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President's Message

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George Dedrick

Our season got off to a good start with 50+ members in attendance at the Opening Social. Although our Social Director was unable to attend he left the handling of the event in good hands. Kudos to *Jack Grant*, *Jim Trotter*, *Maurice Foisy*, *Carl Jonsson* and *Jim Mackie* for a very successful evening.

Although your Membership Director *Brian Ciccozzi* will be making a separate report, suffice for me to say at this time, that due to his dedicated leadership we now have 96 playing members.

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Opening day, for the *President Vs Captain competition* was fraught with what seems to be our normal unpredictable weather conditions. Everything pointed to a great turnout for this event up until the last minute when far too many members decided there was a risk of serious rain. As things turned out such was not the case. The weather cleared and it was a super day for golf. Captain *David Haddleton* and his committee, and the *McCleery* pro shop were extremely disappointed with the final turnout, considering all the work that was put into making the arrangements.

While opening day was a bit of a downer, everything has picked up since then, as we moved into our season schedule. The four days of the *Bud Brown Eclectic Competition* were completed in early May, followed by our second edition of the *Designated Ball Competition (DEZ BALL)* under the guiding hand of *Hugh Marshall*.

The first away game of the season, successfully co-ordinated by *Jim Mackie*, took place at the *Surrey Golf Club* on May 15 with an excellent level of member participation. Hopefully we can maintain this kind of participation during the season's future away games.

When you look at the fixture card for our season it is readily apparent that the season is still in its infancy. There are many competitions, away games and other events still to come. Be sure to refer to the fixture card, WPGC bulletin board and WPGC Web site on a regular basis to ensure you are "up to snuff" on what is happening. Although we have had the fixture card and bulletin board as our primary communication tools for many years our Web site, with Past President *Gary Sinclair* handling the maintenance is fast becoming our major source of information. If you haven't visited the site, "don't be shy-give it a try"!

Don't forget we move over to play *Langara* starting in June with its very "forgiving fairways" and "diabolical greens". Be sure to mark your calendar for the *Putting Jamboree* at *McCleery* on *June 27th*.

As this message goes to press we regret to announce the passing of our member *Bus Phillips*, who died on May 5th, 9 days after suffering a stroke. A card of sympathy has been forwarded to the family.

Remember, the player with the fastest golf cart, never has a bad lie!

Hang Loose!

George Dedrick



*We move to the Langara Golf Course on Friday, June 2
Sign-up weekly and check our website for tee times*



Captain's Message

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Dear Members:

The April showers are gone and the season is off and running. The new system for distributing golf balls to winners is working well. Members . . . please remember to look for the *WPGC green box* on the first Friday of the month – it will be on the counter in the Pro Shop.

Brian Ciccozzi has successfully used his computer skills to promptly and clearly disseminate the results of the *Bud Brown Eclectic* (see winners column). His contribution to the club's nearly full membership now is outstanding.

Hugh Marshall's group did a splendid job on the Designated Ball Competition which had good weather and a record turnout.

The first away game at the *Surrey Golf Club* was very well organized by Jim Mackie. This took place in ideal conditions and our Vice Captain, Andy Schmidt, took home most of the spoils – richly deserved as Andy's contribution working out the weekly par points and honey pot is given unstintingly. Thank you, Andy.

May 26 is the *TNT Competition – Best Net Score* on each hole. This is being organized by George Sarich's group and is always well attended.

Members should remember that on June 2 we move to *Langara* so no further Sunday evening booking problems, at least not until September. Our first event there is the *McIntyre Trophy* on June 9 & 16, a 36-hole net score event played over consecutive Fridays. We still need a Coordinator for this event – anybody willing to take this on, please let me know as soon as possible.

Our next away game on June 19 is over the border in Washington State at *Lake Padden Golf Club* and represents the best golf value in the Pacific North-West. It will be followed by dinner at the Black Angus Steak House just minutes from the course. David Cooke is our Coordinator for this very popular away game.

On a sad note, we recently lost one of our very keenest golfers, *Bus Phillips*, and we send our condolences to his family.

The following comments made by previous Captains, Messrs. *Dave Fairweather* and *Stan Lawson*, shows that, despite frequent reminders, members are still not doing enough to avoid criticism on this very sensitive question of slow play. Rounds that last nearly five hours are just not acceptable. Ready golf must be the rule. Some pointers:

- (a) when approaching the green, park your golf carts on the side closest to the next tee box;

- (b) don't start totting up the score until you are well clear of the green;
- (c) don't spend more than 2 minutes looking for balls and only 2 players please, not the entire foursome; the other two should be preparing to hit their next shots, providing that the coast is clear.

