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Directors 2025

President

Bill Titmuss

Past President

Ross Cassie

Secretary

John Mathews

Treasurer

John Dawson

Captain

Brian Montpellier

Vice Captains

Alex Andrews-Draw

Jim Bones- Scoring

Membership Director

Roger Barnes

Social Director

Jim Barkwell

Director at Large

Jeremy Marr

Webmasters & Divot

Dust

Silvano Padovan,

Ivor Blackmore

Wayne Gatley

Advisors:

Handicap

Brian Montpellier

Legal Mike Sawyer

**WEST POINT GOLF CLUB
95th Annual General Meeting**

**Friday Nov. 7, 2025
Third Floor - Arbutus Club
Strathcona Room
2001 Nanton Ave. Vancouver
11:00 Registration
11:30 Buffet Lunch
12:15 Awards**



**President
Bill Titmuss**

**Secretary
John Mathews**

Please bring your cheque for dues (payable to **West Point Golf Club**) or etransfer to jdwsn41@gmail.com 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)

'Should you wish, you may pay the full amount of your dues to John (as shown above) and donate your winnings to the Inner City Youth Golf Programme, as in past years

WEST POINT GOLF CLUB 95th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

Welcome and Call to Order by Bill Titmuss, 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 94th AGM held on November 12, 2024

- Published in the latest issue of the Divot Dust
- Motion to adopt minutes of the 94th AGM
- Call for a proposer and seconder
- Discussion
- Vote to be conducted in person

Directors' and Advisors' Reports for the 2025 Season

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

President – Bill Titmuss

Past President – Ross Cassie

Secretary – John Mathews

Captain – Brian Montpellier

Vice Captain, Draw – Alex Andrews

Vice Captain, Scoring – Jim Bones

Membership – Roger Barnes

Social Director – Jim Barkwell

Director at Large – Jeremy Marr

Handicap Advisor – Brian Montpellier

Sketches – Lorne Lindsay

Website Management – Wayne Gatley, Silvano Padovan, Ivor Blackmore

Legal Advisor – Mike Sawyer (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 2025 and Budget 2026

- Review of Club's financial position for 2025 and proposed Budget for 2026
- Payment Process for 2026 Fees
- Motion to waive the engagement of an external auditor to review the 2025 year end financial results
- Call for a proposer and seconder
- Discussion
- Vote to be conducted in person

Bylaw Amendment

As per the Notice sent to all members it is proposed that the Club's Bylaws be amended to increase the number of Executive Positions on the Board from 9 to 10 with the additional position having the title "Technology Director" and the addition of a job description for Past President.

Call for proposer and seconder

Discussion

Vote conducted in person

Election of Directors for 2026

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

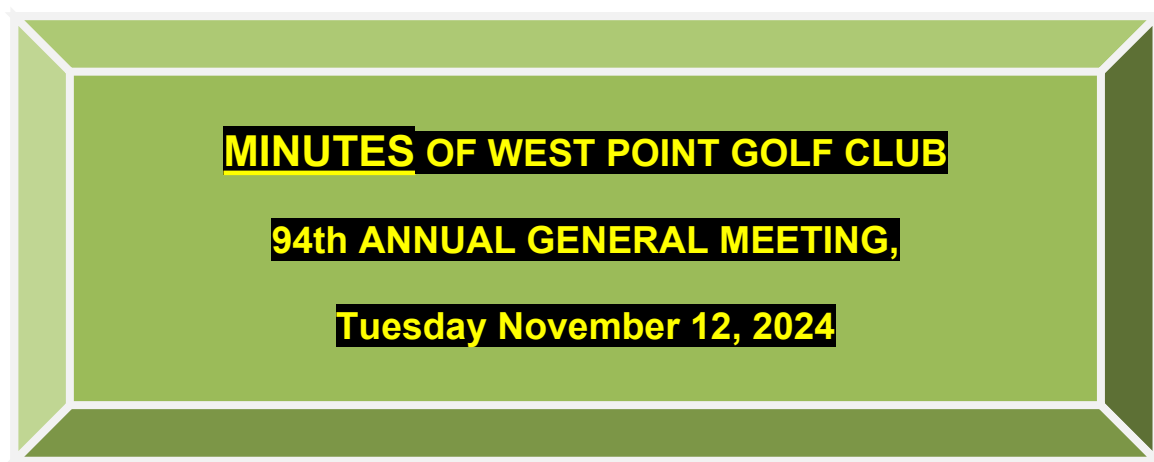
Advisor appointments to be made by the Board of Directors in 2026

- Handicap and Technical – Brian Montpellier, Website – Ivor Blackmore
- Legal Advisor– Mike Sawyer

Other Business

Adjournment

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



1. Welcome and Call to Order by Ross Cassie, President at 11:35 am.
2. Buffet Lunch served table by table.
3. Trophy Presentations: Captain Bill Titmuss announced the winners aided by John Mathews. Photos taken by David McMurdo.

