

WPGC 'SHOT THEIR AGE' CHAMPIONS 2000 - 2022

Douglas Albert Symonds

Doug was born in Vancouver on 18 June 1918. His initial exposure to golf was at the Langara Golf course as a caddie, the 1st year that Langara opened. Soon after, he became a regular caddie at Old Shaughnessy Golf course at 33rd and Granville. An independent entrepreneur for most of his life, Doug held the Canadian franchise rights for automotive sunroofs, a business which he operated until he retired in 1976. Doug joined the WPGC in the late '50s. He first shot his age in 1993 at the age of 75, and has been recording these 'Shoot-your-age' scores ever since – a total of 53 times so far. His overall low handicap is 8. He has been the winner of the Club Championship and has twice won the Senior Masters trophy.

Norman Kent

Norman was born in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan on 3 July 1922. He started playing golf at the age of 8, and at his best has a handicap of 10. Norm was an electrical engineer with BC Hydro for many years. He has shot his age a number of times, the first being in 2000, when he shot in the high '70s.

Albert Edward Miles

Ab Miles was born in Creighton Mine, near Sudbury, Ontario, on 7 July 1923. He started playing golf in 1950 and was a 5 handicapper before long. He won his Club Championship in Sudbury more than once, and has also been West Point Club Champion. He came to BC as Service Manager for Ingersoll Rand, for whom he worked until retirement. He first shot his age in 2000, when he was 77, and has been doing it pretty regularly since then, often shooting in the mid to high '70s.

Gilbert D'Oyley Bristow Jones

Gil Jones was born in Port Elizabeth, S. Africa, on 5 June 1922. He started playing golf at the age of 23 and at his best had an 11 handicap. An accountant by trade, he was a contractor for a small group of companies. He has shot his age twice, the first time in 2001, when at the age of 79, he shot a 77 at Langara.

Bruce Jeffrey Groom

Bruce was born on 16 Jan 1922, and has been playing golf since he was 8 years old, when his father gave him an old putter. He has used this same putter throughout the intervening 75 years. He was in management for Bell Canada in Montreal before he retired. At his best as a golfer, he reached a 7 handicap, and first shot his age at Langara, when he shot an 80 in 2002.

Russell 'Bus' Phillips

Bus was born on 13 May 1915 at Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta. He has been playing golf for over 50 years. He was an athletic director at UBC for 27 years, and played a number of different sports, including representative rugby for BC. He first shot his age in Aug 2004, shooting 89 at McCleery.

Jack Jones

Jack was born on 27 Jan 1915. He only started playing golf seriously after he retired from Air Canada for whom he had flown jets. Jack shot his age for the first time at McCleery (2005), shooting 85, 5 shots less than his age!

Maurice Elmer Lyle

Wally Lyle was born on 6 Jan 1923, in Vancouver. He has been playing golf for over 35 years. Lyle was a professional engineer in the Construction Division of BC Hydro, and shortly after he first took up the game, he arranged a golf match at Fraserview for his Division colleagues. Noone was particularly good at golf, and it was more of a social and drinking occasion, than a golfing one. After the game, Lyle broke open a dozen beer, and awarded the winner a prize. The prize was an old 'piss pot', which Lyle used to keep nails in, but which he generously donated for this occasion. This memorable trophy has been competed for 32 times, and in current times is known as the 'W.E.Lyle Piss Pot Trophy', open to people from BC Hydro's Construction Division. Because all the winners were construction types, they took to supplementing the trophy, first giving it a wooden base, then someone built a model transmission tower on it, and a model of a wind generator. Lights were added, the drilling section hung a diamond drill from the tower, a fence was put around it, and eventually it achieved a 2nd tier. The original pisspot is now 38 inches high, and weighs over 50 pounds. Many of the winners' wives are reluctant to have this distinguished trophy in their living rooms. However, the tradition continues!

David McLaren Fairweather

Dave Fairweather was born on 12 March 1925 and started playing golf at the age of 15 in Stanley Park. He got down to a 7 handicap. The high point of his golfing career occurred in 1948, when his handicap was 10. At the time, he was working in Reservations at TransCanada Airlines. He got off the midnight shift at 8.00 am and drove straight to Quilchena Golf Club on Arbutus to take part in the BC Open. In those days, the first 2 days' rounds of the BC Open were played on one day. Dave shot a 73 on the first 18, but by the time of the 2nd 18, he was rather knackered, and his score fell to 86. By this wonderful achievement, he won himself a very nice sweater. He had to go back to work at midnight, so one can only imagine how he was able to function in reservations after that exertion. That year Stan Leonard won the BC Open.

