



Directors 2020

President
Colin Mallet

Secretary
Gregg Hook

Treasurer
John Dawson

Captain
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Ian Allan-Draw
Peter Coyle-Scoring

Membership Director
Dave Wilson

Social Director
Paul Kouri

Director at Large
Ross Cassie

Past President
Doug Blackman

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Wayne Gatley

Advisors:
Bill Titmuss-Handicap

Legal
Carl Jonsson

Annual General Meeting

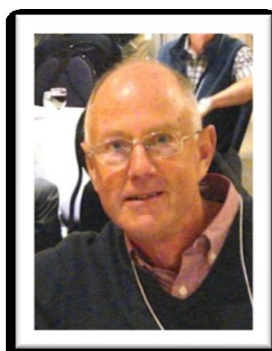
Tuesday, October 27th, 2020

10:30 a.m. via ZOOM

(Call-in numbers will be provided)

**Membership Fees TBA at the
AGM and by email a few days
before.**

Trophies at Fraserview Oct. 22



*Colin Mallet
President*



*Gregg Hook
Secretary*



Arbutus Club

WEST POINT GOLF CLUB
90th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020

Tuesday October 27, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. via ZOOM (Call in #s will be provided)

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

Welcome/Call to Order by Colin Mallet, President

- General welcome to Regular, Life, Honorary and Associate members
- President's Opening Remarks - Season Overview

Roll Call of Directors

- Introduction of Directors, noting their responsibilities

Quorum

- Count of voting members present (20% of voting membership)

Minutes of the 89th AGM held on October 29, 2019

- Published in the latest issue of the Divot Dust (See pages 6-10 below)
- Motion to adopt minutes of the 89th AGM
 - Call for a proposer and seconder
 - Discussion
 - Vote to be conducted via ZOOM

Directors' and Advisors' Reports for 2020 Season

- Published in the latest issue of the Divot Dust
 - President — Colin Mallet
 - Past President — Doug Blackman
 - Treasurer — John Dawson
 - Captain — Brian Montpellier
 - Vice-Captain, Draw — Ian Allan
 - Vice-Captain, Scoring — Peter Coyle
 - Membership — Dave Wilson
 - Social — Paul Kouri
 - Director at Large — Ross Cassie
 - Handicap — Bill Titmuss
 - Website Management — Ed Watson, Wayne Gatley

- Motion to accept Directors' Reports as published
- Call for a proposer and seconder
- Discussion
- Vote to be conducted via ZOOM

Treasurer's Report 2020 and Budget 2021



This report covers the financial results for the year just ending as well as the budget for next year (see the accompanying report).

This year was plagued, as we all know, by COVID-19 which curtailed our early golfing as well as all social events for the year. As a result, as you can see on the financial report, apart from 2 holes-in-one (yea, Stephen!), we had no social event costs and, since the Inner City Youth Golf programme was curtailed this year, we cut back on our donation to that activity. We also had savings from the AGM costs in October

2019 because the attendance was down from what we had anticipated. The resultant **surplus** for 2020 was **\$5,401**.

For 2021, the Board decided to absorb the 2020 surplus by reducing your member fees to \$50 (down from \$140). We also propose to reduce fees for our Associate and Wait List members to \$25 (down from \$50). Also, for 2021 we have planned for several social events (fingers crossed!) but will have savings by not having our AGM this month at the Arbutus Club. As a result, we have budgeted for a **deficit** for 2021 of **\$5,253**, largely offsetting the 2020 surplus and still leaving us in a very healthy financial position.

As for paying out our winnings for 2020, your incoming Treasurer, Mike Constantinidis, proposes, since we can't pay out as usual at the AGM, that members will be able to offset their 2020 winnings against their 2021 member dues and only remit the difference. For those good enough (should I say lucky enough?) to have winnings in excess of their dues, Mike will pay out the difference. Details on how to do this will be sent out shortly.

I am happy to have been your Treasurer for the two plus past years - and am also happy to now turn it all over to Mike!

- Discussion and Questions
 - Payment process for 2021 fees
 - Motion to waive the engagement of an external auditor to review the 2020 year end financial results
 - Call for a proposer and seconder
 - Discussion
 - Vote to be conducted via ZOOM

Election of Directors for 2021

- Nominating Committee Members: Doug Blackman (Chair), Brian Montpellier, Nick Atkinson
- Slate of the Nominating Committee - presented by Doug Blackman

President — John Dawson (1st Year)
Past President — Colin Mallet (1st Year)
Secretary — Ross Cassie (1st Year)
Treasurer — Mike Constantinidis (1st Year)
Captain — Brian Montpellier (2nd Year)
Vice-Captain, Draw — Basil Quan (1st Year)
Vice-Captain, Scoring — Peter Coyle (2nd Year)
Membership — David McMurdo (1st Year)
Social — Paul Kouri (3rd Year)
Director at Large — John Evans (1st Year)

- Call for other nominations - by Doug Blackman
- Motion to close nominations
 - Call for a proposer and seconder
 - Vote conducted via ZOOM

Advisor appointments to be made by Board of Directors in 2021

Website Management — Ed Watson, Wayne Gatley
Handicap Advisor — Bill Titmuss
Legal — Carl Jonsson

Other Business

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn
 - Call for a proposer and seconder
 - Vote conducted via Zoom

**MINUTES OF WEST POINT GOLF CLUB 89th ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING,**

**AT THE ARBUTUS CLUB, VANCOUVER
TUESDAY 29 OCTOBER 2019**

The President, Colin Mallet, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. A quorum was declared as there were more than 70 members registered and in attendance.

President's Remarks:

Colin welcomed everyone to the 89th Annual General Meeting and Awards



Ceremony. He thanked Paul Kouri and Gregg Hook for manning the registration at the door; Dave Wilson and John Dawson for collecting the 2020 dues and distributing the 2019 winnings envelopes; and, Carl Jonsson and Peter Coyle for handling the 50/50 draw and contribution to the Inner City Youth Golf Program at McCleery. He extended a special welcome to our Life Members: Hugh Marshall, Ray Dujardin, Brian Ciccozzi and Jim Selley (Gary Sinclair unfortunately not being able to be present). He then introduced the new members for 2019 and asked those present (*) to stand and be welcomed to their first AGM: Keith Beglau, Rob Doggett, Mike Fryzuk*, Jones Lee*,

John Mackenzie*, Dennis Morgan, Basil Quan*, Bob Rawlings, Dennis Selby*, Joe Strasser and Perry Wong*.

