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President's Message

The season is over and now we will be conducting the year-end activities at our 75th Annual General Meeting and Luncheon on Wednesday, November the 2nd.

The final portion of our season has unfolded quite smoothly as the *Palcutta Tournament* and the remainder of our competitions were completed without a hitch. Congratulations to those of you who were "on your game" and emerged as the winners in these matches (please see our website – www.westpointgolf.org - for the complete listing of the Club's **awards and winners**). The inaugural *McQuarrie Hunter Tankard* competition was truly a notable addition to our list of fixtures. The eligible players were those Club members who had "shot their age" during the year's play. We can thank **Paul Levy** who arranged for the donation of the *Tankard* to recognize this remarkable feat (check the website's **Special Events** for names and details).

At this time of year I feel compelled to reiterate previous expressions of thanks to the *Captain's Group* for their continued excellence in the management of our weekly matches – their year long efforts have ensured that we all have had the opportunity to experience a rewarding season (even though some of us may not have done so). Good on you **Stan, Neil, Andy and Ben!**

The conclusion of the season means that the members of this year's Board of Directors have completed their terms in office. It has been a pleasure to work with this talented, energetic, and dedicated group. 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.

Now, we look forward to an afternoon of good fellowship and good food and drink at our 75th AGM and Luncheon and Awards Banquet. You will have the opportunity to participate in the proceedings and to help shape the future direction of our Club.

The **Nomination Committee**, under the leadership of Past President **Bill Johnson**, will present a proposed **Slate of Officers** for the 2006 season for your consideration and approval. (*The proposed Slate of Officers appear on page 9 of the attached AGM Reports*).

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To minimize the time involved with the business of the AGM, and to ensure that all Agenda matters are appropriately dealt with, advance copies of the Board's Year-end Reports have been appended to this issue of the Divot Dust. ***Please read them and bring them, with any questions or comments you may have, to the meeting.***

On behalf of your Board of Directors I wish to thank you, the membership, for your strong participation in and support of the Club's activities and offer a special thanks to those of you who so generously volunteered your time and energy to ensure the success of our 2005 program of events.

I look forward to seeing you all at 11:30 A.M., at the Arbutus Club on Wednesday, November 2.

Cheers!

Gary Sinclair



CAPTAIN'S REPORT ←←← *Stan Lawson*

The Captain's Committee (Neil Brett-Davies, Andy Schmidt & Ben Oxholm) and our club President, Gary Sinclair met recently to discuss concerns that have been raised by various members during the year. Based on much discussion the following decisions were reached:

- 1 PALCUTTA COMPETITION**
 - (a) A Palcutta Team may play in the competition as long as they have 3 players.
 - (b) The member who successfully bid on the team has the option of asking for his money back or he may decide to maintain his bid.
 - (c) The Palcutta Team can opt to either maintain or cancel their portion of the bid that they have bought.
- 2 HANDICAP LIMITS**

The handicap limit for all competitions is 30. The exception being Par Points, Honey Pot, & Monthly Medal where full handicaps apply.
- 3 JOE DWYER SHIELD**

There will be NO par point competition during play for the Joe Dwyer Shield.
- 4 DISQUALIFICATIONS**

Current club policies on disqualifications will stand.

A special word of thanks goes out to the following members who coordinated September events.

Fort Langley away game - George Sarich

Joe Dwyer Shield - Jack Grant

Ed Angel Trophy - John Foster, Gordon Monteith, & Ozzie Isfeld

Unresolved issues that need some "study" are SLOW PLAY (play longer than 4 hours and 20 minutes) and failure of some members to record scores of ALL games played thus validating posted HANDICAPS. Good luck to the new Executive on these issues.

In closing I wish to thank all of you for your support and cooperation these past two years I will expand on this subject in my final report to the membership at the A.G.M.

Respectfully yours,

Captain W.P.G.C. Stan Lawson

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE... *Ray Dujardin*

Since the August issue of Divot Dust the membership list has remained stable.

We currently have **92** playing members. Non-playing members (honorary and associate members) now number **9** so our total membership is **101**.

We now communicate by email with 75% of our total membership. Issues of Divot Dust are sent by email which not only saves postage but lightens the work for our faithful band of members which looks after the mailing. If you receive your copy of Divot Dust by snail-mail it means we do not have your email address – so if in fact you do have email please let me know.

