



WEST POINT GOLF CLUB

91st Annual General Meeting

Directors 2021

President

John Dawson

Secretary

Ross Cassie

Treasurer

Mike Constantinidis

Captain

Brian Montpellier

Vice-Captains

Basil Quan-Draw

Peter Coyle-Scoring

Membership Director

Dave McMurdo

Social Director

Paul Kouri

Director at Large

John Evans

Past President

Colin Mallet

Webmasters & Divot Dust

Ed Watson,

Wayne Gatley

Advisors:

Bill Titmuss-Handicap

Legal

Carl Jonsson

Tuesday, November 02, 2021

Strathcona Room,

Third Floor - Arbutus Club

Registration @ 10:45 am.

**Also by Zoom: Call-in numbers will be
provided separately.**

Registration will commence at 10:45am. Please bring your cheque for dues (payable to **West Point Golf Club**) for an amount of **\$120 (\$50 for Associate Members)** less the amount of your winnings for the year (available on the website under 'Weekly Prizes – Competition Winnings'). Buffet lunch will be served starting at 11:30. Awards will be presented starting at 12:15. The AGM will commence at 12:45 pm.



**John Dawson
President**



**Ross Cassie
Secretary**

WEST POINT GOLF CLUB

91st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

Welcome/Call to Order by John Dawson, 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 in person or via Zoom (20%)

Minutes of the 90th AGM held on October 27, 2020

- Published in the latest issue of the Divot Dust (See pages 5-8 below)
- Motion to adopt minutes of the 90th AGM
 - Call for a proposer and seconder
 - Discussion
 - Vote to be conducted in person and via ZOOM

Directors' and Advisors' Reports for 2021 Season

- Published in the latest issue of the Divot Dust and taken as read.

President — John Dawson

Past President — Colin Mallet

Secretary – Ross Cassie

Captain — Brian Montpellier

Vice-Captain, Draw — Basil Quan

Vice-Captain, Scoring — Peter Coyle

Membership — David McMurdo

Social Director — Paul Kouri

Director at Large — John Evans

Handicap Advisor — 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 in person and via ZOOM

Treasurer's Report 2021 and Budget 2022

The report will cover the financial report as well as the budget for next year.

What an interesting year, it was nearly normal and how fortunate we have been to be playing.

Had two socials, four holes in one (congratulations to Bill Titmuss, Eamon Grant, Andy Schmidt and David Ng). Donations for the year have been made plus the prize money was increased to \$5100 with everybody winning something.

We have reduced the surplus, the end of the year we will have \$9000 in the bank. The committee has decided to keep the fees lower to \$120 for full members and \$50 for associate and wait list. Donations for the year will remain the same. Prize money will be increased to \$5700.

As last year, winnings will be offset against your dues. You may mail me the cheque payable to West Point Golf Club or etransfer to myself. Once I get all the funds I will be passing the treasurer's portfolio to John Evans.

Thank you for allowing me to be the treasurer for the year, it was an eye opener and I will be your new Social Director.

Mike Constantinidis

Discussion and Questions

- Payment process for 2022 fees
- Motion to waive the engagement of an external auditor to review the 2021 year-end financial results
 - Call for a proposer and seconder
 - Discussion
 - Vote to be conducted in person and via ZOOM

Election of Directors for 2022

- Nominating Committee Members: Colin Mallet (Chair), John Evans, Wayne Ferrey
- Nominations of the Nominating Committee - presented by Colin Mallet

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

- Call for other nominations - by Colin Mallet
- Motion to close nominations
 - Call for a proposer and seconder
 - Vote conducted in person and via ZOOM

Advisor appointments to be made by Board of Directors in 2022

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

Other Business

1. Bylaw Change re the Rights and Privileges of Honorary and Life Members

The current Bylaw regarding Honorary or Life Members reads as follows:

3. Honorary Members

*Honorary or Life membership may be conferred on any person for such period as may be prescribed by the Board and such members may enjoy all the rights and privileges of a member, **save holding office or voting** [bold added], without payment of fees.*

- The Board has proposed to delete the bolded words in order to restore the rights and privileges of those members.
- Motion to Approve the Bylaw change
 - Call for proposer and seconder
 - Vote conducted in person and via Zoom

2. Renaming of the Handicap Champion Trophy

Adjournment

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

**MINUTES OF WEST POINT GOLF CLUB 90th ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING,**

HELD BY ZOOM

TUESDAY OCTOBER 27, 2020

Welcome/Call to Order/Opening Remarks

President Colin Mallet called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. He welcomed everyone who managed to participate in this very different AGM by ZOOM and thanked Dave Thomas for acting as the meeting moderator and providing familiarization training in advance of the meeting.

Colin gave a special welcome to the Club's two new Honorary members, Gary Sinclair and Ray Dujardin, and to our Life members: Hugh Marshall, Brian Ciccozzi, Jim Selley and Lorne Lindsay. All of these members have made major contributions to the development and well being of the Club over many years. Lorne is the newest addition to this illustrious group.

