WEST POINT GOLF CLUB

94th Annual General Meeting

Tuesday Nov. 12, 2024
Third Floor - Arbutus Club
Strathcona Room
2001 Nanton Ave. Vancouver
11:00 Registration
11:30 Buffet Lunch
12:15 Awards
AGM 12:45

Directors
2024

President
Ross Cassie

Secretary
Mike Fryzuk

Treasurer
John Evans

Captain
Bill Titmuss

Vice-Captains
Alex Andrews-Draw
Jeremy Marr-Scoring

Membership Director
Roger Barnes

Social Director
John Maclachlan

Director at Large
John Mathews

Past President
John Dawson

Webmasters & Divot Dust
Wayne Gatley,
Silvano Padovan

Advisors: Handicap
Brian Montpellier

Legal *Carl Jonsson*

Ross Cassie
President

Mike Fryzuk
Secretary

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BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

West Point Golf Club
94th Annual General Meeting 2024
Business Meeting Agenda

Welcome and Call to Order by Ross Cassie, 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 (20%)

Minutes of the 93nd AGM held on November 07, 2023

- Published in the latest issue of the Divot Dust, p. 4
- Motion to adopt minutes of the 93nd AGM
- Call for a proposer and seconder
- Discussion
- Vote to be conducted in person

Directors' and Advisors' Reports for the 2024 Season

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

President – Ross Cassie
Past President – John Dawson
Secretary – Mike Fryzuk
Captain – Bill Titmuss
Vice Captain, Draw – Alex Andrews
Vice Captain, Scoring – Jeremy Marr
Membership – Roger Barnes
Social Director – John Maclachlan: Report by Ross Cassie
Director at Large – John Mathews
Handicap Advisor – Brian Montpellier
Sketches – Lorne Lindsay
Website Management – Wayne Gatley, Silvano Padovan
Legal Advisor – Carl Jonsson (no report)

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

Treasurer's Report 2024 and Budget 2025

- Payment Process for 2025 Fees
- Motion to waive the engagement of an external auditor to review the 2024 year end financial results
- Call for a proposer and seconder
- Discussion
- Vote to be conducted in person

Election of Directors for 2025

- Nominating Committee Members: John Dawson (Chair), Silvano Padovan and Gregg Hook
- Nominations of the Committee - presented by John Dawson
- President – Bill Titmuss (1st Year)
- Past President – Ross Cassie (1st Year)
- Secretary – John Mathews (1st Year)
- Captain – Brian Montpellier (1st Year) previously served 3 years
- Vice Captain-Draw – Alex Andrews (2nd Year)
- Vice Captain–Scoring - Jim Bones (1st Year)
- Membership – Roger Barnes (2nd Year)
- Social – Jim Barkwell (1st Year)
- Treasurer – John Dawson (1st Year) previously served 3 years
- Director at Large –Jeremy Marr (1st Year)
- Call for other Nominations – by John Dawson
- Call for a proposer and seconder
- Vote conducted in person

Advisor appointments to be made by the Board of Directors in 2025

- Website and Divot Dust – Wayne Gatley, Silvano Padovan, Ivor Blackmore
- Handicap and Technical Advisor – Brian Montpellier
- Legal Advisor– Mike Sawyer

Other Business

Adjournment

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

Membership Fees for 2025 Season:

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MINUTES OF WEST POINT GOLF CLUB

93nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING,

Tuesday November 7, 2023

1. Call to Order at 11 AM
2. Buffet Lunch served table by table
3. Trophy Presentations: Captain Bill Titmuss announced the winners aided by Mike Fryzuk and Roger Barnes; photos were taken by David McMurdo. This was somewhat chaotic in order to keep on time.
4. The 50/50 Ticket Draw was performed. Half of the monies collected plus extra from the membership fees are donated to the Inner-City Golf for Kids program.
5. The President, Ross Cassie, took over and made a number of points (eg., filling spots at Riverway) and thanked many people including the Board of Directors, the staff at the Arbutus Club. He then went on to welcome the members in various categories, regular, new, life, honorary, etc. There was a moment of silence for members recently passed, or in palliative care. He then went on to discuss the changed order of courses, which is working well by all accounts. He then thanked a number of the Board Members for their service and announced that David McMurdo and Basil Quan were stepping down from their respective portfolios.
6. The President then called for Quorum, which was confirmed.
7. John Evans, the Treasurer gave his report, and concluded that the Finances of the West Point GC are in exceptionally good shape. John spoke on the 2023 expenses and 2024 budget, referencing copies of a spreadsheet provided on the tables (Appended). Expenses for 2023 came in well under budget. The proposal for 2024 will keep planned expenditures very similar to last year with a small expected surplus. **The 2024 budget was then approved by the membership**. A second motion was made to waive the external audit, which was passed.
8. John Dawson, Past President, presented the results of the Nomination Committee; he also asked if there were any nominations from the floor, and as none were declared, the continuing and new board members were proposed in a motion, seconded and passed.

