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President's Message

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Ray Dujardin

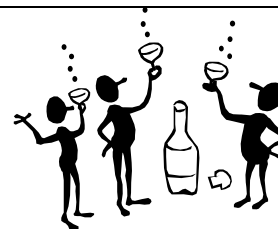
It's hard to believe that we are at the start of another seven-month season of golf. Hopefully over the winter layoff we have all renewed our vows to keep our heads down and our hopes high! I expect some of us will realize our dreams of better (and more consistent) scores but we all can bank on having lots of fun and social interaction while we engage in friendly competition. So welcome back from wherever you wintered.

Jim Appleby will be introducing the names of our new members later and to them, I offer a special welcome.

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Opening Social Evening – 2008
Tuesday, April 1 – 7:00 P.M.

Langara Golf Course



Last year was not the greatest due to the civic strike so we look forward to making up for it by a full season at the two courses we all prefer: McCleery and Langara. We will see more of the latter than previously due to a change in venue for our social events (except the AGM) to the Langara Club house. The staff there have been most accommodating in meeting our requirements and I think we will enjoy the change. Our Opening Social on April 1, which kicks off the club season, will be at Langara and I hope to see a good turnout. This is an excellent opportunity to get up to date on the new schedule, meet old friends, get to know new members and learn about any new club procedures. Hard copies of the club fixture card and the Pocket Reference will be available at the meeting.

We start the season with one hundred paid-up playing members – the maximum allowed under current club rules. This is of course good news for the Club and an indication that our program of activities is what senior golfers are looking for. It also means extra challenges to arrange tee times efficiently and ensure that play proceeds smoothly to the satisfaction of the Club and the golf course staff. If you attend the Opening Social you will learn how we intend to meet these challenges and the part you, as a member, will be expected to play. We also have members-in-waiting who will be given an opportunity to play when there are temporary openings in any foursomes.

Opening Day is Friday, April 4th at McCleery. Let's try and make this the best opening turnout ever – rain or shine! The Captain's Committee wants to see you there and to respond quickly to your Foursome Captains call for a commitment to play. This group works very hard to keep things running smoothly so please back them up each week during the season by letting them know a week in advance of your intention to play and by living up to your commitment.

I am really looking forward to seeing you at the Opening Social and throughout the season on the links.

Have a great season of golf.

Ray Dujardin

Opening Day – 2008
Friday, April 4
McCleery Golf Course
Bud Brown Eclectic – Day 1 of 4





Captain's Message

captain@westpointgolf.org

A hearty welcome back to returning members and a warm welcome to new members of West Point Golf Club. While many of you have been either honing your golf skills in warmer climes or looking out the window in Vancouver wishing you could play golf, the Captain's Committee has been hard at work planning an exciting 2008 golf season for all West Point members. Frankly, it seems that just yesterday we were closing off the 2007 Season and yet here we are, less than a month away from the start of a new one. Given that the strike-plagued 2007 is behind us, I think all members can look to a great rebound season this year

We have made a few changes to the competition schedule, particularly the Away Games, the Club Championship schedule, and finally, a plan to stage the Four-Ball Competition, which unfortunately had to be

cancelled last year due to the strike. In terms of the Away Games, we have only one returning venue, Riverway, and have replaced the remaining venues with Point Roberts, Golden Eagle, and Kings Links. We think members will enjoy the courses added this year and will find them all interesting tests of golf. We will have the same tee time structure as we had last year at both McCleery and Langara. However, the Board has approved a novel solution to deal with any issues of extra tee time requirements, which will be presented at the Opening Social. It will require our members to promptly notify and honor commitments on play to their foursome captains, but we think it is workable and will allow all members to enjoy the full play and social aspects of the club.

We have reviewed the foursome groups and made changes as necessary to deal with club turn-over. As they were last season, the Foursome Captains will be an integral communication link between their foursome and the Captain's Committee. We will continue to count on them to advise the Captain's Committee on foursome participation, as well as to keep their group informed of upcoming competitions and social events.

I would like to comment on one of the major challenges from last year, and a wonderful success: pace of play. I firmly believe that West Point has continued to receive the support of the Pro Shops because the membership responded to their concern regarding "slow play". However, we cannot rest on our laurels; all of us must keep it up again in 2008. I know I can count on your support for this important issue to the club.

Finally, the other issue I would like to remind the membership about is the posting of scores. With the problems of the McCleery website last summer it became difficult for members to record their scores. However, it is a requirement of the West Point Club that members post all scores for all games played during the West Point Golf season.

I look forward to seeing you all again soon and hope everyone has an enjoyable golf season.

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 Monday, March 31st 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

We are pleased to announce that we're full!! For the first time in a few years, the club has reached full capacity with the addition of *Chuck Kotso* as member 100 in February.

The following gentlemen have also joined the club since the last divot dust:

Nick Atkinson

Phil Joughin

Jack Catherwood

Terry MacDonald

Wayne Gatley

Peter Morse

Joe Hurley

Rob Sandhu.

Please look out for these new members at our Opening Social on April 1st. They will have distinctive name tags.

In addition, we have three players who have indicated they wish to become members and are in a '*waiting to play*' category. They have also been invited to our opening social.

All new and soon to be members are invited to attend a *new members' meeting* on March 28th at 10:00 a.m. at McCleery.

Goodbye!

We are sorry to announce that *Terry Gorman* and *Ambrose Lewis* moved out of reasonable commuting distance and *Bob Schutz* has a timing conflict. *John Girling* has become an Associate Member. We will miss them.

Disclaimer

Any previous association of five of the new members with the Vancouver School Board and the Membership Director is purely coincidental!

Jim Appleby

NEW MEMBERS' ORIENTATION MEETING

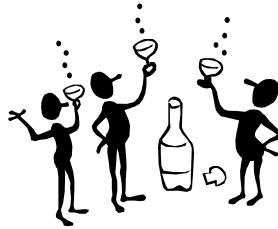
*March 28th at 10:00 A.M.
McCleery Golf Course*

This official function will feature presentations from our President, Captain & Vice Captain, Membership Director, Webmaster and Systems Manager .

Our Handicap Reporting procedure will be demonstrated and you will have a "hands-on" session to learn to enter your personal data.

2008 Opening Social

Social Director's Message



The *social event dates* for the year are confirmed for the 2008 season. The two social evenings – our *opening social* and the *Palcutta Bid Night* have been moved to the *Langara Golf Course Clubhouse*. The dates are Tuesday, April 1st for opening social evening and Tuesday, August 26th for the Palcutta Bid Night. *Each will commence at 7:00 P.M.* The Annual General Meeting, Banquet & Awards will continue to be held at Arbutus Club, commencing at 11:30 AM on Wednesday, November 12, 2008.

It is particularly important to attend the opening social to obtain the *2008 fixture card* and our enhanced *Pocket Reference* book. Also, Club updates for the coming season will be presented by the President, Captain and Webmaster. But most importantly, it is the ideal time to reconnect with your foursome, socialize with fellow Club members and meet our new members.

You will be pleased to learn that the *Opening Social's* usual 50-30-20 draw will feature the addition of a few new unique prizes – I am looking forward to seeing you all there!

Jim Mackie

Introducing Roy Moulton - 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 material, then completes four mailings per season to those members of ours who are electronically deprived. Talk about service – thank you, Roy!



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

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	

Fluff

"Nice shot! Nice shot! Nice shot! Nice shot!" Grier Jones - when asked what he says to Jack Nicklaus when the two are playing partners.

The standardized golf hole is 4.25 inches in diameter.

Longest hole-in-one: Believe it or not – it's registered (and endorsed) by the U.S. Golf Register – in 2002 Mike Crean aced the 517 yard par 5 hole at Green Valley Ranch Golf Club near Denver, Colo.

The key to improving is to catch yourself doing something right – Ken Blanchard



Opening Day Notes
from our
Vice Captain
& Tee Time Coordinator

Duncan MacInnes

captain@westpointgolf.org

The Parks Board is taking a much tougher attitude this year as there will now be \$10.00 penalties levied for each no-show. *Foursome Captains* - it is, therefore, imperative that you let us know, on each and every Friday, who will be playing next week. If you aren't going to be playing make sure you assign a foursome designate who will advise us as to who will play next week. The members of *the Captain's Table* will be set up each week, in the cafeteria, for your convenience. So make sure you let us know who, in your foursome, will be playing next week.

Our season starts with the Opening Social, at the *Langara G.C. clubhouse*, on April 1 at 7:00 P.M. Please remember that Opening Day will be April 4th at *McCleery G.C.* Opening Day, which is Day 1 of the *Bud Brown Eclectic* competition, will also be a fun day with KPs and drink tickets to be won, so don't miss it!!!!

An email message will be sent to all Foursome Captains on March 24 asking for confirmation regarding who will be playing on April 4th. In order to be scheduled for a tee time, replies must be received by March 28th. Foursome Captains will be informed of their tee times on Saturday, March 29th.

All foursomes will be scheduled. I will assign each foursome a Tee Time and then inform your foursome's captain. He will then contact you to let you know your assigned tee time. If you have not heard from your foursome captain by Friday, March 29th please contact him or me.

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

Finally, there will be a sign-up sheet posted on our notice board at *McCleery* permitting you to register for our first *Away Game* in our four game *Bob Jack Trophy* competition. *Away Game 1* will take place at the *Point Roberts Golf and Country Club* on Monday, May 5th.