Colin remarked that we have had an excellent season, with a good influx of new members, high use of our allocated 20 tee times each week and all the courses we played on were in great condition. The club has a current regular membership of 110, 1 Honorary Member, 5 Life Members and a healthy waitlist of 13.

He explained that each Director has filed a report on their activities for the year which has been published in the Divot Dust and posted on the Club's website. He encouraged both new and old members to spend time examining this site where Wayne Gatley and Ed Watson are doing a wonderful job maintaining a

treasure trove of information about the Club and its members. Colin noted that we can all be particularly thankful for the high proportion of members who volunteer in our activities and many of them are recognized in the Directors' reports.

The Club's relations with Joan Probert and her staff at the Parks Board and the courses are excellent. The expected disruptions at Langara this year for drainage renovations did not occur. The renovations are now planned to be one hole at a time over the next couple of years. A report was made by the staff to the Parks Board last week and Colin understands this will probably result in another strategic master plan for the golf courses over the next two years. The Club will keep in close touch with this process and promote our interests at every opportunity.

Joan Probert has enthusiastically taken on board the Golf Canada and USGA recommendations for golf course management. VanGolf intends to be a leader in creating new forward tees on all the par 4 and par 5 holes on each of the three courses next year. This will necessitate a few temporarily fenced off areas as they grow. All tees will be identified by numbers rather than by colours and new scorecards will be printed to include these tees and also combination tees. Each numbered tee and combination will be individually rated.

Colin introduced the current Board members and thanked them on behalf of the Club members for their experience, diligence and support of his office: Gregg Hook (Secretary), John Dawson (Treasurer), Bill Titmuss (Captain), Brian Montpellier (V/C, Draw), Richard Martin (V/C, Scoring), Dave Wilson (Membership Director), Paul Kouri (Social Director), Eamon Grant (Director at Large), and Doug Blackman (Past President). He also introduced and acknowledged the great benefits provided by the Board Advisors: Peter Coyle (Handicap Advisor), Ed Watson and Wayne Gatley (Website) and Carl Johnson (Legal Advisor).

Although we have been very fortunate to have not lost any of our active members since the last AGM, a number of our past members have passed away. Their names, photographs and contributions to our Club are posted under Galleries, Remembrance on the Club's website.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the 88th Annual General Meeting were published in the Divot Dust and posted on the Club's website. Moved by Gregg Hook and seconded by Alex Andrews that the Minutes be accepted as published. Motion carried.

Director's Reports:

The 2019 reports were published in the Divot Dust and posted on the Club's website. Moved by Bill Titmuss and seconded by Brian Montpellier that the reports be accepted as published. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

John Dawson presented the financial results for 2019. Membership revenue exceeded budget due to resignations during the year, the addition of new members and a healthy wait list. There were savings in social costs due to lower than budgeted rates of participation which was partially offset by some extra costs for the 2019 AGM and the purchase of a laptop computer to replace one of the Club's existing computers which has reached obsolescence. The Weekly Prize payouts were impacted because of adverse weather conditions. The Club ended the year with a larger than planned surplus.



The 2020 budget is a status quo budget. There will not be any increase in fees for any of the membership categories. The budgeted revenue is based on 110 playing members, 12 Associates and 15 registering for the wait list. The expenses will also remain more or or less the same but John made two comments. Firstly, the prize pools are based on the number of tournaments planned but, when we get bad weather or changes in the playing schedule, not all of the pool is used (as we saw this year). Secondly, the Board has had a number of discussions about our social activities, particularly the UBC Social/Shotgun event, and decided to amalgamate the various social events into one budget line item and then to work out a more active social programme for next year. We are budgeting a break-even situation for 2020.

In response to a question from the floor, John confirmed that we are not budgeting for any change in the per capita cost of the AGM lunch. The actual total cost of this event depends on the number of attendees and can vary somewhat from year to year.

Election of Directors for 2020:

Doug Blackman presented the recommendations of the Nominating Committee, consisting of himself, Bill Titmuss and Dave Stephens, and confirmed that all nominees were willing to stand.

- President: Colin Mallet (2nd Year)
- Secretary: Gregg Hook (2nd Year)
- Treasurer: John Dawson (3rd Year)
- Captain: Brian Montpelier (1st Year)
- Vice-Captain Draw: Ian Allan (1st Year)
- Vice-Captain Scoring: Peter Coyle (1st Year)
- Membership: Dave Wilson (2nd Year)
- Social: Paul Kouri (2nd Year)
- Director at Large: Ross Cassie (1st Year)
- Past President: Doug Blackman (2nd Year)

Doug then called for nominations from the floor. As there were none, Doug declared the nominations closed and the above nominees were declared elected.

Colin welcomed the three new members to the Board, Ian Allan, Peter Coyle and Ross Cassie and thanked the retiring members for their contributions, Bill Titmuss, Eamon Grant and Richard Martin, the latter stepping down after more than 3 years in his role as Vice-Captain Scoring as he had taken over mid-term from his predecessor.

Colin concluded by noting that the new Board would be appointing the following advisors at their first meeting:

Website Management: Ed Watson, Wayne Gatley

Handicap Advisor: Bill Titmuss

Legal Advisor: Carl Jonsson

Other Business:

David McMurdo presented a Motion from the floor, seconded by Andy Schmidt, requesting that the Board reintroduce a printed, pocket-sized handbook, similar to the previous “Red Book” but without including any personal member data. The new on-line version is not useful because you can’t reference it while you are at the course before or during play.

Speaking against the Motion, Bill Titmuss explained that the old paper, handbook was prepared using Excel whereas the new on-line version uses Word making it easier to edit and its programming tool more familiar to many of our members. The old handbook needed significant lead time for production whereas the on-line version permits revisions to be made in the playing schedule right up to and even during the season to respond to unforeseen circumstances like adverse weather. Bill proposed that the Club could produce printed, 8.5” x 11” copies for those members that want them.

Brian Montpellier pointed out that the handicap system is going to be revised effective January 2020 and it wouldn’t be possible to include all this in a printed, pocket-sized handbook and have it ready in time for the new season.

