 2 1/2 point lead going into this match and held on (barely) to win this year's competition 12 1/2 vs. 11 1/2. "The Old Block" Trophy was presented by University Captain *John Podmore*, winner of the inaugural competition, to our Captain, *Jim Selley*.

Both Captains remarked on the enjoyable comradery, sportmanship and spirit of competition between the two clubs and look forward to the continuation of the event next season.

Congratulations to all the West Point participants on their great golf and success in bringing home the trophy. A special thanks to John Podmore (Mid Week Men's) and *Brian Ciccozzi* for their tireless efforts in organizing and providing ongoing liaison between the clubs to ensure the competition ran smoothly.



Aggregate Score:

West Point Golf Club	12 1/2 points
University Golf Club	11 1/2 Points

Low Net Score:

Ab Miles	67 (BB9)
Jack Plummer	67



McQuarrie Hunter Tankard Competition

THE "SHOT THEIR AGE" GUYS

This unique competition, sponsored by our *Paul Levy*, recognizes this enviable achievement and is reserved for members who have shot their age prior to 2005, or have shot their age in a West Point sanctioned event since 2005, are eligible for this competition.

We currently have 8 active members who have met this eligibility standard and three of them have accomplished this feat this season.

The new kid in the group, this year, is *Hugh Marshall* who is, reportedly, unexpectedly five years ahead of his anticipated schedule.

The select McQuarrie Hunter Tankard Crew welcomes *Hugh Marshall* to the group and applaud *Ab Miles* and *Dieter Schwab* for their repeat performances.

Congratulations to Hugh and all of our STA Guys!!

<i>Active Members of the Shot Their Age Group</i>		
<i>Dave Fairweather</i>	<i>Norm Kent</i>	<i>Ab Miles (3)</i>
<i>Bruce Groom (2)</i>	<i>Wally Lyle</i>	<i>Dieter Schwab (2)</i>
<i>Gil Jones</i>	<i>Hugh Marshall</i>	

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

This competition is scheduled to be played on October 5th – so there is still time to join this select group.

I enjoy the "oohs" and "aahs" from the gallery when I hit my driver. But I'm getting pretty tired of the "awws" and "uhhs" when I miss the putt.

John Daley

Coming Events – September & October

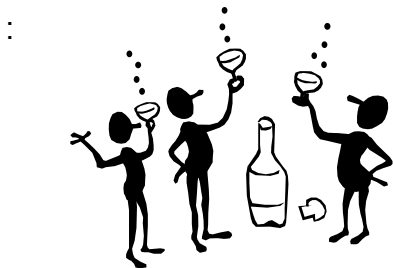
At McCleery/Riverway

4-Ball Competition
McQuarrie Hunter Tankard
LeBlanc Shield

Social Event

Don't forget our 2007

Annual General Meeting
and
Awards and Luncheon Social



Wednesday, November 7

Time: *11:30A.M.*

Location:
*Arbutus Club
Nanton Street*

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**END OF SEASON
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Annual General Meeting Agenda and Directors' Annual Reports

November 7, 2007



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West Point Golf Club
77th Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, November 7, 2007 - 11:30 A.M.
Strathcona Room Third Floor
Arbutus Club – 2001 Nanton Avenue, Vancouver

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

Sign-in of Members at Door

Welcome / Call to Order

- Welcome to Playing, Honorary and Associate Members.
- President's Opening Remarks – Season Overview

Roll Call of Directors

- Introductions
- Officers completing two-year terms

Quorum

- Count of Voting Members present.
- Quorum present?.

Minutes of the 75th AGM held on November 1, 2006

- Published in latest issue of Divot Dust (see copies on each table)
- Call for a Proposer & Secunder
- Discussion
- Question

Directors' Reports for 2007 Season

- Published in latest issue of Divot Dust (see copies on each table) and taken as read:

President	Ray Dujardin
Captain	Jim Selley
Vice Captain	Duncan MacInnes
Membership	Brian Ciccozzi
Social	Jim Mackie/Jim Appleby
Director at Large	Jim Appleby
Past President	George Dedrick/Gary Sinclair
Communications	Gary Sinclair
- Call for a Proposer & Secunder
- Discussion
- Question

Treasurer's Report

- Report by Fred Griffin - presented by Brian Ciccozzi in Fred's absence.
- See copies on each table
- Call for a Proposer & Secunder
- Discussion
- Question

Election of Directors 2008 by Members – Gary Sinclair (Chair, Nominating Committee)

- Nominating Committee Members: Gary Sinclair; Jim Appleby; Hugh Marshall.
- Nominations of Nominating Committee:

President	Ray Dujardin (2 nd term)
Secretary	Carl Jonsson (2 nd term)
Treasurer	Brian Ciccozzi
Captain	Jim Selley (2 nd term)
Vice Captain	Duncan MacInnes (2 nd term)
Membership	Jim Appleby
Social	Jim Mackie (2 nd term)
Director at Large	David Stephens

- Call for Other Nominations
- Call for Proposer/Secunder to Close Nominations
- Voting
- Election

Executive appointments made by President

Executive Appointment:

Past President Gary Sinclair

Ex Officio Appointment:

Communications Gary Sinclair (Web Master & Editor of Divot Dust)

New Business

- Questions from the floor or suggested topics for new Board to consider

Adjournment

- Target is to adjourn by 12.00 noon.

