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### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT ... October 2005**

The Executive is pleased with the accomplishments of the past season – our 20<sup>th</sup> – and feel that we have had a banner year in many aspects of the program. We have been able to extend the work of previous Directors and continue the development of our playing schedule and management procedures.

Our primary objectives, beyond “...*the encouragement of good fellowship among our members and the promotion of golf ...*”, were twofold: firstly, we set out to present a golfing schedule that was interesting, enjoyable and offered a variety of experiences and rewards. Secondly, we were committed to operate the Club in a fiscally responsible manner. We feel that we have accomplished these objectives and have created an atmosphere and a platform that will facilitate the work of next year's executive.

*Selected highlights of this year's achievements are:*

- Restructuring of the Club's data base to facilitate communication.
- Revision of the admission requirements to accept applicants who have reached the age of 55 years and who play to a handicap index of 30 or less.
- Initiated a recruiting campaign that resulted in the acquisition of 26 new members.
- Circulated questionnaires to determine the degree to which our new members are adapting to the Club's operation, and to identify potential volunteer personnel.
- Restructured the composition of existing foursomes to accelerate the integration of our new members and to quickly introduce them to the “ways” of the Club. This involved the revision of many established foursomes and we thank those involved for their resilience and adjustment to this procedure.
- Effort was made to increase the number of members involved in the management of our competitions. To this end, we can report that more than 50 members responded to this initiative and volunteered their skills, time and energy
- Arrangement for Block Times for the duration of our stay at Langara GC.
- Addition of three new competition formats to extend the variety within our schedule of fixtures: the Bud Brown Eclectic, the Designated Ball and the McQuarrie Hunter Tankard events.
- Introduction of WPGC caps to help in our attempts to build a Club identity.

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- Establishment of an e-mail network to further facilitate communication.
- Design and creation of a Club website ([www.westpointgolf.org](http://www.westpointgolf.org)) to provide a ready access to information relating to most of the Club's operations.

Overall, it has been a year of significant and continued progress and I wish to commend the 2005 executive for their unstinting work on behalf of the Club.

Five of our current Directors have completed a second term in their office and will be standing down on November 2 - their performances deserve to be recognized. Here's to **Stan Lawson** and **Neil Brett Davies** for their outstanding contribution and leadership within the Captain's jurisdiction; to **Kris Guttormsson**, our Treasurer, for his meticulous management of our financial needs and responsibilities; to **Bill Johnson**, our past President, who has served us well through the contribution of his insight, wealth of experience and thoughtful comments to our deliberations. And a special thanks to **Hans Stausboll** for devoting an extra year, in an *ex-officio* capacity, to ensure that our Divot Dust's production continued. To them all – thank you for the two years of service that you have dedicated to the WPGC.

The remaining members of the Executive have also contributed significantly to the year's successes and will be returning to serve as the core of the executive group in 2006. We are in good hands as **Ray Dujardin, Andy Schmidt, David Haddleton, Ben Oxholm and George Dedrick** will form the nucleus of next year's Executive.

Finally, I would be remiss if we did not express our appreciation for the behind the scenes work of **Roy Moulton**, our Systems Manager, who oversees the computer tracking of our scores; **Michael Alms** who has excelled as our Tee Time Coordinator; and **Ab Miles** who ensures that all trophies are prepared for presentation at our year-end awards ceremony.

It has been a pleasure to work with you and serve as your president over the past two years. I consider it as an honour and take this opportunity to thank you all for your support of the Club's activities. I am looking forward to continuing my association with the 2006 Executive in the capacity of Past President.

*Gary Sinclair*



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**Secretary's Report** ←←← *George Dedrick*

All Club business is up-to-date. There is no outstanding correspondence. The monthly meetings of the Executive Committee were well attended. All deliberations of the Committee have been duly recorded in the minutes which are on file.

The annual report of the Club was filed with the Registrar of Companies in Victoria within the 30 day time frame as prescribed by law

Yours sincerely

*George Dedrick, Secretary WPGC*



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### **Captain's Report** ←←← *Stan Lawson*

As the 2005 season comes to a close I take this opportunity to thank all of you for the privilege of serving as your Captain these past two years. The cooperation and support I received from all of you has made the captaincy a most memorable experience.

I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge and give special thanks to the Executive (particularly our President Gary Sinclair) and to the members of the Captain's Committee (Neil Brett-Davies, Andy Schmidt, and Ben Oxholm). Their efforts on our behalf have resulted in a most satisfying experience for all the members of the West Point Golf Club.

This year we were able to negotiate three months of Block Times at Langara, an objective our club has been trying to achieve for many years. Hopefully the same arrangement will happen in 2006. A decision on this subject will be reached in early 2006. We keep our fingers crossed on this subject.

We now have the opportunity to compete in our most popular competition ( the T.N.T.) at both Langara and McCleery. This event, the Designated Ball competition, and the additional Away Game were added to the Calendar of Events, as well as the McQuarrie Hunter Tankard Award.

The addition of some 26 new members to our club has been a great success. They have been warmly welcomed by all our members and by all accounts they have enjoyed their experiences with the club. Ray Dujardin, our most capable Membership Chairman, has done an outstanding job in placing the new members in foursomes and special thanks to all those 2004 foursomes that accepted the opportunity to help integrate the new members.

Yours sincerely

*Stan Lawson, Captain W. P. G. C.*



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### **Membership Committee Report** ←←← *Ray Dujardin*

The 2005 Season was one of many changes and it is to the credit of all members that they adapted readily to the changes and with their support we all had a great golfing year.