Duncan MacInnes

Foursomes and Captains – (* New Members) - 2008

Team	Team Captain	Player 2	Player 3	Player 4
1	Miles, Ab	Dickson, David	Gibbon, Ed (cart)	Kronqvist, Roger (cart)
2	Brett-Davies, Neil	Levy, Paul	MacInnes, Duncan	Selley, Jim
3	Stausboll, Hans	Sizer, Brian	Williams, Al	Paquette, George
4	Moulton, Roy (cart)	Gately, Wayne *	Fortescue, Rex	Duncan, Bob (cart)
5	Stephens, Dave	McIntyre, Don	Gatto, Bob	McPherson, Don
6	Schmidt, Andy	Dujardin, Ray	Appleby, Jim	Ciccozzi, Brian
7	Marshall, Hugh	Lawson, Stan	Sinclair, Gary (cart)	Hunter, Harold (cart)
8	Appel, Tony	Morse, Peter *	Isfeld, Ozzie	Roberts, Art
9	Gerard, Bill	Letherby, Cal	Smith, Dick	Matkovich, John
10	Foisy, Maurice	Shippam, Lloyd	Poole, Ernie (cart)	Alms, Michael (cart)
11	Griffin, Fred	Jonsson, Carl	Foster, John	Mackie, Jim
12	Clancy, Don	Trunkfield, Geoffrey	Wilson, Bill	Wood, John
13	Watson, Gary	Cowlin, Bud	McPherson, John	Babcock, Ron
14	MacDonald, Terry *	Kent, Norm (cart)	Mitha, Sadru	Jones, Gil (cart)
15	Lindsay, Lorne	Leong, Sim	Mar, Wing	Zazulak, Peter
16	Craddock, Laurie (cart)	Plummer, Jack (cart)	Laidlaw, Michael	Coyle, Peter
17	Oxholm, Ben	Lockhart, Glen	Bobinski, Ed	Banergee, Kumar
18	Thiessen, Norm	Ferrey, Wayne	McNichol, Bill	Sarich, George
19	Fairweather, Dave (cart)	Symonds, Doug (cart)	Groom, Bruce (cart)	Tennant, Arnold (cart)
20	Grant, Jack (cart)	McCulloch, Gord (cart)	Trotter, Jim	McHattie, John
21	Curley, Kent	Griggs, Neil	Allen, Chris	Schwab, Dieter
22	Haddleton, David	Cooke, David	Carter, Mike	Thomson, Craig
23	Rotherham, Don	Cove, Jesse (cart)	Doiron, Goerge (cart)	Thomas, Dave
24	Joughin, Phil *	Sandhu, Rob *	Hurley, Joe *	Catherwood, Jack *
Spare s	Atkinson Nick *	Lyle, Wally	Wilkinson, Fred	Chuck Kotzo *

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. Check the website (www.westpointgolf.org) for the weekly Sunday evening posting.
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 either while at McCleery or at home via our website (www.westpointgolf.org)

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.

OUR RULES CORNER EDITOR

DAVE FAIRWEATHER

Charter Member - WPGC

President 1991

Captain 1989,90,2002,03

Editor's Note – Dave has kindly agreed to continue as a member of the Divot Dust's regular staff in the capacity of the Club's Rules Commentator. He is our advisor on rules interpretation and "brush-up" reminders.

A RULES REMINDER

As we move into serious competitive action on Opening Day – April 4th, it is timely to be reminded of some of the Rules of Golf. *Some of you may already have digested the 'Principal Changes' in the new RCGA Rules of Golf booklet,*



which became effective on January 1, 2008. The previous one had been effective since January 1, 2004.

To set the tone, there follows a couple of quotes in the 'Forward' by Jack McDonald, Chairman- Rules of Golf Committee, RCGA:

"While it is important that the Rules of Golf be faithful to their historical principles, they must also be clear, comprehensive and understandable with penalties that are appropriate".

"The RCGA will continue to work closely with the R&A and the USGA in all matters concerning the Rules of Golf in order to ensure that the integrity of the game and its Rules can be both preserved and enhanced".

If you haven't yet purchased your personal rules book (\$4.50), all will be revealed if you visit the RCGA website at www.rcga.org.



When you have some quiet time available to sit down with a lawyer friend and a beer, you will find that the RCGA website covers the following topics:

- Etiquette: Behaviour on the Course.
- Definitions.
- The RCGA Rules of Play.
- *The Principal Changes.*
- Decisions on the Rules of Golf – 2008/2009.

The following covers only a selected few of the 'Changes':

Definition – Advice: Amended to allow the exchange of information on distance, as it is not considered to be 'advice'.

Rules of Play:

Rule 12-2 Identifying Ball: Lifting a ball in a hazard to identify it, had previously been an 'exception', but is now permitted. It is not to be cleaned beyond the extent necessary for identification.

Rule 14-3 Artificial Devices: A note has been added to clarify that a Local Rule may be introduced, allowing the use of distance measuring devices.

Rule 19-2 Ball in Motion Deflected or Stopped by Player, Partner or Caddie or Equipment: The penalty in match play had been – 'loss of hole' but is now the same as in stroke play – 'one stroke penalty'.

Let's move on to more close to home application of the rules, which may not have been of great concern when trying to find your swing tempo over the winter:

Now that we will be playing for the 'Goodie\$' each week, it is important that a look be taken at two items on the back of the Fixture Card: *Item 4 – Preferred Lie Rule and Item 5 – Putting Out Rule.* It is now time that we all respect and adhere to the same rules.

You are also referred to the May 2007 Divot Dust in which "Additional Rules of Play" were outlined by our Vice Captain – Duncan MacInnes, covering: 1. Out of Bounds; 2. Time to find lost ball; 3. Plugged balls. (*Editor's note - Please see page 14 for the re-print.*)

Have a great year!

Dave Fairweather

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

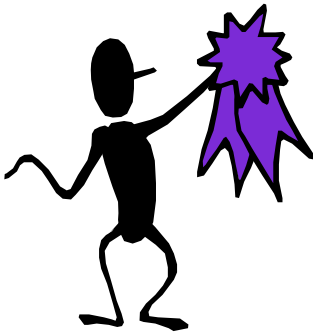
Coming Events – April & May, 2008

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 the McCleery Golf Course during 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 Mackie

Bud Brown Eclectic
Brian Ciccozzi

T.N.T. Tournament – McCleery
Don McIntyre

McIntyre Trophy
Don Clancy

Away Game Competition
David Fairweather – Point Roberts G.C.

Captain's Table - Card Adjudicators
Paul Levy, Dave Stephens,
Jim Trotter

Opening Day Competition

Bud Brown Eclectic – Day 1 of 4

Stroke Play- Best gross score by hole, for 18 holes, four rounds.
Winners – Lowest 18 Eclectic Gross score in each division,

Added features on Opening Day
KP's, Long Drive, Prizes

Last Years' Heros!

Competition Winners – April and May 2007

Congratulations on last year's performances!

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



Bud Brown Eclectic
0-18 Chris Allen
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
Dave Haddleton, Brian Ciccozzi,
Terry Gorman & Wally Lyle

Runners Up
Dave Stephens, Wally Lyle,
Arnold Tennant & Jim Trotter

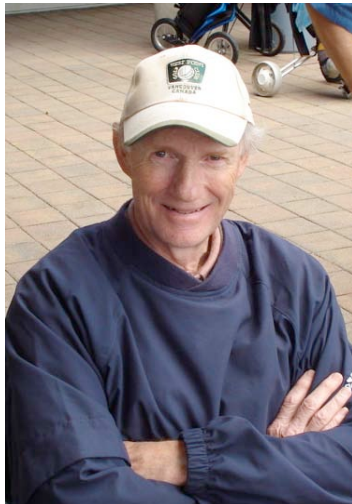
McIntyre Trophy
Bud Cowlin

Runner Up
Bob Gatto

Divisional Winners
0 –18 Norm Thiessen
19–24 Bob Gatto
25Up Bud Cowlin

The best wood in my bag today was the pencil.

Chi Chi Rodriguez after a bad round



Message from our Director at Large

Our inventory of WPGC caps has arrived
and the Club is pleased to announce that
the cost remains the same as last year.

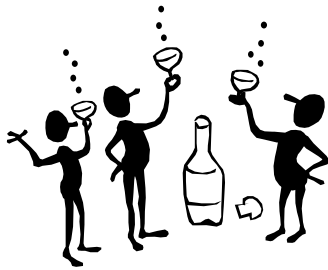
\$12.00

Please call me at 604 221-4410
or
Speak to me at the Opening Social Function

Dave Stephens

WEST POINT GOLF CLUB

OPENING SOCIAL



7:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2008

LANGARA GOLF CLUBHOUSE

- **UPDATE YOUR FOURSOME AND MEET NEW CLUB MEMBERS**
- **HEAR THE PRESIDENT'S PLANS, THE CAPTAIN'S LINE UP OF COMPETITIONS AND AWAY GAMES AND WEBMASTER'S UPDATE**
- **COLLECT YOUR 2008 FIXTURE CARD AND POCKET REFERENCE**
- **RECEIVE YOUR HOLE IN ONE DRINK COUPON**
- **ENJOY THE SNACK PLATES**
- **PARTICIPATE IN 50-30-20 AND SPIRIT DRAW (3 NEAR FULL BOTTLES)**

Questions? Call Jim Mackie - Social Director: 604 985-4751

Additional Rules of Play:
Duncan MacInnes - Vice Captain

captain@westpointgolf.org

(Re-printed from the May, 2007 issue of the Divot Dust)

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.

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President's Message

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Ray Dujardin

As we near the end of our first two months of play in 2008 things are looking good! We have had near-record turnouts of up to 22 foursomes on Friday playing days. This is 88% of our playing membership. Mind you this means more work for the Captain, Vice Captain and their committee of helpers – more cards to record and tee times to arrange which all makes for a long day for them at the golf course. We appreciate your efforts guys.

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Supplementing our tee time schedule with prepaid bookings is working well for everyone and seems a very beneficial way to spend our surplus funds. The routine of members checking with the Captain's Table after play to indicate intentions to play the following week is also panning out. All in all we have a good workable system in place for organizing tee times but we all have to play our part to keep it that way. Honouring our commitments to play, except for very good reasons, and turning up on time are very important.

The Opening Social was a success and everyone seemed to enjoy having the event at Langara G.C. The staff there treated us well and we will return to Langara for the Palcutta Social on August 29th. Personally I found the atmosphere very conducive for getting to know new members and renewing old friendships.

The "trying out" of alternatives for Away Games started with a venue at Point Roberts G.C. Most of us found it a challenging course but nevertheless enjoyable. In July we will play a round at King's Links, Ladner, which I certainly look forward to. I recommend you participate in the Away Games – it's a great way to meet people in a very sociable setting. Remember too the Putting Jamboree in June where you will also meet some of our non-playing members during and after this fun event.

On June 6th we switch play from McCleery to Langara where we will continue to play during June through August. Langara is a favourite of many members – it's shorter but those greens are always a challenge. The course has had its maintenance problems this year but we hope most have been remedied by time we start play there.

Thanks to the efforts of a diligent Board of Directors and appointees for special events my job as President is not very stressful! The Nominating Committee always seems to come up with good people. So if you are asked by the committee during the next couple of months to fill a role on the Board next season – please say "Yes". It is actually very fulfilling if not enjoyable to being involved in organizing a fine club of active seniors.

I hope your scores this year have been better than mine! I do get frustrated at times until I appreciate and give thanks for the ability to play golf among friends and in such a beautiful place on Earth. You can't wish for better than that.