The West Point website (www.westpointgolf.org) is now up and running – thanks to the considerable efforts of our President, Gary Sinclair. Among many other things, this will greatly facilitate the introduction of prospective new members to what the Club is all about. So keep the website in mind when you meet a prospect! There is a link on the website to the Membership Director.

I have just finished reviewing a survey of our new members (in 2005) to see if we met their expectations. In summary they were all well-pleased with their first-year with the Club and all members should be complimented for the welcoming and helpful way they supported the new members.

Membership Director Ray Dujardin

QUESTIONNAIRE =MEMBERSHIP SURVEY OF TALENTS AND WILLINGNESS



If you are interested in participating in the administration of any of the Club activities, please take a few moments to respond to the following questions. All replies should be addressed to the Membership Director's email address: membership@westpointgolf.org or mailed to West Point Golf Club, P. O. Box 104, 3456 Dunbar Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6S 2C2

- 1 Do you have any computer skills such as word processing (MSWord), spreadsheets (MSExcel), accounting software or desktop publishing—which you would be willing to use in Club activities?
- 2 Do you have any other skills or time-availability to volunteer for Club activities such as organization of away-games, Putting Jamboree, tournaments, etc., or participation in the Saturday morning scorecard evaluation, distribution of awards such as golf balls, etc.?
- 3 Would you be willing to serve on the Club Executive if requested by the Nomination Committee some time in the future, and attend monthly meetings?
- 4 Can you recommend a centrally located (Vancouver) meeting hall for our two social events as an alternative to the Arbutus Recreation Centre

Your indulgence will be much appreciated

Membership Director Ray Dujardin

75th Annual General Meeting and Banquet

Wednesday, November 2, 2005 at 11:30 am

Arbutus Club, 2001 Nanton Avenue

Schedule

11:30 Annual General Meeting

12:00 Social Gathering

12:30 Luncheon



Dues for 2006 remain unchanged at \$100

The treasurer would appreciate receiving your check at this Annual Meeting

PLEASE NOTE:

- Attached to this Divot Dust are copies of the Directors' reports for 2005.
- Please bring these copies to the AGM when they will be presented for acceptance by the general membership

NOW what we have been waiting for--the proper "Senior's Golf Rules as submitted by Gary Sinclair. (Caution: only exercise these rules when playing with Seniors!)

Rule #1 A ball sliced or hooked into the rough shall be lifted and placed on the fairway at a point equal to the distance it carried or rolled into the rough with no penalty. Senior players should not be penalized for uncontrollable mechanical phenomena.

Rule #2 A ball hitting a tree shall be deemed not to have hit the tree. This is simply bad luck and luck has no place in a scientific game. The player must estimate the distance the ball would have traveled had it not hit the tree and can play the ball from there.

Rule #3 There shall be no such thing as a lost ball. The missing ball is on or near the course and will eventually be found and pocketed by someone else, making it a stolen ball. The player is not to compound the felony by charging him or herself with a penalty stroke.

Rule #4 If a putt passes over a hole without dropping in, it's deemed to have dropped. The law of gravity supersedes the law of golf.

Rule #5 Putts that stop close enough to the cup that they can be blown in may be blown in. This does not apply to balls more than three inches from the hole. No one wants to make a travesty of the game.

Rule #6 There is no penalty for so called "out of bounds." If penny-pinching golf club owners bought sufficient land, this would not occur. The golfer deserves an apology, not a penalty.

Rule #7 There is no penalty for a ball that sinks in a water hazard as golf balls should float. That they do not is a technical problem that manufacturers have yet to overcome. Golfers should not be punished for manufacturer's shortcomings.

Rule #8 Advertisements proclaim that golf scores can be improved by purchasing new clubs, balls, shoes, etc. Since this is financially impossible for the average senior golfer, a stroke per hole may be subtracted for using old equipment. As seniors have a lot of 'old equipment' this should bring them up to par.

FROM THE EDITOR

This issue of the Divot Dust is my swansong. Time for new blood which should result in improved ideas.

It has been a pleasure serving the WPGC membership for the last three years—both enjoyable and educational.

Thank you goes to the WPGC committee members for their contribution to the Divot Dust and to the membership for their input received.

Special thanks to Roy Moulton and Bill Johnson for their assistance with collating and mailing.



Hanging it up...enjoyed the ride!
Your "Dust" editor Hans Stausboll