Last season ended with only 80 playing members, 20 short of our maximum playing roster of 100. After 10 members resigned and three transferred to associate status we were reduced to a playing roster of 67 before the 2005 season started. One of our playing members sadly passed on early in the year, further reducing the number to 66.

We launched an aggressive program to recruit new members with the enthusiastic support of several members who sought out and sponsored many likely candidates. The effort made by these members is gratefully acknowledged and we urge all members to follow their example next year – our future depends on keeping our roster of playing members at full strength. We also lowered the admission age to 55 in recognition of the lower ages at which people retire these days. As another measure we increased the use of computer technology to handle the administration of all membership activities. The program as a result of these initiatives was successful in recruiting 26 new members to bring the number of **playing members to 92**. In other words the core membership of 66 at start of season was increased by 39% through the influx of new members! It is to the credit of the Captain and his Vice Presidents that existing foursomes were all re-arranged to accommodate the new members compatibly.

This season we welcomed John Santos, a visiting member from Western Australia's Carramar Club which in many respects is similar to our Club. John was visiting his son here for three months. We are open to these kinds of arrangements so keep this in mind if you know of any long-term visitors that are qualified to join us.

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We now have **nine non-playing members**. Three are honorary members: Ed Angel, Joe Dwyer and Roli Parker. Six are associates: Russ Abraham, Wes Brisseau, Harvey Cook, Les MacKenney, Frank McDaniel and Reid Mitchell. It is always a great pleasure to see non-playing members attend our social events and the putting jamboree. These are the guys that contributed so much to making the Club what it is today. We are glad to see that some turn up on game days to chat with members after their rounds – passing on useful golfing tips no doubt!

One initiative started this year is the adding of email addresses to the membership records. As a result we can now contact 75 of 92 playing members. This is useful for distributing latest information immediately to the members without incurring mailing costs and we urge all members to ensure that if they have an email address that we have it on file. Divot Dust, the membership roster and other information have been sent successfully using email. Our President has been instrumental in setting up the fine West Point website which will also facilitate communication with the members in the future and give prospective new members a good insight into all Club activities. If you have a prospect in mind direct him to the website at <http://www.westpointgolf.org> and of course also call the Membership Director with contact details if there is real interest shown.

With deep regret we report the passing on of members Bruce Cooper, Charlie MacKay and Fred Walsh during the year. They will be greatly missed.

Yours sincerely,

*Ray Dujardin, WPGC Membership Director*



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### **Social Director's Report** ←←← *Fred B. Griffin*

The opening social gathering was held at the Arbutus Village recreation Centre on March 29 with approximately 60 in attendance. Coffee and cookies were provided along with a no host bar with beer and liquor @ \$2.00 a drink. A 50-30-20 draw was conducted with the proceeds given out to 3 lucky participants. The revenue was \$12.47 short of the estimated cost of supplies. The other costs to the club were for the rental, tip and liquor license totaling \$226.00 giving us a total expense of \$238.47.

I thank Jim Forbes for purchasing supplies and organizing the meeting in my absence. I also thank Ab Miles for obtaining the liquor license, Dave Haddleton for bartending, Al Williams and Bill Gerard for selling drink & draw tickets and conducting the draw.

The next social gathering was the Palcutta Auction at the Rec. Centre on Aug. 16 with 45 attending. The same food & libation were supplied with an increase in drink tickets from \$2 to \$3 to cover rising costs. To celebrate holes-in-one by Ab Miles and John McHattie a free drink for all in attendance was provided. Our revenue was down \$60.00 and the costs were down by \$28.87 giving us a total expense of \$270.65.

I thank Ab Miles for obtaining the liquor license, Jim Forbes and Jim Mackie for helping me with the supplies, tending bar, making the coffee and cleaning up after, Carl Jonsson for selling draw tickets and conducting the draw.

I have enjoyed serving as your social director and working with a great group of directors.

Yours respectfully

*Fred B. Griffin, Social Director WPGC*



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**Director at Large Report** ←←← *David Haddleton*

I was unsure what my responsibilities would be as a Director at Large, however, my fellow Directors soon had me involved in finding a company to produce some much needed bag tags. This search turned up a company in London, Ontario which was appointed to make 100 bag tags. Miller Golf of London turned out to be an excellent choice – high quality items and delivery on time and on budget. However, these new bag tags required a different type of labeler, so an electronic labeler was purchased locally. This has proven to be easy to use and has the ability to change type size and style. Both the labeler and bag tags are in the care of the Membership Director at this time.

After much discussion, it was decided by your Executive to order from Miller Golf, 100 caps with the club logo. These have proved very popular with the membership. At \$12 each they represent excellent value and we are now down to just 17 left.

For the future, I have looked into golf shirts and vests in the club colors (gold, white and dark green) with an embroidered logo. These present a difficult problem as they have to be made to fit each member which increases the cost! If a majority of the membership is interested, I (or my successor) will have samples at the opening social in March 2006.

Thanks to my fellow Board members and the rest of the membership. I really enjoyed being your Director at Large.

Respectfully submitted by

*David Haddleton, Director at Large, WPGC*



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***Proposed Slate of Directors for the 2006 Season***

*presented by Bill Johnson*

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**Election of Directors – Bill Johnson**

President..... George Dedrick  
Secretary..... Ray Dujardin  
Treasurer ..... Fred Griffin  
Captain ..... David Haddleton  
Vice Captain..... Andy Schmidt  
Membership..... Brian Ciccozzi  
Social..... John McHattie  
Director at Large ..... George Sarich

***Executive Appointment***

Past President ..... Gary Sinclair