Lorne joined West Point in 2005 and served on the Board from from 2009-2016, making major contributions as Vice-Captain, Scoring and Draw, Membership Director, President and Past President. He felt that not enough was known about members' lives outside of golf, so in 2012, he began interviewing and writing Member Sketches. He has produced more than 40 such sketches so far and all are available on the Club's website. Lorne has been a strong supporter of the social side of the Club and continues to maintain close contact with, and provide support for, members and their families at times of illness and other difficulties.

Colin next welcomed our 12 new members to their first AGM: Geoffrey Howes, Doug March, Allan Harris, John Smart, Paul Kaushal, John MacLachlan, Ron Pound, Peter van Bodegom, Dan Huber, Silvano Padovan, Jim Barkwell and Ray Gerein.

Colin noted that we have all missed the camaraderie of the Club's social events which had to be cancelled this year but we have been much luckier than most sports clubs in maintaining much of our sporting calendar. After missing a month at the start of the playing year we have been able to achieve record turnouts each week. We finished the year with a full membership and a substantial waitlist.

Each of your Directors has filed a report on their activities during the past year and these are posted in Divot Dust on the Club's website. Colin encouraged both new and old members to spend some time reviewing the site where Wayne Gatley and Ed Watson do a wonderful job of maintaining a treasure trove of information about the Club and its members. He drew particular attention to the high proportion of members who volunteer in our activities and are recognized in the Directors' reports.

The relations between the Club and the Vancouver Park Board staff have never been better, thanks to our Captain, Brian Montpellier and Vice-Captain, Draw, Ian Allan. The staff see West Point as a major asset and treated our Club very favourably in a period where tee times were hard to book.

Since our last AGM, one of our Honorary members, Roy Moulton, and two of our past members, Alan Williams and John Hale passed away. All had been active participants in club events while members and Roy made a major contribution to the Club over the years. Colin led a moment of silence in their memory.

Roll Call of Directors

Colin conducted a roll call of Directors and thanked them for their service and support during the year: Secretary, Gregg Hook (retiring); Treasurer, John Dawson; Captain, Brian Montpellier; Vice-Captain, Draw, Ian Allan (retiring); Vice-Captain, Scoring, Peter Coyle; Membership Director, Dave Wilson (retiring); Social Director, Paul Kouri; Director at Large, Ross Cassie; and, Past President, Doug Blackman (retiring). He recognized the Directors who are stepping down and noted that this marked the end of Doug's six years on the Board during which he provided wise counsel and guided the Club through numerous issues and changes.

Colin acknowledged a number of other individuals who provided assistance during the past year that was of great benefit: Bill Titmuss, Handicap Advisor; Ed Watson and Wayne Gatley, Website Management; Carl Jonsson, Legal Advisor; Alex Andrews and Nick Atkinson, Park Board Task Force; Captain's Table volunteers; Away Game Organizers; Andrew Hobbs, Book of Champions; Lorne Lindsay, Member Sketches; and, Dave Stephens, Club History research.

Quorum

There were 48 voting members (44%) signed on when the meeting was called to order, therefore quorum was achieved.

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

The Minutes of the 89th AGM have been published in the Divot Dust and posted on the Club's website. A motion to accept the minutes as published was moved by Gregg Hook and seconded by Ross Cassie. Motion carried.

Director's and Advisor's Reports

The 2020 Reports have been published in the Divot Dust and posted on the Club's website. A motion to accept the reports as published was moved by Brian Montpellier and seconded by Peter Coyle. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report for 2020 and Budget for 2021

John Dawson presented the financial results for the year ending October 31, 2020. The Covid-19 pandemic curtailed all golf early in the season as well as all social events for the year. The only expenditure for social events was related to two hole-in-one celebrations (both by Stephen Loomer!). The Inner City Youth Golf programme was curtailed and, by mutual agreement with their Coordinator, we cut back on our annual donation to that activity. The 2019 AGM banquet costs were also down because of lower than expected attendance. The resultant surplus for 2020 is \$5,401.

For 2021, the Board decided to liquidate the 2020 surplus by reducing fees for returning regular members to \$50 (from \$140). The fees for Associate and Wait List members will be reduced to \$25 (from \$50). The budget allocates \$3,000 for social events during the season but there will be no expenditure for the 2020 AGM banquet which had to be cancelled. We have budgeted for a deficit of \$5,253 in 2021 which largely offsets the 2020 surplus but still leaves the Club in a very healthy financial position.

As 2020 winnings can't be paid out at the banquet this year, the incoming Treasurer proposes that members will be able to offset their 2020 winnings against their 2021 member dues and only remit the difference. Where winnings exceed next year's dues, the Treasurer will pay out the difference. Details on how this will occur will be sent out early in November.

There were no questions raised about any of the foregoing.

A motion to waive the engagement of an external auditor to review the 2020 year-end financial results was moved by John Dawson and seconded by Mike Constantinidis. Motion carried.