2023 Directors
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Treasurer – John Evans
Past President – John Dawson
Secretary – Mike Fryzuk
Captain – Bill Titmuss

Vice Captain, Draw – Basil Quan
Vice Captain, Scoring – Jeremy Marr
Membership – David McMurdo

2024 Directors
President – Ross Cassie (2nd yr)
Treasurer – John Evans (2nd yr)
Past President – John Dawson (2nd yr)
Secretary – Mike Fryzuk (2nd yr)
Captain – Bill Titmuss (2nd yr)

Vice Captain, Draw – Alex Andrews (1st year)
Vice Captain, Scoring – Jeremy Marr (3rd year)
Membership – Roger Barnes (1st yr)

Social Director – John Maclachlan	Social Director – John Maclachlan (2nd yr)
Director at Large – Roger Barnes	Director at Large – John Mathews (1st yr)
*Handicap Advisor – Brian Montpellier	*Handicap Advisor – Brian Montpellier
*Sketches – Lorne Lindsay	*Sketches – Lorne Lindsay
*Website Management – Wayne Gatley	*Website Management – Wayne Gatley & Silvano Padovan
*Legal Advisor – Carl Jonsson	*Legal Advisor – Carl Jonsson
*Board Appointees	
9. Adjournment of Meeting 1:14 PM	

94th ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

Awarding of Trophies: (Brian Montpellier]

Trophy Winners 2024

Bud Brown Eclectic: Net:
Flight A: Geoffrey Howes
Flight B: Dave Olafson
Flight C: Michael Tham

Stroke Play Championship and Hugh Marshall Net
Gross: Sunil Chun **Net:** Garry Watson

Ab Miles Tankard
John Dawson

Laurie Craddock Vintage Cup
Overall winner: Dave Marr

TNT "Team Net Total"
Terry Clark, Silvano Padovan, Michael McSevney, Colin Mallet

Ed Angel Trophy 2 Man Teams
Don Kilpatrick and Walter Brennen

Club Championship
Bill Titmuss

Neil McIntyre Trophy
Sunil Chun

Super Master Champion
Gross: David Ng

Super Senior Champion
Gross: Bruce Kennedy

Joe Dwyer Shield Two Man Teams
Bill Cartwright and Dave Stephens

Roli Parker Eclectic: Gross
Flight A: Rob Doggett
Flight B: Michael McSevney
Flight C: Dave Thomas

Fairweather Match Play
The President's Team **54**. The Captain's Team **44.**

Doug Le Blanc Shield
Flight A: Bill Bishop
Flight B: David Butler
Flight C: Garry Watson

Bob Jack

Kah Hua Yeo

Most Improved
James Ahmoye

President's Plaque

Hole in One Medallions:
Michael McSevney, July 25, @ McCleery Hole #3, 115 yards, 9 iron
Greg Hook, June 20, @ McCleery Hole #16, 161 yards, 4-hybrid
John Maclachlan, March 28, @ Langara, Hole #12, 140 yards, 7 iron

President's Report

President
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Secretary
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Brian Montpellier-Handicap

Legal
Carl Jonsson

I would like to welcome all of our members to our club's 94th Annual General Meeting today. I have really enjoyed my two year tenure as President and having the opportunity to meet and speak with many of you and have greatly appreciated the guidance and comments I have received from many of you.

At this time I would like to acknowledge the passing of three of our members, John Maclachlan, Gary Sinclair and Geof Trunkfield. John took great satisfaction in providing people with opportunities to enjoy life. That is why John was such a great Social Director for our club. Gary Sinclair was an esteemed Honorary Member of our club. I don't believe there was a task in our club that Gary didn't do over the years. He along with his good friend, Hugh Marshall, always made a point of going out of their way to welcome our new members. Geof Trunkfield loved his time on the golf course. He enjoyed the game but his real pleasure with golf was the social aspect of the game. Geof was Vice Captain of Draw in the past and organized many tournaments for our club.

I would also like to acknowledge our current members who have been injured, in ill health or caring for others, who have not had the opportunity to get out on the courses as much as they would have liked to.
I would like to provide a special welcome to our Life Time members Brian Ciccozzi, Lorne Lindsay, and Jim Selley; and to our two Honorary Members Ray Dujardin and Hugh Marshall. Over the years these 5 individuals have provided so much time to our club to insure our activities are rewarding and enjoyable experiences for us all.

Finally I would like to thank the other Executive members for all of the work they provide to our club and especially to me this past year. They are:
Bill Titmuss – Club Captain
Mike Fryzuk – Club Secretary
John Dawson – Past President
John Evans – Club Treasurer
Alex Andrews – Vice Captain – Draw
Jeremy Marr – Vice Captain – Scoring
Roger Barnes – Membership Coordinator
John Mathews – Director at Large
Brian Montpellier – Handicap Advisor
Wayne Gatley / Silvano Padovan – Website Advisors

One of our goals this year was to insure that we were filling the allotted tee times that we had at our Vancouver courses and Riverway. The fact that in many weeks we were over-subscribed indicates we have been very successful in achieving this but we are still dealing

with the problem of late cancellations. In 2025 the VPB has informed us that they are going to be implementing their 4-hour cancellation policy more diligently than in years past.

Our tournaments this season were very competitive and there was lots of variety in the tournaments. Many thanks to our Club Captain, Bill Titmuss, for all of his work with our tournaments. Bill is never idle with his plans on how we can improve our competitions. Bill will be moving on from the Captaincy and I would like to thank and acknowledge Bill for all of his work in this role.

This year we used the same order we played the 3 Vancouver courses as well as the amount of time we played at each course. Starting with Langara allows us to take advantage of the excellent drainage at the course. By starting later in our season at McCleery, that course is much drier to play than if we started earlier. Given the back 9 of McCleery, we need all the help we can get! Again this year, our club was able to maintain excellent relations with the Pro Shop staffs at Langara, McCleery, Fraserview and Riverway.