Ray Dujardin

We Move to Langara Golf Course

On Friday, June 6, 2008

*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 again... I think that's how I started the article last year. However, we have had great weather for the past few weeks and most of the spring showers should likely be behind us now. In spite of the iffy weather, we had only lost one week and have had excellent member participation. Indeed, we have been using 22 tee times most weeks, which means that nearly all the members are playing regularly. The practice of paying the premium for the extra tee times seems to be working well and members appreciate being assigned a tee time, saving them the hassle of trying to book one.

The score card adjudication, as was put in place last year, takes place during play on Friday. 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. Promptly turning in scores also assists the Captain's Committee in completing their work shortly after play. With the extra tee times and additional playing members, the Captain's Committee is putting in long days and appreciates your support.

I would like to remind members that privileges we receive from the McCleery and Langara staff comes with responsibilities. In return, we have an obligation 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. Pace of play has been monitored since the beginning of the season and play times have been good with very few exceptions. The Pro Shop Staff and the Course Marshals have also expressed their appreciation with WPGC efforts to ensure we meet the course play time standard. Keep it up guys, you are doing GREAT!

We have completed two competitions: the Bud Brown Eclectic and the TNT with the third competition, the McIntyre Trophy currently being played. The event chairs, *Brian Ciccozzi* with his wonderful spreadsheet for the Eclectic, *Don McIntyre* and *Don Clancy* and their helpers have done an excellent job with the events. In addition, we held our first Away Game at Point Roberts. The event was a great success and all participants expressed a desire to return to the course again. Many thanks to *Dave Fairweather* who did a wonderful job organizing the competition. The Divot Dust has recorded all the winners in each of these competitions (*see page 10*).

We complete spring play at McCleery on May 30 and will be moving to our summer home at Langara Golf Course on June 6. Block times have already been arranged with Langara, as we had last year. Get out and practice your putting as you all know how challenging the Langara greens can be. Our first event at Langara is the Ed Angel Trophy on June 13 & 30, chaired by *Neil Brett-Davies*. We have an Interclub Match with the University Midweek Mens Club on June 2. 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, working with the two Club Captains. Also, in June we have the Putting Jamboree on Tuesday, June

24th at McCleery. *Norm Thiessen*, the event chair, will be providing club members with the details.

Our next Away Game is scheduled for July 7 at King's Links Golf Club. The event chair is *Craig Thomson*. I think all members will enjoy this course so make sure to sign up early. The balance of July will be devoted to the Club and Flight Championship Competitions. Make sure you work on your game to be ready for these truly competitive events.

Finally, I would like to announce *a change to the Handicap Groups that will be put in place when we start play at Langara*. To create a more even number of members in each handicap group, the Captain's Committee with the approval of the Board, has modified the handicap groups as follows:

Handicap group 1: 0 – 19
Handicap group 2: 20 – 24
Handicap group 3: 25+

I would personally like to thank the members of the Captain's Committee, consisting of *Duncan MacInnes*, our Vice Captain, *Paul Levy*, *Dave Stephens*, and *Jim Trotter*, 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 you 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 – FRIDAY, JUNE 6

Regular Foursome Play

*Par Points
Honey Pot
Monthly Medal*

*Check our website – click on the “tee times” location
www.westpointgolf.org*

Use your authentic swing, the one that you were born with.

Stephen Pressfield from The Legend of Bagger Vance

Membership Director's Message



Jim Appleby

membership@westpointgolf.org

It is encouraging to hear many of our new members express positive feelings about our club. The majority have played in our regular Friday games and some made it to the away game at Point Roberts. The Captain's Committee should be acknowledged for the way in which they have welcomed and organized the new members.

It is unfortunate that we have lost some "waiting-to-play" members who decided not to wait for a variety of reasons. Current members may still sponsor new members, but it should be with a warning that there will probably be a wait to gain entry. We currently stand at 100 members and 4 "waiting-to-play" members, (two of whom are on the injury list). We are endeavouring to use these prospective members as spares where possible.

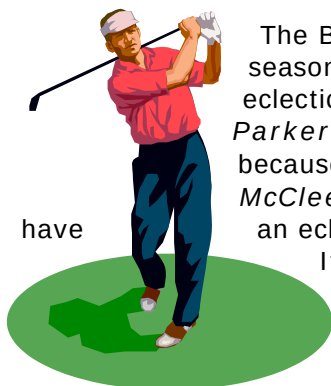
If there are any current members who do not have a bag-tag, would they let me know and I will "manufacture" the tags with club logo and name.

In an attempt to expose our newest members to a bit of the history of our Club, I offer a glimpse into the "beginnings" of our Annual Putting Jamboree as well as the story underlying the creation of the Bud Brown Eclectic Trophy and the man it commemorates.

The background stories follow:

"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 McCleery G.C. 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 division. 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.38.



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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

Respectfully submitted

Jim Appleby

Social Director's Message



Jim Mackie

The Opening Social was an outstanding success at the Langara location. Over eighty members attended in the cozy main lounge area. Everyone liked the change of venue and thought the Langara staff did a great job. A couple of members telephoned Langara the following day to praise the service we received. The staff appreciated these gestures.

Mark 7:00 pm, August 29th on your calendar for our Palcutta Social Night at Langara.

Coming Social Events

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 to be held at McCleery G.C. on Tuesday, June 24th. Be sure to sign-up for this exciting event.

The Palcutta Tournament is preceded by the *Team Draw and Bidding Night* that will be coordinated by *Laurie Craddock*. We are expecting *Norm Watt* to act as our returning auctioneer. This entertaining evening will take place at the *Langara G.C. location* on Tuesday, August 26th with the Tournament being held on Friday, August 29st. 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

"Frank, either you have to get better soon or quit telling people I'm your teacher."

Dave Marr to Pro Football Hall of Famer, Frank Gifford



Getting ready for
the Langara portion of the season:

Information from our
Vice Captain
& Tee Time Coordinator

Duncan MacInnes

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After being on everyone's case to maintain the pace of play, report your scores, then enter your scores into the official handicap data base, to verify your playing status for the coming week, etc., I'd like to take this opportunity to commend you for your attention to all the details that allow us to offer a most enjoyable golfing experience and warm, positive Club atmosphere. Your cooperation has been outstanding and we, at the Captain's Table, appreciate your support.

As usual, the transition to Langara takes place on the first Friday in June. We always look forward to a change in venue (even though the greens are not all that user friendly) and the challenging competitions that we have scheduled for the coming three months. Here is a summary list of the events that are waiting to challenge your skills:

COMING EVENTS – JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST

COMPETITIONS & COORDINATORS

ED ANGEL TROPHY – NEIL BRETT-DAVIES
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS – CAPTAIN'S COMMITTEE
HANDICAP COMPETITION – FLIGHT CHAMPIONS
SUPER SENIOR & SENIOR MASTER CHAMPIONSHIP
T.N.T. LANGARA – HUGH MARSHALL
PARKER SHIELD – BRIAN CICCOTZI
PALCUTTA TOURNAMENT - LAURIE CRADDOCK

AWAY GAMES – BOB JACK TROPHY

KING'S LINKS GOLF CLUB (LANGLEY) - CRAIG THOMSON
GOLDEN EAGLE G.C (PITT MEADOWS) – ANDY SCHMIDT

MIDWEEK INTERCLUB MATCHES

MIDWEEK INTERCLUB MATCH 1 (UBC) – BRIAN CICCOTZI
MIDWEEK INTERCLUB MATCH 2 (LANGARA) – BRIAN CICCOTZI

SOCIAL EVENTS

*PUTTING JAMBOREE – AT MCCLEERY
PALCUTTA BID NIGHT- AT LANGARA G.C.*

It would be remiss of me not to single out the foursome captains and publically recognize their diligent attention to the weekly routine of communicating the scheduled tee times to their playing partners. This aspect of the competition management has been invaluable to the smooth running of each week's draw and, more importantly, to our relations with the pro shop – gentlemen, the Captain's Group thanks you!!

On behalf of the Captain's Group, we look forward to your continued support and hope that you will be able to take the opportunity to enjoy the variety of experiences that we have planned for you during the Langara portion of our season.

Duncan MacInnes

Upcoming events of note			
Day	Date	Event	Location
Monday	June 2	Inter Club 1	Univ GC
Tuesday	June 24	Putting Jamboree	McCleery GC
Monday	July 7	King's Links GC	Ladner
Monday	August 18	Golden Eagle GC	Pitt Meadows
Monday	August 25	Inter Club 2	Langara GC
Friday	August 29	Palcutta	Langara GC



**Annual Putting Jamboree
and Social Function**

Date: *Tuesday, June 24th*
Time: *10:00 A.M.*

Len Brown Memorial Trophy

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

Contact Norm Thiessen

604-736-2088
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Look for the Sign-Up sheet on our board at Langara

Remember - no gimmies

OUR RULES CORNER EDITOR

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Editor's Note – Dave is our Club's Rules Commentator as well as our advisor on rules interpretation and "brush-up" reminders.

A RULES REMINDER

Rule 15-3b: Wrong Ball – Stroke play

If a competitor makes a stroke or strokes at a wrong ball, he incurs a penalty of two strokes. The competitor must correct his mistake by playing the correct ball.

Note: It is important at all times to be able to identify a ball as yours. This is best done by marking your balls in your own unique way.

Rule 19-5a: Ball in Motion Strikes a Ball At Rest

If a player's ball in motion after a stroke is deflected or stopped by a ball in play and at rest, the



player must play his ball as it lies. In stroke play there is no penalty, unless both balls lay on the putting green prior to the stroke, in which case the player incurs a penalty of two strokes. (A ball is on the green if any part of it is on).

Rule 18.5: Ball at Rest Moved by Another Ball

If a ball in play and at rest is moved by another ball in motion after a stroke, the moved ball must be replaced.

HOLING OUT DEFINED: A ball is holed, when it is at rest in the hole and fully below the top thereof.



Dave Fairweather

Changes to the rules of golf for a complete review
of recent rule changes, see the website
www.rcga.org

Competition Winners – April and May

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



Bud Brown Eclectic

0-18 Chris Allen(BB9)
19-24 Dave Stephens
25Up Jim Mackie

Runners Up

0 –18 Mike Carter
19–24 Neil Brett-Davies (BB6)
25Up Tony Appel (BB6)

T.N.T. Tournament @ McCleery

Jim Appleby, Neil Brett-Davies,
John McHattie & George Sarich

Runners Up

Brian Ciccozzi, Ray Dujardin,
Doug Symonds & Michael Alms

Bob Jack Trophy

Away Game Competition

(Game 1 at Pt. Roberts G.C.)

