West Point GC 2026 Annual Reports Directors & Advisors

President – Bill Titmuss

It has been an honor to serve as your President for the past two years. I have served on the board for more than a decade. It seems an appropriate time to step back and take an advisory role as Past President for 2027.

I believe our board served our members well for the 2026 season. Our Thursdays were full most weeks and the camaraderie among members was easy to observe. We did put into practice two new rules:

1. Members needed to play a minimum of 15 rounds per season. Away games were used in this tabulation. With the 6 away games included members had 38 opportunities to play 15 rounds.
2. Cancelling a Thursday round after Sunday at noon resulted in the member not being able to play the following Thursday, no exceptions.

Results of these rules: We knew the "no exceptions" part of the cancellation rule would at times seem very unfair. No one on the board wanted to be a weekly judge and jury as to what would be a valid exception. The 2027 board will review this policy and make recommendations for the 2027 season. This will give them time to evaluate the 2026 season and get input/feedback from our membership.

These two new rules seemed to achieve what we intended. Late cancelations were much fewer than previous years. Most weeks we had 80 or 79 players show up to play. We had only a handful of members who did not meet the 15-game requirement. Most were for medical reasons.

Sign up to Tee Times and Sign up to a List: For 2026 we had 16 each for 2026. This seemed to give a fair balance. Members got to play with their friends as well as other members of the club.

Pace of Play: I am hoping that next year the weekly Pace of Play report will be published on the portal page each week. It is the foursome's responsibility to keep up with the group in front. Ideally, the first group in the morning and the last group of the day will have similar playing times, just a bit over 4 hours.

Financial: For the 2026 season we ran a deficit to lower our large savings account. For the 2027 season we are proposing a balanced budget. This means an increase for Full Membership to $200, Associate members to $75.

Away Games: We played six away games this year. I organized the April and September events at Tsawwassen Springs. I am looking for someone to take over at least one of these events for 2027.

John Chan added the Green Tee Golf Club to our roster in May. He gave away lots of gift certificates and dozens of previously used golf balls. Ivor Blackman took on Kings Links in June for the second time and ran a smooth tournament on a challenging course. 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 one and all.

John Chan won the Bob Jack Trophy by shooting the three lowest net away game scores with an average of 70 per round. David Baker took over the role of compiling the Away Game results, he did an excellent job.

Captains: Captain Brian Montpellier, Draw Master Alex Andrews, and Vice-Captain Scoring Jim Bones hummed along this season. Thanks for all the hours you put into keeping the club running smoothly!

Jim of course had a great group of volunteers that worked the Captain's Table every Thursday. They are David Baker, Bill Bishop, Peter Coyle, Geoff Flamank, 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: For two years now, I have been fortunate to work with a board that has been hardworking, conscientious, and supportive.

Secretary	John Mathews
Treasurer	John Dawson
Captain	Brian Montpellier
Vice-Captain Draw	Alex Andrews
Vice-Captain Scoring	Jim Bones
Membership Director	Roger Barnes
Social Director	Jim Barkwell
Technical Director	Silvano Padovan
Past President	Ross Cassie
Member at Large	Ivor Blackmore

Next year: 2027 will bring some new members onto the board. I trust this group will approach running the club with great enthusiasm and a fresh perspective.

President	Roger Barnes	
Secretary	John Mathews	
Treasurer	Neil Mandleman	New to the board
Captain	Jim Barkwell	
Vice-Captain Draw	Geoff Flamank	New to the board
Vice-Captain Scoring	Jim Bones	
Membership Director	Ivor Blackmore	
Social Director	John Jutras	New to the board
Technical Director	Silvano Padovan	
Past President	Bill Titmuss	
Member at Large	Tim Blake	New to the board

Webmasters: Thanks Ivor Blackmore and Silvano Padovan for cheerfully maintaining our website.

Legal Advisor**:** Mike Sawyer

Riverway: Thanks to Wayne Green for taking on the role draw master for Riverway Tuesdays. Our relationship with this course has never been better. Thanks to Chris Chatten for paying the signup fees for us.