Our full membership numbers are currently at 119. We still have a very active wait list. This year because of the large numbers of people who joined our wait list we created two wait lists. The Active Wait List had 20 individuals on it at the beginning of the year and the Pending Wait List started with 14 individuals. The Pending wait listers will have first crack at joining our Active wait list for 2025. A draw was used to determine which wait list our prospective members were placed on. Our new members and our current wait list members are very active in our weekly games and this is great to see. We are certainly a well known and popular club to be a member of. Our list of 12 new members is: Claude Arsenault; David Baker; Ivor Blackmore; George Chua; Terry Clark; Gennaro Emanuele; Wayne Green; Jeff Hand; Pat Stephenson; Skip Swain; Kevin Thompson; Katsuyuki Yamanouchi. Many thanks to our Membership Coordinator, Roger Barnes for all of the work that he did to organize our club membership this year.

Again this past winter we offered tee times during the off-season to our members at Langara and Riverway. Many of our members who are not in the sunnier climates took advantage of these times. Thanks to Brian Montpellier for organizing our Langara days and to Jim Bones for our times at Riverway.
Speaking of Riverway times, most of the weeks during the season our 16 tee slots were full. We continued to use a sign up system that allows for as many members as possible to get tee times and this has proven to be successful. As well this year we were charged a non-refundable reservation fee of $5.00 per player which is consistent with the VPB policy at Langara, McCleery and Fraserview. Thanks again to our Riverway Coordinator, Jim Bones, for organizing our Riverway times and to Chris Chatten for coordinating the booking fee.

We did hold a number of Away Games this season that club members were able to attend at 5 different courses. Attendance did vary at these events and we will again be offering Away Games as part of our Club Schedule next season.

The finances of our club are in a healthy state. Our club's Treasurer, John Evans, has done a terrific job in monitoring our finances and developing a prudent financial plan to insure the club is able to continue to offer many benefits to our members. John is stepping aside as the Club Treasurer this year. John has done a tremendous job as the Treasurer these past few years!

One of the goals of the Executive has been to enhance our Social Events for our members. In that regard, prior to his passing, our Social Coordinator, John Maclachlan, had organized many events during this season which were well-received by our members including the New Members' Orientation, Opening Social and the Hugh Marshall tournament and social.

Each week the Captain's Table under the leadership of Jeremy Marr, our Vice Captain of Scoring, does a great job of tabulating our scores and sending out the results to our membership in a most timely fashion. The Captain's Table also closely monitors our pace of play which generally was quite good this year. Jeremy too will be leaving his current position on the Executive. During his tenure as the Vice Captain – Scoring, the Captain's Table was run smoothly and efficiently.

It was great to see so many of our members wearing our new shirts this year. Thanks to our Member at Large – John Mathews, our members looked very stylish on the course!
When I was a school administrator it was vital that I have a good school Secretary. I found this to also be true in my role as Club President. Mike Fryzuk has done a super job these past two years as our Club Secretary. Mike has an abundance of knowledge of golf and the suggestions he made at the Executive table were always centered around improving our experiences as club members
.
Over the years I have been a member of the club, our use of technology has increased significantly. A large part of this success can be attributed to Wayne Gatley who has been our Webmaster for many years and this year along with Silvano Padovan really supported our club with any technological endeavour.

For the past two years, Brian Montpellier's official role with the club is Handicap Advisor. However, Brian's contributions to the club are much more significant than that. No is a word that is not in Brian's vocabulary when it comes to our club. There isn't a task that Brian isn't willing to help out with.

Finally, I would like to thank our Past President, John Dawson, for his continued leadership with our club. John always provided sage advice whenever a challenge arose within our club and on a personal note I would like to thank John for the mentorship he has provided me these past two years.

A "favourite read" of mine are the Character Sketches that one of our Life Time members, Lorne Lindsay, writes about our members throughout the year. The sketches really provide a detailed insight into our members and helps us to get to know the "other lives" of our members away from the golf course. Thanks again to Lorne for his entertaining and informative sketches of our members.

This year a familiar name was engraved on the Club Champion plaque as Bill Titmuss was again the victor. Congratulations to all of our members who won competitions this year. A special congratulations to the President Team members who were victorious in the Fairweather Match Play competition. Sorry I couldn't help acknowledging the "Boys in White!"
In closing, I would again like to acknowledge all of the Executive Members for their work these past two years. The amount of support I received from these individuals was most appreciated as was the advice and comments I received from the membership. The reason we have such a vibrant and rewarding club to be part of is because of the willingness of so many of our members to step up and volunteer their help.
It has been a privilege and an honour to serve as your President the past two years and I look forward to seeing you on the course and at club activities in the future.

Sincerely, Ross Cassie

Past President's Report

As Past President, I would like to congratulate Ross Cassie and the rest of the Club Executive for their excellent work this past year. We are fortunate to have their dedicated, professional leadership working on behalf of all of us.
This year, Silvano Padovan and Gregg Hook joined me on the Nominating Committee to propose your new Directors for next year and I wish to thank them for their service.
John Evans and Mike Fryzuk will be retiring from the Board, and they deserve thanks from all of us for their excellent service to the Club.

Mention will be made elsewhere in this Annual Report on our loss this past year of our Social Director, John Maclachlan. I think we can all agree that he provided outstanding service in his duties and for that we can thank him sincerely.