The Business Session of the AGM

1. President Ross Cassie opened the Business portion of the AGM at 12:45 pm.
2. Count of voting members present in person totaled 75 exceeding the Quorum requirement of 20% of Members.
3. **President's Opening Remarks**
 - enjoyed his two-year tenure as President and having the opportunity to interact with members.
 - acknowledgement of their contributions to the Club and moment of silence in remembrance of three members who passed away in 2024: John Maclachlan, Gary Sinclair and Geof Trunkfield.
 - Acknowledgement of our lifetime members Brian Ciccozzi, Lorne Lindsay, and Jim Selley and our two Honorary Members Ray Dujardin and Hugh Marshall and listing their extensive contributions to the Club.
 - Introduction and acknowledgement of the Club's executive (listed below #4 Roll Call Directors).
 - Review of this year's activities and goals. Primary goal of filling tee times was generally achieved with many weeks oversubscribed. Still dealing with late cancellations & in 2025 VPB has informed that they will enforce the 4-hour cancellation policy more diligently with VPB charging the Club for no shows who have not cancelled as per the policy.
 - The Club has maintained particularly good relationships with the management and pro shops at Langara, McCleery and Fraserview. The rotation of courses starting the year at Langara followed by McCleery and finishing with Fraserview had worked very well and will be continued.
 - Acknowledgement and thanks to the many members who contributed to the club by organizing social events, away games, captain's table volunteers, and maintaining the web site.
4. **Roll Call of Directors**
 - Introduction of the Directors by the President noting their responsibilities:

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

5. Minutes of the 93rd AGM held on November 7, 2023

- The minutes as published on our web site in the latest issue of the Divot Dust, Pg 4 taken as read.
- Motion to adopt the Minutes of the 93rd AGM as published - Motion proposed by Alex Andrews and seconded by Brian Montpellier. The motion was approved.

6. Directors' and Advisors' Reports for the 2024 Season

- The reports as published on our web site in the latest issue of the Divot Dust and taken as read.
- Motion to accept Directors' Reports as published – Motion proposed by Jim Bones and seconded by Alex Andrews. The Motion was approved.

7. Treasurer's Report 2024 and Budget 2025 (Copy of Report Attached & distributed to Members)

- Expenditures were as expected and budgeted, with one exception: holes in one with expenditures to date of \$1158 for 3 holes in one, against a budget of \$500.
- Revenues for the year were \$20,001 vs a Budget of \$19,650 and expenditures totaled \$17,953 vs a budget of \$18,855 providing for a surplus of revenues over expenses of \$2,048.
- Bank Balance at the beginning of the fiscal year was \$11,352 and \$13,400 at year end.
- For 2025, it is proposed to leave the membership fees the same as last year with \$150 for full membership and \$50 for Associates and Waitlists.
- For 2025 it is proposed to maintain the Budget at the same levels as 2024 with Revenues planned for \$20,000 and Expenditures planned for \$19,125 providing for a planned surplus of \$875.
- Motion to accept the Treasurers Report as presented and approval of the 2025 Budget & Membership Fees as presented – Motion proposed by Bill Titmus and seconded by Doug Blackman. The Motion was approved.

8. Motion to Waive the engagement of an external auditor

- As in previous years it is proposed to waive the requirement for an external auditor to audit the 2024 financial results.
- Motion to waive the engagement of an external auditor - Motion proposed by John Dawson and seconded by John Mathews. The Motion was approved.

9. Election of Directors for 2025

- Nominating Committee Members: John Dawson (Chair), Silvano Padovan and Gregg Hook.
- The following nominations of the Committee as 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. There were no other nominations put forward.
- Motion to elect the Directors as presented. Motion proposed by Silvano Padovan and seconded by Jim Bones. Motion was approved.

10. 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

11. Special Presentation – Lifetime Membership

- A committee comprised of Ross Cassie, John Dawson and Roger Barnes recommended to the Board that a Lifetime Membership be awarded to Bill Titmuss in view of his long-term membership and service to the Club. The Board unanimously approved the recommendation.
- At the close of the AGM Ross Cassie presented the Lifetime Membership award to Bill Titmuss listing his many contributions and dedication to the Club:

Member since 2013

Membership Director 2014-15

Handicap Advisor 2017-18 and 2020-21

Captain 2018-19 and 2023-24

Co-ordinator of many tournaments and away games

- Bill Titmuss thanked the Club for this honor and that he looked forward to continuing his service to the club as President for the next 2 years.