"If we are to maintain our relationship and privileges as presently enjoyed on the McCleery Golf Course, it is essential that we make a better commitment to keeping up to the group ahead on the course.

Our Club sets the pace for the rest of the day – we've got to do better!"

SLOW PLAY (play that is longer than 4 hours and 20 minutes) is still an issue with too many foursomes.

Also, *failure of some members to record scores of ALL games played is preventing the determination of valid HANDICAPS.*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those members who pitch in to run the many events which make West Point GC the unique club that it is. If you feel you are able to help, please give me a call.

David Haddleton

There was a thunderous crack like cannon fire and I suddenly was lifted a foot and a half off the ground.... Damn, I thought to myself, this is a helluva penalty for slow play.

Lee Trevino, when lightning struck.

We begin play at

Langara Golf Course

On Friday, June 2, 2006

*For weekly Tee Times
Sign-up and check our Website*

*www.westpointgolf.org
click on "tee times"*



Putting Jamboree - 2006

Roving Reporter – Did You Know...



"A *Putting and Chipping Jamboree*, a Club first, spiced up with a *Stylish and Outrageous Costume Event* was held on the morning of *July 24, 1990*, at the Putting Green adjacent to the Clubhouse. Forty-three members enjoyed this fun event that was followed by lunch in the Clubhouse. Patti, from the Pro-Shop, added much to the affair by loaning her friendly personality as judge of the varied costumes of the day. *Dave Fairweather* came out on top of the most outrageously dressed group and *Ed Angel* was judged the most stylish. The top putters had their day, proving that one putt is all that is needed on a green, and that par for any hole should be revised. *Norm Kent* bested *Doug Symonds* in a play-off for number one in the 1 to 18 handicap decision. *Frank McDaniel* downed *Alex Chrystal* to capture the 19 and up division".

Ed Angel (1991), West Point Golf Club 1932 -1990 – A History. p.382.

Don't forget about our 2006

Annual Putting Jamboree and Social Function

Date: *Tuesday, June 27*

Time: *10:00 A.M.*

Location:

The practice putting area at [McCleery Golf Course](#)

Contact [Jim Selley](#)

Look for the Sign Up sheet on our board at Langara

Half of golf is fun – the other half is putting.

Peter Dobereiner



Membership Director's Report

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As indicated in the President's report, a long time member of the West Point Golf Club, *Bus Phillips* passed away on Friday May 5, 2006. He was a constant inspiration to the rest of us young pups who hope we can golf as well as he did when we reach 90 years of age.

Since the last divot dust we have welcomed four new members:

*Kent Curley
Mike Doty
George Doiron
Terry Lester*

for a total of 14 new members this year. Total playing membership now stands at 96.

I remind the membership that we strive to maintain an active playing membership of 100. So, if you know of a gentleman who would like to join a great group of golfers, either this year or next, have him make application to the West Point Golf Club. Application forms plus other relevant and interesting information about the club is available from our "Web Site www.westpointgolf.org".

Brian Ciccozzi

A golfer's diet: live on greens as much as possible.

Anonymous



Did you know...

A *Course and Slope Rating* is based on the evaluation of obstacle factors that come into play and the effective playing length of the golf course being rated. Obstacle factors are determined on a scale of 1 to 10 for each hole with both the scratch and bogey golfer in mind.

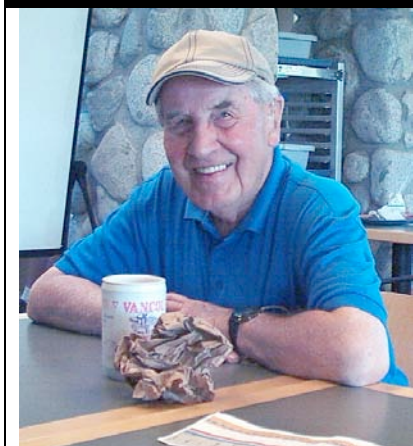
They are as follows:

1. Effective playing length
2. Topography
3. Fairway
4. Green Target
5. Recoverability and Tough
6. Bunkers
7. Out of Bounds/Extreme Rough
8. Water Hazards
9. Trees
10. Green Surface
11. Psychological Factors

Once all the data has been recorded on the course rating forms, we arrive at two figures: the scratch rating and the bogey rating. The scratch rating (or Course Rating) is the number of strokes a scratch player would be expected to take under normal conditions. The bogey rating is the number of strokes a bogey player would be expected to take under normal conditions. By taking the difference between the scratch and bogey ratings and multiplying by predetermined factors of 5.381 for men and 4.24 for women, we generate a Slope Rating.