Each of the proposed new slate of Directors has agreed to serve, if elected. They are:

- Bill Titmuss as President (Year 1)
- Brian Montpellier as Captain (Year 1), having previously served 3 years as Captain
- Alex Andrews as Vice-Captain Draw (Year 2)
- Jim Bones as Vice-Captain Scoring (Year 1)
- Roger Barnes as Membership Director (Year 2)
- John Dawson as Treasurer (Year 1), having previously served 3 years as Treasurer
- Jim Barkwell as Social Director (Year 1)
- John Mathews as Secretary (Year 1)
- Jeremy Marr as Director at Large (Year 1)
- Ross Cassie as Past President (Year 1)

The Advisors to the Board are:

- Brian Montpellier: Handicap and Technical Advisor;
- Wayne Gatley, Silvano Padovan and Ivor Blackmore: Web Advisors and Divot Dust Editors;
  Mike Sawyer: Legal Advisor;

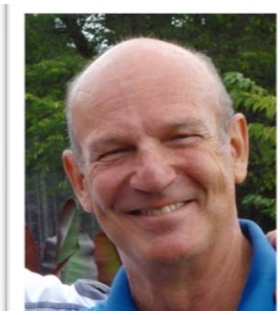
Sincerely, John Dawson

Membership Fees for 2025 Season:

Full Membership: $150.00 minus winnings
Associate and Wait List $50.00 minus winnings

Gallery of Candidates nominated to serve as our Board of Directors for 2025

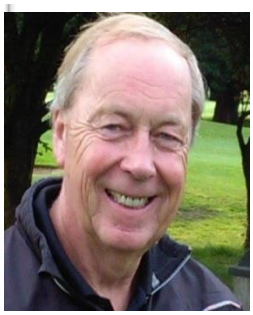
Presenting the members who have agreed to stand for election:



President

Bill Titmuss

1st Year



Secretary

John Mathews

1st Year

Treasurer

John Dawson

1st Year

Captain

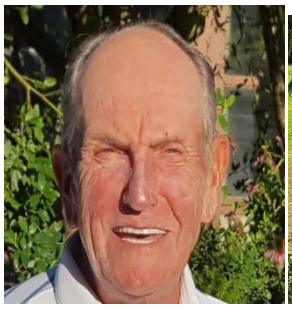
Brian Montpellier

1st Year

Past President

Ross Cassie

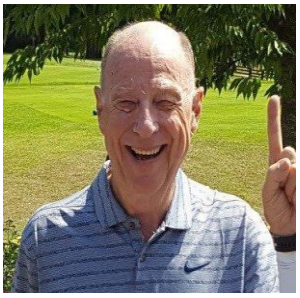
1st Year



VCapt Draw

Alex Andrews

2nd Year



VCapt Scoring

Jim Bones

1st Year

Membership

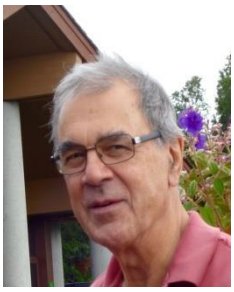
Roger Barnes

2nd Year

Social Director

Jim Barkwell

1st Year



Dir@Large

Jeremy Marr

1st Year

FORMER WPGC BOARD MEMBERS

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

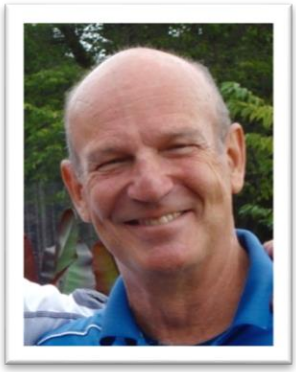
Atkinson, Nick
Blackman, Doug
Brett-Davies, Neil
Carter, Mike
Ciccozzi, Brian
Constantinidis, Mike
Coyle, Peter
Dickinson, Rob

Dujardin, Ray
Foster, John
Evans, John
Fryzuk, Mike
Grant, Eamon
Hobbs, Andrew
Hook, Gregg
Jonsson, Carl

Kouri, Paul
Lindsay, Lorne
McHattie, John
Mallet, Colin
Martin, Richard
Marshall, Hugh
McMurdo, David
Quan, Basil

Schmidt, Andy
Selley, Jim
Stephens, Dave
Thomas, Dave
Thomson, Craig
Wilson, Dave

Captain's Report



Sign up: We changed the sign up times this season. Sign up opened three weeks ahead of a Thursday event. It did not close until the Sunday before the event at 12 noon. The final draw was not published until Monday morning. This was done to limit the number of last-minute cancelations. This seemed to help. We had less cancelations leading up to an event. Yet we still have members who do not look at the draw until they receive an email on Monday. Then they drop out of the draw leaving more work for the draw master. Most weeks we still had people cancel on the morning of an event due to illness or injury.

Captain's Table: Once again Jeremy Marr did an outstanding job of running the Captain's Table. If things seemed out of sorts, he took the time to carefully resolve any anomalies. He put more time into his work than most members fully understand. And of course, he would not have been able to do such a good job without the dedication of Roger Barnes, Peter Coyle, David Marr, Michael McSevney, Jim Bones, Richard Martin, and David McMurdo.

Wait List Members: With 20 men on the wait list, there was a great demand for tee times. Each week we were juggling moving Wait List members out of the draw as full members took their spots. Often a Wait List member would get back in the draw late in the week when a full-time member canceled. To simplify and make this fair to all we changed the procedure. Wait List members wait until the Friday before the event; if there is an open slot, a Wait List player may take that slot and be guaranteed he will not be bumped out of the draw.

End of the Year Survey

I looked at the sign-up logs for the entire year and entered the data with the dates for the Sunday before an event and the days up until the event on Thursday. I found there is a significant number of people that wait until they see the email sent out on Mondays by Alex to decide whether they will play that week or not. This of course creates more work for the draw master. I also found some members do change their sign-up status on Sunday mornings. This is what we hoped would happen. This is a cooperative action on our member's part. It helps clarify the draw in a timely manner.

Game Only Day: We included one "Game Only Day" into the 2024 schedule. It received good feedback from the membership. Opinions varied as to whether we should have one a month, one per golf course, or more. It will be up to the next Captain when he creates the 2025 calendar.