12. Other Business

- As there was no other business the meeting was concluded with the 50/50 draw with one half of the proceeds to be donated to the Inner Inner-City golf charity for junior golfers. Winners of the 50/50 were Bruce Righton, Jim Trotter, Basil Quan, and Jeremy Marr.

13. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn. Proposed by Alex Andrews and seconded by John Mathews. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 1:30.



94th ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

Awarding of Trophies: (Brian Montpellier]
West Point GC Trophy Winners 2025:

Bud Brown Eclectic

Flight A: Mike Speer

Flight B: John Mathews

Flight C: David Hopgood

Stroke Play Gross Championship

Bill Titmuss

Hugh Marshall Stroke Play Net

Bill Bishop

TNT Trophy “Team Net Total”

Alex Andrews, James Ahmoye, Roger Barnes, George Chua

Ab Miles Tankard:

David Ng

Laurie Craddock Vintage Cup

David Ng

Ed Angel Trophy 2 Man Teams:

Sunil Chun, Jeremy Marr

Club Champion Trophy

Mike Creed

Neil McIntyre Trophy: (Net)

Ron Babcock

Senior Master Champion: (Gross)

John Dawson

Super Senior Champion: (Gross)

Greg Hook

Joe Dwyer Shield Two Man Teams

Gary Carr, Bert Mollica

Roli Parker Shield Eclectic: (Gross)

Flight A: Craig Merritt

Flight B: Kah-Hua Yeo

Flight C: Katsu Yamanouchi

Dave Fairweather Trophy (Match Play)

President's Team

Doug Le Blanc Medal Shield

Flight A: Jim Sutherland

Flight B: John Mathews

Flight C: Andy Leekha

Bob Jack Trophy

Rob Doggett

Most Improved Golfer

Mike Creed

Hole in One Plaques:

Brian Montpellier

Langara - 2nd hole - 147 yards - 6 iron.

March 20, 2025

Chuck Kotzo

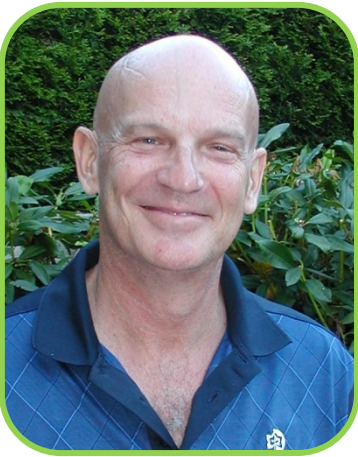
McCleery - 3rd Hole – 117 yards – 8 iron

August 28, 2025

Fraserview - 16th hole 138 Yards Jim Sutherland

Oct. 23

President's Report



The word President these days can bring up a wide variety of strong reactions from people. Fortunately, our membership has been kind to me. Perhaps everyone knows, I am not interested in becoming king or emperor. But I did appreciate the kidding and bantering I received from a variety of members throughout the season.

It has been a real honor this year having joined the ranks of Lifetime members. I follow the excellent examples set by Brian Ciccozzi, Hugh Marshall, Lorne Lindsay, and Jim Selley. They contributed greatly to making West Point Golf Club a special entity.

Decisions: Our executive board worked well together this season. We made some difficult decisions, often with some serious discussion that led to clarification of the issues we faced. From there we were able to pass motions unanimously. We have changed the minimum requirement for Thursday rounds played to 15 per season starting in 2026. We are also introducing a penalty for late cancelations in 2026. Members who cancel a round after the sign-up closes at noon on Sunday, will not be allowed to play the following week. Sign up to Tee Times and Sign up to a List will be 16 each for 2026.

Rationale: Why did we make these stringent rules? We are attempting to identify members and future members who are committed to being full active members of our club. Since Covid, we have great interest in folks wanting to join West Point. We have a wait list to get on to the Wait List. Yet it seems a percentage of people's main interest is that we are a means of getting a tee time. Some are reluctant to play in completions, to sign up to a list. This year we will have around 100 members who played 15 or more Thursday rounds, so the goal does not seem unreasonable.

With cancellations, it doesn't help promote a good relationship with the pro shops and the parks board. Too often some members opt out of playing when it is not a special circumstance. Too often we have been playing with only 75 or 76 players. This creates more work for members of the board trying to fill the vacated slots.

Financial: Our bank account is flush. We are going to spend some it to our benefit our membership. The 2025 AGM will have a higher quality menu. In 2026 we are looking to have "Special Days" where you will sign up to list. We will use these days to promote interaction among our members. For example, we may have long time members meeting newer members. Once in the clubhouse free food or drinks will be provided.

Away Games: We played five away games this year. I organized the April and September events at Tsawwassen Springs. Ivor Blackmore stepped up and took on Kings Links in June for his first time as an organizer. John Smart once again gave us a good day at Squamish in July. John Mathews and Joe Strasser put on the major event of the away game season at Surrey Golf Club in August. Thanks to all.