Brian Ciccozzi stated that although he would be willing to contribute toward the production of a pocket-sized handbook, the “Red Book” is the old way and we are moving towards a better way.

Nick Atkinson suggested that the information and rules about each day’s event, which are found in the on-line handbook, could be posted in either the pro shop or near the first tee on the day of the event.

Colin Mallet called the question and based on the show of hands, the Motion was defeated.

Motion for Adjournment:

The Motion to Adjourn was moved by Jack Burak and seconded by Neil Brett-Davies. Motion carried at 12:30 p.m.

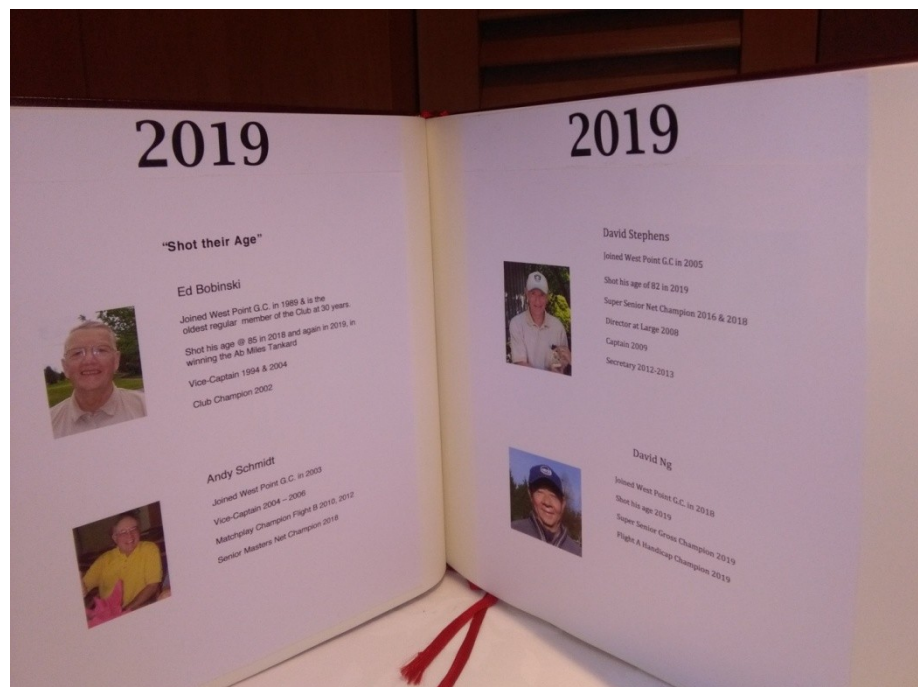
Awards Ceremony:

After lunch, Colin thanked the Arbutus Club and all the staff for their efforts in making the AGM a success.

Colin presided over a special presentation to our oldest active member, Hugh Marshall. Hugh joined West Point Golf Club in 1992, served as President 20 years ago and continues to be one of our most active members. He is often one of the first to welcome new members, to ask pertinent questions of the Executive and to advise his consortium on winning bids on the Palcutta. His most endearing characteristic is his love of wearing "shorts" in even the worst of weather conditions, and his insistence on walking the course. Colin presented Hugh, to loud applause, with a framed photograph taken by one of our members showing Hugh pushing his cart and walking behind his three playing partners who were all riding in power carts!

Bill Titmuss, assisted by Brian Montpellier and Ray Dujardin, club photographer, presented the trophies to the 2019 winners.

End of Minutes of 2019 AGM





Awarding of Trophies: (Ross Cassie]

Trophies will be presented at Fraserview on the last day of play, Oct. 22.

1. Bud Brown Eclectic Net & Gross
2. TNT Team Net Total
3. Laurie Craddock Vintage Cup
4. Ab Miles Tankard
5. Super Senior Low Gross & Net
6. Senior Master Low Gross & Net
7. Stroke Play Champions Net & Gross
8. Joe Dwyer Two Man Teams
9. Sweet Sixteen at Langara
10. Club Championship
11. Ed Angel Trophy 2 Man Teams
12. Neil McIntyre
13. Red White and Blue Fraserview
14. Bob Jack Trophy
15. Handicap Champion
16. Roli Parker Shield Eclectic Gross & Net
17. Doug LeBlanc Shield
18. Captain's Challenge
19. Most Improved Golfer

President's Report

Directors: 2020

President

Colin Mallet

Secretary

Gregg Hook

Treasurer

John Dawson

Captain

Brian Montpellier

Vice-Captains

Ian Allan- Draw

Peter Coyle- Scoring

Membership Director

Dave Wilson

Social Director

Paul Kouri

Director at Large

Ross Cassie

Past President

Doug Blackman

Advisors:**Web Masters & Divot Dust**

Ed Watson

Wayne Gatley

Handicap: *Bill Titmuss*

Legal: *Carl Jonsson*



Thanks to everyone for the support that you have given to the Club and the Board, in what has been a very different year for all of us.

We have been exceptionally lucky in that golf has been the sport which has probably been least affected by the constraints of the COVID pandemic, and this has resulted in a

record number of members throughout the summer. The downside has been our inability to hold any social events, and the limitations on socializing even after golf on Thursdays.

The challenges of our Club year began with a Park Board Motion in November 2019 to commission a study “to evaluate the full spectrum of realized and unrealized benefits of Park Board land currently used for golf.” Fortunately, the Park Board moved slowly, and the first public meeting related to this subject was not held until February 2020. With your support, we managed to mobilize other golf groups on the City courses, and golfers’ views were extremely well represented at this meeting.

This is where we actually benefitted from the arrival of the COVID virus, because the Park Board have had a lot of greater priorities than golf on their plate, and the Golf Course study seems to have been put aside. We think that it is unlikely that it will be raised again during the mandate of the current Park Board, but we nevertheless felt that it was important to be more prepared. A Task Force was established, and Nick Atkinson has produced a strong Club position paper on this issue for future use. This emphasizes what few of the Park Board Commissioners seem to realize, that ‘Golf’ is probably the Vancouver Park Board’s most successful recreational activity, and an activity to be fostered, not eroded.

January saw the introduction of the new World course rating and handicapping system. Taken as presented, it would have

resulted in par reductions on multiple holes on our four courses. Your Captain was involved on a daily basis over several months re-negotiating the effects with Golf Canada and the local courses, to achieve minimal individual hole changes on our courses. Fortunately, the new overall course ratings, resulting in specific and lower individual course handicaps, were more easily absorbed, and did not alter competition, since everyone was equally affected.