A Change in Members' Attitudes: With tee times being difficult to come by some of our newer members seem to just want a tee time and are reluctant to play in competitions, especially team competitions. This was demonstrated at the end of August with the Joe Dwyer Two Man Teams. Only 73 members played. A week later with the Roli Parker Eclectic, we had close to 90 members signed up to play.

This begs the questions: Why did you join a golf club if you are not willing to participate fully in what the club has to offer? Team events are one of the ways members get to know each other. We need to look at how to foster better participation in team events.

Away Games: Finding affordable away games has become very difficult. Thanks to our coordinators we were able to pull together five events. Tsawwassen Springs remains a good deal with senior rates. We used it at the beginning and end of the season. Craig Thomson led us to Kings Links. John Smart got us the newly renovated Squamish Golf Club. And of course, John Mathews and Joe Strasser rolled out another fun-filled day at Surrey Golf Club. Players stayed after their rounds to socialize at all the events. Thanks to all involved.

Club Championship: This event was simplified and moved up in the calendar to stay away from August vacation times. We still missed a few members who were away on golf outings at the time of the competition. The final matches were a good representation of each of our three flights.

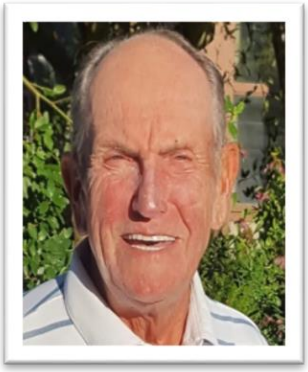
2024 Calendar: It worked well for the most part. It still can be tweaked. For instance, all team events could be preceded and followed by individual events. Of course, easier said than done if we want to keep traditional events on the calendar.

Two Years: My time as Captain has been rewarding and at times challenging. A big thank you to Ross Cassie, all the board members, and our membership for the support I have received. I think we have left the club in good shape.

Sincerely, *Bill Titmuss*

Vice-Captain (Weekly Draw)

My priority as Vice Captain Draw (hereafter VCD) has been to try and fill our 80 spots per week for summer golf. The Vancouver Parks Board, as they continue to improve their computer systems, will be more diligent and relentless in maximizing revenues from golf. They are aware they can fill all of the spots even when it rains in Vancouver.



As a club enjoying benefits from the VPB, we must try and fill our allocated tee times.

2024 has been a poor year for accomplishing this objective. We have trouble filling almost every week. The attendance at Fraserview has been abysmal, even though the weather has been great.

I will redouble my efforts in 2025. I need the members' help to accomplish my goals.

At Langara, we filled 93 percent of our tee times and at McCleery 94 percent. But at Fraserview we have only filled 84 percent, an average of 13 spaces unfilled each week.

While sign-up sheets were full most weeks until mid-August, we had three or more unused spots in 21 out of 32 weeks this year. Attendance when the weather is iffy leads to 20 fair-weather golfers dropping out. Also, late cancellations must be minimized - it is too late for us to fill the space, so spots are unused, and another WP golfer who could have played is denied the opportunity.

Sincerely, *Alex Andrews*

Vice-Captain (Scoring)

As this is my third (and final) year as Vice-Captain – Scoring, it is natural that the various tasks of the position have become routine and easier. But there have been a few changes. For example, assignments to the Captain's Table, which used to be done on the Friday before, are now made four weeks in advance, before tournaments are open to members for registration. Alex Andrews does a sterling job ensuring that, when necessary, members no longer get bumped off their preferred and reserved tee time.

Members of the Captain's Table are Roger Barnes, Jim Bones, Peter Coyle, Dave Marr, Richard Martin, David McMurdo and Michael McSevney and, latterly, Jim Sutherland and Walter Brennen. Their support and diligence has been extremely reliable. Checking cards and entering scores is the primary function of the Captain's Table. Lack of surnames is the primary failing. Just "Dave" does not work. At present we have 12 Dave/David in the club and 3 of them are Dave M.

Pace of Play has generally been good. I suppose that there will always be one person who is slower than everyone else. Too often, members of their group are too polite to say anything. I just hope that the slow players, when they are not keeping up with the group in front, recognize the enormous frustration of all the members who are waiting, and waiting, behind them.

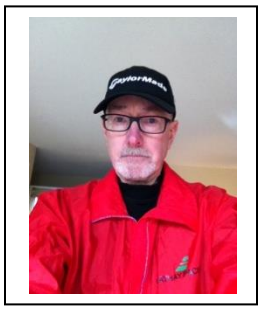
The computer does most of the compiling of tournament results and they, typically, have been posted to the website Portal on Thursday evenings. There are still some challenges which the computer cannot handle – match play and handicaps related to age, for example. These results cannot be posted in the tournament results section but are posted in the *Useful Documents* section of the Portal.

I would be remiss for not thanking Bill Titmuss, my Captain, for his help and advice – and patience. He really cares about the efficient operation of his mandate.

I have had three years as Vice-Captain – Scoring and, with all the help I have had, they have been very satisfying. It is now time to pass the role on to another, likely Jim Bones. I hope he enjoys it as much as I did.