Rob Dogget won the Bob Jack Trophy by shooting the three lowest net away game rounds. I took over keeping track of the scoring this season as David Johansson had requested to step down from those duties. A big thank you to David for his years of service keeping the Bob Jack stats. Any volunteers to take over this responsibility for 2026?

Captains: Our club would not function without three people: Captain Brian Montpellier, Draw Master Alex Andrews, and Vice-Captain Scoring Jim Bones. These guys spend hours each week keeping the club

running. Jim of course has a great group of volunteers that work the Captain's Table every Thursday. They are Bill Bishop, Walter Brennan, Peter Coyle, Dave Marr, Richard Martin, David McMurdo, Michael McSevney, and Jim Sutherland. Please give all these guys a personal thank you when you get a chance.

Thanks to our board: When any of these guys say "I'll take care of that" I can trust it will get done.

Secretary: John Mathews for his timely and accurate recording of the minutes at each meeting. And for his "Golf should be fun" perspective on many issues.

Treasurer: John Dawson for his years of experience on the board and his accurate keeping of our financial records.

Captain: Brian Montpellier for putting up with me during my transition from Captain to President. Brian also is our portal page guru and handicap advisor. He finds solutions to problems that arise. I hope to see him back on the golf course in 2026.

Vice-Captain Draw: Alex Andrews, it took me awhile, but I think I finally get his sense of humour. He puts in lots of time each week managing the draw. Not an easy task trying to keep everyone happy.

Vice-Captain Scoring: Jim Bones for working so diligently to learn the ropes about how to process all the different events we played this year. He has certainly paid his dues.

Membership Director: Roger Barnes our statistician, he certainly knows our membership. His thoughts are always about what is best for the club.

Social Director: Jim Barkwell for organizing events like the AGM and the lunch at McCleery honoring our 90-year-old members. He has been timely and well prepared for each event.

Director at Large: Jeremy Marr for his willingness to speak his mind in a friendly and fair manner. And for his highly competent sales of West Point merchandise.

Past President: Ross Cassie for his support and quick responses to my questions and concerns.

Next year: We are looking at training replacements for the key roles of Captain and Vice Captains. This should make for a smoother transition when the holders of these positions step down.

Thanks to our advisors:

Webmasters: Ivor Blackmore, Wayne Gatley, and Silvano Padovan for creating and maintaining our wonderful new website.

Legal Advisor: Mike Sawyer for stepping in this year and giving me advice regarding our bylaws.

Riverway: Thanks to Wayne Green for taking on the role of draw master for Riverway Tuesdays. And thanks to Chris Chatten for paying the signup fees for us.

In closing:

Recently one of our long-term members moved away from Vancouver. He spoke about how much being a member of the club meant to him, how much he would miss it, about a void he wasn't sure he'd be able to fill in his new town. He didn't talk about great rounds of golf or wonderful golf courses. At the top of his list, people! The wide variety of people he met at WPGC, the stories shared, the laughter over a post round drink. The number of people who knew his name, said hello. He belonged. He was part of our WPGC community.

So, let's all think about how we each can contribute to making members feel they belong to this wonderful community of senior golfers.

Sincerely,

Bill Titmuss

Past President's Report

I would like to begin my report by acknowledging our President, Bill Titmuss, and the rest of the Executive Committee members for all of their hard work that they have done this season for our members. The 2025 season was again well organized and enjoyable for our members.



A special thank you goes to Jeremy Marr, who has been an active member of our Executive Committee for the past 4 years as the Vice Captain of Draw for 3 years and as the Member at Large this past season. Jeremy's wit and input will be missed at the Executive meetings!

Also, we need to acknowledge Wayne Gatley, for all of his efforts these past 10 years as the Technological Advisor for our club. During these years Wayne has led many projects that enhanced our club's technological systems and was the editor of the Divot Dust publication. Many thanks Wayne for your dedication to our club and although you are "retiring" from the Executive we look forward to seeing you on the course.

Many thanks to Roger Barnes and Bill Cartwright for serving with me on the Nomination Committee for the 2026 Executive. Here is the slate that is being recommended:

President – Bill Titmuss – 2nd Year
Captain – Brian Montpellier – 2nd Year
Vice Captain Draw – Alex Andrews – 3rd Year
Vice Captain Scoring – Jim Bones – 2nd Year
Treasurer – John Dawson – 2nd Year
Secretary – John Mathews – 2nd Year
Membership Coordinator – Roger Barnes – 3rd Year
Social Director – Jim Barkwell – 2nd Year
Member at Large – Ivor Blackmore – 1st Year
Technical Director / Website Management – Silvano Padovan – 1st Year. This is a new position for the Executive that will be proposed at the AGM in November 2025.
Past President – Ross Cassie – 2nd Year
Advisors to the Board:
Handicap – Brian Montpellier
Legal – Mike Sawyer

For the 2027 season we are anticipating that there will be a significant turn-over of Executive members as many current Executive members will be ending their terms. In order to prepare for these changes and to have a succession plan in place for the 2027 season we will be approaching members who are not currently members of the Executive Committee to work with current Executive members during the 2026 season to help with the transition to 2027. Early in 2026 the process for recruiting prospective/interested members to

these roles will begin.