The arrival of COVID completely disrupted the planning for the start of our season, but the Board reacted remarkably flexibly to make the most of our opportunities. The courses were closed through April, and many of us took the opportunity to use them for recreational walks. The re-opening of the courses in May was very cautious, with 18 minute tee time intervals, and strong regulations. With our encouragement and everyone's efforts to comply with the regulations, this fell rapidly over the summer to 10 minutes. Our members and our V-P Draw coped remarkably well with the early McCleery need to frequently reshuffle tee times, and we built up a fund of goodwill with the McCleery staff.

No competitions were permitted early on, to support social distancing, but your Captain soon managed to imaginatively reshuffle our tournaments, and replace KPs with deuce prize, so that we were able to return to competition for all who wanted it. Unfortunately, with no possibility of an AGM lunch, we will have no forum for awarding the trophies, but this does not mean that the winners are any less deserving.

With little or no travel by members this season, we have managed some remarkable turnouts on Thursdays, rising as high as 96, or 24 tee times. The attraction of golf at this time has not been limited to our Club, and it has been extremely difficult for members of the public to book tee times on the City courses. Riverway has used this situation to discourage groups and reduce our tee times on Tuesdays, and we will have to decide whether we stay there long term. In contrast, the West Point Club is seen as a major asset by the staff at all 3 Vancouver Municipal courses. Due to the efforts of the Captain and the V-P Draw, and the cooperative attitude of all our members, we have latterly been able to obtain as many tee times as we wish. As many of the older members will know, this has not always been the case, and we must make every effort to maintain this goodwill. In that respect, it is gratifying to note that, even without a punch-in clock, due to COVID, most foursomes have meticulously maintained 4 hour rounds, stretching occasionally to 4-15.

Another positive feature of this year has been the condition of the courses. The weather has been kind, so that they have been neither too soggy nor too dried out. Due to budget cuts by the Park Board, courses have been operating with reduced ground-staff. The remaining staff are owed our tremendous thanks for having managed, nevertheless, to maintain such good conditions (although perhaps with slightly tougher rough than many of us have been spoiled by in recent years!). Most of you will have noticed that effective drainage work began on certain holes on Langara this spring. We have been given the good news by Jeff MacLean, who took over City Golf Management last fall, that it is their intention to complete the full Langara drainage renovation project. This will be done hole by hole, and spread over a further 2 years, to minimize the disruption to golfers.

As an innovation this year, we have a large number of members who have shown interest in continuing their golf in Vancouver through the winter, weather permitting. We are therefore hoping to experiment this winter with a Draw each Thursday for those interested.

On a longer term note, we decided 2 years ago to update the history of the Club, while we still had members around who have been with the Club since Ed Angel's completion of the Club History from 1932 – 92. With the help of our older members and a massive review by Dave Stephens of all our documents, this project was completed, and our abbreviated History review now covers the period 1932 – 2017, and is available to all on our Website.

Our membership is strong, keeping us up against our limit of 110 members, and we have a waitlist of 10 members. Financially, we are also in a strong position, with extra surplus, mainly from the lack of social events. Since we do not need this excess surplus, we will be proposing to return it to members by substantially reducing all the dues for 2021. Socially, this has been a dead year for the Club, and we all have to work that much harder to maintain our contacts within the Club, and to integrate newer members. We are not optimistic about the chances of our normal social gatherings next year, but our Social Director is working on alternatives.

I am very grateful to my fellow Board members, and all those who supported them, for managing to give us an almost full season of golf. While next year will not be fully back to normal, I know that the new Board will be flexible enough to satisfy all our needs. We are fortunate that all but four of the current Board have agreed to stay on for next year's Board.

I would like to pass on your thanks to the four current directors leaving the Board, who are:

- Doug Blackman, retiring from his role as Past President, after 7 years playing a major role on the Board;
- Ian Allan who has done amazing work in a very difficult year as Vice Captain-Draw;
- Dave Wilson, who has done an outstanding job maintaining the Club Membership over the last 3 years, and :
- Gregg Hook, who, as Secretary, has successfully managed to keep the Board on the straight and narrow, even through Zoom meetings, and now will be able to focus more on extending his reign as 'Club Champion'.

We have excellent proposals for 4 new Directors, and, in addition, two of our current Directors have been nominated for new positions on the Board: John Dawson, whom I would welcome as my successor as President, and Ross Cassie who will take over from Gregg as Secretary.

Each of our Directors has filed their Reports in this Divot Dust, and recognized the many members who have also contributed to Club Away games, Competitions and the Captain's Table. The Club is a volunteer organization, dependent on the willingness of members to serve. Other members, who quietly provide assistance, include:

- Ed Watson and Wayne Gatley, who continue to maintain our extensive website, which I hope all of you use;
- Bill Titmuss, our Handicap Adviser, and play stats. manager;
- Dave Stephens, who has done yeoman's work on our Club History;
- Lorne Lindsay, who has continued to keep up his work on Member Sketches despite illness;

- Carl Jonsson, who, as our legal advisor, has helped us sort out the plans for our AGM;

Thanks to all of you for getting us through this strange year,

Respectfully,

Colin Mallet

Past President's Report



Well, 2020 certainly became an insightful year, requiring vision from your Board.

We have enjoyed another great golf season once it got started with the Covid19 restrictions. The courses were in marvelous condition given that there had been no winter play since mid March. The greens keepers have done a great job.

Your Board, under the leadership of President Colin Mallet and Captain Brian Montpelier, has guided the Club through some significant challenges. Kudos also to our draw-master, Ian Allan, who managed to secure extra tee times to meet the increased demand, given that members were not travelling outside the province due to Covid19 restrictions. Thanks to retiring board members, Gregg Hook, Ian Allan and Dave Wilson, for your thoughtful input to the Club's management.

One of the roles of the Past President is to monitor pace of play. We have not been using the time clock this season given the "no touch" restrictions. However, pace of play has been maintained with minor glitches and each of the courses appreciates the Club and its efforts in that regard.