Sincerely, *Jeremy Marr*

Thanks to the Members of our Captain's Table



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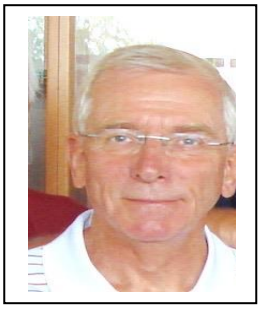

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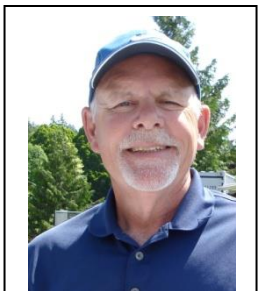

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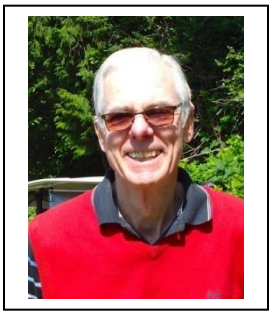

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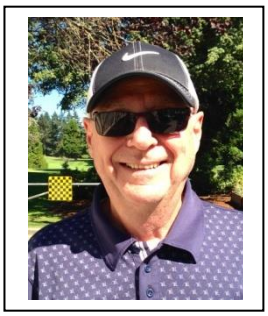


Jim Bones

(Added later in the season,
Jim Sutherland and Walter Brennan)

'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

Membership Report

Interest in membership in West Point Golf Club continues to be very strong, with prompt renewals, few people leaving the club and very strong interest in joining the Wait List.

Renewals at the end of the 2023 season were typical in that only two full members did not renew. In addition, six full members changed to associates. This created the opportunity to promote five WLers to full membership in January.

As usual, a wait list opening was held early in January. A surprising 32 applications to join the wait list were received, twice the number in any recent year. This was much too many to add to the wait list, so a random draw was held to select 17 of the 32 applicants to join the wait list, with 15 others placed on a "pending wait list", to have priority to be moved onto the wait list when space allows. To give the new Waitlisters a good introduction to the club, a "WLers Welcome" event was held the last Thursday before the regular season. This proved to be popular. Eleven WLers played with directors, followed by a welcome reception and meeting in the clubhouse.

It is important that the club uses its allocated tee times. Member turnout this season was strong, which meant tee-time usage each Thursday was very high through to August, with the keen 2024 WLers filling in any tee time gaps that did occur.

Full membership fell by four during the summer, with three members moving to Medical Leave and the unfortunate passing away of John Maclachlan. Hugh Marshall moving to Victoria led to a reduction in life members to three. With these declines in active member numbers, the Board approved seven new full members at the end of August. This season, promotion to full membership is based on participation, the number of games played with the club, not seniority, so the seven new members were the most active WLers, all playing ten or more games by end-August. Membership this season has been as follows:

	AGM 2023	**March 2024**	**AGM 2024**
Full Members	119	118	120
Life Members	4	4	3
Honorary Members	2	2	2
Medical Leave	3	1	4
Associate Members	10	12	11
Wait List (Non-members)	8	20	12
Total Members	**138**	**136**	**140**

As the season ends, the renewal process begins. Once the number of spaces is known, the most active waitlisters will be promoted to restore full membership levels for 2025. Their places on the wait list will be filled by those now on the pending wait list.

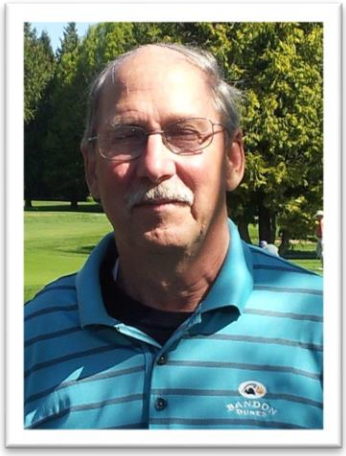
The popularity of the club is heart-warming, but is a challenge. We already have 20 more people who have asked to be advised the next time there is a wait list opening. Once renewals and promotion are complete, the Board will be able to decide whether or not to have a new wait list opening this winter.

I have very much enjoyed meeting and talking with members in this my first year as Membership Director. I thank my predecessor David McMurdo for helping me learn the ropes, and sincerely

thank all members for your cooperation, support and help in making my role so pleasurable and enjoyable. *Sincerely,* *Roger Barnes*

Handicap Report

Handicaps were reviewed periodically during the season. A few problems arose mainly for users of the Golf Canada system which uses extra adjustments, albeit rarely, compared to our software. We also removed a fair number of duplicate scores, mainly for members who forgot the Captain's Table does the posting for us.



Some tournaments, played over multiple weekends, caused some distress in posting scores to the handicap system – there were double postings and incorrect dates. The GolfSoftware Help Desk was useful in suggesting how best to post multi week tournaments in future to avoid errors.

Remember that posting scores for games played in B.C. is suspended between November 15 and February 28. However, if you are wintering where the sun shines all day (Arizona, California, Hawaii, Mexico) you must post your golf scores into our system at wp.golfclub.net.

Sincerely, *Brian*

Montpellier

Golf Handicap definitions:

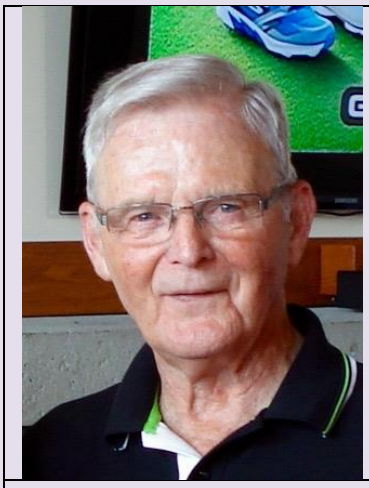
What golfers wear on their head.

Shoot 6, yell 'fore' and write 5.

A golfer's ability to add correctly.

A welcome drink nearby after a late round.

The Following members passed away this season.
They will be sorely missed.