Dieter Herman Schwab

Dieter Schwab was born in Germany on 15 March 1929. He immigrated to Canada in 1951, and came to Vancouver in 1956. He is married to Beverly and has 3 daughters. He worked for the Province of BC in Social services for 20 years before retirement.

Dieter started to play golf at the age of 30, learning the fundamentals at the Stanley park Pitch and Putt. He played most of his early golf at the University Golf Club, where he shot his first sub-par round in 1966! Soon after, he discovered boating, and, with the exception of a few office tournaments, he played virtually no golf for the next 15 years. In 1989, he moved to Osoyoos, where he joined the Osoyoos Golf Club. During 16 years of club membership there, he won a few tournaments, including the Senior and Super Senior Club Championships in 1994.

Since turning 70 in 2001, he has shot his age or better at least once every year, managing to do it in 2006 both at McCleery and Langara. He has had two holes-in-one, both on the same hole, 10 months apart, on a course in Arizona.

Hugh K. Marshall

Hugh Marshall was born on 27 July 1928 in Nelson, BC, but was raised in Vancouver, where he attended elementary and secondary schools and UBC.

He was a physical education teacher for 36 years. He played several sports at a high competitive level, but did not play golf until he reached his late 40s – a pity!! At that time, he was introduced to the game when a couple of local golf pros, who had been his former students, volunteered to give group swing lessons to his Grade 11 students. Other than summertime golf, Hugh didn't seriously pursue golf until his retirement.

Hugh's handicap has never been lower than 18, mainly due to not hitting a long ball. His short game has always been his strong point. On the day that Hugh shot his age, 78, in July 2007, he was playing at Langara. He had 3 birdies, 7 pars, and only 27 putts. He shot his age again on Fraserview in 2019.

George Paquette

George Paquette was born in Vegreville, Alberta, in 1919, and grew up on a farm. He joined the RCMP, and was a member for 35 years before retirement. He first played golf in Quebec City, when he was 26 years old, and fell in love with the game. He played as often as his work schedule would allow. He met his wife on a golf course in Winnipeg in 1953.

At his best, within 10 years of first playing, he was a 4 handicapper, and has had 5 holes-in-one. He first shot his age at Langara in 1994, when he was 75, and 14 years later, in 2008, he did it again at Langara, shooting 89, 14 more shots in 14 years!

Peter Coyle

The 2012 Club Champion, Peter Coyle shot a 69 at Langara in 2008 as a 10 handicapper. This is believed to be the lowest gross score ever shot by a member of West Point GC.

Jack Plummer

Jack enjoyed a year to remember in 2010. At the end of 2009, he had a 22 handicap, and a pair of bad knees. Over the winter, he had his knee joints replaced. He was rejuvenated and began the 2010 season with a 20 handicap. In early May, he was winning the TNT Team event, and his handicap dropped to 17. In June, he won the monthly medal – down to 16. Between mid-July and August, he tied for the Parker Shield in the top division – down to 14. By the end of August, at the age of 75, his handicap was down to 1. In September, he was finalist in the Club Championship, and lost to Chris Allen, 14 years his junior. He is down to a 12, the lowest of his life – so far! He then goes off to Florida and plays on some tough courses, returning to BC with a new handicap – back up to 17! In October he again wins the monthly medal, and takes the Leblanc Shield.

He was the clear and unrivalled winner of the prize for strategic handicap management, previously referred to as the ‘Sandbagger of the Year’ Award! For a golfer to lower his handicap from 20 to 12 in the course of his 75th year may well be a feat unmatched in the history of the game.

Glen Lockhart

Glen Lockhart was born 2 Feb 1936, in South Burnaby, BC, and moved to Vancouver at the age of 12, living near the ‘5 back holes’ of Old Shaughnessy GC, where he caddied. Joining the ‘Old Quilchena GC (’ at Arbutus and 33rd, where Ernie Brown was a Pro), as a Junior, he worked on his game and played for the UBC 3-man team, captained by John Russell, which won the 1956 Evergreen Conference at Bellingham G & CC, UBC being the only Canadian team in the event. After graduation from UBC, he worked in the Oil and Chemical industries, with Esso Chemical in both London, England and Toronto, and with Hooker Chemical in Tacoma, Washington. When Glen was in his mid-twenties, working in London, he was at his golfing peak at a 1 - 2 handicap level, and subsequently, he had a 5 – 6 handicap for some 30 years. In his senior golfing years, since the age of 55, he has played five times in the Canadian Senior Golf Championship (3 in BC, one in Ottawa, and one in Winnipeg). He has 3 children and 3 grandchildren, who all enjoy playing annually for a friendly family cup. Glen joined West Point GC in 2001, and has won 2 Club Championships and the Putterama. On 7 July 2011, he achieved his ambition of shooting his age by scoring 74 at Langara GC in the Joe Dwyer Shield.