As the chair of the Nominating Committee comprised of Brian Montpelier, Nick Atkinson and myself, I am posting the following nominations for Directors for 2021, each of whom has confirmed their willingness to serve:

President	John Dawson	1 st Year
Captain	Brian Montpelier	2 nd Year
Secretary	Ross Cassie	1 st Year
Past President	Colin Mallet	1 st Year
V- Captain/Draw	Basil Quan	1 st Year
V-Captain/Scoring	Peter Coyle	2 nd Year
Treasurer	Mike Constantinidis	1 st Year
Membership	David McMurdo	1 st Year
Social	Paul Kouri	3 rd Year
Director@Large	John Evans	1 st Year

Continuing as advisors to the Board are:

Ed Watson	Web Advisor
Wayne Gatley	Web Advisor, Divot Dust Editor
Bill Titmuss	Handicap Advisor
Carl Jonsson	Legal Advisor

I am concluding seven years as a member of your Board. I thank you for the opportunity to have served. The Club is in good hands for the future.

Respectfully,

Doug Blackman

Gallery of Candidates nominated to serve as our Board of Directors for 2021

Presenting the members who have agreed to stand for election:



President

John Dawson
1st Year



Secretary

Ross Cassie
1st Year



Treasurer
Mike

Constantinidis
1st Year



Captain
Brian

Montpellier
2nd Year



Past Pres

Colin Mallet
1st Year



VCapt Draw
Basil Quan

1st Year



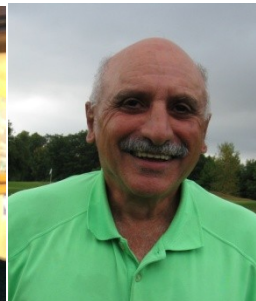
VCapt Scoring
Peter Coyle

2nd Year



Membership
David McMurdo

1st Year



Social Director
Paul Kouri

3rd Year



Dir@Large
John Evans

1st Year

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE PASSED AWAY
WITHIN THE LAST YEAR.

THEY WILL BE MISSED



John Hale

Stroke Play Champion 2018

Alan Williams

Social Director 1992-1998

Roy Moulton

Charter Member 1986

FORMER WPGC BOARD MEMBERS

27 currently active members and two Honorary members have served our Club as Directors

Allan, Ian
Atkinson, Nick
Blackman, Doug
Bobinski, Ed
Brett-Davies, Neil
Carter, Mike
Ciccozzi, Brian
Dickinson, Rob

Dickson, David
Dujardin, Ray
Foster, John
Grant, Eamon
Hobbs, Andrew
Hook, Gregg
Jonsson, Carl

Lindsay, Lorne
McHattie, John
McPherson, Don
Mallet, Colin
Martin, Richard
Marshall, Hugh
Schmidt, Andy

Selley, Jim
Sinclair, Gary
Stephens, Dave
Thomas, Dave
Thomson, Craig
Titmuss, Bill
Trunkfield, Geof
Wilson, Dave

Captain's Message



It was an interesting year. The Covid pandemic wreaked a certain amount of havoc on our season start. The Parks Board eventually felt comfortable in opening the golf courses in early May and we began our "Covid schedule" on May 7 with a sequence of 4 "game only" games to allow our members some time to acclimatize to the new rules (social distancing, no touching of flags – or anything else, for that matter). The season got going in earnest June 4 with the Joe Dwyer shield. As KPs were out (it was not possible to put out KP markers – that no touch thing again), we instituted a deuce pot, fully funded by the club. It proved to be popular.

Kudos to Ian Allan, Vice Captain draw, who did yeoman work in dealing with the 3 pro shops to get extra tee times to cope with the record demand from members to play. We were initially allocated 10 tee times but were able to slowly build that up to 23 tee times by getting more allocations from the pro shop and having some of our directors do pre-booking. The entire draw process was complicated by the Parks Board computer system staying at 9 minute intervals while the golf courses operated at 18 minutes, then 15 minutes, then 12 minutes and finally the current 10 minute intervals. It is astonishing there weren't more errors in tee time allocations.

The golf software was switched over to the World Handicap System, the upshot of which is that everyone's playing cap dropped 4 or 5 strokes. All relative though and the same for everyone.

Captain's Table:

Peter Coyle took over the Captain's table duties, which were complicated by the no touch rules (on score cards). It was worked around by having each 4-some's score card scanned and emailed in to a virtual Captain's table also supplemented by foursomes which used the electronic scoring available on the Portal. Part way through the season, the pro shops

agreed to let us reinstate the actual Captain's table. Thanks to Peter, Richard Martin, John Evans, David Marr, Jeremy Marr, and David McMurdo, for their fine and dedicated work.

Web Site:

As always, Ed Watson and Wayne Gatley served us well by keeping the information on our website up to date. From weekly prizes to announcements for away games to tournament ladders, they deserve our thanks.

Winter Golf:

Colin suggested winter golf at Fraserview might be popular given the possibility that the traditional escaping to the desert may not be possible this year. The pro shop at Fraserview was happy to allocate us tee times starting October 29. An informal survey of the membership indicated broad support.

Golf Software:

Continues to work well. We have encouraged the developers to improve the software (allow members to leave a message at signup, enable a match play ladder, track round times, etc.) but have not seen much actual action to date.

Communications:

The PDF version of our guide was issued again this year. It includes a complete calendar of events, rules and procedures, and descriptions of our tournaments. It is posted here <http://westpointgolf.org/pdffiles/WPGC-2020-Online-Guide.pdf>. Note that the rules for all tournaments can be found on the Portal by clicking the "more" button at the top of the screen.

Brian Montpellier



***Hugh's drive on #6 at
Fraserview.***

***What's the prize for closest
to the 150 marker ?***

Vice-Captain (Weekly Draw)



This was certainly a challenging year to take over this job from Brian. In addition to crash learning the software, the start of the season in May was sudden, and the courses were scrambling to come up with a safe model that would stand up to scrutiny. Our allotted times, and the tee time gaps went from 10 times with 18 minute gaps for our first week, to 21 times with 10 minute gaps over 4 very hectic weeks.

Kim from McCleery was great to deal with during this crazy start, trying to help wherever she could, but the changes in gap times and permitted number of club times changed weekly and sometimes daily. At the same time, the pent-up demand meant we had much higher than normal tee time requests. Alex from Langara and Myles from Fraserview have also been very accommodating to the club given how busy they have been this summer.