	President 2004-2005 Executive: 2004 to 2016 Lifetime Member 2011 Honorary Member 2020 Website Creator 2005
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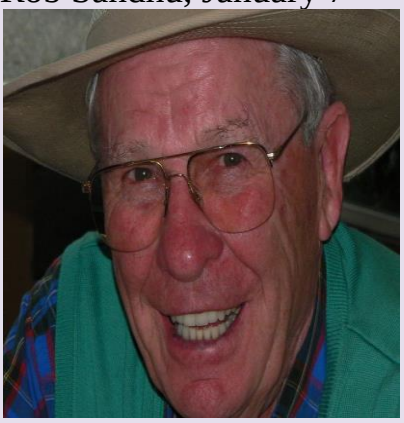
John Maclachlan May 9

Bill Bazaluk, June 25



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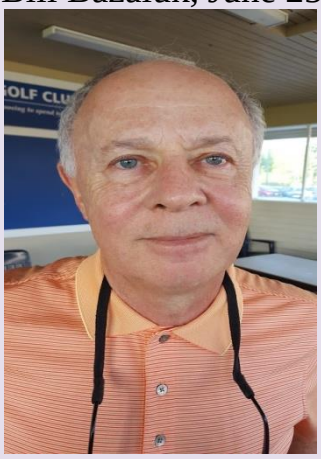


Richard Buski, Oct. 06

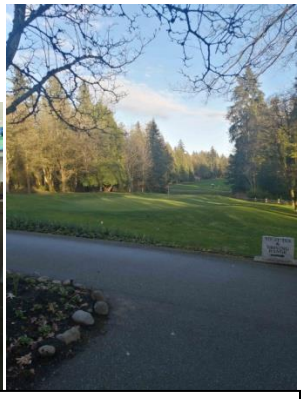
Social Director Report

Our year started with a new event, a New Members Orientation at Langara. On this day our new full members were partnered with some of our Board of Director's for a round of golf followed by lunch and drinks. The event was intended to introduce our new members to the club and weekly games as well as an opportunity for our Board Members to provide our new members with insight into our club's traditions, procedures and history. Many thanks to our Membership Chair, Roger Barnes, for organizing this event. Our Opening Social was again held at Fraserview and we had over 60 members in attendance. This event is always a highlight of the year as we get a chance to catch up with many members who we haven't seen over the winter. This year's event was hosted by our Past President, John Dawson and featured a presentation about the upcoming year by our Captain, Bill Titmuss.

In early April, we honoured one of our long time members, Hugh Marshall, with a day in his honour as Hugh and his wife Di, were moving to Victoria to be closer to their family. The day included a round of golf followed by a lunch at Langara. Many of those in attendance chose the Hugh Marshall lunch – Hamburger with salad – not fries because Di would be upset! – and pint of beer. The highlight of the day was Hugh receiving an Honorary Membership from the club for all that he did for our club and membership during the 30 years he has been a member. As an aside I hear that Hugh is lighting it up as a member of the Cedar Hill Men's Club in Victoria!

Our AGM and Year End Luncheon will be held at the Arbutus Club on Tuesday, November 12. We hope to see as many members of our club as possible. In closing we lost a tremendous member, John Maclachlan, this year. At the time of his passing John was the Social Director of our club. As the Social Director John did a great job in planning events that would bring our members together for a good time. John will certainly be missed!

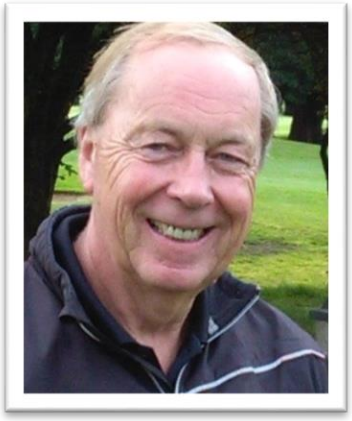
Submitted by Ross Cassie



OPENING DAY Mar. 28 AND HUGH MARSHALL TRIBUTE ROUND APRIL 16
L to R: Bill Titmuss presents Hugh with his Shot His Age scorecard, Hugh Tees off on #1 at Langara.
Opening Day crowd, Fraserview 18th on April 16.

Director At Large

The Director at Large position's main responsibilities include clubwear and trophies, plus some other issues as assigned. As a position traditionally held by a first-year Board member, the position also involves learning the ways of the Board..



Club Wear

- The 2024 Club Wear sale was launched on March 26 at our opening social with samples put on display. Deadline for orders was April 30.
- All clubwear sales were on a pre-order, pre-paid basis, the club holding no inventory.
- 33 Members purchased 34 Golf Shirts and 21 Hats.
- Total sales totaled $2,316 which covered all costs on a break-even basis.
- All purchases were fully paid up by May 20.
- Our supplier delivered the logoed shirts and hats on May 25.
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Trophies

The club has 19 trophies and plaques which are engraved annually with winners' names. The engraving is done by Coronation Recognition located in Richmond and the 2024 winners' names will be added to the trophies for presentation at the AGM. After winners are awarded their trophy and photographs are taken, members have the choice of taking the trophy home for the next 12 months or leaving them with the club. The club now has display space in a trophy case at the McCleery clubhouse, in between the pro shop and restaurant.

Sincerely, *John Mathews*

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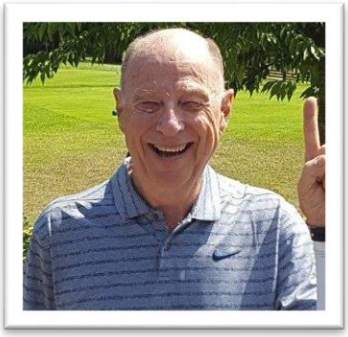
West Point Golf at Riverway G.C. 2024

As in 2023, WPGC has had 4 tee times reserved each Tuesday at Riverway Golf Course. Members, and prospective members, have made good use of these with most tee times being fully utilized each week. In the summer months they were fully utilized. During the spring, fall and winter golf we were unable to fill our 4 tee times making it necessary for Riverway to offer to members of the public.