WPGC and UBC Men's Midweek: Thanks to Doug Blackman for organizing the logistics for these two days. We came close but UBC won the trophy.

In closing: West Point Golf Club is about more than just playing golf. The social contacts we make are good for our well-being. In keeping with encouraging members to stick around the club house after golf, we will be adding free drinks at the end of the 2nd round of Hugh Marshall Tourament. This seems a fitting way to honor the memory of a man who always had time to chat, tell stories and laugh at the end of a round.

Bill Titmuss

Past President – Ross Cassie

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 2026 season was again well organized and enjoyable for our members.

A special thank you goes to three long serving Executive Members who are stepping aside this year after many years of serving our club as Executive members. First to John Dawson who has served in the roles of President, Treasurer (two terms) and Past President over the past eight years. Secondly to Brian Montpellier who has been a member of the Executive for many years and will continue in the handicap advisor role next year. Brian was for the past two years our Club Captain. Lastly, many thanks to Alex Andrews for serving as the Member at Large before taking on the very challenging role of Vice Captain – Draw for the past three years. Your work and commitment to our club has been much appreciated by our members!

For the 2026 season our Executive had a focus of trying to attract and recruit new members to our Executive as well as having some existing members of the Executive take over the more senior leadership roles for the 2027 season and subsequent years. To that end we have 4 new members being recommended for the 10 electable positions and 7 individuals including the new Executive members assuming new positions on the Executive. Below is the slate of candidates the Executive and our Nomination Committee are recommending for the 2027 season. Many thanks to Bill Titmuss and Bill Cartwright for serving on the Nomination Committee this year with myself. Here is the slate of candidates:

President – Roger Barnes – 1st Year in the position
Captain – Jim Barkwell – 1st Year in the position
Vice Captain Draw – Geoff Flamank – 1st Year in position and 1st year on Executive
Vice Captain Scoring – Jim Bones – 3rd Year in the position
Treasurer –Neil Mandeman– 1st Year in the position and 1st year on the Executive
Secretary – John Mathews – 3rd Year in the position
Membership Coordinator –Ivor Blackmore – 1st Year in the position
Social Director – John Jutras - 1st Year in the position and first year on the Executive
Member at Large – Tim Blake - 1st Year in the position and first year on the Executive
Technical Director / Website Management – Silvano Padovan – 2nd Year in the position

Past President – Bill Titmuss – 1st Year in the position
Advisors to the Board
Handicap – Brian Montpellier
Legal – Mike Sawyer
Website – Ivor Blackmore

In conclusion I would like to say how much I have enjoyed being a member of the Executive for the past 7 years. It is a great way to learn about the traditions of the club, how the club operates and a way of getting to meet other members of the club. I strongly recommend that if you haven't served on the Executive in the past that you consider doing so.

Respectfully submitted by Ross Cassie

Captain – Brian Montpellier

It's been a pleasure captaining the club this year, ending a run of 10 years doing the draw, advising and captaining, if that's a word. Jim Barkwell will be taking over in 2027. 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 McSeveney, Dave Marr, Geoff Flamank, Peter Coyle, Jim Sutherland, Bill Bishop, David Baker – the magnificent 9 - did another stellar job of scoring.. I think we have cracked scoring the multiple day fixtures such as the Bud Brown and the Hugh Marshall that have been problematical in the past.

Golf Operations

We are on budget with prizes. Deuces came in at an average of 12 per game against a budget of 12. Nevertheless, on September 15 players posted 22 deuces. Alex Andrews has been stalwart in doing the draw for the last 2 years, and I thank him for his work. George Flamank has taken over and will be the Drawmaster for 2027. I did it myself for 3 years. It's not an easy job. Note that in 2026 we were closely monitoring cancellations. Why? We ask for 20 tee times. If there are cancellations 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 $6,000. To modify that, in 2006, they started a policy where the proshop can fill our draw in with public singles.

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.

Thanks, and over to Jim Barkwell. Brian Montpellier

Vice-Captain (Draw) – Alex Andrews

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.

In my opinion, 2026 was a successful year in achieving these objectives.

I retire this year. It has been my honour to serve West Point Golf Club.