Matt MacKay
RCGA Handicap
& Course Rating Coordinator

Russell James Spence "Bus" Phillips 1915 – 2006



We are saddened by Bus' unexpected passing on May 5th, nine days after suffering a stroke. Bus had been an active member of the Club since 1992. Last year in his 91st year, he won the 5th flight in the *Club Championship Competition* and was one of eight charter participants in our inaugural *McQuarry Hunter Tankard Competition* which involves only those members who have shot their age in a West Point sanctioned event. The absence of his cheerful presence will diminish the atmosphere of our Club.

"Bus has crossed the finish line - few have run so well".

The Vancouver Sun

There will be an informal gathering to honour Bus' life at the University Golf Course from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, May 28.

Coming Events – June, July and August

COMPETITIONS

MCINTYRE TROPHY
JOE DWYER TROPHY
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS
PARKER SHIELD
T.N.T. LANGARA
PALCUTTA TOURNAMENT

AWAY GAMES – BOB JACK TROPHY

LAKE PADDEN GOLF CLUB - BELLINGHAM
LEDGEVIEW GOLF CLUB - ABBOTSFORD
REDWOODS GOLF CLUB - LANGLEY

SOCIAL EVENTS

PUTTING JAMBOREE-MCCLEERY
PALCUTTA BID NIGHT

Past Presidents' and Captains' Corner

A Rules Refresher:

It's early in the season and maybe some of us have been taking liberties with - *The Rules of Golf*, as we have been concentrating on finding the tempo of that great swing we had last year - or was it the year before, and not worrying about score keeping.

Now that we are into competitive play, for the spoils from the Honey Pot, Par Points etc., it is time to respect and play by the Rules. A refresher seems appropriate:

Let's review *Rule 26 - Water Hazards (including Lateral Water Hazards)*. The key reference to be aware of is: "*where the ball last crossed the margin of the water hazard*".

- Consider the Lateral Water Hazard up along the left side of Hole No.14 at
- McCleery, where the fairway slopes down to the hazard.

- If a wayward shot has found the hazard, it's easy to toss a ball up onto a level lie, away from the slope, *but that's a No-No under the rules.*

- *Rule 26-1c(i)* states: "under penalty of one stroke - drop a ball within two club lengths of and not nearer the hole than the point where the original ball crossed the margin of the hazard".

- You've just got to make the best of an awkward stance on the slope or consider the



only other option as stated in *Rule 26-1a*: "play a ball as nearly as possible at the point from which the original ball was last played"(the walk back may not always be appropriate).

- *Rule 26-1b* may be considered in some situations. This provides the option of dropping a ball back from (behind) the water hazard, keeping that position in line with the point at which the ball last crossed the margin of the hazard *and* the hole. No limit as to how far back from the hazard may the ball be dropped. Could be appropriate on Holes No.3, No.7, No.11, and 12.

This difficult positioning of a ball on a slope is just part of the game and comes into play on other holes where the problem lateral water hazard is on the left, such as No.1: on No.11 where the hazard seems to extend well into the fairway: as well as No.12 and No.17.

Have a great year, but in closing, I'll put you on the mark with a quote of Bobby Jones - "You might as well praise a man for not robbing a bank as to praise him for playing by the rules".

Dave Fairweather
President 1991
Captain 1989,90,2002,03

I'll take a 2 shot penalty, but I'll be damned if I'm going to play the ball where it lies.

Elaine Johnson, after her tee shot bounced off of a tree and landed in her bra

HOW DID THOSE COMPETITIONS COME ABOUT?

Designated Ball Competition



I had played the game on a number of occasions and preferred it to a Texas Scramble where long ball hitters and low handicap players tend to dominate.

So, I described the game at one of our Club meetings and the members voiced their approval. As a result, the *Designated Ball Competition* was included in our Fixture Schedule during the 2005 season.

Among it's benefits, the game provides every player with an 18 hole score and facilitates partner changes within the club.

Incidentally, I feel that the additional penalty phase provides a little "punch" to the game.

Hugh Marshall
President
1998,1999

Bud Brown Eclectic Competition

The Bud Brown Eclectic was introduced to club play during the 2004 season. The Captain's Committee at the time became aware that the eclectic competition was a very popular event with many members. As the *Parker Shield* (the original eclectic) had been held at *Langara* and because of Club interest, it was decided to hold a second eclectic at *McCleery* during September. The event proved to be successful so we now have an eclectic at both *Langara* and *McCleery*.

It has been the custom in our Club to honour, from time to time, members who have made outstanding contributions to West Point Golf Club. Thus, it was decided to name the second eclectic in honour of *Bud Brown* who served as Club Captain for seven consecutive years.