Election of Directors for 2021

Doug Blackman, Chair of the Nominating Committee, introduced the other members of his Committee, Brian Montpellier and Nick Atkinson. Doug presented the Nominating Committee's slate of candidates. All have confirmed their willingness to serve.

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)

Doug called three times for other nominations from the floor and hearing none, the nominations were closed and the slate of candidates were acclaimed.

Advisor Appointments to be made by the Board of Directors in 2021

Website Management — Ed Watson, Wayne Gatley

Handicap Advisor — Bill Titmuss

Legal Advisor — Carl Jonsson

At this point John Dawson, the incoming President, assumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting. John noted that this has been a difficult year for holding our AGM but it has been hugely successful, thanks to the hard efforts of Dave Thomas, Gregg Hook and our President, Colin Mallet.

He also observed, as Colin did earlier, that it has also been a difficult year for socializing. Working with Paul Kouri, John is looking forward as President to doing everything possible to bring back more social activities in the coming year – COVID permitting.

In the new year ahead, John encouraged members to stay for a while after completing their rounds each week to introduce themselves, not only to new members but also to other members that they maybe haven't gotten to know.

In closing John formally thanked Colin, on behalf of the entire membership, for his tremendous efforts as President over the past two years and called on attendees to join in a great round of virtual applause for Colin.

New Business

John asked if there were any items of new business. Lorne Lindsay requested an opportunity to speak. He thanked the Board for a good job over the past year in light of all the challenges posed by the pandemic. He also expressed his sincere appreciation to the Board for bestowing upon him the honour of Life membership. Lorne said that he is joining esteemed company in this category and acknowledged Gary Sinclair and Ray Dujardin who are moving over to Honorary membership status.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m. was moved by Gregg Hook and seconded by Ross Cassie. Motion carried.

End of Minutes of 2021 AGM



90th ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

Awarding of Trophies: (Brian Montpellier)

1. Bud Brown Eclectic Net & Gross
2. TNT Team Net Total McCleery
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. Fairweather Memorial
10. Sweet Sixteen at Langara
11. Club Championship
12. Ed Angel Trophy 2 Man Teams
13. Neil McIntyre
14. Red White and Blue Fraserview
15. Bob Jack Trophy
16. Handicap Champion
17. Roli Parker Shield Eclectic Gross & Net
18. Doug LeBlanc Shield
19. Captain's Challenge
20. Champion of Champions
21. Most Improved Golfer

Membership Fees for 2022 Season:

Full Membership: \$120.00 minus winnings
Wait List and Associate: \$50 minus winnings

**Payable by cheque to 'West Point
Golf Club' at AGM.**

**See website for competition winnings
(opening page just above the photo)**

President's Report

President

John Dawson

Secretary

Ross Cassie

Treasurer

Mike Constantinidis

Captain

Brian Montpellier

Vice-Captains

Basil Quan-Draw

Peter Coyle-Scoring

Membership Director

Dave McMurdo

Social Director

Paul Kouri

Director at Large

John Evans

Past President

Colin Mallet

Webmasters & Divot

Dust

Ed Watson,

Wayne Gatley

Advisors:

Bill Titmuss-Handicap

Legal

Carl Jonsson



I would like to start by welcoming everyone to the Club's Annual General Meeting – whether those attending at the Arbutus Club in person or by Zoom for those uncomfortable in attending in person in this COVID-19 world.

The original West Point Golf Club was founded in 1932 and reincarnated in

1986 with the move from what is now the University Golf Course to the McCleery Golf Course. So, if my reckoning is correct and counting from the first AGM of the new club in 1986, this would be the Club's 36th Annual Meeting.

This is my first year as your President and, while we have had our challenges we have also had many great moments, and I have enjoyed every minute of the year.

Before I start on my comments on the year, I want to acknowledge the passing of two of our members. **Don Rotherham** joined the Club in 2005 and died in June at the age of 90. He was an Exploration Geologist in his work life. Don started winning competitions early on as a member and continued doing so until 2016 when he won the Senior Master Net Championship for the second time. **Neil Watson**, brother to Garry, joined the Club in 2006 and played fairly regularly until 2018. He died in July at the age of 81, having retired from the Club in 2020. In addition to these two, there are a number of our members (too numerous to mention here!) who have not been able to play for at least parts of this year due to a variety of health issues or injuries. Don't forget to reach out to your buddies if they are not able to play.

I would like to thank everyone for the wholehearted support that we have had throughout this past year - with record breaking turnouts for our golf events, even if we have not been able to socialize anywhere near what we would have liked to. COVID has certainly constrained our activities this year but with masks and now with members being fully vaccinated we can at least go back into the restaurants and enjoy a pint with our foursome after our round.

For the year, we have had a full membership role of 110 with a growing wait list of potential members – we had to cut that off at 19 last January because those waiting had little hope of becoming full members or even of being able to play very often during the year. Our new members this year were Michael Geller, Terry Malysh, Brent Moore, Dave Olafson and Tim O'Meara. All of our events were fully subscribed with more members waiting to play each week.