Low Gross – Jim Appleby
Low Net - Jim Mackie

Top 5 Low Net

Jim Mackie
Jim Appleby
David Haddleton
Brian Ciccozzi
Terry MacDonald
Andy Schmidt

LeBlanc Shield

(to be played October 12)

April Winners

0 –18 Peter Coyle & Garry Watson
19–24 Kumar Banerjee
25Up Don Rotherham

May Winners

0 –18 TBA
19–24 TBA
25Up TBA

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 892 visits (i.e., 217

visitors making an average of 4.11 visits each) and they viewed 3685 pages (an average of 4.13 pages per visit). Our traffic has increased from that of April, 2007 where the site received 616 visits (140 visitors) who viewed 2183 pages (3.5 per visit).

April's top five pages visited were: 1. tee times, 2. current events, 3. weekly prizes, 4. members gallery, and 5. leaderboard. To date, "traffic" data for May is on track to exceed April's usage.

Every effort is made to keep current by posting our competition 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

Don't forget our 2008

**Annual Palcutta Bid Night
and Social Evening**

Tuesday, August 26th - 7:00 P.M.

Location:

Langara Golf Course Club

Contact Laurie Craddock

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President's Message

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Ray Dujardin

It's hard to believe we are two-thirds of the way through another Club season and already we will be *returning to McCleery* at the end of this month of August for a final two months of golfing.

Everything has gone smoothly for which credit is due to our Captain and his committee and all the diligent organizers of Club events. I think by now you will have come to appreciate the Captain's Table on Fridays ready to answer questions, receive and assess scorecards and take commitments for future play.

WHAT'S INSIDE		
Directors' Messages Returning to McCleery G.C. Special Meeting	Palcutta Social Competition Winners History	Rules Editor Coming Events In Memoriam

Highlights since the last Divot Dust include the first leg of our annual Interclub Match with the Midweek Men's Club of University GC (which we won), the Putting Jamboree at McCleery, and our away game at the windy King's Links course in Ladner and Club championship play. Our new *Club Champion* is *Wayne Ferrey* who won a well-contested final match with runner-up *Glen Lockhart*. Congratulations Wayne!

Ahead in August are the second leg of the match with the Midweek Men's Club at Langara, Palcutta Social Night and the Palcutta Tournament. The Palcutta is our annual chance to back our favoured teams and stand to be handsomely rewarded! To make it work though we need your support.

We have away games to look forward to as well, in August at Golden Eagle GC in Pitt Meadows and September at Riverway GC in Burnaby. These are very enjoyable events combining a social get-together with golf – so why not give them a try?

Now to give you a heads-up on a *Special Meeting* of the West Point Golf Club to be held on *October 23rd at the Langara GC from 4 to 6 pm*. This meeting will give your Board of Directors an opportunity to share its *vision for the future of the Club*. Discussions both inside and outside the Club showed that it is timely for the Members to consider all options now open to us as to when and where the Club should play in the future. A written summary of the options and how they have arisen will be sent to Members prior to the meeting so you can come well-informed. The current Board will be looking for direction from Members so that its successor in November will be guided in its planning for 2009.

I want to mention the battle *Duncan MacInnes* our Vice Captain is having with cancer. You will have noticed the recent absence of his smiling and welcoming face at the Captain's Table. Duncan is such an asset to the Club as you all well know through his organization of the weekly foursomes. Needless to say Dunc is in all our thoughts and we wish him a speedy return to our Club.

As always I wish you all good golfing for the rest of the season. Who knows that perfect round lies just ahead with all the putts dropping and adventures in the woods being a thing of the past! In any event have fun and enjoy .

Ray Dujardin

We Return to McCleery Golf Course

On Friday, September 5, 2008

*For the months of
September & October*

www.westpointgolf.org
click on "tee times"





Captain's Message

Jim Selley

captain@westpointgolf.org

With the shift to Langara in June, we seemed to find the weather improved following the first week and so did the scores. Each week the Captain's Committee seems to be adjudicating better and better scores. Indeed, we have several candidates vying for the Sandman Trophy. Play at Langara has gone very smoothly and all the competitions have run like clockwork, in part due to the fine work of all the Competition Chairs. Many thanks to all of you. On the course, the Captain's Committee continues to monitor the pace of play, with fine results. The Pro Shop and the course Marshal are pleased with our performance.

In terms of our competition schedule, the Ed Angel, Putting Jamboree and our first of two Interclub games with MWMC were held in June. West Point Golf Club currently holds a 10 vs 4 lead in the Interclub, with the second match to be held at the end of August. In July the Club & Flight Championships were held. *Congratulations to Wayne Ferrey, our Club Champion for 2008.* As well, our second Away Game was held at King's Links. At this printing of the Divot Dust, we have just completed the second TNT Competition and are in the midst of competing for the four (4) stroke play Championships and the Parker Shield Eclectic. The results of all completed competitions are posted on the WPGC website.

While we have made progress in developing a process for the Weekly Sign Up for the draw for the following week, we have more work to do. With the additional workload placed on the Captain's Committee as a result of increased membership play, we need to streamline our processes to reduce the workload. Notification of a *new Sign Up process* was sent to Foursome Captains on August 1st via e-mail and we would like to implement it immediately. *The new procedure requests Foursome Captains to indicate on the Sign Up sheet, the status of play for their group for the following two weeks.* This will require Foursome Captains and their foursome groups to keep in regular touch as to their playing status. The Draw for the following week is made up on Friday following completion of play, so members must notify Foursome Captains by Friday so that the most up-to-date information is used to make up the Draw.

Still on the schedule for August are the third Away Game at Golden Eagle Golf Club and the Palcutta Tournament, one of our highlights of the golfing season. *The Palcutta Social Night is on Tuesday August 26th at Langara, followed by the Tournament on Friday, August 29th.* Make sure you all sign up early for this event. The Sign Up Sheet is posted on the WPGC Board at Langara.

On another matter, I would like to update members on the medical condition of *Duncan MacInnes*, our Vice Captain. Duncan has been diagnosed with cancer and will be starting radiation / chemotherapy treatments shortly. Please send out your good wishes and prayers for a speedy recovery for Duncan. He has been really missed in the past few weeks judging by the number of inquiries and calls I have been getting.

Finally, *the Captain's Committee and the Board have been having on-going discussions on the future of the club since the beginning of the year.* The Board believes it is time to have a meeting of all club members to hear members views. Therefore, *a Special Meeting has been scheduled for October 23*, at which time the options will be discussed. A document outlining various options for the club will be distributed to the entire membership in advance of the meeting so that members can fully understand and appreciate the situation of the club.

We are scheduled to return to play at McCleery in September, so enjoy the rest of your time at Langara. Our first week at *McCleery* will be on *Friday, September 5th*.

I would personally like to thank the members of the Captain's Committee, consisting of *Duncan MacInnes* , Vice Captain, *Paul Levy*, *Dave Stephens*, and *Jim Trotter* for all their dedication and hard work. Please give them your full support.

Good health and good golf to all members.

Jim Selley

ADVANCE NOTICE
SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, October 23, 2008 at Langara Golf Club
Time: 4:00 to 6:00PM

A VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF THE WEST POINT GC

WHERE AND WHEN TO PLAY?
WHAT ARE THE CHOICES AVAILABLE?
WHAT ARE OUR PREFERENCES?



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

The Neil McIntyre Trophy was introduced in 1986, the year that Neil was the Club president. The Doug LeBlanc (Monthly Medal) Shield followed in 1990 to replace the Reube Haack Trophy that appeared in 1987.

1988 saw the introduction of the *Parker Shield* and the *Ed Angel Trophies* when Roli Parker was the Club president and Ed was the Vice Captain.

Social Director's Message



Jim Mackie

A record turnout attended the Opening Social in April and it is hoped that there is a similarly large attendance at the *Palcutta Social Night*.

It is being held on *Tuesday, August 26th*, starting at 7pm at the Langara G.C. The *Team Draw and Bidding* will be coordinated by *Terry MacDonald* with this year's auctioneer being *Kent Curley*.

Come a few minutes early and review the competition's foursomes, tee times and confirm your strategy for participation in the entertaining and lively auction. Nibbles will be available to energize your bidding.

The *Palcutta Tournament* will be played on *Friday, August 29th*. Sign-up materials are posted – look for them on the Notice Board. Our final away game of the season is at *Riverway G.C.*, on *Tuesday*

September 9th and will be coordinated by *Ron Babcock*. To many of us this will be a homecoming to last year's home course for much of the season. It will be interesting to see if the creeks are as tricky as last year. This is another opportunity to play and socialize with your fellow West Pointers. Look for the sign-up sheet that is posted on our Notice Board,

Circle *Wednesday, November 12th* on your calendars for our *Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon* at Arbutus Club. Details will be posted later.

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

Jim Mackie

Upcoming events of note			
Day	Date	Event	Location
Monday	August 18	Golden Eagle GC	Pitt Meadows
Monday	August 25	Inter Club 2	Langara GC
Friday	August 29	Palcutta	Langara GC
Tuesday	September 9	Riverway GC	Burnaby
Friday	October 3	McQuarrie Hunter Tankard	McCleery
Friday	October 10	LeBlanc Shield	McCleery
Thursday	October 23	Special Meeting	Langara
Friday	October 24	Closing Day – Fun Play	McCleery

Information from our Captain's Table

New Weekly Sign-Up Procedure

captain@westpointgolf.org

The new procedure *requires* Foursome Captains to indicate, on the weekly sign-up sheets, the status of play for their group *for the following two weeks*. The sign-up sheets will be on the Captain's table.

Your intention to play (and thus receive a tee time) must now be made known two weeks in advance. Note that you must inform the Captain of your regular foursome, so that he can sign you up - keep in mind that you may not have been playing with your regular foursome that day. If you plan to play and you have not been in contact with your regular Foursome Captain – check in at the Captain's table yourself.

Your playing status can be modified each week should circumstances change.

The Captain's Committee looks forward to your continued support and hope that you will enjoy the variety of experiences that we have planned for you for the balance of our season.

COMING EVENTS – AUGUST, SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

COMPETITIONS & COORDINATORS

CLUB STROKE CHAMPIONSHIPS – CAPTAIN'S COMMITTEE

HANDICAP COMPETITION – CAPTAIN'S COMMITTEE

SUPER SENIOR & SENIOR MASTER CHAMPIONSHIP

PARKER SHIELD – BRIAN CICOZZI

PALCUTTA TOURNAMENT - TERRY MACDONALD

AWAY GAMES – BOB JACK TROPHY

GOLDEN EAGLE G.C. (PITT MEADOWS) – ANDY SCHMIDT

RIVERWAY G.C. (BURNABY) – RON BABCOCK

MIDWEEK INTERCLUB MATCH

MIDWEEK INTERCLUB MATCH 2 (LANGARA) – BRIAN CICOZZI

SOCIAL EVENTS

PALCUTTA BID NIGHT - AT LANGARA G.C.

SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING

A VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF THE WEST POINT GC

October 23rd – Langara G. C. - 4:00 – 6:00PM

ANNUAL AGM, AWARDS AND LUNCHEON

ARBUTUS CLUB – NANTON STREET – NOVEMBER 12TH

Once again we would like to recognize the important role the Foursome Captains and publicly thank them for their diligent attention to the weekly routine of communicating the scheduled tee times to their playing partners. This aspect of the competition management has been invaluable to the smooth running of each week's draw and, more importantly, to our relations with the pro shop – gentlemen, the Captain's Committee thanks you!!

	Annual Palcutta Social and Bid Night Date: <i>Tuesday, August 26th</i> Time: <i>7:00 P.M.</i> <u>Annual Palcutta Tournament</u> Date: <i>Friday, August 29th</i> Tee Times - <i>check the website</i> Location for both events: <i>Langara Golf Course</i> Contact Terry MacDonald 604-299-3197 terry.macdonald@shaw.ca Look for the sign-up sheet on our board at Langara REMEMBER - NO GIMMIES
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From Ed Angel (1991), *West Point Golf Club 1932 -1990 – A History*.

The first Inter Club match was played in 1989, at the University Club, which was handily won by the West Point Club. Apparently, Norm Clark donated a perpetual trophy for this event – *our historian will have to check this out!(Editor)*

The Hole in One Award was established in 1989 for any member ... *“who achieves a Hole in One while playing a complete round of 18 holes on the McCleery Golf Course, with no temporary greens or tees, when accompanied by two or more Club members, on any Monday to Friday from Opening Day to Closing Day.”*

The Palcutta Smoker and Tournament was introduced in 1986 and had become increasingly popular over the years. In 1989, “Twenty three teams vied for part of an Auction Pool of \$575.00, a Player Pool of \$230.00 and a Honey Pot of \$86.00. The *Dave Fairweather* team of *Jack Apps* and *Ed Bobinski* won top honours in the Auction Pool and Player Pool. The Honey Pot was shared by *Doug Symonds* and *Doug Whittle*.”

Changes to the rules of golf ... for a complete review
of recent rule changes, see the website
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OUR RULES CORNER EDITOR

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Editor's Note – Dave is our Club's Rules Commentator as well as our advisor on rules interpretation and "brush-up" reminders.

A RULES REMINDER

A couple of weeks ago, a member posed a question and I wasn't able to provide a complete answer, so I checked out the Rules of Golf.



Question: If your ball comes to rest against a rake (movable obstruction), which has been placed on the grass slope beside a bunker, but in removing the rake, the ball moves, and will not stay at rest when a replacement is attempted, how is this dealt with?



Under Movable Obstructions, Rule 24 1/4 and 1/5, it states in 24 1/4 that: "There is no penalty if a ball moves during removal of a movable obstruction", then in 24 1/5: "Before moving the obstruction, the player marks the position of the ball, so that he will be able to replace the ball precisely".

The second part of the question is dealt with in Rule 20-3d/2. It speaks to a ball resting against a rake in a bunker and indicates that – "with the removal of the rake, the ball will not stay at rest on the original position, it must be placed at the nearest spot, not nearer the hole, where it can be placed at rest".

Logically, this would apply similarly to the ball at rest against a rake on a grass slope beside a bunker and when removed, the ball runs down into the bunker.

Did you catch some of the British Open at Royal Birkdale –IN THAT WIND?

After witnessing some of the coverage, particularly during the periods of high winds when balls occasionally were moving on the greens after being initially at rest, I, among others had a concern about *Rule 18-2b - Ball Moving After Address* and dropped a note to Brent McLaughlin, at the RCGA, to see if it is under review. In part, I said:

"The Forward in the 'good book', states - "The Rules of Golf should be faithful to their historical principles; must also be clear, comprehensive and understandable with penalties that are appropriate".

The question I have is this: "How can it be considered to be fair and appropriate when a player on the putting green under strong wind conditions will be subject to a penalty of one stroke if the wind moves the ball after he has taken his stance and grounded his club, before he can commence his stroke?

I wonder if any action to review this Rule 18-2b is being considered. Many of us believe

that in the circumstances indicated, this Rule is contrary to the spirit and intent of fair play and that it deserves a good look.

I would appreciate your reaction and advice. Best Regards, Dave .

Brent's forthcoming response will be presented in the October issue of the Divot Dust

For the reader's information:

Rule 18-2b – Ball Moving After Address. “If a player's ball in play moves after he has addressed it (other than as a result of a stroke), the player is deemed to have moved the ball and incurs a penalty of one stroke. The ball must be replaced”.

Addressing the ball: “A player has addressed the ball when he has taken his stance and has also grounded his club.

(Under strong wind conditions, he is under threat of a penalty if his ball is moved by the wind, after grounding his club but before starting his stroke).

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Ball in Play Moved by Wind or Gravity:

A player has cleaned and placed his ball at rest on the putting green. Without addressing the ball, the player steps away to read his putt and the ball moves either due to the wind or slope of the green. The ball must be played from the new position without penalty. If it rolls into the hole, the player is deemed to have holed out with his previous stroke!!

A player has addressed his ball on the green, but then steps back to check the line and the ball moves before it is struck. The player incurs a penalty of one stroke and the ball must be replaced. By definition, the wind is not an outside agency.

Dave Fairweather

A GOLFING STATISTIC

A recent study revealed that the average golfer walks approximately 900 miles per year. A subsequent study found that golfers drink, on average, 22 gallons of alcohol per year”.

That means – on average – golfers get about 41 miles to the gallon!

Kind of makes you proud.

Provided by J. Grant & Associate

Competition Winners – June, July and August

Club Champion 2008

Wayne Ferrey



Accepting the Club Championship Trophy
from Captain Jim Selley

McIntyre Trophy

Laurie Craddock (bb9)

Runner Up

Wayne Ferrey

Pot 'o Gold Winner

Ozzie Isfeld

T.N.T. Tournament @ Langara

Jim Selley, Jack Grant,
Joe Hurley & Dave Fairweather

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP – MATCH PLAY

WINNER - WAYNE FERREY

Runners Up (bb6)

Norm Thiessen, Carl Jonsson,
Fred Griffin & Bill Wilson

Runner Up - Glen Lockhart

Ed Angel Trophy

Winners

Don Clancy & Lorne Lindsay

Runners Up

Geoffery Trunkfield & Dave Thomas

Flight A

Winner - Garry Watson

Runner Up - Neil Brett-Davies

Putting Jamboree –

Len Brown Memorial Trophy
Dave Fairweather

Flight B

Winner - Paul Levy

Runner Up - Dave Fairweather

Flight C

Winner - Roger Krongvist

Runner Up - Gil Jones

Team

Dave Fairweather & Mike Carter

Bob Jack Trophy
Away Game Competition
(Games 1 & 2)
Top 5 - Low Net
Norm Thiessen
Terry MacDonald
Brian Ciccozzi
Glen Lockhart
Dave Stephens

June Winners
0 –18 Neil Brett-Davies &
Ron Babcock
19–24 Dave Thomas
25Up Don Clancy

July Winners
0 –18 Peter Coyle
19–24 Don McIntyre
25Up Chuck Kotzo

LeBlanc Shield
(to be played October 12)
May Winners
0 –18 Laurie Craddock
19–24 Hugh Marshall
25Up George Doiron

Inter Club Game 1 at UGC
WPGC - 10
UMMGC - 4

Tuesday, August 26th - 7:00 P.M

*Annual Palcutta Bid Night
and Social Evening*

Langara Golf Course Club



IN MEMORIAM

Norm Watt

"The 81 year mortal tenure of Professor Emeritus Norman Watt came to a peaceful end on June 2nd in precisely the way he would have wanted – at home, in his sleep" - *from UBC Trek Magazine, Summer 2008.*

Norm was an avid golfer and a long time member of our Club. He was probably best known for his many spirited performances as our Palcutta Bid Night auctioneer as well as his Putting Jamboree victories and Pot 'o Gold winnings with that vintage putter that he treasured. His contagious enthusiasm for all his endeavours and his zest for "wanting to make life a bit more interesting" will be missed.

REMEMBER!!

MCCLEERY – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

4 BALL COMPETITION

Two Person Teams – 5 Rounds

Teams to be established by the Captain's Committee

Event Coordinator – Jim Mackie

*Check our website – click on the "tee times" location
www.westpointgolf.org*

ONE MORE TIME !!!

Day	Date	Event	Location
Monday	August 18	Golden Eagle GC	Pitt Meadows
Monday	August 25	Inter Club 2	Langara GC
Tuesday Evening	August 26	Palcutta Bid Night	Langara
Friday	August 29	Palcutta Tournament	Langara GC
Friday	September 5	Return to McCleery	McCleery
Tuesday	September 9	Riverway GC	Burnaby
Friday	October 3	McQuarrie Hunter Tankard	McCleery
Friday	October 10	LeBlanc Shield	McCleery
Thursday	October 23	Special Meeting	Langara
Friday	October 24	Closing Day – Fun Play	McCleery

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END OF SEASON SPECIAL EDITION

Annual General Meeting Agenda and Directors' Annual Reports

November 12, 2008



Luncheon Social Function



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WEST POINT GOLF CLUB

78th Annual General Meeting

*Wednesday, November 12, 2008 - 11:30 A.M.
Strathcona Room - Third Floor
Arbutus Club – 2001 Nanton Avenue, Vancouver*

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

Sign-in of Members at Door & Collection of Annual Dues (*cheques only*)

Welcome / Call to Order by Ray Dujardin, President

- President's Opening Remarks – Season Overview

Roll Call of Directors

- Introductions of Directors & Roles Played
- Introduction of Systems Manager: Roy Moulton (also the Snail Mailer!)
- Officers completing two-year terms (**Ray Dujardin** -President; **Jim Selley**-Captain; **Carl Jonsson**-Secretary; **Duncan MacInnes**-Vice Captain; **Jim Mackie**-Social Director; **Gary Sinclair**-Past President)

Quorum

Minutes of the 77th AGM held on November 7, 2007

- Published in latest issue of Divot Dust

Directors' Reports for 2007 Season – Other Than Treasurer's Report

- Published in latest issue of Divot Dust

Treasurer's Report for 2008 and Budget for 2009

Report by Brian Ciccozzi

Election of Directors for 2009

- Nominations of Nomination Committee
- President Jim Appleby
- Secretary Jim Mackie
- Treasurer Brian Ciccozzi (2nd term)
- Captain Dave Stephens
- Vice Captain Lorne Lindsay
- Membership Don McIntyre
- Social Carl Jonsson
- Director at Large Jim Selley
- Call for Other Nominations

Executive appointments made by Board of Directors

Executive Appointment:

Past President Ray Dujardin

Ex Officio Appointment:

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

New Business

1. Proposal to Create a New Membership Category: Lifetime Member (Proposed by Jim Mackie and supported by the Board of Directors).
2. Other New Business:

Adjournment

78TH ANNUAL LUNCHEON & AWARDS CEREMONY

12.00 Noon to 12.30 pm: Cash Bar Open for Social Gathering.
(2 bottles wine also provided per table)

12.30 pm: Members Invited to be Seated.