Art Roberts

Art Roberts was born in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan in 1928. He came to BC at the age of 19 and worked in the forest industry for 42 years. He used to play hockey and baseball, and was a switch hitter at baseball and genuinely ambidextrous. When he took up golf at the age of 19, he couldn’t figure out whether to hit left- or right-handed, so he played a round playing the front 9 holes left-handed and the back 9 right-handed. Since he scored so much better on the back 9, he decided to play right-handed. He joined Meadow Gardens in 1972, playing at his best as a 10 handicapper, and then for years in the 12 – 13 range. When he was 82 and playing at Langara, he reached the 18th green in 80 shots, and needed 2 putts to shoot his age. He was dismayed to sink the 1st putt, for a score of 81, because, being of a literal turn of mind, he figured that he had failed to shoot his age of 82!! Fortunately, in August 2012, he reached his goal of shooting exactly 84 on Langara.

Barry Arnett

Born in Vancouver in 1938 and raised here, Barry has always been a sports lover. Baseball was his main passion as a boy. He went to UBC for one year and then the University of California, to study Engineering. He then worked in Ontario from 1964 to 1978 as a computer analyst.

Golf became his main pastime at the age of 25. When Glen Abbey opened in 1973, they offered memberships at \$100 p.a. to young men willing to volunteer for the Canadian Open. This fee allowed unlimited play with a power cart. Barry joined and remained a member for 3 years until the fees became exorbitant. He played in tournaments all over Southern Ontario, and at his best his handicap was 6. He was usually in the 9 – 10 range and in 2012 he was still a 10 handicap.

In 1980, he returned to the West Coast and joined Fraserview Men's Club. Then in 2011, he joined West Point GC and became Club Champion in his 1st year. He says that West Point has provided his best golfing experience since the Glen Abbey days. 2012 started out poorly for him, but ended up much better. On 5 July, at Langara, Barry shot his age, 74, and on 11 Oct, he shot his lowest ever score, and his first and only par round so far, with a 72 at Fraserview. He also had a hole-in-one at the 8th at Langara.

Brian Sims - Vintage Cup Inaugural Winner

In 2013, West Point GC introduced a new and interesting competition, in which the members played with their age being taken as their handicap. Laurie Craddock, a former Club Captain, came up with the idea and sponsored its adoption by the Club. The trophy, called the 'Vintage Cup' will be competed for annually on the same day as the Age Shooters play for the A.B.Miles Tankard. The inaugural event took place on 25 Sept, 2013, with 42 members, divided into 3 age groups.

The overall winner was Brian Sims, who, at the age of 67, shot a 72. 2nd was Garry Watson shooting 79 at the age of 71, and 3rd was Laurie Craddock, shooting 89 at the age of 80. The fact that only 3 club members were able to shoot less than 10 shots over their ages emphasises just how remarkable a feat it is for a golfer to be able to shoot his age. West Point GC is very unusual in that in the last decade, we have had 15 members who have accomplished this in Club competition.

Colin Patrick Kelly - Youngest Age Shooter as a WPGC Member

Colin was born on 7 April 1943. His introduction to golf occurred when he was 14, when he caddied in 1957 at old Shaughnessy Golf Club ... part of the old course later became the site of the Van Dusen Gardens. He didn't actually play until he was 21, when an old school chum invited him for a game, so his achievement this year is on his 50th anniversary as an avid golfer.

He started as a bus driver with BC Hydro in 1973, and as his division changed to being Metro Transit, then BC Transit and now Coast Mountain Bus Company, he eventually retired as Director of Human Resources. He played most of his early golf at the old Langara and McCleery courses, but for the last 40 years has played mainly as a member of the Fraserview Men's Club.