The year actually started last November with the introduction of the club-sponsored (but no prizes!) winter golf programme at Fraserview and Riverway golf courses. With borders closed and few venues open (and with excellent weather for many weeks), golf was one of the very few activities open to our members to enjoy and tee times were over-subscribed every week. Special thanks go to Basil Quan and Chris Murray for organizing those weekly events.

The regular season opened with a Zoom gathering in the evening of March 23 to introduce new members and to lay out the programme for the season, followed by a Red Tee 'Shamble' on March 25 which was won by the great team of Jim Barkwell, Ron Pound, Ron Babcock and Jones Lee with a winning score of 125.

Most of the regular season followed the traditional pattern of events although changes were made as necessary to accommodate changing circumstances of COVID and weather. The introduction of deuce pots in 2020 in place of prohibited KPs proved to be very popular and was continued in 2021 even after KPs were again allowed. The intention is to continue having deuce pots in 2022.

There was much discussion during the year about the revised Policy Statement on Regular Foursomes introduced early in the season. The board proposed a new approach to meet the needs of some members who want to play together, while providing an opportunity for the majority who want to mix and meet other members. The new approach seems to have been very well received.

Later in the season, a new sign-up process was piloted in order to ease the workload of the VC–Draw. Similar to that used by the University mid-week club, members could choose their own preferred tee times each week on the draw. Early reports are that the pilot has proven to be very well received and the board will consider permanently implementing the new process next season for the draw events.

A new change in our courses this year was the introduction of new tee boxes and new score cards by the Parks Board. Some members will be happy to play from what is now referred to as the shorter Tee 4 or Tee 5, depending on which course is being played.

One annual event that was cancelled this season due to lack of interest was the Palcutta, both the social portion and the golfing. Some members expressed the concern about the betting portion of the event and others were uncomfortable about participating in a social evening, given the need for masks and the prohibition on mingling in the clubhouse. Evening traffic issues might also have been a continuing concern.

Another event that was deleted from the programme was the plan to reintroduce the Putting Jamboree. Again, there was concern about mingling and masking.

As you know, our social events were seriously curtailed again this year. It was a sad state of affairs for all of us. We managed two events but they were limited to post-round lunch and beverages – one at McCleery in June and the other at Fraserview in September. The financial plan for 2022 includes a social budget but, again because of uncertainty, without specifics about which venues and when. We are however considering the reintroduction of a shotgun tournament followed by a social event at UBC.

On the brighter side, we completed our golf events in good order this season with a new Club Champion. Bill Cartwright won over Gregg Hook this year in the final. Gregg and Bill Titmuss have been our champions over the past five years, so maybe we are looking at a changing of the guard? The winner of the seasonal match play Dave Fairweather trophy was David McMurdo. Our Senior Master Champion was Wayne Ferrey and our Super Senior Champion was Richard Martin. The winner of the Bob Jack trophy for the five Away Games this year was Bruce Kennedy.

- One significant event this year is the announcement of the renaming of the Handicap Champion trophy to henceforth be known as the **'Hugh Marshall Stroke Play Net Champion'** trophy. As you may know, Hugh has been a member of the club for 30 years and served on the board for seven of those years – 2 as Secretary, 2 as President and 3 as Past President. He has a keen interest in the club and its activities, especially its newer members, and is a respected source for opinions on new and ongoing initiatives. Hugh was appointed a Life Member in 2010 and is a multi-time member of the 'Shot Their Age' club. He can be seen walking the course every week, regardless of the weather and regardless of how many of his foursome are riding! Please join me in congratulating Hugh in this wonderful achievement and acknowledgement!

Our Treasurer, Mike Constantinidis, will file his report separately but I can report that we are in a strong financial position with a surplus bank balance. For 2022 we are proposing to draw down a portion of that surplus with the result that fees for next year will be reduced from the more normal \$140 for playing members to \$120. Mike will explain separately how he intends to distribute our 2021 prize pool and collect the fees for 2022.

In closing, I would like to thank my fellow Board members for their support during this past year and for all their hard work in seeing us through this second pandemic year. I especially want to thank our two retiring board members – Peter Coyle and Paul Kouri. Peter has been on the board for 9 years serving in a number of capacities, most recently that of VC-Scoring, seeing us through several computer and scoring updates and changes. Paul has been on the board for 3 years, serving very ably as our Social Director which has not been easy with so many events having to change or be cancelled.

Sincerely,

John Dawson

Past President's Report



As Past President, I have had very little to do this year, because the Club has a strong Board and a very responsive membership. Your Directors have done an excellent job this year adapting to the constraints of COVID. Golf participation has been at record levels, and we all hope that it will not be too long before we can return to the normal social interaction in the Club.

One of the few responsibilities of the Past President is to keep an eye on pace of play. This has been no problem this year, and all the courses have appreciated our members responsible approach to speed of play, so we have not needed the time clock.