Stan Lawson

Captain
2004, 2005

All I could think of was, "Good, I don't have to putt".

Mike Blewett, on making a hole in one.

Roving Reporter - What makes our Club so successful ?

One of the reasons is because our current and previous executive members have provided us with a schedule of fixtures that offer a wide variety of interesting and challenging events.

But more to the point is the fact that many of you volunteer your time to assist the *Captains' Group* in the organization and management of this extensive program of events. Last year it was estimated that the "assist" involved 50 different members and countless hours of their donated skills, time and energy.

This year's involvement is shaping up to be equally impressive and effective – thanks for your continued support!

Since bad shots come in groups of three, a fourth bad shot is actually the beginning of the next group of three.

David Haddleton

Competition Winners – April & May 2006

Congratulations and good luck as you prepare to
garner additional spoils!

Remember, it's not a gimmie if you're still away!



Bob Brown Eclectic

0–18 Jim Selley
19–24 Paul Levy
25Up John McPherson

Runners Up

0–18 Jim Appleby (BB9)
Bob Schutz
19–24 Gordon MacCulloch
25Up Lloyd Shippam

Designated Ball

Ed Bobinski, Ozzie Isfeld,
Roger Kronquist, Gary Sinclair

Runners Up

Bob Gatto, Gil Jones
Ben Oxholm & Lloyd Shippam

Bob Jack Trophy

(Away Game Competition)

Surrey GC

Low Gross - Norm Thiessen
Low Net – Andy Schmidt

LeBlanc Shield

(to be played October 6)

April Winners

0–18 Jim Selley
19–24 Andy Schmidt
25Up Jack Jones

May Winners

0–18 TBA
19–24 TBA
25Up TBA

Why is it twice as difficult to hit a ball over water than sand?

Bruce Lansky

Errata - March Issue – Errata

Competition Winners – 2005 (page 8)

Please note that the March issue's listing of the Club Championship Competition trophy winners made reference to a "Super Senior Master" category. The appropriate label should have been "Super Senior".

For your information, the names of the trophies introduced for the 'olde' guys, on the date of the event, are:

- *Senior Master* - to be awarded to the 80 & up group, while
- *Super Senior* - applies to those 75 to 79.

Thanks to *Dave Fairweather* for this clarification.

Rules – What's The Penalty?



1. Before starting a match, John tells Bill they can lift clean, and place their golf balls in the fairway because it's muddy. Bill agrees. In the first fairway, John cleans his ball, but Bill doesn't. *What's the penalty?*
 - a. John loses the hole for moving his ball.
 - b. John loses the hole for using a local rule that wasn't in effect.
 - c. Bill is disqualified for agreeing to waive a rule.
 - d. John and Bill are both DQ'd for agreeing to waive a rule.

2. Bill's tee shot comes to rest inbounds, but against a white stake. Bill removes the stake to play his next shot. *What's the penalty?*
 - a. Two strokes or loss of hole.
 - b. No penalty
 - c. One stroke.

From Golf Digest, June 2006, p. 86

Answers:

1. d (Rule 1-3); 2. a (Decision 13-2/17)

*Golf is the only game in which precise knowledge of the rules
can earn one a reputation for bad sportsmanship*

Patrick Campbell

From Our President:

Computers let you make more mistakes faster than any invention in human history - with the possible exceptions of handguns and tequila.

Unknown

Karaoke bars combine two of the nation's greatest evils; people who shouldn't drink with people who shouldn't sing.

Tom Dreesen

"I feel sorry for people who don't drink. When they wake up in the morning, that's as good as they're going to feel all day."

Frank Sinatra

THIS ISSUE'S GUEST INSTRUCTOR - BUTCH HARMON

WHAT TO DO?

What to do when the green slopes severely from left to right.



Play the ball off your left instep to ensure that the putter face hits the ball as the face is almost closing. This strategy is a good one because it virtually guarantees that you keep the ball on the "high" side of the hole.

What to do when the green slopes severely from right to left.

Play the ball off your right instep to ensure that the putter face remains open and that you keep the ball on the "pro" side of the hole.

Stand tall on long putts.

If you use too much wrist action and mishit long putts, remedy your problem by standing taller to the ball. By not bending as much from the knees, you will encourage a pendulum stroke, controlled mainly with the arms.

From: Butch Harmon, The four cornerstones of winning golf (1996), Chapter 3.

Remember

If you want to hit a 7 iron as far as Tiger Woods does, simply try to lay-up just short of a water hazard.

and, as previously mentioned

It's not a gimmie if you're still away!

What a game!

David Haddleton

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