77TH ANNUAL LUNCHEON & AWARDS CEREMONY

12.00 Noon to 12.30 am: Cash Bar Open for Social Gathering.

12.30 am: Members Invited to be Seated.

General Welcome & Announcements (President)

Individual Welcome to:

Special Guests

Honorary Members

Associate Members

Charter Members

In Memoriam:

Frank McDaniel (December 2006)

Saying of Grace

Buffet Luncheon Begins - during which:

Draw for Charity Receipt (Jim Mackie)

Reverse Draw (Jim Appleby)

Award of Trophies (Jim Selley and Duncan MacInnes)

WEST POINT GOLF CLUB

MINUTES OF THE 76th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2006

AT THE ARBUTUS CLUB, 2001 NANTON STREET,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

WELCOME and CALL TO ORDER: Ray Dujardin - acting as President and Chairman in the absence of George Dedrick - called the Meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. - and welcomed the members. Mr. Dujardin explained that, due to medical problems, the President George Dedrick had had to stand down from his position and duties, and that he had, pursuant to the Constitution, assumed the position of President pending the completion of the Annual Meeting.

ROLL CALL of OFFICERS and DIRECTORS:

Present:	Ray Dujardin	-	Secretary
	Fred Griffin	-	Treasurer
	David Haddleton	-	Captain
	Andy Schmidt	-	Vice-Captain
	Brian Ciccozzi	-	Membership
	Carl Jonsson	-	Director at Large
	Gary Sinclair	-	Past President

REGRETS:	George Dedrick	-	President
	George Sarich	-	Social

QUORUM: At the call to order 80 members were present and the Chairman declared that a quorum was present.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the 75th Annual General Meeting held on November 2, 2005 had been circulated.

MOTION:	Haddleton/Oxholm - that, there being no errors or omissions, the Minutes be adopted.	CARRIED
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ANNUAL REPORTS: The Reports of the:

President
Secretary
Membership Director
Captain
Social Director
Past President
Director at Large
Divot Dust Editor
Webmaster

which had been previously circulated and are attached to the file copy of these Minutes were submitted to the Meeting.

MOTION:	Trunkfield/Appleby - That the reports be received	CARRIED
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TREASURER'S REPORT: Fred Griffin presented his Treasurer's Report noting that, with revenue for the year of \$11,059 and expenses of \$9,117, the Club realized a surplus for the year of \$1,942. A copy of the Report is attached to the file copy of these Minutes.

MOTION:	Oxholm/Bobinsky - That the Treasurer's Report be received.	CARRIED
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ELECTIONS: The Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Gary Sinclair, presented the slate recommended by the Nominating Committee for 2007, being:

<u>Election of Directors:</u>	Ray Dujardin	-	President
	Carl Jonsson	-	Secretary
	Fred Griffin	-	Treasurer
	Jim Selley	-	Captain
	Duncan MacInnes	-	Vice Captain
	Brian Ciccozzi	-	Membership
	Jim Mackie	-	Social
	Jim Appleby	-	Director at Large

There were no nominations from the floor.

MOTION: Ciccozzi/Williams - That the nominations be closed and that the Committee's nominees be elected. CARRIED

The Nominating Committee's slate of Directors and Officers was declared elected

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS - made by the President

<u>Executive Appointment:</u>		
George Dedrick	-	Past President

<u>Ex Officio Appointment:</u>		
Gary Sinclair	-	Editor - Divot Dust
Gary Sinclair	-	Webmaster

OTHER BUSINESS: A question was raised as to whether the Club's playing day should be changed from Friday to Thursday. After some discussion the Chairman held a straw vote and declared that 18 had voted in favour and 40 had voted in opposition. The Chairman stated that, in view of the strong vote in favour of retaining the Friday playing day, the Board will not plan to revisit the issue.

A discussion was held regarding the general acceptance of holding our AGM on Wednesdays each year. Since this day is inconvenient to some the Board will seek out an alternative of wider acceptance.