General Welcome & Announcements (President)

Individual Welcome to:

Special Guests

Honorary Members Ed Angel; Roli Parker

Associate Members Don Lamb; George Dedrick; John Girling;

Charter Members Jesse Cove; Dave Fairweather; Norm Kent;

Roy Moulton; Doug Symonds; Fred Wilkinson.

Award of a Lifetime Membership (*subject to Membership Approval of the new Membership Category during the preceding Business Meeting*)

In Memoriam (those who passed away since our last AGM):

Joe Dwyer 2007

Norm Watt 2008

Saying of Grace (President)

Buffet Luncheon Begins - during which:

Reverse Draw (Jim Mackie)

Award of Trophies (Jim Selley and Dave Stephens):

1. Bud Brown Eclectic: individual winners in each of 3 Handicap Divisions.
2. TNT – (Spring Event) “Team Net Total: winning foursome.
3. Ed Angel Trophy: winning two-man team.
4. McIntyre Trophy: winner with lowest net score.
5. Joe Dwyer Trophy: winner in each of 3 Handicap Divisions.
6. Putting Jamboree: winner with lowest score.
7. Club Champion – Match play
8. Parker Shield Eclectic: individual winners in each of 3 Handicap Divisions.
9. TNT – (Summer Event) “Team Net Total: winning foursome.
10. Stroke Play Champion.
11. Senior Master Champion
12. Super Senior Champion.
13. Handicap Champion.
14. A Flight Champion
15. B Flight Champion
16. C Flight Champion.
17. Palcutta: acknowledgment of winning team.

18. McQuarrie Hunter Tankard: winner with lowest net score.
Also acknowledgement of members shooting their age this season including those for the first time.
19. LeBlanc Shield: individual winners in each of 3 Handicap Divisions.
20. Bob Jack Trophy: winner with total of lowest best three scores
21. Old Block Trophy: winning Club.
22. Holes in One: recognition.

To speed up the process, cash prizes for each of the above winners and all runners-up will be available at close of lunch – not during the award ceremony. A table for that purpose will be set aside.

WEST POINT GOLF CLUB

MINUTES OF THE 77th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2007 AT THE ARBUTUS CLUB, 2001 NANTON STREET, VANCOUVER, B.C.

WELCOME and CALL TO ORDER: Ray Dujardin - acting as President and Chairman - called the Meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. and welcomed the members. He delivered introductory remarks – essentially a summary of his Annual Report.

ROLL CALL of OFFICERS and DIRECTORS:

Present:	Ray Dujardin	-	President
	Brian Ciccozzi	-	Membership
	Jim Selley	-	Captain
	Duncan MacInnes	-	Vice-Captain
	Carl Jonsson	-	Secretary
	Jim Mackie	-	Social
	Jim Appleby	-	Director at Large
	Gary Sinclair	-	Past President

REGRETS:	Fred Griffin	-	Treasurer
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QUORUM: The Chairman reported that there were 77 members present and that, as 8 members would constitute a quorum pursuant to the Constitution, a quorum was present.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the 76th Annual General Meeting having been printed in the Divot Dust, it was moved by Al Williams, seconded by David Thomas and unanimously resolved that the reading of the Minutes be waived and that they be approved and accepted.

ANNUAL REPORTS: The Annual Reports of the Directors (except the Secretary) having been published in the Divot Dust, it was moved by Dave Fairweather, seconded by Al Williams, and unanimously resolved that the reading of the Reports – other than the Treasurer's - be waived and that the said Reports be accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT: In the absence of Fred Griffin Mr. Dujardin presented Mr. Griffin's Treasurer's Report and Annual Financial Statements. He noted that the Club in the year ended November 30, 2007 had revenue of \$10,386 and expenses of \$9,310, as a result of which the Club realized a surplus for the year of \$1,076, and has funds on hand of \$7,746. Copies of the Report having been circulated to members, it was moved by Jim Mackie, seconded by Gordon McCulloch, and unanimously resolved, that the Report be accepted and that the Financial Statement be approved..

ELECTIONS: The Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Gary Sinclair, presented the slate recommended by the Nominating Committee for election as Directors and Officers for 2008, being:

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

There were no nominations from the floor. It was moved by Al Williams, seconded by Dave Fairweather, and unanimously resolved that nominations be closed and that the Committee's nominees be elected as the Directors and Officers of the Club for the ensuing year.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT - made by the President.

Gary Sinclair – as Past President (George Dedrick having advised that his illness will prevent him from serving as Past President), Editor-Divot Dust and Webmaster.

OTHER BUSINESS: There was discussion, initiated by Hugh Marshall, of the problem of members not recording all of their scores for games played during the golfing season. Mr. Selley responded reporting on steps that had been taken by him at the direction of the Board following the end of the Vancouver City strike – and stated his conclusion that there were no significant numbers of members who had not recorded scores. He advised that, for 2008, Foursome Captains will be mandated to ensure that their members' scores are posted either on their own computers or with the help of Roy Moulton.

Hugh Marshall rose to ask the members present to join him in applauding the efforts of the Board of Directors for the past year and, in particular, the efforts of the Captain (Jim Selley) and Vice-Captain (Duncan MacInnes).

The Chairman introduced special guests and charter members and asked each to stand for applause:

Pat Dunn – representing the McCleery and Langara Pro Shops
Harvey Cook – former member
Reid Mitchell – former member
Norm Watt – former member and Palcutta auctioneer
Ed Angel - Honorary Member
Don Lamb – Associate Member

and Charter members:	-	Dave Fairweather
	-	Jesse Cove
	-	Norm Kent
	-	Roy Moulton
	-	Doug Symonds
	-	Fred Wilkinson

The Chairman advised that Pat Dunn had donated, for the Draw to be held during the annual lunch, rounds of golf for two at each of McCleery and Langara.

The Chairman asked the members present to stand briefly in memory of Frank McDaniel – the only member of the Club who died during 2007.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting terminated at approximately 12:05 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2008



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In contrast to last year, when normal play was disrupted by the civic strike, the Club enjoyed a full season of play with few departures from the schedule. Good weather has enabled members to play under ideal conditions most of the time. The feedback I get is that great fun was had by all and that members really appreciated playing golf in the friendly yet competitive atmosphere fostered by the Club. These sentiments are very encouraging to those that now, and in the past, have managed the Club's affairs and organized events – it makes it all worthwhile!

The Board of Directors met monthly throughout the year at Brock House. Minutes were ably kept by *Carl Jonsson*, Secretary and will be filed in the Club archives at the B.C. Golf Museum. There were always many items to discuss and plans to be made to the extent that

the two hours of allotted meeting-time were fully utilized every time!

During the year, your Board had cause to debate all of the options open to the Club regarding where and which day to play, the limit on the number of playing members and whether to allow play from other-than the white tees. *Dave Stephens*, Director at Large prepared a very well written review of these issues. Following distribution of the review on October 13th the members had their say at a special meeting held on October 23rd at the Langara Clubhouse. The whole purpose was to provide guidance for the incoming Board of Directors when it considers the Club program for 2009 and beyond. Fifty-three members attended and eight who could not attend expressed their views directly to the Captain. Following an excellent presentation by the Captain, by show of hands the majority views of the membership were made known on all four main-issues and will be summarized in the minutes of the meeting to be distributed later. Thank you to the organizers of this stimulating event and to all members that attended.

Throughout the past year our Captain and his associates at the Captain's Table served us well indeed. Thanks to the hours expended by these men everything went smoothly. Behind the scenes a lot of work, often frustrating when cancellations occurred, was involved in setting up the weekly tee-times. Our amiable and popular Vice Captain, *Duncan MacInnes* took this on until cancer struck and he had to pass the job on to Captain *Jim Selley*. We thank both Jim and Dunc for their dedication to the task. Needless to say all of us have Dunc in our thoughts and prayers as he continues the battle. From talking to members, I know that many of you have also had first-hand experience with cancer and appreciate what Dunc is going through.

Playing membership reached our maximum of one hundred and at season-end there were seventeen golfers on the waiting list. Our Membership Director, *Jim Appleby* did a great job managing the applications and ensuring the roster was kept at a maximum. You may have played with some of the prospective members when they made up a foursome. Many are members of the Men's Mid Week Golf Club who have been prompted to apply for membership due to uncertain times at the University Golf Club.

Jim Mackie will report on the Club's social activities separately. I just want to say thanks to Jim for looking after this aspect of the Club program so well. The change to having all events at Langara was very well received and in particular the Palcutta proved to be a real fun evening in a bright and comfortable atmosphere. The good attendance at all events was testament to the right choice of venue.

Thanks are also due to our Treasurer, *Brian Ciccozzi* for looking after our Club finances in such a professional (and comprehensible) way. His report and 2009 budget will show that our financial position is very sound – thanks to some good fiscal management now and in past years. Annual dues will again remain at \$100 which must be the best deal in town!

It would also be remiss of me not to acknowledge the fine work *Gary Sinclair* puts into the design and maintenance of the West Point website and the production of *Divot Dust*. These means of graphic communications have contributed so much to enabling members to keep in personal touch with what's going on and to really feel part of our inclusive Club. Thanks are also due to *Roy Moulton* who takes care of mailing *Divot Dust* and other communications to members who have no computer. Roy also looks after our computerized handicap records which is of course is fundamental to our ability to play competitive golf on a fair basis.