We continue to have a good relationship with the Riverway staff. Unfortunately we have had some instances of late cancelling after the draw has been sent. We must avoid having this happen and members should carefully monitor dates they have signed up to play at Riverway.

This winter we will again have 4 tee times and it is hoped that members will continue to use them.

I would like to give a shoutout to Jim Barkwell and Chris Chatten. Jim for filling in for me while I was on vacation for the month of April and Chris for volunteering to manage the “advance booking fee” at Riverway.

Sincerely, *Jim Bones*

Sketch of a West Pointer

It was a pleasure working with seven individuals this year who responded to the invitation to participate in the "Sketch of a West Pointer" project. Each of them provided a wealth of information regarding their personal history and viewpoints on various aspects of golf. Tremendous thanks to: ***Jack Burak, David Butler, Mike Constantinidis, Bob Crawford, Grant Hughes, Mike McSevney*** and ***Peter Reid***.

Since 2012 we have published 83 mini-biographies of members with Club origins dating from 1989 through to 2017. This collection includes active Regular, Associate, Life and Honorary Members. You can read previous sketches on our website by going to "Galleries/Members" and clicking on *Sketch* under the photo and accomplishments.

The willingness of members to share their background and personal information with the Club membership has been very much appreciated. 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 next season we will reach out to more of you.

Our club is extremely fortunate that ***Wayne Gatley*** *stepped forward at the end of the 2016 season to succeed former Life and Honorary Member,* ***Gary Sinclair,*** *as editor of our prestigious* ***Divot Dust****. Kudos to Wayne and his previous website partner,* ***Ed Watson,*** *for taking the torch from Gary. Thanks to Wayne for all his efforts with this edition of Divot Dust 2024. Members may not be aware of the time spent keeping our website current. We also appreciate* the addition of ***Silvano Padovan*** *to the website team at the start of the 2024 season and Ivor Blackmore has joined for 2025.*

Sincerely, *Lorne Lindsay*

SKETCH ARTIST

Club Communications

WEB MASTERS

Wayne Gatley

Silvano Padovan

Ivor Blackmore

Thanks to the dedicated and efficient work of the Captain's table, (Jeremy Marr-Vice Captain-Scoring) all tournament and weekly results have been posted on the website efficiently. Membership changes - many this year, provided by Roger Barnes, Lorne Lindsay's Sketches, Away Game results by David Johannson even while recovering from a broken arm, and Handicap Improvement Leaderboard provided by Brian Montpellier, have all been posted promptly on the site due to the diligence of these men. I'm sure we all appreciate their work in keeping members informed of weekly results and special accomplishments such as Holes-in-one, Shot their age, etc.

The site now has 20 years of history to draw from and has recently shifted to be more of a journal of Westpoint's tournaments and events, while the portal has responsibility for tournament management and presenting immediate game-day results.

Silvano Padovan joined Wayne Gatley this year. Silvano quickly got up to speed on website processes and has a keen eye towards improving and advancing website production. Ivor Blackmore has also joined the team, bringing considerable past experience in web management which will be beneficial as the team considers further improvements in web software.

Notable Club events of 2024 may be viewed on Current Events in the Golf drop down menu.

Don't forget to check out past editions of Divot Dust on wintery days when courses are closed and your appetite for golf goes unfilled. It's a good read!

Sincerely, *Wayne Gatley, Silvano Padovan*

SEE YOU ALL NEXT SPRING

Membership Fees for 2025 Season:

*Please bring your cheque for dues (payable to **West Point Golf Club**) or etransfer to jdwsn@shaw.ca for an amount of **$150 ($50** for Associate Members) less the amount of your winnings for the year **(will be available on the Portal soon).*** under Helpful Documents and Links - top right corner

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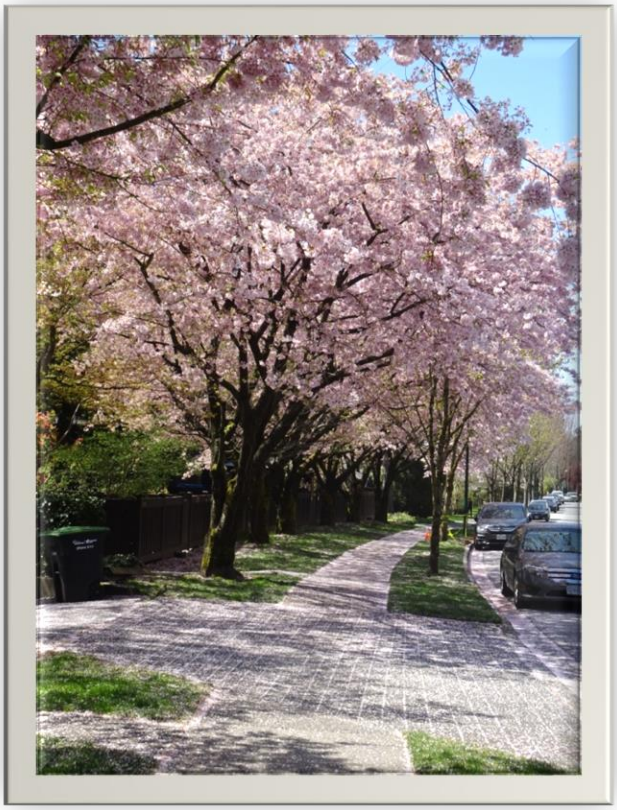

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