This year, Wayne Ferrey and John Evans joined me on the Nominating Committee to propose your new Directors for next year. Two of your current Directors, Peter Coyle and Paul Kouri, will be retiring from the Board, and they deserve the thanks of all of us for their yeoman service. Each of the proposed new slate of Directors has agreed to serve if he is elected. They are:

President:	John Dawson	2 nd year
Captain:	Brian Montpellier	3 rd year
Secretary:	Ross Cassie	2 nd year
Treasurer:	John Evans	1 st year
V-Captain Draw:	Basil Quan.	2 nd year
V-Captain Scoring:	Jeremy Marr	1 st year
Membership Director:	David McMurdo	2 nd year
Social Director:	Mike Constantinidis	1 st year
Director at Large:	John Maclachlan.	1 st year
Past President.	Colin Mallet.	2 nd year

The Advisors to the Board are unchanged:

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

Sincerely,

Colin Mallet

Gallery of Candidates nominated to serve as our Board of Directors for 2022

Presenting the members who have agreed to stand for election:



President
John Dawson
2nd Year



Secretary
Ross Cassie
2nd Year



Treasurer
John Evans
1st Year



Captain
Brian Montpellier
3rd Year



Past President
Colin Mallet
2nd Year



VCapt Draw
Basil Quan
2nd Year



VCapt Scoring
Jeremy Marr
1st Year



Membership
David McMurdo
2nd Year



Social Director
Mike Constantinidis
1st Year



Dir@Large
John Maclachlan
1st Year

Membership Fees for 2022 Season:

Full Membership: \$120.00 minus winnings
Associate and Wait List \$50.00 minus winnings
Payment details on p. 30.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE PASSED AWAY
WITHIN THE LAST YEAR.

THEY WILL BE MISSED



Neil Watson
Hole in One
Riverway

Don Rotherham
Senior Master Champ
2011, 2014, 2016

FORMER WPGC BOARD MEMBERS

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

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

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

Lindsay, Lorne
McHattie, John
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 Report

2021 started less chaotically than 2020 as the courses (and our members) had sets of Covid rules to follow. We continued to get 20 tee times from the pro shops, and have done a pretty good job with pace of play. The Marshalls have actually been complimentary! The GolfSoftware program has become routine to use for most members. It would be useful if 4-somes scored live from the field on their cell phones as it would simplify the job of the Captain's Table. The scores show up instantly in the software and you could then see the day's

Leaderboard and determine if you have to play better to be in the money.

Captain's Table

Peter and his crew did their usual stellar job of scoring. We discovered that the software could automatically list deuces and skins for each game (skins are awarded to any person who gets a unique low net score on a particular hole – ties don't count) which saves a lot of work. We were still in Covid mode for the first 3 months of this season – no physical Captain's Table. That was rescinded by the pro shops in July with the first easing of Covid restrictions. Fairly normal operations after that. Peter will be retiring as Vice-Captain Draw and Jeremy Marr will be taking over, with Peter's support. Thanks to Peter and welcome Jeremy.

Web Site

As always Ed Watson and Wayne Gatley deserve our thanks for keeping our web site up to date and running smoothly.

Winter Golf

Winter Golf proved popular and the weather co-operated most weeks. Participation rates were such that we are setting the program up again for the 2021/2022 fall/winter season. November and December at Fraserview, January and February at Langara.

GolfSoftware

No changes in the software, other than we are told the October update will include the ability to leave a comment when you sign up for a game. We also experimented with signing up to a tee time instead of a list. The feedback was that most members appreciated being able to pick a tee time to match their schedules. We'll continue with it next year, as appropriate.

Fixture List

No change from our traditional set of fixtures other than, due to a lack of enthusiasm by a majority of members, the Palcutta was not played. It may well be down for the count going forward. We added an away game at Westwood Plateau in lieu of Northlands, which was not accepting groups. Westwood was an interesting, challenging course with about the best after game patio service we've seen in the Vancouver area!

Sincerely,

Brian Montpellier



Vice-Captain (Weekly Draw)



With the travel restrictions in place at the end of the last regular season, and many of the snowbirds remain grounded in BC, the club decided to host a winter golf season.

Jim Barkwell and I volunteered to run the winter golf event at Fraserview (8 tee times increased to 10) on Thursdays and Chris Murray (3 tee times increased to 4) effectively ran the golf events at Riverway on Tuesdays.

We had a very mild winter and by and large, most of the winter events were fairly well subscribed to. We even held events at Fraserview on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

At the end of the 2020 regular season, Ian Allan resigned from the club and I replaced him as Vice Captain – Draw.

Our 2021 regular season started off at McCleery in late March to the end of June. We had 22 tee times (up from our usual 20) per week. At the time when the signup closed on the portal, we were oversubscribed but by the time we got to play, we generally struggled to fill all these times.