Sincerely,

Ross Cassie

Gallery of Candidates nominated to serve as our Board of Directors for 2026

Presenting the members who have agreed to stand for election:



Secretary

Treasurer

Captain

Past President

Bill Titmuss
2nd Year

John Mathews
2nd Year

John Dawson
2nd Year

Brian
Montpellier
2nd Year

Ross Cassie
2nd Year



VCapt Draw
Alex Andrews

VCapt Scoring
Jim Bones

Membership
Roger Barnes

Social Director
Jim Barkwell

Dir. at Large
Ivor
Blackmore
1st Year

3rd Year

2nd Year

3rd Year



Technical Director Website Mangement - 1st Yea

FORMER WPGC BOARD MEMBERS

26 currently active members and two Honorary members have served as Directors

Atkinson, Nick Blackman, Doug Brett-Davies, Neil Carter, Mike Ciccozzi, Brian Constantinidis, Mike Coyle, Peter Dickinson, Rob	Dujardin, Ray Evans, John Fryzuk, Mike Grant, Eamon Hobbs, Andrew Hook, Gregg	Kouri, Paul Lindsay, Lorne McHattie, John Mallet, Colin Marr, Jeremy Martin, Richard Marshall, Hugh McMurdo, David	Quan, Basil Schmidt, Andy Selley, Jim Stephens, Dave Thomas, Dave Wilson, Dave
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Captain's Report

It's been a pleasure captaining the club this year, despite an injury that severely limited my play. I did get a hole in one which eases the pain. Happily, my arm is on the mend thanks to the Sports Medicine guys at UBC. Members couldn't have been more co-operative and professional. The members are the reason we're the favourite group with all 3 pro shops and with the Marshalls.

Captain's Table: Jim Bones and his crew -David McMurdo, Michael McSevney, Dave Marr, Walter Brennan, Peter Coyle, Jim Sutherland, Bill Bishop, Richard Martin – the magnificent 9 - did a stellar job of scoring. Using our Software they were able to get accurate results for even the most complex fixtures. Speaking of which, we need to develop a method for scoring those complex fixtures like the Bud Brown and mixed tournaments like McIntyre/Seniors and Fairweather/Club Championship. I'll work on this for 2026.

Web Site: A few years back we decided to split club operations into 2 web sites. One is WP.GOLFCLUB.NET which is where golf operations are maintained and it is monitored by me, Jim Bones and Alex Andrews. It is used for signup to play, creating the draws, scoring, recording results and issuing information. The home page is known as the Portal. The other website is WPGOLFCHRONICLES.ORG, managed by Silvano Padovan and Ivor Blackmore which is a valuable store of club data and history. Silvano and Ivor did a great job of streamlining the website so that there is a minimum of data duplication between the web site and the Portal. The Portal has our day-to-day operations. The chronicles website is where you'll find club history preserved.



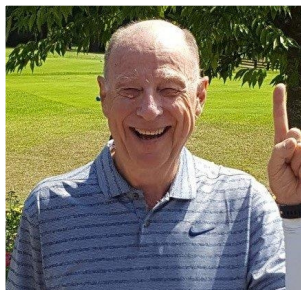
Golf Operations: We are on budget with prizes. Deuces came in at 9.7 per game against a budget of 10. Nevertheless, on April 27 players posted 22 deuces. Jenny must have been spiking the water that day. 116 of our members won some money over the year. Do not despair if it was only \$5. \$5 in golf money is like \$50 in mundane money. Alex Andrews has been stalwart in doing the draws and I thank him for his service. I did it myself for 3 years. It's not an easy job. Note that in 2026 we will be closely monitoring cancelations. Why? We ask for 20 tee times. If there are cancelations after the draw is set the pro shop can't sell those spaces. If we only use 19 tee times on average over the season, the Parks Board is losing around \$8,000. They will not be happy.

2026 Calendar: I'll clean the calendar up over the winter. We have noticed that team and partner events are often not fully subscribed. If you are feeling nervous about competing under a bit of pressure, don't be. You have more of a chance of contributing to a net tournament team with a 30 handicap than someone playing to scratch. One of our 90-year-old members won 1 st place this year, playing on a 2-man team! Possible changes for 2026 are having sign up to a tee time and sign up to list on a 50/50 basis, and adjusting the number of rounds played at each course.

