



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

You've done it! Congratulations on your response to our need for increased membership. As you will see in our **Membership Director's Report**, your recruitment efforts have produced the numbers needed to ensure the viability of our extensive competition schedule and its support structure. From the Club management perspective – we are in good shape!

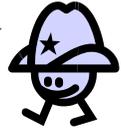
We can all be pleased with the first week of our season. The Opening Social evening was well attended and, thanks to the planning of **Fred Griffin**, our Social Director, and the management of **David Haddleton** and his support crew of **Jim Forbes, Bill Gerard and Al Williams**, was a most enjoyable event. The remarkable clearing of the weather conditions for our Opening Day's President vs Captain competition was an unexpected bonus.

The **Captain's Group's** revision of the composition of our previous foursomes, to facilitate the integration of our new members, appears to have achieved its purpose as an enhanced degree of post-game camaraderie is apparent in the clubhouse. In all likelihood, further adjustments will have to be made to accommodate a few more new members and we hope that you will respond to this additional bit of "integrative tuning" in your customary positive manner.

Special congratulations are in order for **Hugh Marshall** and his foursome for the design and management of the long awaited **Designated Ball Competition**. As you may remember, this event has been a few years in the making and had suffered two rain-outs last season – we were beginning to wonder if it was meant to be.

According to a significant number of our members, the **On-Line Tee Time Reservation** procedure has proved to be an effective and efficient experience – give it a try, if you haven't already done so.

WPGC Caps - David (our Director-at-Large) **Haddleton's** venture to make customized WPGC caps available to us has been a resounding success. We extend our compliments to him for his creativity and enthusiasm. *For those of you who have not yet obtained one, and would like to, please contact David to make the appropriate arrangements.*



I am sure that you will enjoy the competitions that the Captain's Group have scheduled for the **Langara portion** of our season and hope that your Monthly Medal, Honey Pot, and Par Point pursuits are fruitful – remember - *No Gimmies!*

Cheers!

Gary Sinclair

CAPTAIN'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP ...Stan Lawson

Club operations appear to be running smoothly as all requests for help have been filled with enthusiasm. I thank all of you for your support.

I hope by the time you receive this report that each foursome has selected a Foursome Captain as we will be moving to Langara on June 6th. Having Foursome Captains is absolutely necessary in light of the block time opportunity that we have.

Slow play has been a concern at McCleery –some of it justified, some of it unfounded. To help deflect some of this criticism please do the following:



- Record your exact starting and finishing time
- Try your best to keep up to the foursome in front.

Your round at Langara should take about 4 hours and 10 minutes. I am sorry I have to bring this issue to your attention but in order to keep in the Pro Shop's "good books" we must make every effort to comply with course policy re speed of play.

MARSHALS

Please do not get into conflict with the marshal. If you have a problem, call me and I will "deal" with it. I have already had "words" with *Pat Dunn* over this issue and he is very understanding. Enjoy your game, try not to feel rushed but please make a concerted effort to keep up with the pace.

AWAY GAMES

The turnout at the Surrey Golf Club was the best we have had in some time. Unfortunately, we were rained out but have rescheduled for Monday, July 25, tee-times starting 11:46 a.m. If you did not sign up the first time, why not sign up now—we can handle more players.

We have an upcoming game at Lake Padden in Bellingham (Monday, June 13th.) Following play at Lake Padden some of us will "retire" to the Black Angus (close to the golf course) for some good social activities i.e. food, drink, and conversation. Come join us and participate in a great day.

Captain W.P.G.C. Stan Lawson

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE... *Ray Dujardin*

Since our last Annual General Meeting we have lost 14 playing members (including three transfers to Associate/non-playing status) but gained 24 so our roster now stands at 90 playing

members and 10 non-playing for a total of 100 members. Many thanks are due to those of you that have sponsored new members this year. At the current level of membership we can maintain all of the privileges we have become used to. But it is important that we continue to keep an eye out for new prospects.

Since our March Issue we have gained the following six new members: *Ron Babcock, Lorne Lindsay, Sadru Mitha, Gordon Riley, Dave Stephens* and *Bill Wilson*. We heartily welcome these golfers to West Point with the certain knowledge they will enjoy the friendly competition and social atmosphere that our Club has to offer. We know existing members will do all they can to make all new members feel at home and help them get acquainted with our Club routines and tournament formats.

As indicated above, we still have vacancies for new members but it becomes increasingly difficult to fit people in as the season progresses—so if you have anyone in mind, get them to contact *Membership Director, Ray Dujardin*, as soon as possible. Sponsors of new applicants should keep in mind our basic Club requirement that new members must evidence an ability to play to a handicap index of 30 or less. We like to see five signed recent scorecards or some other evidence of the applicant's ability or handicap index.