Best Regards, Alex Andrews

Vice-Captain (Scoring) – Jim Bones

2026 has been a relatively status quo season. The Captains Table has been manned weekly by Michael McSevney, David Marr, Geoff Flamank, David McMurdo, Peter Coyle, Jim Sutherland, Bill Bishop and David Baker, thanks to all for there tireless efforts. These gentlemen do an outstanding job each week, entering scores, checking cards, tee box played and recording round and gap times.

Tournament results have been posted to the portal by Friday midday .

The “Pace of Play” has been relatively stable this year, year to date average round time is **4 hrs. 13 mins.** and the average gap time is **12 mins.**

A new rule was introduced this year regarding late cancellations and no shows resulting in a one game suspension for those affected. To date there has been **38 late cancellations and no shows**. The results of the new rule has meant a reduction of weekly late cancellations or no shows. This policy will be under review by the incoming Board of Directors.

Requirements for the scorecard are still not being met by all players. The Captains Table continues to receive scorecards with no **last names, tee boxes played and not punched.** It is important to remember that the scorecard needs to be punched directly after finishing the 18th. hole, this is required to record an accurate pace of play.

Finally, I would like to thank all those mentioned above for their tireless effort and support.

Any members that are interested in volunteering their time to be part of the Captain’s Table in 2027 please contact me.

Sincerely, Jim Bones

Membership - Roger Barnes

Participation and interest in membership in West Point Golf Club continues to be very high.

Four full members did not renew for 2026: Dave Thomas, Chris Struther, Mike Carter and Brian Boone. Associate Member Peter Morse passed away. Four others did not renew: Associates Barry McCormack and Norm Thiessen, and two on Medical Leave, Errol McKinstry and Ed Jackson. At the AGM, Doug Blackman was inducted as a Life Member. Over the winter, we welcomed eight new full members: Tim Blake, Bill Cation, Sid Chow, John Jutras, Leo Nicolaas, John Lee, Stuart Holloway and Steven Oreskovic.

We did not hold the usual Wait List opening in February as our Active and Pending WLs will take about three years to clear. The “WLers Welcome” event in March was rained-out, almost the only bad weather this season. New WLers were inducted during the season.

During 2026, Mike Constantinidis resigned for travel reasons and Honorary Member Hugh Marshall passed away.

Member turnout this season was unprecedented, with over-subscription most weeks, a result of excellent weather, the new “15 game” requirement and cancellation policy. Due to this demand, we did not add any new members after March. While the number of full members fell below the 120 target, this was explained by medical situations causing four more members to move to Medical Leave or Associate status.

The new 15 game requirement was not a challenge for most members, but was not possible for 18 members with medical or injury issues. These were granted waivers to renew for next year. Only one un-injured member did not meet the goal.

Membership this season has been as follows:

	End 2024	**End 2025**	**End 2026**
Full Members	120	122	115
Life Members	3	4	5
Honorary Members	2	2	1
Medical Leave	4	4	6
Associate Members	11	10	12
Active Wait List (Non-members)	12	18	15
Total Members	**140**	**142**	**139**

Once the number of vacancies is known, as possible, the most active waitlisters will be promoted for 2027. Although member demand limited WLer playing opportunities, six Active WLers played five or more games this year. Promotions from the Active Waitlist will be filled in order by those now on the Pending Waitlist.

The popularity of the club is heart-warming, but challenging. We already have 50 more people who have asked to be advised of the next wait list opening. If you are promoting the club, please advise potential new recruits that they face a wait of three to five years.

This is my last year as Membership Director, having reached the three-year term limit. I have very much enjoyed meeting and talking with members in this role. I sincerely thank all for your cooperation and support, and making my role so pleasurable.

Roger Barnes, Membership Director 2026

Technical (Website) - Silvano Padovan

This marks the second year of our website powered by WordPress, which is the platform behind roughly 70% of websites worldwide. Upgrading from our previous outdated system has proven to be a resounding success.