Winter Golf: Winter Golf will continue at Langara. Alex Andrews has negotiated 11 Thursday tee times there. Use 'em or lose 'em. Ditto for Riverway where Wayne Green has taken over as drawmaster with 4 tee times on Tuesdays.

Sincerely, Brian Montpellier: **(Hole in one on #2, Langara, Mar. 20.)**

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.

2025 has been a poor year for accomplishing this objective. We are very seldom oversubscribed and some weeks have failed to use our allocated tee times. In addition, we had frequent cancellations after Sunday cut off, which makes my job a lot harder than it needs to be.

I have raised these issues with the Board and I encourage all members to do their best to meet the expectation of 15 - 20+ rounds per season.

Sincerely,

Alex

Andrews



Vice-Captain (Scoring)

As this is my first year as Vice Captain-Scoring it has been a real learning curve, but with the support of Brian, Bill and Silvano I have made it through only slightly bruised. The assignments for the weekly tournaments have been provided to Alex (Vice-Captain Draw) at least four weeks in advance

Members of the Captain's Table: Michael McSevney, David Marr, Walter Brennen, David McMurdo, Peter Coyle, Jim Sutherland, Bill Bishop, Richard Martin and myself. It goes without saying that these gentlemen do an outstanding job each week, checking cards entering scores and giving their time. There is still a persistent problem that makes our job on the Captain's Table a little more difficult, the lack of surnames and tee boxes played on the scorecard.

Pace of Play has generally been good in 2025 but there is still the odd group that is slower than everyone else. Remember when you fall behind there are things you can do to catch up, those that have completed the hole can move on to the next tee and tee off while the remaining players in the group finish putting out and "ready golf" always helps.

The computer does most of the compiling of tournament results and they, typically, have been posted to the website on Friday midday. 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 but are posted in the 'Useful Documents' section of the Portal.

Finally, I would like to thank all those mentioned above who have assisted me on my new journey as Vice-Captain (Scoring)

Sincerely,

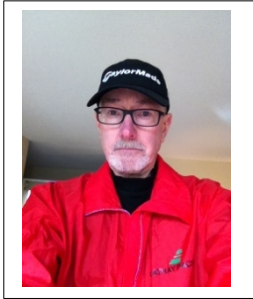
Jim Bones



Notable Accomplishments:
Mel Endelman at the age of 90, shot 90 at McCleery during the Senior Master's Championship on the day we honoured our oldest members, July 31.
Jim Bones at the age of 81, shot 81 at McCleery on July 31.
Chuck Kotzo Hole in one #3 McCleery Aug. 08



Thanks to the Members of our Captain's Table



Michael McSevney



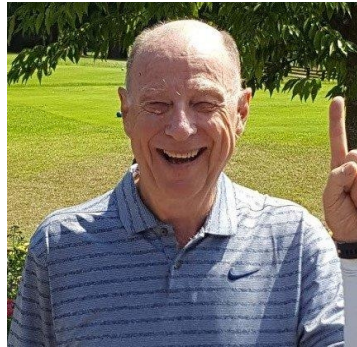
Walter Brennan



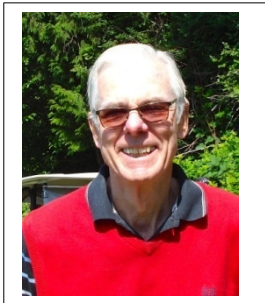
David McMurdo



Peter Coyle



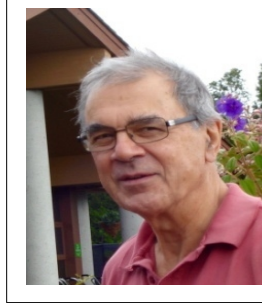
Jim Bones



Dave Marr



Richard Martin



Jeremy Marr



Jim Sutherland

'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. Four full members did not renew for 2025 and Bill Titmuss moved to Life membership. This created the opportunity to promote five Active Wait listers to full membership in January. All those on the “Pending” WL could be moved to the Active WL. As is now usual, the wait list only opens for new applications once a year, this year in early February. Thirty-three applications to join the wait list were received, all being placed on the “Pending Waitlist”, to move to the Active Waitlist as space allows. As last year, an “Active WLeRs Welcome” event was held the last Thursday before the regular season to introduce WLeRs to the club. This was popular; twelve WLeRs played with

directors, followed by a welcome reception and meeting in the clubhouse.