In July and August, we moved to Langara and also managed to get 22 tee times. Again we had the same issues filling all our tee times and often had to give some spots back to the pro shop.

The Board approved the use of a new signup approach on the portal – “Sign up to a Tee Time” and this started in mid-August that allowed all players equal access to any tee time and to any other player signed up for the event. Feedback has been generally positive.

In September and October, we moved to Fraserview and got 22 tee times. We returned 2 tee times to the pro shop as we have been struggling to fill the 20 tee times.

We have a long list of waitlist members in the club. They will only get a spot in the draw after all full members have been given a tee time. Almost all waitlist members that sign up have been getting in the draw after the initial draw.

Late cancellations seem to be a recurring issue. Every Thursday, I send an email reminder out to all players telling them that they are signed up for the next week's event and if they cannot play, that they go into the portal and remove themselves. There have been way too many instances of me receiving messages on Friday evening (after 5pm) or Saturday morning asking me to remove them from the draw.

The first iteration of the draw is generally posted to the portal by Sunday afternoon and an email notice sent to all players in the draw. Again I ask players to contact me by Wednesday at noon if they need to withdraw. After that time they need to contact the pro shop to cancel.

It appears that some members have the mindset that they need to hold onto a tee time until the very last minute and then cancel to keep their options open. As Captain Brian explained in an email send out to the membership, when you sign up, you are expected to play. You have received multiple reminders that you are signed up so scheduling conflicts should not be an issue. Last minute cancellations should only take place for serious unplanned events like illnesses, injuries, family issues, etc. We currently do not proactively monitor or track this statistic but it appears to be the same repeat offenders who are guilty of this.

For the 2021 winter golf season, we will be playing at Riverway on Tuesdays with 4 tee times, at Fraserview on Thursdays with 10 tee times until the end of December and then at Langara with 8 tee times from January to the start of the regular season. We will re-evaluate the duration of the winter golf program based on demand and interest and may consider terminating this earlier if there is insufficient participation from members.

Sincerely,

Basil Quan



Hyde Mt. Par 3 from T-Box

Symptoms of the coronavirus are sweats, dizziness, and trouble breathing, which I experience whenever I'm standing over a 3 foot putt

Vice-Captain (Scoring)



The resurgent Corona-19 virus was still a problem for us this season. The Captain's Table was limited and although groups were allowed to sit together, mingling was discouraged by the courses. Thankfully with everybody's cooperation we managed to navigate our way through this without too many hiccups.

We were not allowed to have a timing clock at McCleery and our members responded wonderfully by completing their rounds quickly. This has continued at Langara and Fraserview.

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 like to thank Brian Montpellier and Basil Quan for their organization of the tournaments. Thanks to David Johansson for his work on the Away Games and all the co-ordinators of those 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.

The famous sheets on the wall for tournament results continue to be missing due to social distancing. Hopefully the virus will be gone next year and we will be back to "normal."

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members who have helped me through my years as a Director. After nine years on the Board in various capacities it is time for some new blood. Please give all your help to Jeremy Marr as he embarks on his time as your Vice Captain Scoring. I hope you all have a safe winter and look forward to seeing you all next year.

Best wishes to all,

Peter Coyle



Golf is a game whose aim is to hit a very small ball into an even smaller hole, with weapons ill-suited for the purpose: Winston Churchill.

Thanks to the Members of our Captain's Table



Jeremy Marr



David McMurdo



Peter Coyle



Dave Marr



Richard Martin



John Evans

Membership Director's Message



The past year has been noteworthy for the relatively stable membership of our club, frequent over subscription of available tee times, and excess of applications for membership over retirements, all attesting to the popularity of our sport.

West Point membership totals 123 all categories, unchanged from 2020, comprising

Members	110 (108)
Associate Members	7 (9)
Life Members	4 (4)
Honorary Members	2 (2)
2020 figures ()	

The Wait List of prospective members rose from 16 in 2020 to 22 before being closed in January. Following 5 admissions to Membership and 2 withdrawals it now stands at 15, and enquiries for membership continue.

New Members are Brent Moore, Michael Geller, David Olafson, Terry Malysh and Tim O'Meara. Angelo Dakis, a prior Member returned as an Associate, and Associate Craig Thompson returned to full Membership. Welcome to all.

Retirements from our club include Ian Allan, Sam Lilley, Jim Marchand, Don Rotherham and Peter McAllister.

Ed Bobinski, Peter Morse, and Barrie Brown moved to Associate Membership.

Sadly, past members Don Rotherham and Neil Watson passed away recently.

With membership enthusiasm for golf and strong demand for membership of our club, I look forward to a successful year ahead. May the sun continue to shine!

Sincerely,

David McMurdo

"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



Our two social events for 2021 were after-round lunch and beverages at McCleery June 17 and at Fraserview Sept 9th.

They each attracted 71 participants who were able to socialize safely on the patios with their foursome and to a limited extent with others. The total cost to the club came to \$2700.87. Apart from the Palcutta social auction these were the only social events the constantly changing public health protocols restricting social gatherings allowed us to organize.