There are two distinct roles between our two online platforms:

- **The Website operated by the Website Team (wpgolfchronicles.org):** Our club's permanent historical records and information hub. It highlights member information and accomplishments and is updated weekly with results of tournament winners.
- **The Portal operated by the Captain and Vice-Captains (wp.golfclub.net):** The day-to-day operational tool for booking tee times, entering scores, tracking handicaps & showing results throughout the entire field. All of this information is only available for a short time prior to and after a tournament.

Signing In & Passwords

We noticed several members having trouble logging into the Website, often by attempting to use their Portal credentials. The Website and the Portal use separate logins. If you run into login issues, simply click the **"Lost/Reset password?"** link on the Website login screen.

Behind the Scenes & New Features

The site is managed by our Website Team: Silvano Padovan manages content, while Ivor Blackmore manages technical operations. In 2026, the team launched a secure, dedicated section exclusively for Board members, consolidating all Directors documents in one place and replacing our previous Dropbox setup.

Incidents

Ours is a relatively small, obscure site with very few personal details. Yet it is subject to attempted incursions from around the world each day (likely by bots), which are intercepted by our security software. In October, the 'PHP' bug affecting websites globally prompted us to take the website offline as a precautionary measure while we awaited the fix. Our server hosting provider (Richmond-based Mecca Internet Solutions) responded promptly and installed the updated software. After we checked the site for any irregularities (there were none), we put it back online. The total downtime was three days.

Help Us Keep the Site Fresh and Accurate

Site traffic is currently averaging 44 unique visitors and 129 logins per week; lower than anticipated. We encourage members to visit regularly to stay informed and celebrate member achievements.

Members can help us improve the site. If you spot any discrepancies, please let us know by email at **webmaster@wpgolfchronicles.org .**

Social – Jim Barkwell

The Opening Social was held at Fraserview on March 24 and was attended by about 60 members. A free drink was provided along with the burger buffet.. Bill Titmuss led with remarks about the upcoming year and a number of other reports provided useful information for attending members.

Per direction from the Executive an emphasis was given in 2026 to encouraging additional social opportunities throughout the year. The Social Director's budget was enhanced for that purpose. On several occasions, particularly on open golf Thursdays, members were provided with a free drink of their choice as an inducement to staying after the round to mix and mingle with fellow members. Feedback received was generally positive for this initiative and, if the budget allows, this practice may be continued by the 2027 Executive.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday November 6, again at the Arbutus Club. At time of writing over 80 members have signed up to participate in what is always a high caliber meal to go with reports from the Executive, plans for the upcoming year, elections of the next year Executive and trophy presentations.

This year's Executive prioritized the social aspect of our club through the enhanced funding, and members are encouraged to voice their views on which aspects of club participation are most meaningful going forward.

This will be my last year as Social Director. I've enjoyed meeting and supporting so many West Point members and I hope that we continue to be a club where interpersonal connections are a central feature of our participation in the great game of golf.

Jim Barkwell

Director at Large – Ivor Blackmore

The Director at Large position's main responsibilities involve clubwear and trophies. Other issues may be assigned, but this year there was nothing of significance.

Clubwear: This year's offerings were Callaway Opti-Vent polo shirts and Nike and New Era hats, which were on display and available for order during July and delivered to members in September. A total of 19 shirts and 12 caps were ordered, and the feedback I received was positive. Orders were down by about one-third compared to a year ago, which I believe we can attribute to the low turnover in membership – there are only so many shirts and caps we can all utilise!

Trophies: 17 trophies are contended for during the season. With the ability to store these in a McCleery showcase, the choice of whether they want to take the trophy home is up to the winner, and only one opted to do so last year. Most of the trophies are in good shape, but there are some with a figure holding a raised golf club that are prone to damage, and one such trophy required repair this year. At the time of writing, the trophies are at Coronation Recognition, where the names of the 2026 winners are engraved on a plaque to be mounted on their trophy. In addition, there is a trophy for the four members who achieved a Hole-in-one, an award for a new Lifetime Member and one for special recognition.

Ivor Blackmore

Riverway Coordinator – Wayne Green

West Point Golf Club has an arrangement with Riverway Golf Course in Burnaby for four preferred tee times on most Tuesday mornings throughout the year. More than 75 West Point members participated this year and we enjoy an exceptional mutually rewarding relationship with the Riverway and Burnaby golf staff.