Colin shares some golfing memories in these words:

- I only ever had one lesson. The head pro at McCleery, Roy Heisler, offered me one free lesson, one cloudy afternoon. He showed me the 'square-to-square' technique. However, I spent a lot of hours on the practice fairway, following the teachings of Ben Hogan in his book 'The 5 Fundamentals of Golf'.
- My handicap has been as low as 2, but for most of my golfing life I played as 4 or 5. I still belong to Fraserview Men's Club, where I have been a member for 40 years. My golfing memories include playing at Pebble Beach & the South course at Torrey Pines in the early '70s when the green fees were \$20 and \$8 respectively. When I arrived at Torrey Pines, there wasn't a golfer in sight, and I ended up playing in a sevensome – 6 men and one lady. The lady and I both shot 76s and the highest score between the 7 of us was 78, on this beautiful course, which we had all to ourselves – no one in front or behind us.
- I don't recall my first par round, but I have had a few 68s at both Langara and old McCleery, and a few 69s at Fraserview. I do recall 2 exceptionally good rounds from the blue tees, one in Tijuana, Mexico, and the other at Riverway. The first and only time that I played at Tijuana was 40 years ago, shooting a one over par 73 on this beautiful 6900 yard course. Then, 10 years ago, playing with my regular foursome, I shot a 2 under par 70 on Riverway.

Colin Kelly shot 71 at Langara on the 17th July 2014, shooting birdie 2's on all 4 par 3's. This is believed to be the youngest age at which this feat has been accomplished in our club.

Don Angus – Oldest Age Shooter as a WPGC Member

It is interesting that this same year, 2014, Don Angus shot his age at 94, the oldest age at which it has been done in our Club. Don Angus was born in Calgary on 21 September 1919. He was the son of a professional soccer player and boxer from Aberdeen, Scotland. At the age of 9, he was introduced to golf, when he was given a mid-iron, and started hitting golf balls. Within a couple of years, he was caddying at the Calgary Golf & Country Club in the summer school and after school, earning 25 cents for 9 holes, and 50 cents for a full round. He remembers caddying for a rich brewer, Emil Sick, who took a liking to him and asked why he needed the money. He said that he had to save up \$2 to buy a new pair of shoes – his pay that day turned out to be \$2, instead of the usual 50 cents! He would caddy 5 days a week, and after caddying he would play ... on weekends, he only caddied.

After leaving school, he got a job at a grocery wholesaler and continued playing golf as much as possible. He also used to compete in bicycle races. When World War 2 broke out, he volunteered and spent 5 years in the Navy. On 23 Dec 1944, he married Dorothy Wright, a native of Vancouver and a direct descendant of the Duke of Marlborough; she is therefore a relative of Winston Churchill and in fact one of her middle names is 'Churchill'. They have their 70th wedding anniversary this year. They had 2 children, a boy and a girl. The boy died in a tragic accident at the age of 32, but the girl, Donna Marie, is still, at 60 years of age, working as a pipe fitter/installer in Fort McMurray! The Angus family is obviously made of sturdy stuff!! Don sold GMC trucks, before retiring at 60 and moving to Bowen Island, where the family lived for 27 years. All through his working life, and since retirement Don played our great game 2 or 3 times a week, and got his handicap down to close to scratch. He played mainly at Fraserview, often with Colin Kelly, with whom he competed on equal terms. He first shot his age at Fraserview, with a 67 at the age of 70.

Since then, he has shot his age numerous times, most recently with a 94 in 2014, and a 93 at McCleery and a 95 at Fraserview in 2015.

George Drew

George Drew was born in Vancouver on 22 November 1934. When he was 15, his family moved to the foot of Dunbar, near to Point Grey Golf Club. He did odd jobs on the course, watering from 5.30 am in the summer, and caddying and looking for golf balls. Some members got to know and like him, and, as a result, he was offered a junior membership in the club, which was usually only offered to sons of existing members. George is very grateful for their kindness, as it gave him the chance to play the game that he greatly loved.

At the age of 14, he also joined the Vancouver Lawn Tennis & Badminton Club, and was Vancouver City Junior Badminton Champion for 4 years, until the age of 18. He also won the BC Interior Badminton Championship in Kelowna. He then gave up Badminton to concentrate on his golf. At 26, he joined the McCleery Men's Club and subsequently was a member of Seymour GC from 1985 – 2005.

In 1964, George and his wife Elaine moved to North Vancouver and they have lived in the same house to this day. His working career from 1957 to 1993 was with the BC Hydro and Power Authority and he ended up as a commercial representative for the North and West Vancouver areas.