Membership Director Ray Dujardin

Booking Tee-times at Langara... *Neil Brett-Davis*

We will be playing at Langara during the months of June, July and August. You can assure a tee-time by following these procedures

- 1) Each regular foursome has been asked to declare a Contact Person (CP)



- 2) On the Friday before play at Langara that involves play in regular foursomes, we will post a copy of the Club Foursomes list on the West Point Notice Board.
- 3) The CP for each group will check off, on the posted list, those members who will be playing the following week. (If no members of a foursome are playing that Friday but they do wish to play the following week, an e-mail or telephone call to the Captain may be used to confirm attendance). Note that on Fridays when a competition is being played with non-regular groups it is still the CP's responsibility to canvas his regular foursome and indicate their attendance for the following week on the check-off sheet
- 4) On Saturday morning, following the Friday posting, the Captain's Committee (CC) will prepare a Tee-time reservation sheet including the names of all members who have been checked-off the previous day. The CC will assign desired starting times to the best of their ability, but will fill incomplete foursomes with players from groups previously indicating their willingness to be used in this manner.
- 5) The Pro Shop will be advised in writing on Saturday morning of the starting times requested by WPGC on the following Friday.
- 6) Assigned tee-times will be distributed by e-mail to CPs who are responsible for advising the other members of their group. As well, CPs must confirm receipt of their tee-time to the CC.

Vice-Captain Neil Brett-Davies

AND THE WINNERS ARE...

Results of our tournaments to date with congratulations to the winners

LeBlanc Trophy-qualifiers so far are:

Ed Bobinski
Dick Smith
Roy Moulton

Bud Brown Eclectic-winners:

Wayne Ferry
Gordon Monteith
Tony Appel

Designated Ball –winning team:

Arnold Tennant
Gord MacCulloch
Jim Mackie
Jim Trotter

KUDOS TO

Ab Miles had a Hole-in-One on McCleery's #13 on Opening Day. This was Ab's third Hole-in-One.

Jack Jones who turned 90 a while ago shot an 85 (that's right 85) at McCleery on May 13.

Congratulations to both

PUTTING JAMBOREE



Scheduled to take place at McCleery on Tuesday, June 21. Course design and management by *Wally Lyle*. This is always a fun event. Do plan on attending and bring your putter.

Keep in mind that "three putting" is not that embarrassing unless you have to hit wedge shots in between.

DIVOT REPAIRS



On May 9, sixteen of our members together with the Tuesday Ladies and another men's group volunteered to repair divots at McCleery. The WPGC gang repaired five fairways. Sore backs were tended to afterwards with beer and snacks, compliments of The Vancouver Parks Board

Thanks to all of our sixteen volunteers.

BAG TAGS

Anyone wanting a new WPGC tag, please contact *Ray Dujardin*.

MAILING OF DIVOT DUST

As an economic measure, we are looking into the feasibility of e-mailing the Divot Dust to members with internet access.

Everyone will receive a copy of this May issue by regular mail and as a trial, an electronic copy will also be sent to those members who have internet access.

If you find that you can't retrieve your e-mailed copy (or if it is illegible), please contact *Ray Dujardin*.

If your e-mail address has been changed or not on the Membership Roster, please advise *Ray*.

and on the lighter side . . .

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

“Story with a Moral” submitted by Carl Jonsson

IN 1923, WHO WAS

1. President of the largest steel company?
2. President of the largest gas company?
3. President of the New York Stock Exchange?
4. Greatest wheat speculator?
5. President of the Bank of International Settlement?
6. Great Bear of Wall Street?

These men were considered some of the world's most successful of their days.

Now, 80 years later, the history book asks us, if we know what ultimately became of them.

THE ANSWERS

1. The president of the largest steel company, Charles Schwab, died a pauper.
2. The president of the largest gas company, Edward Hopson, went insane.
3. The president of the NYSE, Richard Whitney, was released from prison to die at home.

4. The greatest wheat speculator, Arthur Cooger, died abroad, penniless.
5. The president of the Bank of International Settlement, shot himself.
6. The Great Bear of Wall Street, Cosabee Livermore, also committed suicide.

However, in that same year, 1923, the PGA Champion and the winner of the most important golf tournament, the US Open, was *Gene Sarazen*.

What became of him?

He played golf until he was 92, died in 1999 at the age of 95. He was financially secure at the time of his death.

The Moral:

**Screw Work
Play Golf**

and the following submitted by Gary Sinclair:

We ARE more valuable than any of the younger generations:

We have silver in our hair

We have gold in our teeth

We have stones in our kidneys

We have lead in our feet

and

We are loaded with natural gas



That's all for now folks from your “Dust” editor, Hans Stausboll, who points out that for most of us the only difference playing with a \$5 golf ball versus a \$1.50 ball is \$3.50