There being no further business, upon motion by Lorne Lindsay, the Chairman declared the Meeting terminated at approximately 12:10 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2007



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At the time of writing, with only one playing-day remaining the Vancouver CUPE strike of outside-workers has at last been settled but not in time for us to change the venue from the University Golf Club to McCleery. So we end the season having being denied golfing at either McCleery or Langara since July 14th! Fortunately, through the efforts of Captain *Jim Selley*, Vice-Captain *Duncan MacInnes* and their diligent committee members we have continued playing at Riverway where the Head Professional and his staff have welcomed us. The change to Riverway was a challenge for all Members. It's a tough course in some ways with three finishing holes that can ruin a good score! However, I think we did well and above all carried on playing golf throughout the whole season except for a gap of about a week. All the major competitions were completed except for the *McQuarrie*

Hunter Tankard and *LeBlanc Shield* both of which will be contested on Closing Day. So congratulations to all and a special thank-you to the Captain's Group for making a success of what could have been a complete write-off.

On other fronts things were pretty normal. Our playing membership of 96 is only a few below our 100 member "maximum" but we need to be on the constant lookout for new prospects to keep this number up as annual vacancies occur. This is a good time of year to enlist new members to give them something to look forward to early next Spring! Our Membership Director, *Brian Ciccozzi* did a grand job looking after this important part of Club business and keeping us all up to date on the membership directory. I also want to acknowledge his individual effort in producing that very handy pocket-reference booklet that received such wide acclaim!

Our social activities went very well thanks to the hard work of Social Directors *Jims Appleby* and *Mackie* and their assistants all of whom revealed some hidden talents as bartenders! Jim Appleby kindly filled-in for Jim Mackie during the latter's temporary absence and our grateful thanks to him for that. The *Palcutta* went well I feel although at 45 the number of attendees was somewhat modest. *Norm Watt* was a lively and engaging auctioneer and certainly kept things moving along. Plans to look at venues for social evenings other than the rather dull Arbutus Centre were shelved due to the strike but perhaps the issue will be resurrected next year.

I will leave it to the Captain to report on his activities. Several measures were implemented to encourage faster play and better communication through the creation of Foursome-Captains. We all were updated too on aspects of the Rules of Golf that somehow or ever we seem to have forgotten! I think the net result was more enjoyable golf for everyone with the overall pace of play much improved over last year. The Vice-Captain took on the thankless task of arranging the tee-times and groupings each week and keeping the pro-shop informed. Last-minute changes cause lots of work and next season let's try to keep to our commitments to play. Thanks so much *Duncan* for your forbearance – and willingness to do it again next year!

Over the past three years we come to depend on communication via email or our website rather than Canada Post and the telephone. While the telephone is more personable, electronic tools are more useful for keeping all of us up to date and we aim to continue improving and expanding them. Our web site is second to none as is our Divot Dust – thanks to the skills of our Director of Communications, *Gary Sinclair*. He has spent an immense amount of time getting us to this level and so deserves our sincere appreciation. In this move to electronic communication I am sure those of you not "on-line" will feel left out but we will try to still stay in touch with you using the old methods! In this regard *Roy Moulton*, Systems Manager, does a great job sending out mail when required –in addition to looking after our handicap system. Thanks Roy!

Financially we are in good shape as our diligent Treasurer reports. Consequently, there will be no fee increase for next year and no decrease in activities, social or otherwise so you will continue to enjoy the best golfing deal in town! *Fred* will be giving up his post as Treasurer this year so I will thank him for looking after our finances for two years and leaving things in a sound position for the next overseer.

If elected I will serve you as President for one more year. The past year has been fun and the work made light due to your excellent Board of Directors all of whom have taken on their tasks seriously and with sincerity. I look forward to talking with many of you during the upcoming AGM on November 7th at the Arbutus Club.

Respectfully submitted

Ray Dujardin

CAPTAIN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2007



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I must say for a "rookie" Captain, 2007 was a most interesting season. It was very gratifying for a number of reasons and very challenging for others. Through it all, I would like to thank our President, *Ray Dujardin*, the Board, and the members of the Captains Committee for all their support and cooperation.

First, let's look at the positives that occurred this year. We were able to obtain block times for our games at *McCleery*. In my view, this was the single most important step forward for the club. As well, *Langara* continued with the full set of block times for all games. The other important issue is that we made progress on addressing pace of play. For this, I would express my gratitude to all members of the club, they are the ones who made it happen! With this achievement being recognized by the staff of both *McCleery* and *Langara*, it leaves us in a good position to continue to receive block times. As well, and

importantly, I met a number of our members for the first time and hopefully made a number of new friends.

We continued what will hopefully become a tradition, a home and home *interclub match* with University Mid Week Men's Club. To top it off, West Point won the competition and we proudly are in possession of the Trophy for this year. I must single out the contribution of *Brian Ciccozzi* to the success of this event. Frankly, Brian organized this competition for both clubs, the Captains had very little work to do....just show up and golf.