By the time we left McCleery, things had stabilized, and we settled into a high demand summer, averaging well over 20 times per week. There was an increase of 15% at McCleery compared to 2019, and often golfers were still left on the wait list. Langara was even busier averaging over 22 times per week, up 17% over 2019. So far, at Fraserview the demand has dropped to under 20 times, but still up over 2019 by 18%.

To help with this high demand, I negotiated extra tee times at all three courses. We increased our allotment to 21 times at McCleery and to 22 times at both Langara and Fraserview. These extra times have allowed most players to play when they wanted to.

Unfortunately, as in past years, late cancellations have been an issue. Players either lose track of games they have signed up for, or suddenly remember conflicts after the draw is posted. These are completely preventable. Of course, things do come up last minute, but these would be easier to handle if the others were eliminated.

One particularly bad week, we lost 17 players (over 4 tee times) between the draw and Wednesday. A poor forecast meant another 16 players dropped out last minute, so we only put out 60 players on what turned out to be a fine day. This was over 30% less times than we committed to on the Monday, and a loss of revenue to Langara of over \$1500.

Sincerely,

Ian Allan

Vice-Captain (Scoring)



The Corona-19 virus created numerous problems for our club scoring this season. Thankfully with everybody's cooperation we managed to navigate our way without too many hiccups.

At McCleery we could not have a scoring table and players had to leave the course when they were finished. Members either did online scoring with their phones or submitted their cards by email. (Which everybody had to do). I did all the scoring at home.

At Langara we had a very small table with only one person manning the computer. Some members felt uncomfortable with this and I entered their scores at home. All members continued to email me their

cards in case there were any scoring disputes.

At Fraserview the scoring was continued at the course and almost all members submitted their scores there and cards were still emailed to me.

All and all this process seemed to work fairly well. We had a couple of computer glitches, which were solved, with the help of Brian Montpelier and Nick Atkinson.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Captain's Table, which consisted of Dave Marr, Jeremy Marr, David McMurdo, John Evans and Richard Martin, who rose above the call and were a great help in getting through this. Also I would again like to thank Brian Montpelier, Bill Titmuss, Nick Atkinson and Ian Allan for their assistance. Thanks to David Johansson for his work on the Away Games. Special thanks go to Ed Watson and Wayne Gatley for catching my errors and doing an excellent job on the website to keep our members informed. Finally, I would like to thank all our members without whose assistance none of this would have been possible.

One thing that was missed was the famous sheets on the wall for tournament results, which enabled the members to gather around and see how they fared. Hopefully this will return next year. Also the "clock" may return as it was not used this year, however our members were up to the task and completed their rounds in very good time.

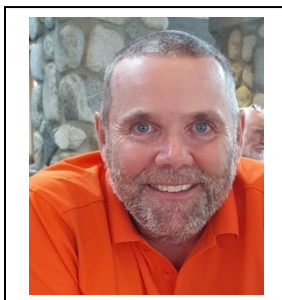
Of special note were Holes in One recorded by Stephen Loomer at Langara and Fraserview.. I don't believe our members have ever done this. Congratulations Stephen.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members a safe off-season and look forward to seeing each of you next year.

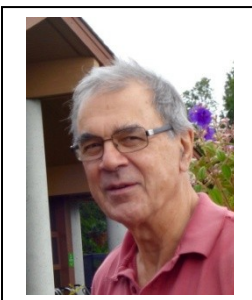
Best wishes to all,

Peter Coyle

Thanks to the Members of our Captain's Table



Ian Allan



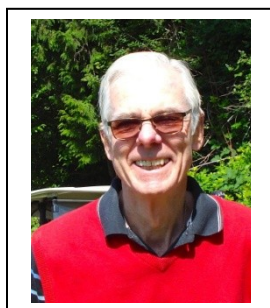
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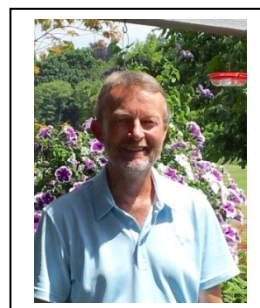
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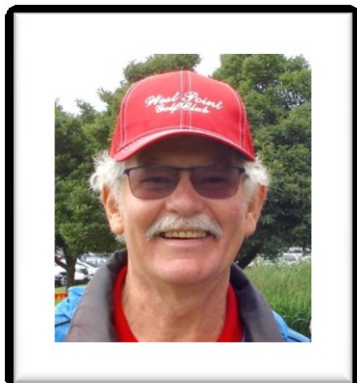


Richard Martin



John Evans

Membership Director's Message



West Point Golf Club currently has 108 regular members, 2 less than the full allotment according to our constitution. Eleven members joined this year and twelve golfers are on the waitlist. These membership numbers indicate to me that West Point is a popular club with a solid reputation.

The current membership status for the club totals 123 members, in the following categories:

- 108 regular members
- 2 Honourary Members- Gary Sinclair and Ray Dujardin (2020)
- 4 Lifetime Members- Hugh Marshall (2010), Jim Selley (2015), Brian Ciccozzi (2016), and Lorne Lindsay (2020)
- 9 Associate members: Richard Buski, Peter McAllister, Don Rotheringham, Sam Lilley, Grant Hughes, Craig Thomson, Jim Lafontaine, Barrie Brown, and Alex Andrews.
- 12 waitlist golfers: Gary Clarke, Brent Moore, Michael Geller, David Olafson, Terry Malysh, Tom Grieve, Michael Tham, Tim O'Meara, Patrick Poon, Tim Van Ostrand, Terry MacDonald and Jim Sutherland.

12 New members were accepted: Jim Barkwell, Ray Gerein, Allan Harris, Geoffrey Howes, Dan Huber, Paul Kaushal, John MacLachlan, Doug March, Silvano Padovan, Ron Pound, John Smart and Peter Van Bodegom.

Regrettably, the following retired members have passed away since the last Divot Dust: Allan Williams and John Hale. Roy Moulton, Honorary Member and Charter Member also passed away. More information on these past members can be found in the Galleries section on the club website.

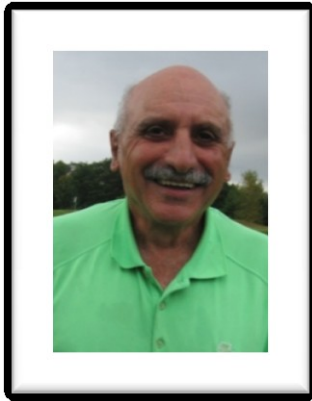
This is my last year as Membership Director, I have really enjoyed the experience.