The social/auction organized for the Palcutta at the end of August was cancelled due to lack of interest. In spite of efforts to convince members to participate, only some 40 members signed up. Both Jim Selley, long time coordinator of the event and I recommend that we drop the Palcutta from the 2022 schedule.

Our AGM/luncheon is set for Nov 2nd at the Arbutus club. This will be our first indoor social gathering since our 2019 AGM/luncheon. In order to provide a safe event, all public health protocols will be in force. All members attending will need to show their vaccine cards, photo ID, and wear masks until they are seated at their table. We have also arranged to have a served buffet. There will be a maximum of 6 people per table to facilitate social distancing. Members who decide not to attend the luncheon will be able to participate in the AGM through a zoom session.

COVID-19 has certainly thrown a wrench into our social program over the past couple years. But there is light at the end of the tunnel as more and more people get vaccinated. Thank you all for your support and cooperation over the past 3 years. All the best to our new social director for 2022.

Sincerely,

Paul Kouri

DAVID: What is a golfer's favorite lunch

PAUL: Beats me.

DAVID: A ham sand-wedge.

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 in the 2022 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.

John Evans



A ball hitting a tree shall be deemed not to have hit the tree. Hitting a tree is simply bad luck and has no place in a scientific game. The player should estimate the distance the ball would have travelled if it had not hit the tree and play the ball from there, preferably from atop a nice firm tuft of grass.

Handicap Report

Our handicap system ran smoothly this season as the Captain's Table was able to enter scores at the golf courses. Last year we had many duplicate scores entered. This season it only happened eight times. A few were from away games, some from Riverway, and a few when members did not see their scores posted during multi-week events. Those scores get posted when the event is concluded.



Our membership played lots of golf this year both with our club and on non-club days. Folks seemed to be diligent entering their scores in a timely manner. Yet we still had about 18 members that were challenged to meet our 10 Thursday rounds per season requirement. Most of these cases were because of medical issues which goes hand in hand with our membership demographics.

The three Vancouver golf courses added forward tee boxes and a few new tee combinations. Rather than having the tees named by colour, they are now named by number. We seemed to adjust to this quickly. Some of our members have taken advantage of the change and are now playing some of the new tees and tee combos. It gives all of us more choices as to how long of a golf course we are comfortable playing.

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.



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Bill Titmuss

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Ball in ball washer There shall be no such thing as a lost ball. The missing ball is on or near the course somewhere and eventually will be found and pocketed by someone else. It thus becomes a stolen ball and the player should not compound the felony by charging himself or herself with a penalty stroke.

Sketch of a West Pointer



*We were very fortunate that **Wayne Gatley** stepped forward at the end of 2016 to succeed former Life Member and current Honorary Member, **Gary Sinclair**, as editor of our prestigious **Divot Dust**. Kudos to Wayne and his busy website partner, **Ed Watson**, for all their efforts.*

I joined WPGC in 2005 and began volunteering at the Captain's Table. This role provided an opportunity to meet all the members, particularly the new ones. It was interesting to chat and learn a little bit more about everyone. During my time as Vice-Captain (Draw and Scoring), I enjoyed greater interaction with all members, especially since those were the

days before electronic sign-up, a time when commitments to play had to be confirmed orally each week so the draw could be created. Then as Membership Chair, I had a lot of contact with members and an idea that had been percolating for a while, finally boiled over in 2012. The "Sketch of a West Pointer" project was launched as an attempt to get beyond the superficiality and learn more about the background and golfing history of West Point members. The earliest Sketches portrayed **Ed Bobinski**, **Jim Appleby** and **Michael Alms**. Sixty more Sketches have been published; 44 are active Regular, Life or Honorary members. This season we featured: **Tom Becher**, **Brian Boone**, **Joe Davison**, **Mel Endelman**, **David Johannson**, **David McMurdo**, **Russ Quinn**, **Bill Titmuss**, **Ken Whitelaw** and **Dave Wilson**. You can read any of the sketches on our website; go to Galleries/Members and click on Sketch under the photos.

The willingness of members to share their background and personal information with the Club membership has been very much appreciated. A template is always 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.

The focus has been on long-time and senior members. All those who joined West Point from 1989 to 2014 have been invited to participate. Some have preferred not to be included and others are still working on their first draft! I hope to get to some of our newer members in an effort to learn more about their backgrounds.