This season started with some inclement weather which got us off to a slow start, however, things picked up in May and we were going strong when the City of Vancouver employees went on strike in late July. This necessitated a move of venue for the next 3 months....virtually to the end of the season. Luckily, *Riverway GC* was very accommodating and offered block times on Tuesdays. Unfortunately, a number of members were not available on Tuesdays, thus reducing the number of players participating in events for the rest of the season. On the bright side, we were able to complete most of our competitions, except for the Four-Ball competition, a new event added to our calendar this year. (This is assuming we get the *McQuarrie Hunter* and *LeBlanc Shield* competitions completed this week). At the time of writing, weather has been against us for a few weeks and we hope to play the closing event and these competitions on October 26th.

I would be remiss if I did not thank Vice Captain *Duncan MacInnes* for his tireless effort in organizing the draws all season. In addition, my sincere thanks to the other members of the Captains

Committee: *Paul Levy, Dave Stephens and Bob Schutz*....with great “coaching” from *Andy Schmidt* to get us off to a good start. Finally, I am in debt to all the members who willingly took on organizing the various competitions held by the club during the season. Without volunteers to help, the club could not be a success. Gentlemen, we will need this type of help again next year.

With the strike out of way, I look forward to a less challenging playing season. With any luck, we will have nothing but sunshine and a strong wind at our back. It has been an interesting first season as Captain and I look forward with anticipation to 2008.

Jim Selley

VICE CAPTAIN’S ANNUAL REPORT 2007

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Even though the weather and the City of Vancouver strike combined to try to obliterate our 2007 golf season we actually got in a fair amount of golf. Our success this season was mainly due to the conscientious work of the *Foursome Captains* as well as the dedication of our outstanding *Competition Coordinators*:

Bud Brown Eclectic – Brian Ciccozzi
TNT “Team Net Total” @ McCleery – Hugh Marshall

Ed Angel Trophy – Jim Trotter
McIntyre Trophy - Don Clancy

Midweek Interclub @ Langara – Brian Ciccozzi

Joe Dwyer Trophy – Ed Bobinsky

Putting Jamboree – Norm Thiessen

Club Championships – Captain’s Committee

Parker Shield – Brian Ciccozzi

T.N.T. @ Riverway – Chris Allen

Midweek Interclub Match @ UBC – Brian Ciccozzi

Palcutta Tournament- Kent Curley

Bob Jack Trophy – Away Games

Surrey Golf Club – David Haddleton

Ledgeview Golf Club (Abbotsford) – Dave Fairweather

Lake Padden Golf Club (Bellingham) – David Cooke

Riverway Golf Club – Neil Brett-Davies

Thank you all for the invaluable help you have given us to schedule play for all who wanted to play, for advising who will play next week, and then advising them of their scheduled tee times. You are the members who make our club successful.

The memberships response to our call for an improved “pace of play” and a more diligent “reporting of scores” was appreciated. We look forward to your continued attention to these two important details in the coming season. Finally, to make the scheduling process easier next year I would ask that all Foursome Captains appoint a replacement when they are away and let the Vice Captain know who he is.

Thank you for all your co-operation.

Duncan MacInnes

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2007



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In order to become a member of the West Point Golf Club an applicant must:

- be 55 years of age or older
- be able to play to a handicap index of 30 or less
- play a minimum of ten games with Club members on our regular playing days (normally Friday's), each year (ideally the Club is looking for members who can play each and every week during the golfing season April to October)
- participate regularly in Club social and special events.

In spite of our inability to play regularly at our two home courses, McCleery and Langara, due to the municipal strike, we continue to have an active membership who have continued to golf at our alternate course (Riverway). On behalf of our members, I congratulate the Captain, Vice Captain and their Captains committee for their Herculean efforts in making alternate golf arrangements for our membership.

The following is some basic information on the makeup of the Club's

membership:

- our oldest playing member was born in 1918 (age 89)
- our youngest playing member was born in 1951 (age 56)
- the average and mean playing age of our members is 74
- our current membership stands at 96, 52 (54%) of whom joined the Club over the past 3 years
- 24 members are in the 0 – 18 handicap range
- 40 members are in the 19 – 24 handicap range
- 32 members are in the 25 & up handicap range

It is evident from the above that our membership is made up of individuals with a broad age range and handicaps. A membership for individuals of all age and skill ranges.

Even though membership is limited to 100 playing members, the Club is continually seeking new members to fill in for those who decide to retire from golf; leave the Club; are unable to play on a regular basis due to illness, injury, vacation etc. As a result, the executive encourage all of you to help in the search for new members. Prospective members, who can meet the Club's membership requirements listed above, should contact the Membership Director through the Club's web site at www.westpointgolf.org.