At the conclusion of the AGM on November 12th I will hand over the President's gavel to my successor. I filled-in as President for the last few months of 2006 when *George Dedrick* became sick and then served the Club during the succeeding two years. My job has been made easy by a most able and supportive Board of Directors all of whom performed their roles diligently. I have enjoyed getting to know you the members more closely and your frequent words of encouragement and appreciation. This is truly a great Club and it has been indeed an honour to serve as your President.

Ray Dujardin

CAPTAIN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2008



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It seems like yesterday that we started the season, but here I am writing my final report for the *Divot Dust* signaling the end of the 2008 season. How quickly time passes. I would like to start this report by thanking our President *Ray Dujardin*, the Board and all the members of the Captain's committee for the support and help during the season. In my view, West Point had a wonderful season for a number of reasons, some of which I will expand upon below.

The season got off to a rainy beginning, but improved quickly as did the golf scores. The number of members playing each week increased materially from last year, reaching a peak of 88 players during May, while averaging 80 players through much of the season. We were able to run all our competitions as scheduled, with only two (the final Away Game and the 4 – ball) being cancelled due to a lack of interest. I expect we will re-think and modify these two events next season.

Looking at the par points and low nets scores each week, it suggested to me the high level of competition that exists in the club. Of note, we had a gross 69 by *Peter Coyle* and a net 55 by *Dave Thomas* -- the lowest scores I am aware of ever being recorded during club play. This competitiveness certainly proved true as well in the results of our many competitions, including the interclub match with the University Club, which West Point won for the second year in a row.

Scheduling of our games each week at both McCleery and Langara went off without a hitch and we received excellent co-operation from the Pro Shops and course staff. In return, the members lived up to our commitment to "pace of play" such that this issue should no longer be a concern to the club or the golf courses. I would like to extend my appreciation to all members for their efforts in this regard and ask them to continue to do so for the next Captain. I would also like to remind members of the three reasons why the golf course staff at McCleery & Langara appreciate having our club as customers:

1. We play rain or shine;
2. We maintain the golf course (fix divots and ball marks);
3. We self-enforce "pace of play".

I think we must continue to remember these attributes that make us valuable clients.

As noted above, we continued with a home and home interclub match with University Mid Week Men's Club. I would like to single out the contribution of *Brian Ciccozzi* to the success of this event. Frankly, Brian organized this competition from a West Point standpoint and made my job very simple just hand out the prizes and accept the winner's trophy on behalf of the club.

I would like to thank the membership for the large turnout to the Special Meeting held in October and the positive feedback provided to the Executive on the views of the membership. I think the meeting has provided the next Board with solid direction on the wishes of the membership. Thanks, again, to all members who attended and / or expressed their views.

I have so many people to thank for all the help and advice they gave me over the last two years that I believe made a difference to the golf experience of our members. I would like to start by thanking Vice Captain *Duncan MacInnes* for his contribution, a truly enormous one, much bigger than most realize. As many of you know, Dunc has been struck by medical issues this year and is undergoing treatment. I ask you for your prayers for a speedy recovery. We look forward to having Dunc as a playing member again next season. In addition, my sincere thanks to the members of the Captains Committee: *Paul Levy*, *Dave Stephens* and *Jim Trotter* with some badly needed "voluntary" help from *Lorne Lindsay* and *Brian Ciccozzi*. Finally, I am in debt to the Foursome Captains and all the members who willingly took on organizing the various club competitions during the season. Without such willing volunteers, the club could not be the success it is.

It has been a privilege and an honour to serve as your Captain these past two years. Hopefully you have had as much enjoyment as I had. It is the comradeship and goodwill from all members that makes the club work. From what I have seen we will have nothing but sunshine and a strong wind at our back going into the future.

Jim Selley

VICE CAPTAIN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2008

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This year, unlike last year, both the weather and the City of Vancouver Civic Workers cooperated with our golfing endeavours and we managed to complete our planned schedule of competitions.

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 – Don McIntyre
Ed Angel Trophy – Neil Brett-Davies
McIntyre Trophy - Don Clancy
Midweek Interclub @ UBC– Brian Ciccozzi
Joe Dwyer Trophy – Mike Carter
Putting Jamboree – Norm Thiessen
Club Championships – Captain's Committee
Parker Shield –Brian Ciccozzi
T.N.T. @ Langara – Hugh Marshall
Midweek Interclub Match @ Langara– Brian Ciccozzi
Palcutta Tournament- Terry MacDonald
Bob Jack Trophy – Away Games – Jim Mackie
Point Roberts Golf Club (Pt Roberts) – Dave Fairweather
King's Links Golf Club (Delta) – Craig Thomson
Golden Eagle Golf Club – Andy Schmidt

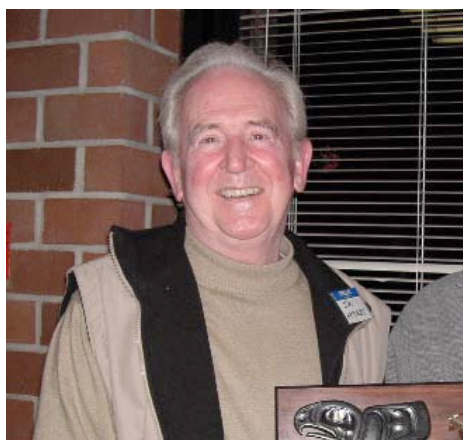
Thank you all for the invaluable help you have given us to schedule play for all who wanted to play, for advising who will play next week, and then advising them of their scheduled tee times. You are the members who make our club successful.

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 2008



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We have been fortunate to have had 11 new members this year, all of whom have contributed to our weekly skirmishes and many of whom have received golf balls in recognition of their undefined talents.

We are in a unique situation regarding membership. Due to the uncertainty of the future of the University Golf Course, we have had a large number of Mid-Week Men's Club members request membership in our august group. Since we have maintained our membership number at 100, we now have 17 gentlemen on our "waiting to play" list.

Based on our sudden popularity, it becomes all the more important that we determine how many of our current members wish to continue playing with West Point. The best way this can be achieved is to bring your cheque for \$100.00 to the AGM on Nov. 12.

While the by-laws give considerable leeway, it is expected that cheques are definitely expected by Jan. 1, 2009, and if not received by March 1, will lead to cessation of membership. I encourage everyone to bring their cheques to the AGM or, if not attending, please contact our Treasurer, Brian Ciccozzi.

It has been my pleasure to serve as Membership Director for the past year. While it is great to welcome new members, it is a sobering thought that someone has to leave for a new member to be admitted to our club. Those members who have played and contributed to the development of our club, but feel they can no longer participate regularly, we will sincerely miss. Our best wishes to them, as we all recognize that it will be our turn sooner or later.

Jim Appleby

SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2008



Our social season ends with the Annual General Meeting and outstanding Awards Luncheon at Arbutus Club on Wednesday, November 12th. Registration commences at 11:00 am. The Meeting is scheduled from 11:30 to 12:00, cash bar from 12:00 to 12:30 and lunch and awards from 12:30 to 2:30. All activities are held in the Strathcona Room which provides ample space for socializing and presentations. *Bring a \$100 cheque for your 2009 annual fee and a toonie for the reverse draw.*

Come early to rehash the past golf season and to enjoy the very limited off-street parking at the Arbutus Club. *Overflow parking can be found on the adjacent streets or at the parking lot at the neighbouring Arbutus Shopping Centre.*

Our opening social evening and Palcutta bid night were held at Langara Golf clubhouse. The Langara facilities and service have proven to be most suitable for our social functions and were ideal for the overflow attendance at our opening social and the Palcutta Night led by lively auctioneer, *Kent Curley*.

Away games, putting jamboree, interclub competition and opening/closing days provided ideal opportunities to meet new members and maintain contact with club members.

Jim Mackie

DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE ANNUAL REPORT 2008

I've had a very enjoyable year as Director-at-Large. Quite apart from selling WPGC caps (a bargain at the price), I've had an opportunity to work with a very dedicated and competent leadership team and to participate in interesting discussions about issues of importance to the Club, most of which have been referred to by other members of the Board in their reports. It's been fun.

Dave Stephens



PAST PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2008



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.

As is the case most years, the significant responsibility was acting as the Chair of the Nominating Committee. The three members of the Committee, *Dave Stephens, 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."*

This year, five Directors completed their second year of service in their respective offices. Our Constitution states that *"...Any Director shall be eligible for re-election to the board, but may not serve in the same position for more than two years consecutively. Following a hiatus of at least one year, however, a Director may be eligible for re-election to his former position"*

President *Ray Dujardin* will assume the duties of Past President and *Brian Ciccozzi* has accepted our nomination to continue serving the Club in his current office as Treasurer. *Duncan MacInnes*, prior to his medical situation, had intended to "step down" and become a playing member.

Being extremely satisfied with the performance of this year's Board as a whole and wishing the Club to continue to reap the benefit of their collective skills and experience, the Committee obtained the remaining members' acceptance to return as Board members in different, but related, positions for the 2009 year. Our search then focused on the selection of candidates to take over the responsibilities of the Vice Captain and the Membership Director to complete an excellent slate of Directors to manage our affairs.

The Nominating Committee is pleased to recommend the following Slate of Officers to manage our affairs for the 2009 season:

*President – Jim Appleby
Secretary – Jim Mackie
Treasurer – Brian Ciccozzi
Captain – Dave Stephens
Vice Captain – Lorne Lindsay
Membership Director – Don McIntyre
Social Director – Carl Jonsson
Director-at-Large – Jim Selley*

Gary Sinclair

LUNCHEON PARKING ALERT !!!

The Arbutus Club is undergoing an expansion project that has severely depleted their off-street parking spaces. Please consider street parking on Nanton Street or use the Arbutus Shopping Centre parking lot.

COMMUNICATIONS

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT 2008

Our “media” outlets appear to be providing for the Club’s communications needs quite well as they attempt to alert the membership to forthcoming events as well as to report and record the results of completed events. The Divot Dust has done this quarterly whereas the website provides our relevant information updates on a weekly basis.

The website continues to grow in terms of its importance as reflected by the user traffic numbers recorded by our service provider. For the record, last year’s total of 5369 membership visits has increased to 6559 visits for this year. The 2007 total of 21,485 pages viewed has swelled to 27,485 during our 2008 season. Not surprisingly, the pages most frequently “hit” are, in order, (1) tee times (2) current events (3) weekly prizes (4) handicap rankings, and (5) members gallery.

The website is now definitely established as our “go to” information source and it’s scope, flexibility and timeliness is beginning to render the Divot Dust, as we know it, redundant. The future of the traditional type of newsletter, in the electronic age, will be visited over the coming year and your feelings regarding it’s form will be sought.