Member turnout this season was strong. Along with keen WLeRs, 80 or more signed up each week most Thursdays through to August, only late cancellations leaving blank slots. Two members resigned during the season and others experienced injuries or illness. These spaces were filled as they occurred. In addition, to help fill tee times in the fall (when member demand softens), extra members and WLeRs were added during the summer. In total seven new members were promoted during the season, and eight new Active WLeRs were added. Promotion is based on the number of games played with the club, so the seven new members were the most active WLeRs at the time.

Membership this season has been as follows:

	<u>AGM 2024</u>	<u>AGM 2025</u>
Full Members	120	122
Life Members	3	4
Honorary Members	2	2
Medical Leave	4	4
Associate Members	11	10
Wait List (Non-members)	12	18
Total Members	140	142

As the season ends, the renewal process begins. Once the number of vacancies is known, the most active waitlisters will be promoted to restore full membership levels for 2026. Their places on the Active Waitlist will be filled by those now on the Pending Waitlist. The popularity of the club is heart-warming, but challenging. We already have 30 more people who have asked to be advised of the next wait list opening. If you are promoting the club, please advise that new recruits will have a wait of two to three years.

I have very much enjoyed meeting and talking with members as Membership Director. I thank the longer-term members who provided invaluable assistance in compiling the “All-Time Roster” of 513 West Point members, complete from 1986 to date. I 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. We'll develop an approach for scoring for the more complicated ones.

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* (Mar. 20: Hole in one at Langara

#2)



**John Evans: Eagle on #4
McCleery, June 05.**

**Tim Blake (Wait List) Eagle on
#1 Fraserview Oct. 23**



**Jim Sutherland, Hole in
One on #16, Fraserview
Oct. 23.**



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

(see Sketch/Remembrances on wpgolfchronicles.org)



Gordon MacCulloch

*April 13, 1935 - February 13,
2025 Member 1996 - 2020*

Handicap Champion 2012, Fairweather Memorial 2015
two holes in one, Eagled Fraserview #18!



Walter Hill,

*Aug. 08, 1928 - Mar. 02, 2025
Member 2014-2015*



Neil Griggs,

*Apr. 29, 1939 - June 28, 2025
Member 2006 - 2021*

TNT, Joe Dwyer

Social Director Report



The Opening Social dinner was held this year on March 25 at Fraserview, with over 60 members attending. A featured presentation by Silvano Padovan and Ivor Blackmore outlined the extensive upgrades and revisions made to our IT systems. The event, hosted by incoming President Bill Titmuss, was a nice kickoff to the 2025 season.

On July 31 a post-round free drinks celebration was held in honour of Westpoint members in their 90s and 80s. Three 90+ members played - Mel Endelman, Bill McNichol and John McHattie. There were also over 40 attendees playing who were in their 80s. Big thanks to Roger Barnes for suggesting this event and providing historical and current data on the number of super senior golfers in our club. The honoured guests were pleased to have the recognition, and the event encouraged all of us to appreciate and continue using our club as a means to great social connections and an enhanced fitness level.

The 2025 season will wrap up with our AGM to be held on November 7 at the Arbutus Club, with over 70 members expected to attend. As usual, a wonderful meal will be featured, as well as a 50/50 draw with proceeds going to Inner City Youth. The year's awards will be presented and the executive will make end of year reports and discuss ongoing and future plans for the club.

The Executive has decided to emphasize social events for 2026 so it is expected that a number of additional arrangements will be set up for post-round drinks or similar events in the upcoming year. An example from the current year is a March 20 event initiated by Director of Membership Roger Barnes to welcome waitlisters with a post-round drink. Our hope is that the social side of the club remains a strong feature of our organization and continues to be embraced by the full membership.

Sincerely,

Jim Barkwell



Director at Large Report



The Director at Large position's main responsibilities include clubwear and trophies, plus some other issues as assigned though this year there was nothing of significance.

Clubwear: As usual, the start of the promotion of Clubwear was the Opening Social. This year, that occurred on Tuesday, March 25 with the Season's Opening Day being the following Thursday. This year's offerings were Ogio golf shirts and Nike hats. Orders were accepted until the end of April and payment was made for all orders by May 15.

Most were distributed on June 12 but stock issues delayed availability of some until July 3. In the end, 29 shirts were purchased and 13 caps.