The cost of membership is as follows:

• To June 30	
New Member Initiation Fee	\$50.00
Regular Playing Member Annual Dues	100.00
• From July 1	
New Member Initiation Fee	\$50.00
Regular Playing Member Annual Dues	50.00

I encourage the membership to visit our web site and read through the 2007 issues of the Divot Dust. The Divot Dust is filled with a significant amount of helpful information including the names of our new members and their sponsors.

Brian Ciccozzi

SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2007



The social highlight of our year is the *Annual General Meeting and Awards Luncheon* to be held November 7, 2007 at Arbutus Club. *Registration* will commence at 11 am, with the meeting scheduled for 11:30 to 12:00, cash bar from 12:00 to 12:30, lunch and awards from 12:30 to 2:30. This is an ideal opportunity to recap your season and plot next year with your fellow club members. The Awards Luncheon will be held in the Strathcona Room which provides ample room for socializing and presentations.

Please bring a \$100.00 cheque payable to WPGC to the Awards Luncheon for *2008 annual membership dues*. The Awards Luncheon cost is included in your annual membership dues. Come early because Arbutus Club has limited off-street parking.

Neither weather nor Vancouver CUPE strike could dampen the enthusiasm and enjoyment of our two evening socials held at

Arbutus Centre. The Directors will consider holding future evening social events at Langara Golf Club clubhouse based on the outstanding service and positive response for the UBC/WPGC match play competition luncheon. The March season opening social night was an ideal opportunity to update on fellow member activities over the winter and hear the Directors plans for the past season. The late August Palcutta Bidding social night was well attended (and well organized by *Kent Curley*). *Norm Watt* lead engaging and lively bidding for all teams.

Many other events provided opportunities to meet and socialize with fellow members, notably, away games, putting jamboree, interclub competition and opening/closing days.

Finally, *Jim Appleby* has to be thanked for filling in for Jim Mackie's absences during the year.

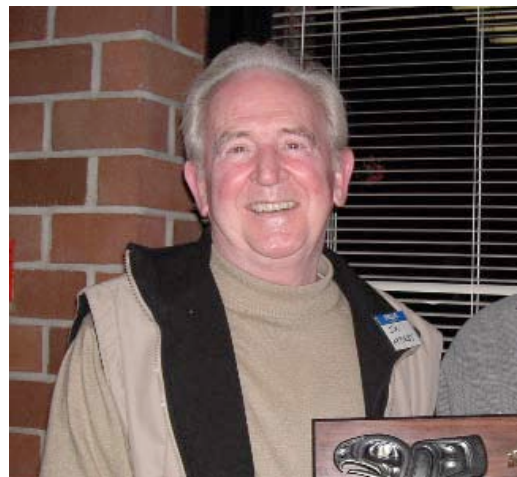
Respectfully submitted,

Jim Mackie

DIRECTOR AT LARGE - ANNUAL REPORT 2007

It was a "learning year" and provided the opportunity to become intimately familiar with many operations of the Club. Filling in frequently to manage the responsibilities associated with our social functions as well as serving on the Nominating Committee permitted great insight into the inner workings of the Club.

Jim Appleby



PAST PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2007



The Past President's role is "*to assist the President and the Members of the Executive to carry out their respective duties*" and to serve as the Chair of the Nominating Committee.

In light of *George Dedrick's* medical status, I was appointed to carry out the duties of this office in his absence, which we all hope will be temporary. As was the case last year, this year's supporting role was basically a general, on-going, enjoyable one. The significant responsibility was the participation in the work of the Nominating Committee as its Chair.

The three members of the Committee, *Jim Appleby, Hugh Marshall* and I were "*charged with the responsibility of meeting during the year to give serious thought and consideration to the best qualified people available for Officers and Directors of the Society*".

We were appointed in March and, thereafter, met regularly over the season. We approached many Club members and discussed their administrative interests, their availability and willingness to participate in specific aspects of the WPGC's organizational structure. We found, as always, that the Membership is rich in terms of capable candidates and we are pleased to present the result of our search and deliberations.

Our task was somewhat simplified this year as all incumbents, with two exceptions, were eligible and willing to stand for a second term in their office. Of these two men, *Fred Griffin*, after four years of dedicated service (split over two different offices – Social Director and Treasurer), opted to step down and the other, *Brian Ciccozzi* (after two successful years as Membership Director, accepted our nomination to continue serving the Club as the incoming Treasurer. Consequently, one other internal shift of office (*Jim Appleby* from Director at Large to Membership Director) and the selection of one new Director were the only decisions necessary to determine and maintain an excellent slate of administrative officers.