Although the site is well established, it is still regarded as being “under development” as new elements and various changes are constantly being considered. This year, in response to a number of requests, a link to our handicap ranking site was provided. The coming year will see an improved access to our archival information as well as a more appealing presentation of each of our competition fixtures and their respective rules of play.

The communications undertaking has been a busy and rewarding one and the provision of further presentation enhancements is in the plans for the coming year.

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2008 COMPETITION RESULTS



Neil Brett-Davies, Brian Sizer, Paul Levy & Dunc MacInnes
FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2008 –Opening Day

Competition Winners – 2008

Congratulations and good luck as you look forward to the receipt of your awards at the Luncheon on November 12th.



Bud Brown Eclectic

0-18 Chris Allen
19-24 Dave Stephens
25Up Jim Mackie

Runners Up

0 –18 Mike Carter
19–24 Neil Brett-Davies
25Up Tony Appel

T.N.T. Tournament @ McCleery

Jim Appleby, Neil Brett-Davies,
John McHattie & George Sarich

Runners Up

Brian Ciccozzi, Ray Dujardin,
Doug Symonds & Michael Alms

McIntyre Trophy

Winner – Laurie Craddock (bb9)
Runners Up – Art Roberts &
Wayne Ferrey

Division Winners

0-18 Laurie Craddock
19-24 Art Roberts (bb9)
25Up David Haddleton

Ed Angel Trophy (2 Man Teams)

Don Clancy &
Lorne Lindsay

Runners Up

Geoffrey Trunkfield &
David Thomas

Joe Dwyer Trophy

Winner - Neil Griggs
Runner Up – Michael Alms

Division Winners

0 –18 Chris Allen
19–24 Rob Sandhu
25Up Neil Griggs

Runners Up

0 –18 Garry Watson
19–24 Gordon MacCulloch
25Up Michael Alms

Putting Jamboree

Individual Winner
Dave Fairweather

Jamboree Dress-Up - 1986

Ed Angel & Dave Fairweather & ??



Parker Shield Eclectic

0–18 Garry Watson
19-24 Dave Fairweather
25Up Nick Atkinson

Runners Up

0 –18 Peter Morse
19–24 Ray Dujardin & Paul Levy
25Up Don Rotherham

T.N.T. Tournament @ Langara
Jim Selley, Jack Grant
Joe Hurley & Dave Fairweather

Runners Up
Norm Thiessen, Carl Jonsson,
Fred Griffin & Bill Wilson

Club Champion
Match Play
Wayne Ferrey



Captain Selley & Wayne Ferrey
Runner Up
Glen Lockhart

Flight Championships
Stroke Play
Don MacPherson
Runner Up
Jim Selley
Senior Master
Ab Miles
Runner Up
Art Roberts
Super Senior
Dieter Schwab
Runner Up
Stan Lawson

Handicap - Net
Roger Kronqvist
Runner Up
Ray Dujardin
Handicap - Gross
Don McPherson
Runner Up
Jim Selley

Flight A
Garry Watson
Runner Up
Neil Brett-Davies

Flight B
Paul Levy
Runner Up
Dave Fairweather

Flight C
Roger Kronqvist
Runner Up
Gil Jones

Palcutta Tournament

Don MacPherson, Wayne Gatley,
Gordon MacCulloch & Michael Alms
Runners Up
Chris Allen, Lorne Lindsay.
David Haddleton & Sadru Mitha

David Cooke, Peter Morse,
Rob Sandhu & Bud Cowlin

McQuarrie Hunter Tankard
Winner
Ab Miles
Runner up
Hugh Marshall

LeBlanc Shield
Winner
Kumar Banergee
Runner Up
Rob Sandhu
Division Winners
0-19 Garry Watson
20-24 Kumar Banergee
25 Up John Wood

Runners Up
0-19 Peter Coyle
20-24 Rob Sandhu
25 Up Don Clancy

Bob Jack Trophy – *Away Games Competition*
 Winner – Jim Mackie
 Runner Up – Brian Ciccozzi

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

1988	Norm Kent	2004	Glen Lockhart
1994	Ab Miles	2005	Glen Lockhart
1998	Ab Miles	2006	Dieter Schwab
2002	Ed Bobinski	2007	Dieter Schwab
2003	Norm Thiessen	2008	Wayne Ferrey

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.

2008 WINNER - AB MILES
 RUNNER UP – Hugh Marshall

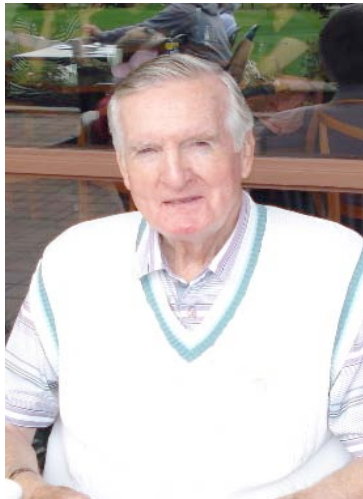


DIETER SCHWAB, HUGH MARSHALL, GEORGE PAQUETTE & AB MILES

Congratulations to all of our STA Guys!!

Active Members of the Shot Their Age Group

Dave Fairweather	Wally Lyle	Dieter Schwab
Bruce Groom	Hugh Marshall	Doug Symonds
Gil Jones	Ab Miles	
Norm Kent	George Paquette	



A RULES REFRESHER

DAVE FAIRWEATHER

CHARTER MEMBER - WPGC

President 1991

Captain 1989,90,2002,03

To recap: In our August issue I took issue with the British Open's officials' application/interpretation of Rule 18-2b during the high winds and their effect on balls on a few of the greens.

Rule 18-2b – Ball Moving After Address. *"If a player's ball in play moves after he has addressed it (other than as a result of a stroke), the player is deemed to have moved the ball and incurs a penalty of one stroke. The ball must be replaced".*

Opening with this quote from the Forward of the "good book" - *"The Rules of Golf should be faithful to their historical principles; must also be clear, comprehensive and understandable with penalties that are appropriate"*. I asked Brent McLaughlin, of the RCGA:

"How can it be considered to be fair and appropriate when a player on the putting green under strong wind conditions will be subject to a penalty of one stroke if the wind moves the ball after he has taken his stance and grounded his club, before he can commence his stroke?"

Then, I asked if *"...any action to review this Rule 18-2b is being considered. Many of us believe that in the circumstances indicated, this Rule is contrary to the spirit and intent of fair play and that it deserves a good look."*

Here is Brent's reply:

David,

Although the Rules are continuously reviewed by the Joint Rules Committee, there are no immediate plans to revise or modify Rule 18.

I appreciate your thoughts and although seemingly harsh, the Rule as stated allows a player to alter his routine rather than risk penalty - a player is only penalized after he has addressed his ball - which means taken his stance AND grounded his club. Many players will not ground their club for this reason - especially under these extreme (windy) conditions. Processes such as those outlined in Rule 18 are there to protect all players (and the field) from players. One of the great traditions of the Rules of Golf is that (unlike many sports), there is not a lot of grey areas - or judgment calls...we need to preserve this aspect.

Brent



Now: I, and others with whom I have spoken still feel that Rule 18- 2b: *Ball Moving After Address* - in strong/gusty wind conditions, when on the putting green, deserves special treatment. There should be no penalty, but the ball must be replaced.

I'm not sure what Brent means by *"allows the player to alter his routine rather than risk a penalty"*. I can only think he is suggesting that in such wind conditions, the player would be well advised not to ground his club at address, before making the backward movement of his putter. *This, to me, is not golf as it should be played.*

To wrap this one up, I think it can be said that while the skill and competitiveness of golfers will vary greatly, in playing the game, honor and integrity shall never be compromised, *nor should a player be penalized unfairly.*

- If you inadvertently move the ball with your putter while preparing to take the address position, take your lumps and the one stroke penalty.
- Should you be at the address position with the club grounded and a gust of wind moves the ball, it's a one stroke penalty, by the present rules.

For goodness sake, be alert enough to quickly move your feet out of the way of the moving ball, because if it hits your shoe, under Rule 19-2 you add another penalty stroke.

Golf was once a simple game. It's time for a holiday - hope you have a good winter.

Dave Fairweather

Leaderboard – Top 10

*In each Competition Category
(October 23, 2008)*

WPGC Ranking according to the RCGA HC Factor

	0 - 19	20 – 24	25 Up
1	Glen Lockhart	Don McIntyre	Jim Mackie
2	Peter Coyle	Andy Schmidt	Wayne Gatley
3	Jim Selley	Jack Plummer	Norm Kent
4	Norm Thiessen	John Foster	Neil Griggs
5	Mike Carter	Kumar Banergee	Bruce Groom
6	Chris Allen	Arnold Tennant	Don Rotherham
7	Don McPherson	Gordon MacCulloch	Roger Krongvist
8	Garry Watson	David Cooke	Geoffry Trunkfield
9	Wayne Ferrey	Charles Kotzo	George Paquette
10	Peter Morse	Ed Bobinski	Doug Symonds

Recognition of Service to the Club

WPGC 1986 - CHARTER MEMBERS – ACTIVE IN 2008

"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-four (24) 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	Fred Griffin

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

IN RECOGNITION OF OUR THIRD ANNUAL INTERCLUB COMPETITION

Congratulations to all the West Point participants on their great golf and success in bringing home the trophy once again. A special thanks to John Podmore (Mid Week Men's) and *Brian Ciccuzzi* 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>	18 points
	University Golf Club	10 points
	Low Net Score:	
	<i>Garry Watson</i>	58
	<i>Ray Dujardin</i>	66

MEMBERSHIP FEES – 2009

No change --\$100.00

Secure your Club membership for 2009

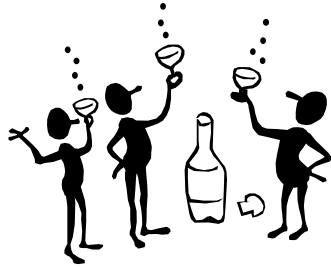
**PLEASE BRING YOUR CHEQUE TO THE AGM/LUNCHEON
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH**

Annual 2008 Luncheon & Awards Function

*Annual General Meeting
and
Awards and Luncheon Social*

Wednesday, November 12, 2008

Time: *11:30A.M.*



Location:

*Arbutus Club
2001 Nanton Avenue @ Arbutus St.*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2008 - CLOSING DAY 1



ROB SANDHU, JACK CATHERWOOD, SIM LEONG, KENT CURLEY, WING MAR,
JOE HURLEY & CHRIS ALLEN

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