Riverway's excellent practice facilities include TrackMan Range technology, offering real-time shot feedback, performance data, and virtual golf experiences. Combined with its challenging 18-hole championship course and very favorable green fees,

Riverway provides outstanding value for our members and it is a great way for West Point members to enjoy regular, organized Tuesday golf at one of BC's premier public courses. Thank you to all members who have participated this year. We invoice any advance booking fees at the end of each month. We look forward to seeing more of you out on the course on Tuesday mornings.

Wayne Green

West Pointer Sketch Editor – Lorne Lindsay

You may have noticed that there were no “Sketches of a West Pointer” this past season. The reason was two-fold: (1) last year’s poor response (14 members invited to participate, one declined and only 3 accepted); and (2) my medical situation suggested I take a break.

We began **Sketch of a West Pointer** in 2012 and created 86 mini-biographies of members with WPGC origins dating from 1989 to 2018. You can read previous sketches of 43 current regular and associate members on our website; see “Members/Waitlisters” and click on *Sketch* in the right hand column.

Over the years, the willingness of members to share their background and personal information with the Club membership was always appreciated. A template is provided as a guide to getting started but members are encouraged to include any details they feel might be of interest. Once written, all sketches are approved by the individual prior to publication.

I’ve recently decided to give ‘Sketches’ one more attempt and will send out invitations very soon. I will begin the process but an encouraging note is that Board members Jim Barkwell and Silvano Padovan have put me in touch with Jim Sutherland, who may come on board and do some writing. The format may change but the intent is to continue sharing your stories with our membership.

With thanks, Lorne Lindsay

Treasurer – John Dawson

This report covers the financial results for the year just ended as well as the budget for next year.

Financial Results for 2026:
For our revenue, dues were not increased in 2026 (and our membership numbers were largely unchanged) so revenues were largely at the same level as in 2025 – approximately $21,000.
Largely as planned, expenses were higher in 2026 ($26,440 compared to $20,127).
There were 3 reasons for the increase (2 planned and 1 unplanned):

- We had an enhanced menu at our AGM last year with the resultant planned higher cost;
- We enhanced the Socials budget in keeping with our desire to provide more member interactions;
- We had four holes-in-one, with the resultant ‘free beer’ cost to the club. We had budgeted for two.

Offsetting the increases was the elimination of the amount set aside as the Club’s donation to the Inner City Youth Golf Programme. The members’ donations to that programme (from donations of golf winnings as well as the proceeds from the 50/50 draw at the AGM) continued and were well received (with heartfelt thanks!) by the organizers of the Youth Golf.

Overall, we ended the year with expenses exceeding revenues by $5,748, compared to a planned shortfall of about $3,900. As explained at last year's AGM, the Board had taken the decision to reduce our bank balance by spending more than our revenues allowed. Mission accomplished!

2027 Budget Parameters:

As explained elsewhere, the Board determined that dues increases were in order for 2027. [As an aside, pre-COVID dues were at the $140 level, dues were reduced during the first of the COVID years and then raised to $150 in 2023 where it has remained – arguably dues could have been increased before now.] Those increases will raise our 2027 revenues overall from about $21,000 to just over $25,000.

Overall, our expenses are budgeted at almost the same level as for 2026 ($25,200 vs $26,400).

The board has determined that a break-even budget for 2027 is the target.

Notable changes to expenses in 2027 are:

Our AGM costs are projected to increase somewhat, primarily as a result of cost increases at the Arbutus Club;

We have budgeted for two holes-in-one for 2027 – down from four in 2026 – don't let than deter you from trying though!

As a result of this planning, we are projecting basically a break-even budget for 2027.

At the AGM we will have a motion to approve this financial report as well as a motion to waive the appointment of an auditor.

In closing, this report brings to an end my tenure as your Treasurer.

My proposed replacement, Neil Mandleman, is getting up to speed on all of the requirements of the job and will serve you well in the years to come.

Thank You. John Dawson.