The Nominating Committee recommends the following Slate of Officers to manage our affairs for the 2008 season:

President – Ray Dujardin
Secretary – Carl Jonsson
Treasurer – Brian Ciccozzi
Captain – Jim Selley
Vice Captain – Duncan MacInnes
Membership Director – Jim Appleby
Social Director – Jim Mackie
Director at Large – David Stephens

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Sinclair

COMMUNICATIONS

EDITOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2007

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Even though the Divot Dust has been replaced by the website as the prime medium for communication within the Club it is still expected that all facets of Club operation should receive complete coverage within each of the four issues.

This year the initiative has been taken to designate the October issue the *End of Season Special Edition* where all the information pertinent to the AGM is included as a complete package.

Hopefully, the goal of producing an attractive, informative and interesting publication has been realized. Toward this end I thank *Dave Fairweather* for serving as our *Rules Editor* and his thoughtful and pertinent "*Rules Refresher*" contributions in each issue. Finally, to *Roy Moulton*, thanks for ensuring that our electronically challenged members have received their "hard copy" of each issue throughout the year.

It has been a busy and rewarding endeavour and I look forward to further growth of the coverage in the coming year.

Gary Sinclair

WEBMASTER'S ANNUAL REPORT 2007

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The website's development and usage have progressed significantly this season. The development aspect has featured the addition of a *Members Photo Gallery*, the upgrading of many of the existing sections and the selective inclusion of a variety of presentation elements, such as the scrolling text, to enhance the visual appearance.

Our *user traffic reporter* reveals the number of "visits" per month has exceeded 600 with the high being reached in August with 842. The total number of visits for the year, to date, is 5369 which exceeds last year's high of 4060. The number of total pages viewed (sum of all visitors for all visits) last year was 18,116 – this year, our total is 21,485. This degree of usage is a strong testimonial that the website has become the major communication tool for our Club.

It has been a productive year and there is more to come in 2008..

Gary Sinclair

Competition Winners – 2007

Congratulations and good luck as you look forward to the receipt of your awards at the Luncheon on November 7th.



Bud Brown Eclectic

0-18 Chris Allen (BB9)
19-24 Ray Dujardin
25Up George Doiron

Runners Up

0 –18 Brian Ciccozzi
19–24 David Haddleton
25Up Tony Appel

T.N.T. Tournament @ McCleery

David Haddleton, Brian Ciccozzi,
Terry Gorman & Wally Lyle

Runners Up

Dave Stevens, Arnold Tennant,
Jim Trotter

Ed Angel Trophy (2 Man Teams)

Roy Moulton &
Bob Schutz

Runners Up

Bob Gatto &
Kent Curley

Stan Lawson &
Lloyd Shippam

McIntyre Trophy

Winner – Bud Cowlin
Runner Up – Bob Gatto

Division Winners

0-18 Norm Thiessen
19-24 Bob Gatto
25Up Bud Cowlin

Runners Up

0 –18 Jim Selley
19–24 Lorne Lindsay
25Up George Sarich

Joe Dwyer Trophy

0-19 Ron Babcock
19-24 Ed Bobinski
25Up Harold Hunter

Runners Up

0 –18 Glen Lockhart
19–24 Paul Levy
25Up Brian Sizer

Putting Jamboree

Individual Winner

Ed Gibbon

Team Winner

Michael Alms &
Wayne Ferrey

Parker Shield Eclectic

0–18 Ron Babcock
19-24 Andy Schmidt
25Up Ben Oxholm

Runners Up

0 –18 Garry Watson
19–24 Lorne Lindsay
25Up Tony Appel

T.N.T. Tournament @ Riverway

Jim Appleby, John McHattie
Tony Appel & Bob Gatto

Runners Up

Chris Allen, Stan Lawson,
Gordon Monteith & Bud Cowlin

Club Champion

Match Play

Dieter Schwab

Runner Up

Jim Selley

Art Roberts

Flight C

Ben Oxholm

Runner Up

Jim Mackie

Flight Championships

Stroke Play

Dieter Schwab

Runner Up

Garry Watson

Senior Master

Bill Gerard

Super Senior

Art Roberts

Runner Up

Gordon Monteith

Handicap

Duncan MacInnes

Runner Up

Dieter Schwab &

Garry Watson

Flight A

Ron Babcock

Runner Up

Ed Gibbon

Flight B

Neil Brett-Davies

Runner Up

Palcutta Tournament

Brian Ciccozzi, Bill Wilson,

Fred Griffin & Hans Stausboll

Runners Up

Norm Thiessen, Ab Miles

George Paquette & Brian Six

McQuarrie Hunter Tankard

Winner

Ab Miles

Runner up

Hugh Marshall

LeBlanc Shield

0-18 Duncan MacInnes

19-24 Andy Schmidt

25 Up Don Rotherham

Runners Up

0-18 Peter Coyle

19-24 Hugh Marshall

25 Up Carl Jonsson

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PREVIOUS CLUB CHAMPIONS
WHO ARE STILL ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE WPGC

1988	Norm Kent	2003	Norm Thiessen
1994	Ab Miles	2004	Glen Lockhart
1998	Ab Miles	2005	Glen Lockhart
2002	Ed Bobinski	2006	Dieter Schwab

*IN RECOGNITION OF OUR
MCQUARRIE HUNTER TANKARD CLUB*

Only members who have shot their age (STA) prior to 2005, or have shot their age in a West Point sanctioned event since 2005, are eligible for this competition.