George has had a stellar career in golf. He was Point Grey Junior Match Play Champion in 1952, with a 3 handicap, McCleery Senior Match Play Champion, and Seymour Senior Champion for 4 seasons. His lowest round in competitive play was a 69 shot at Marine Drive in the Pacific National Golf Association Match play Tournament in 1952. He has had 3 holes in one. He has shot his age 8 times, the first time when he was 75. He is the first member of our club to do it while playing for the Ab Miles Tankard (for those who have already shot their age), on 3 Sept 2015, with a 79 at Fraserview, 2 strokes less than his age.

Don Abel

Don Abel was born on 8 Feb 1943 in Vancouver. As a teenager, he lived near Langara Golf Course, where he spent many days playing golf. He never had a lesson, but had a natural aptitude and was shooting in the low '80s by the time he was 17. However, after he graduated from John Oliver and went to UBC, he gave the game up almost completely. His best sport was soccer, but he was also good at baseball and hockey and coached all 3 sports. He qualified as a teacher and taught senior social studies in 2 schools in North Surrey until his retirement in 2000.

In 1990, he had been persuaded by a friend to take up golf again, and upon his retirement he set himself the goal of lowering his handicap, and playing at least once every month of the year. With few exceptions he has done so ever since. He first shot his age at Fraserview at age 68, and repeated the feat in 2015 with a 72 at Langara. He has had 3 holes-in-one in his career.

He says that one of his best days on the course was in 2011, when he joined up with a group including Hugh Marshall and Wayne Gatley. They introduced him to the teachers' group who play at Fraserview every Monday, and told him about West Point Golf Club. Don joined both groups and in his words 'This has resulted in the best companionship on and off the course that I have experienced in my golfing days'. Now at the age of 72, Don's

handicap is as low as it has ever been and his goal is to continue playing for as long as he is able.

Ray Dujardin

Ray was born in Bagshot, Surrey, England and was educated at the University of London, with a degree in geology. He later received his Professional Engineer's designation through his experience with Rio Tinto. His work took him to many countries, including Guyana, Chile, Ireland, Spain, other areas of South America, USA and Canada.

He started playing golf in Toronto in the 1960s, playing on public courses north of the city. He gave up golf from 1982 through 2000 to pursue other interests, including photography, sailing and squash. Returning to golf in 2000, he joined West Point in 2002. Ray served on the Board of West Point from 2005 to 2010, including 2 years as President in 2009/10. He was granted Life Membership in 2012 in recognition of his contributions to the effective running of the Club. He introduced an electronic database for the membership, the first step towards the use of electronics to further the management of the Club.

As do many in the Club, Ray now regularly 'plays it forward' from the red tees. Ray shot his age (84 in October) from the red tees at Langara on 2 occasions in 2017, shooting 83 on 17 August and 81 on 21 August.

Wayne Ferrey



Joined West Point G.C. in 2002.

Shot his age at 80 in 2018

Senior Masters Champion 2018

Laurie Craddock Vintage Cup 2017 & 2016

Club Champion 2008

Ed Angel 2002

David Butler



Joined West Point G.C. in 2017.

Won Super Senior Gross Champion 2017 & 2018.

Won Texas Scramble 2018

Ed Bobinski



Joined West Point G.C. in 1989 & is the
Longest standing regular member of the Club at
30 years.

Club Champion 2002

Shot his age @ 85 in 2018 and again in 2019, in
winning the Ab Miles Tankard

Vice-Captain 1994 & 2004

Andy Schmidt:



Joined West Point G.C. in 2003

Vice-Captain 2004 – 2006

Matchplay Champion Flight B 2010, 2012

Senior Masters Net Champion 2018

Shot his age in Sept 2019 on Fraserview

David Ng:



Joined West Point G.C. in 2018

Shot his age in Aug. 2019

Super Senior Gross Champion 2019

Flight A Handicap Champion 2019

Dave Stephens:



Joined West Point G.C in 2005

Shot his age of 82 in 2019 on Fraserview

Super Senior Net Champion 2016 & 2018

Director at Large 2008

Captain 2009

Secretary 2012-2013

Michael McSevney:



Joined West Point G.C in 2017

Shot his age on May 26, 2022 at McCleery during the Ab Miles competition.

Making him the overall winner of the Craddock Cup 2022.

Parker Sheld
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