Trophies: With the ability to store Trophies in a McCleery showcase, only 2 of the 17 trophies were taken home by their winners. The remainder were displayed at McCleery. However, the choice is up to the individual whether or not he wants to take the trophy home. Most of the trophies are in good shape but there are the odd ones that have a figure with golf club raised that are very prone to damage. Being cast in low melting point metal they cannot be repaired except, if you are lucky, with crazy

glue! The trophies are, at the time of writing, at Coronation Recognition where the names of the 2025 winners are engraved on a plaque to be mounted on their trophy. In addition, there is a trophy for the two members who achieved a Hole-in-one.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Marr



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West Point Golf at Riverway G.C. 2025



Riverway Coordinator: Wayne

Green



West Point Golf Club has 4 reserved tee times most Tuesday mornings at Riverway Golf Course in Burnaby which are available to all members. Members may sign up three weeks in advance and the draw is made a week early. Approximately 75 members played this year in very enjoyable course conditions and we try to give everyone the opportunity to play. There are often cancellations and the standby list is utilized. A full sign up of 16 players each week certainly goes a long way in maintaining our good relationship with the Riverway staff who have been very

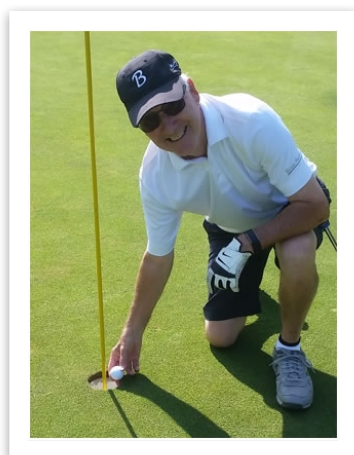
supportive of our club.

Next year we hope to make the Riverway Tuesday golf more competitive and more challenging! Get your game in shape and money ready!

A big thank you to Chris Chatten who is the deposit agent for the advance booking fee which we periodically bill every player. Your prompt payment is always appreciated. Thanks to all the players who support Riverway Tuesday golf.

Sincerely,

Wayne Green



Sketch of a West Pointer

This past season the number of sketches was down. I regret that the tally wasn't higher. Fourteen members had been invited to participate; one declined and 3 accepted the challenge. It was an extreme pleasure working with Roger Barnes, Ed Jackson and Richard Martin, each of whom provided a wealth of information regarding their personal history and viewpoints on various aspects of golf.

Sketch of a West Pointer began in 2012 and we have now published 86 mini-biographies of members with WPGC origins dating from 1989 through to 2018. This

collection includes

Regular, Associate, Life and Honorary Members. You can read previous sketches on our website by going to "Members/Waitlisters" and clicking on 'Sketch' in the right hand column.

Currently, you will find 50 sketches.

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. There is a chance that we will reach out to more individuals next season. In the meantime, anyone who had been contacted this year can forward data to me over the winter.

Once again I'd like to say that 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 – to keep it alive. 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 2025 edition of Divot Dust.

Members may not be aware of all the time spent keeping our excellent website current. Appreciation is expressed also to Sylvano Padovan, Ivor Blackmore and Jeremy Marr for their contributions to the website team.

Sincerely,

Lorne Lindsay

Club Communications



The main activity of the year was replacing the club website with a new one built on more modern software, specifically, WordPress. Ivor Blackmore and Jeremy Marr joined webmasters Wayne Gatley and Silvano Padovan to form the project team that worked throughout the off-season. The team worked very effectively, with each member taking the lead in one of four specific areas: technical architecture, content, media files, and legacy data. The result is a new website with improved security and more streamlined, malleable content management, allowing information to be added in a simpler and more intuitive manner.

We launched the new website (<https://www.wpgolfchronicles.org/>) at the start of the season, since then Silvano and Ivor have managed the site, taking responsibility for content and technical matters, respectively. The site is fully functional, but we do have a few tweaks to make, which we shall work on during the coming off-season.

We are in the process of building a dedicated section on the website exclusively for Board members. This secure area for Board members will house all documents relevant to the Board's responsibilities and decision-making. Previously, these materials were stored in a Dropbox account.

From 2016 through 2025, Wayne Gatley served as a club webmaster. As he now steps down from this role, we extend our heartfelt thanks for his many years of service and the vital contributions he made to the club's success.

The best way to explore the abundance of information on the website is to log in and click on the 'Sitemap' link in the bottom left corner of the Home page. If you have

trouble logging in or any other issues with the website,
email:webmaster@wpgolfchronicles.org, and Silvano or Ivor will endeavour to help
you.

Finally, just a reminder that the purpose of the website
(<https://www.wpgolfchronicles.org/>) is to provide access to information about the club,
its members, and competitions. It is quite distinct from the 'portal'
(<https://wp.golfclub.net/>), which members use to sign up for weekly games and view
scores and handicaps. The Captain's table enters scores into the portal and members
enter their non-West Point games scores on the same portal.

Sincerely, Advisors to the Board: *Silvano Padovan, Ivor Blackmore*

***Cool Thought for the winter: A bus
station is where a bus
stops. A train station is
where a train stops. On
my desk I have a work
station.***

SEE YOU ALL NEXT SPRING

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Coming Soon to a Street near Fraserview:



Divot Dust editor:
Wayne Gatley

(2025/11/7)