Congratulations to all of our STA Guys!!

<i>Active Members of the Shot Their Age Group</i>		
<i>Dave Fairweather</i>	<i>Norm Kent</i>	<i>Ab Miles (3)</i>
<i>Bruce Groom (2)</i>	<i>Wally Lyle</i>	<i>Dieter Schwab (2)</i>
<i>Gil Jones</i>	<i>Hugh Marshall</i>	

IN RECOGNITION OF OUR SECOND ANNUAL INTERCLUB COMPETITION

Congratulations to all the West Point participants on their great golf and success in bringing home the trophy. A special thanks to John Podmore (Mid Week Men's) and *Brian Ciccozzi* for their tireless efforts in organizing and providing ongoing liaison between the clubs to ensure the competition ran smoothly.

Aggregate Score:

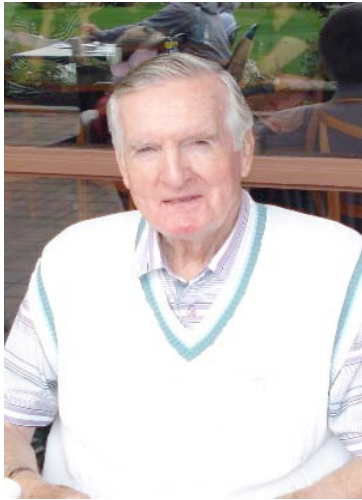
<i>West Point Golf Club</i>	<i>12 1/2 points</i>
<i>University Golf Club</i>	<i>11 1/2 Points</i>

Low Net Score:

<i>Ab Miles</i>	<i>67 (BB9)</i>
<i>Jack Plummer</i>	<i>67</i>

<i>IN RECOGNITION OF OUR HOLE IN ONE CLUB</i>				
2007	Harold Hunter	McCleery Golf Course	Hole	13
	Dave Stephens	Langara		12
2006	Garry Watson	Langara		8
	Roger Kronqvist	Langara		2
	Hans Stausboll	Langara	2	
	Don Clancy	McCleery		7
2005	Ab Miles	McCleery		13
	John McHattie	Langara		12
	Michael Alms	Langara		8

Average golfer's chance of shooting a hole-in-one: 42,952 to 1



A RULES REFRESHER

DAVE FAIRWEATHER

CHARTER MEMBER - WPGC

President 1991

Captain 1989,90,2002,03

Editor's Note – Dave, in his Editor's role as our advisor on rules interpretation, offers us a few thoughts to consider as we make our winter golf plans.

My column in the August Divot Dust stated that in the days of Sam Snead, golf was a more simple game, at least with respect to rules. Before coming up with some references from the "Decisions on the Rules of Golf" book, *the following rules come to mind:*

Rule 25 – Abnormal Ground Conditions – Decision 25/2 – Overflow from Water Hazard.

Q - If a pond (water hazard) has overflowed, is the overflow casual water?

A - Yes. Any overflow of water from a water hazard which is outside the margin of the hazard is casual water.

Rule 16 – The Putting Green & Rule 23 – Loose Impediments.

Q - May a player brush dew or frost from his line of putt?

A - No. Rule 16 1a prohibits touching the line of putt except in removal of loose impediments, ball marks, etc.

- Loose impediments are defined as natural objects such as sand, stones, leaves, twigs –not fixed or growing. Raised grass from a spike mark if patted down, would be in breach of Rule 16-1.

What follows are excerpts from the (infamous) "Decisions on the Rules of Golf" book.

Of particular interest to those who may be heading off to warmer climes for enjoyment and furthering of their golf skills, they should be aware of these "Decisions".

14-2/3 – Caddie Shields Player from Sun During Stroke.

Q – May a player's caddie purposely stand behind the player and the setting sun, so that the sun's glare is not in the player's face while he is playing a stroke?

A – No. Such procedure is a breach of Rule 14-2.

23/4 – Fruit Skins.

Q – Is a banana skin or other fruit skin a loose impediment?

A – Yes. (I would say it is a bloody hazard as well!).

23/6.5 – Snake.

Q – Is a snake an outside agency or a loose impediment?

A – A live snake is an outside agency. A dead snake is a loose impediment.

23/10 – Ball Imbedded in Fruit.