In addition to those listed above, over the years the following members have generously shared a bit of their golfing history with us: **Chris Allen**, **Nick Atkinson**, **Doug Blackman**, **Neil Brett-Davies**, **Mike Carter**, **Don Clancy**, **David Cooke**, **Peter Coyle**, **Rob Dickinson**, **David Dickson**, **George Doiron**, **George Drew**, **Ray Dujardin**, **Don Edmonds**, **Wayne Ferrey**, **John Foster**, **Wayne Gatley**, **Neil Griggs**, **David Haddleton**, **Andrew Hobbs**, **Joe Hurley**, **Carl Jonsson**, **Phil Joughin**, **Roger Jung**, **Colin Kelly**, **Peter Kidd**, **Chuck Kotzo**, **Andy Leekha**, **Paul Levy**, **Lorne Lindsay**, **Gordie MacCulloch**, **Dean MacKinnon**, **John McHattie**, **Bill McNichol**, **Colin Mallet**,

Dave Marr, Hugh Marshall, John Matkovich, Peter Morse, Art Roberts, Don Rotherham, Lloyd Shippam, Gary Sinclair, Dave Syme, Norm Thiessen, Dave Thomas, Bill Trory, Jim Trotter, Neil Watson and Al Williams.

Lorne Lindsay

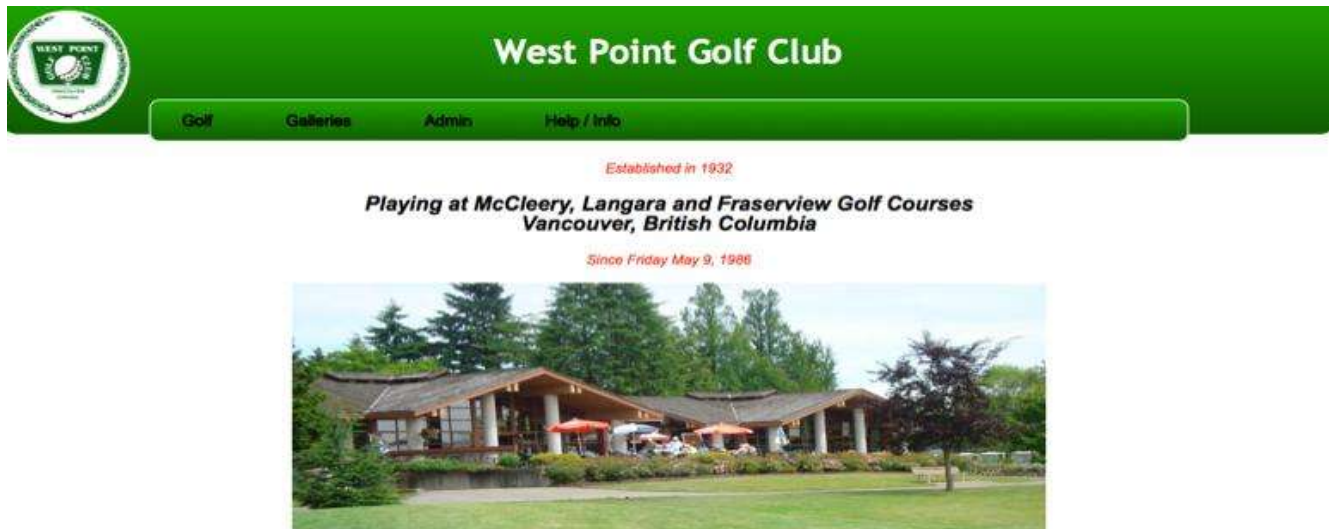


Hyde Mountain Par 4, lofted Tee Box
Mara Lake in the background

Golfer: "I think I'm going to drown myself in that lake."

Caddy: "Think you can keep your head down for that long?"

Club Communications



Thanks to the efforts of our Captain and Vice-Captains and, indeed, all members of the Board, website management has gone very well this year. Posting of weekly tournament results has been prompt, usually by the morning of the next day.

In spite of Covid protocols making it more difficult to connect with New and Wait List members the Member Gallery has been kept up to date with photos so members can check it out before teeing it up with newbies. It's always nice to be able to greet a new member by name.

Many thanks to those who provide us with tournament results and other data for the website: David Johansson (BJ Away Games), Peter Coyle (Weekly Prizes and tournament winnings), Brian Montpellier (Fixtures), Bill Titmuss (Leaderboard), Dave McMurdo (Membership).

Special thanks to Lorne Lindsay, unofficial editor of Divot Dust and other sundry communications.

Gary Sinclair (Emeritus) Ed Watson Wayne Gatley



West Point Golf at Riverway G.C. 2021



Golf at Riverway in the past year has been extremely popular with the members and we have had wait lists almost every week.

During the winter we had 3 tee times each Tuesday and from March this year 4 tee times each week.

With demand exceeding supply for tee times, members have not always been able to play when they wished to. I thank all of them for their patience and understanding of the situation.

We have had a very positive relationship with the course management and trust this will continue.

WPGC will have weekly tee times at Riverway this winter.

Sincerely,

Chris Murray

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



Ledgeview GCC Abbotsford
“Keep your head down, Deer.”

SEE YOU ALL NEXT SPRING

Membership Fees for 2022 Season:

Full Membership: \$120.00 minus winnings
Wait List and Associate: \$50 minus winnings

**Payable by cheque to West Point Golf Club at AGM.
See website for competition winnings (opening page
just above the photo)**

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