Sincerely,

Dave Wilson

"Golf balls are like eggs. They're white, sold by the dozen, and a week later you have to buy some more."

Social Director Report



With covid restrictions on social gatherings in place during our 2020 season, all of our planned social activities had to be cancelled. The incoming Board will discuss plans for next year's social program taking into account the ongoing restrictions on social gatherings for the foreseeable future.

Paul Kouri



*Six Foot Socials
Fraserview, October 09*



Fraserview 18th Fairway, April 2020:
A good walk not spoiled.

Director at Large Report

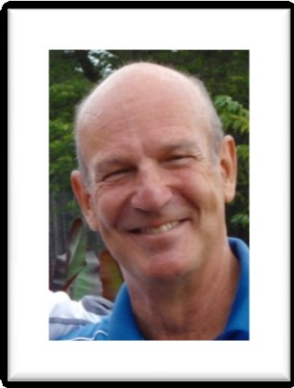


Given the restrictions caused by Covid this year, we were unable to sell any club merchandise. We have plans to sell new shirts, new hats and towels in the 2021 season. There will be a change next year from previous practices when ordering the items. We will be using a pre-order procedure where members will pre-order and pay for the items when they order them. Samples will be available at the Opening Social - usually held in March and at our first few events and perhaps at the mid-season point as well.

Ross Cassie

Handicap Report

The biggest challenge this season was not having the Captain's Table up and running while we played at McCleery. Peter Coyle entered many of the scores from home. Training our members to enter scores through the "Tournament" section of our software proved a challenge. This resulted in many scores being entered twice. A time-consuming player by player check to find duplicate scores was necessary to keep our member's handicaps correct. Many were found, even weeks after the Captain's Table was up and running at Langara. The duplicates were deleted when found.



This year the new "Worldwide System" was put into place. At the end of the day, most players' indexes, iCaps, saw little change. What did change is that players saw their "Course Handicaps" go down. But since all of us experienced the same changes, the differences between players' handicaps remained the same. Because the new system uses only the 8 best scores instead of 10, some players' iCaps were lowered a bit. We also saw winning net scores in the upper 60's where in previous years they had been in the lower 60's.

Golf Canada, following the new guidelines, suggested that the total par for many of the tee boxes we use be lowered. For instance, the guidelines suggest par 5s be a minimum of 450 yards long. The Vancouver Parks board asked for our input. They listened; Originally the whites and red tee pars were to be reduced by 3 or 4 strokes. Golf Canada now rates only the three Vancouver courses' red tees less than we do (see chart below). We kept the old pars to make playing multiple tees user friendly with no adverse effect on fair play.

West Point Golf Club	Red Tee Par	Golf Canada	Red Tee Par
McCleery	71	McCleery	70
Langara	71	Langara	70
Fraserview	72	Fraserview	70

With Covid19 and our shortened season, we decided to forego the minimum of 10 Thursday rounds per season. Yet, we still had close to 100 players reach that goal. Our members continue to promptly enter their non-WPGC scores to keep their handicaps accurate. Those members who also keep their scores with Golf Canada may see a slight difference in their iCap between West Point and Golf Canada. This is because, golf Canada is directly linked to the data base that considers weather and playing condition effects on scores for a particular day. As well, Golf Canada limits the increase in iCaps if the rise meets their criteria for limitation.

As with the end of previous seasons, we remind members to enter their scores when they travel. Over the past years, scores have been entered from Hawaii, Palm Springs, Arizona, and as far away as Australia. Winter scores in BC do not need to be entered.

Bill Titmuss



Sketch of a West Pointer

Several years ago **Gary Sinclair** asked me to provide a bit of information about the motivation and rationale behind the “Sketch of a West Pointer” project, an initiative created to help know your fellow members better. After many years of dedication to the DD, Gary stepped down as editor and we were fortunate that **Wayne Gatley** came forward to continue the fine tradition of the Divot Dust.

I joined WPGC in 2005 and began volunteering as a member of the Captain’s Table. This role provided an opportunity to meet all the members, and in particular the new ones; it was interesting to chat and learn a little bit about everyone. During my time as Vice-Captain (Draw & Scoring), I enjoyed much more direct contact with all members, especially since that was prior to electronic sign-up, and a time when commitments to play had to be confirmed orally each week so the draw could be created. As Membership Chair, once again I had a lot of contact with members and an idea that had been simmering, finally came to a boil when the Sketch Project was launched in 2012. It began as an attempt to get beyond the superficiality and learn a bit more about the background and golfing history of West Point members. The first Sketches were of **Michael Alms, Ed Bobinski** and **Jim Appleby**. Fifty more Sketches have been published, bringing the current total to 53. This season the following members have been hi-lighted: **Nick Atkinson, Doug Blackman, Rob Dickinson, Don Edmonds, Andrew Hobbs, Chuck Kotzo, Lorne Lindsay, Colin Mallet** and **Bill Trory**. You can read any of the sketches by going to our website Galleries/Members and clicking on [More](#) under the photos.