Q – A ball is imbedded in an orange lying under an orange tree. What is the ruling?

A – The player must play the ball as it lies or deem it unplayable. Since the orange was adhering to the ball, it was not a loose impediment.

For those members remaining over the winter on Wetcoast, the following may be of interest.

14-2/2 - Player Holds Umbrella Over Own Head When Playing Stroke.



Q – A player playing in the rain holds an umbrella over his head with one hand while holing a very short putt, gripping the putter with the other hand. Is this permissible?

A – Yes. Rule 14-2 prohibits a player, while making a stroke, from accepting protection from the elements from someone other than himself. However it does not prohibit him from protecting himself.

14- 3/4 - Use of Compass During Round.

Q – A player uses a compass during a round to assist him in determining wind direction or the direction of the grain in the greens or for some other similar reason -(like finding his way home?) Is the player in breach of Rule 14-3?

A – Yes. (Hurray!!)

14- 3/13 – Hand Warmer.

Q – A player uses a device to warm his hands during a round. Is the player in breach of Rule 14-3?

A – No.

The following will be of general interest -(maybe).

14-3/6 – Holding ball in Hand Against Grip When Putting.

Q – A player putts with a golf ball held in his left hand against the grip. He claims the pressure transmitted to the grip through the ball assists him in putting. Is such use of a ball permissible?

A – No. A ball is an artificial device when used in such a manner. (One's belly or chest should be defined as artificial as far as I'm concerned, when it comes to the putting stroke).

23/7 – Fallen Tree.

Q – Is a fallen tree a loose impediment?

A – If it is still attached to the stump, no; if it is not attached to the stump, yes.

24- 2b/15 – Opening Barn Doors to Play Shot Through Barn.

Q – May a player open the doors of a barn to enable him to play a shot through the barn?

A – Yes. A barn is an immovable obstruction, but the doors are movable and may be opened. (Whopee!!)

Anyone for a game of cribbage? I'm taking offers for the "Decision on the Rules of Golf" book!! Maybe you can tell that this is getting to me, so we'll close the door 'til next year, with the wish for some good breaks over the winter, to get out there and keep swinging.

Dave Fairweather

Leaderboard – Top 10

*In each Competition Category
(October 20, 2007)*

WPGC Ranking according to the RCGA HC Factor

	0 - 18	19 – 24	25 Up
1	Norm Thiessen	Bob Gatto	Lloyd Shippam
2	Jim Selley	Terry Gorman	George Paquette
3	Dieter Schwab	David Cooke	John McHattie
4	Brian Ciccozzi	Jack Plummer	Don Rotherham
5	Garry Watson	Ed Gibbon	John Wood
6	Chris Allen	Dave Stephens	Bill Gerard
7	Ron Babcock	Don McIntyre	Geoffery Trunkfield
8	Mike Carter	Andy Schmidt	Jim Mackie
9	Jim Appleby	Ed Bobinski	Fred Griffin
10	Laurie Craddock	Duncan MacInnes	Gil Jones
		Dave Dickson	

Recognition of Service to the Club

WPGC CHARTER MEMBERS – ACTIVE IN 2007

“A Special General Meeting of the ‘new’ West Point golf Club was held at the Kerrisdale Community Centre on April 25, 1986”. The roster of members who opted to remain with the WPGC, at that time, were 53 in number and were recognized as the Club’s “Charter Members”.

Of these “original members”, five are currently Active Members.

Jesse Cove
Dave Fairweather
Norm Kent
Roy Moulton
Fred Wilkinson

The current membership has benefited from, and salutes, their dedicated service and continued contributions to our golfing pleasures!

Recognition of Service to the Club

Former Officers of WPGC's Board of Directors

Twenty-three (23) of our currently active members have, in the past, served on our Board of Directors:

Ed Bobinski	Bill Gerard	Gil Jones	Ben Oxholm
Neil Brett-Davies	Ed Gibbon	Norm Kent	George Sarich
Jesse Cove	Jack Grant	Stan Lawson	Andy Schmidt
David Dickson	Bruce Groom	Hugh Marshall	Hans Stausboll
Dave Fairweather	David Haddleton	Ab Miles	Al Williams
Maurice Foisy	Harold Hunter	Roy Moulton	

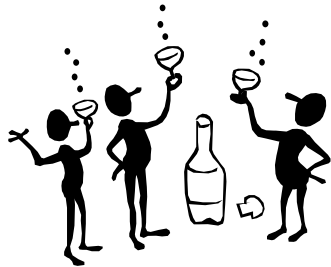
A sincere "Thank you!" is extended to them for their contributions to the continued growth of the Club

Annual 2007 Luncheon & Awards Function

*Annual General Meeting
and
Awards and Luncheon Social*

Wednesday, November 7, 2007

Time: 11:30A.M.



Location:

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