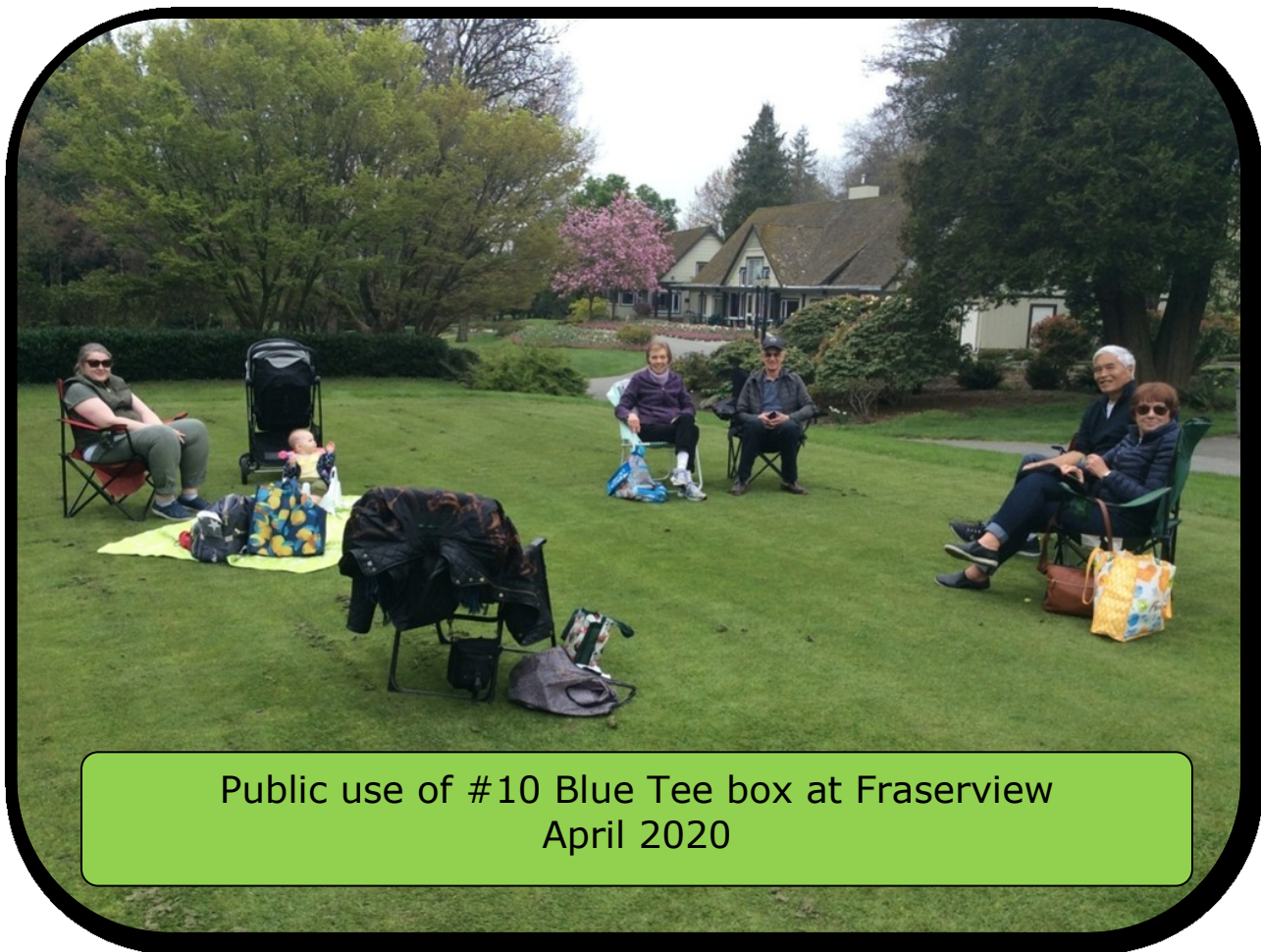
I have appreciated the willingness of members to share some of their background and personal information with the Club membership. A template is provided as a guide to getting started, but members may include any details they feel might be of interest; all articles are approved by the member prior to publication. Hopefully, as time goes on, we will be able to include as many members as possible.

The focus has been on long-time and senior members. All those who became members from 1989 to 2011 have been invited to participate; some have preferred not to be included, and others are still preparing their submission! It would be nice to get to some of our newer members, too, in an effort to learn more about their backgrounds; this is a work in progress.

In addition to those listed above, the following members have generously shared a bit of their golfing history with us: **Chris Allen, Neil Brett-Davies, Mike Carter, Don Clancy, David Cooke, Peter Coyle, David Dickson, George Doiron, George Drew, Ray Dujardin, Wayne Ferrey, John Foster, Wayne Gatley, Neil Griggs, David**

Haddleton, Joe Hurley, Carl Jonsson, Phil Joughin, Roger Jung, Colin Kelly, Peter Kidd, Andy Leekha, Paul Levy, Gordie MacCulloch, Dean MacKinnon, John McHattie, Bill McNichol, Dave Marr, Hugh Marshall, John Matkovich, Peter Morse, Art Roberts, Don Rotherham, Lloyd Shippam, Gary Sinclair, Dave Syme, Norm Thiessen, Dave Thomas, Jim Trotter, Neil Watson and Al Williams.

Lorne Lindsay



Public use of #10 Blue Tee box at Fraserview
April 2020

Club Communications



“A different year for your website.” The same words, albeit not for the same reason(s), that I used to start last year’s report. This year I’ll add ‘difficult’ and somewhat ‘disheartening’. Conditions that decreased remarkably as the year progressed because of the efforts of our Captain and Vice-Captains and, indeed, all the members of the Board.

The updating of our Fixture Page by Captain – Brian Montpellier – was made more difficult because of the late start to our season. And his introduction of a ‘Deuce Pot’ to replace KPs was nothing less than a stroke of genius.

Until Peter Coyle, our Vice-Captain – Scoring, was able to get a Captain’s Table up and running, he ‘did it all’! And he did it from home using only the score cards – one per foursome – that were e-mailed to him. He entered all of our scores and produced the information that Wayne needed to post Weekly Prizes. Without the help of an Event Coordinator and the ‘sheets’ taped to the club house walls or windows, he determined who won the event of the day and who was second & third – information needed to post Awards & Winners. A magnificent job! Thank you, Peter.

There, I used a lot of ‘D’ words, but not one mention of the dreaded ‘C’ word.

Gary Sinclair (Emeritus) Ed Watson Wayne Gatley



West Point Golf at Riverway G.C. 2020



Unfortunately due to the Corona-19 virus our times at Riverway were severely limited this year . There was increased public demand so instead of our normal 6 tee times we only had 3. This limited our player access. I had to keep a roster and rotate players through so everybody had an opportunity to play. This also coincided with increased club interest to play. This situation wasn't great. Hopefully things will go back to normal next year and we can play the variety of formats that we seem to enjoy. Wishing everybody a safe off season and see you next year.

Peter Coyle

Golf can best be defined as an endless series of tragedies obscured by the occasional miracle, followed by a good bottle of beer.





SEE YOU ALL NEXT SPRING

Membership Fees for 2020 Season:

**To be Announced via email a few days prior to the AGM
as well as at the AGM:**

Tuesday, October 27th, 2020

10:30 a.m. via ZOOM

(Call-in numbers will be provided)

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