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President's Message

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George Dedrick

Hard to believe but the final competition of the West Point Golf Club 2006 season is just around the corner. This is the Secretary vs Treasurer 4 Ball Closing Day competition on October 27, 2006 at McCleery Golf Course.

All in all it has been a good year for our Club. The highlight of the year would be the inter club match with the University Golf Club. Although our Club came out second best it was a great day of golf and fellowship. It would be hoped that this event could become an annual happening. It will be a decision for the 2007 Board of Directors.

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Another highlight was our Palcutta Nite auction. Although our attendance could have been better we did surpass our total pool figures from our recent auctions. Who knows but with greater participation we could have set a record.

We had a very good level of participation at all of our away games. This was great to see.

It was also very gratifying to see the growth in the make up and use of our web site. It has without a doubt become the major communication tool for our Club.

If there was a downside during the season it was the low turn out for our annual Putting Jamboree. A good deal of work goes into arranging this event and it is disappointing to see the lack of interest on the part of our members. Maybe there wasn't enough advance publicity or possibly with the large number of new members there was a lack of familiarity with the event. This is a fun day and we as a Club will have to ensure we get the message out in the future.

Our playing membership totals are just about at the level of our cut off point. New member revenue was important to maintaining our equity position.

At this time I am not going to single out any one Board member or regular member for a specific thank you. I would just like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Directors and the entire general membership for their support of our activities during the 2006 season.

I sincerely hope that each of you experienced what I stated at the outset of the 2006 season, enjoying the golf and socializing with you fellow members, because that's what it is all about!

I look forward to welcoming everyone to the 76th Annual General Meeting and luncheon at the Arbutus Club, Wednesday, November 1, 2006 - 11:30 AM

Remember - Golf is just like sex, its something you don't have to be very good at to enjoy!

Cheers

George Dedrick

	<p><i>Annual General Meeting, Luncheon and Awards Social</i></p> <p><i>Wednesday, November 1st - Arbutus Club</i></p> <p><i>11:30 A.M.</i></p>
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AGM – BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ANNUAL REPORTS
APPENDED TO THIS TO THIS ISSUE

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.

Captains' Message

- please see the Captain's Report in the attached AGM Annual Reports package.

Membership Director's Message

- please see the Membership Director's Report in the attached AGM Annual Reports package.



MEMBERS SURVEY 2006 – IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

If you have not done so already, it's not too late to complete and return your Survey of Members Questionnaire. The executive of West Point Golf Club would like to hear your views as we are beginning to make preparations for the 2007 golf season.

Your input is vital so that we can continue to offer the golf and social experience that all members seek.

If you have not completed and returned your questionnaire, please take a few minutes and do it today.

We would ask you to return your form by Friday, October 27th.

HOLES IN ONE – 2006			
	Hans Stausboll	Langara	2 nd Hole
	Don Clancy	McCleery	7th Hole
	The WPGC congratulates Hans and Don for their unique accomplishment!		

How Did All This Get Started?

Your Roving Reporter put four questions to the winners and runners-up in the Club Championship competitions of match, stroke, senior master and super senior master categories

JIM SELLEY

At what age did you begin to play this game?

- 39 years old

Who was the individual, and/or what was the circumstance, that inspired you to get involved?

- my sons David and Allen wanted to take up the game. I put them into lessons and drove them to the golf course every Saturday. I got tired of driving back and forth and decided to stay and play with them. It was all about family quality time and bonding. Frankly it forced my spouse Olga into taking up the game. What a wonderful bonus!

Where (city, course) did your skill development occur?

- Ottawa, Ontario at the Kanata Golf Course. I am not sure I have much skill for this game, however. It teaches me humility regularly.

What are your three favorite golf courses (anywhere)?

- Fairview Mountain (Oliver, B.C.)
- Highland Links (Cape Breton Island, NS)
- Desert Dunes - when it's not windy! (Palm Springs, Ca.)

DIETER SCHWAB

It all started on a rainy day in 1959 when three ardent tennis players, unable to play their favourite sport, decided to play some pitch & putt in Stanley Park. Purely by chance, we met a gentleman who in his days was an accomplished amateur. He had played exhibition games with such notables as Stan Leonard and Sam Snead to raise money for the war effort. Anyway, he showed us how to hold the club and then turned us loose. Soon after

this all three of us took up golf and progressed to playing regulation sized courses. In my case, most of my golf was played at The University Golf Club with some occasional rounds at McCleery and Fraserview. Late in the sixties I gave up golf to pursue another passion of mine,boating.

For the past sixteen years we have lived in Osoyoos where I again took up golf and have played it ever since.

My three favourite courses are all in the Rocky Mountains,not only because they are great courses but because of the incredible scenery. They are: Jasper Lodge, Banff Springs and Kananaskis Championship.

DAVE FAIRWEATHER

I got my start with several wooden shafted clubs given to me by an elderly neighbor and some swing tips from my Scottish born Mother. These led me to the Stanley Park Pitch & Putt at about 15 years of age.

In 1946, before going to work at the Banff Springs Hotel (the re-opening) to work for the summer, I bought my first 'set' of used clubs and bag. Needless to say I played a lot of golf, bringing my best score of 102 down to 82, before heading home. Sam Snead was my idol in those days and I still refer to his book "How to Play Golf" published in 1946. Apart from being the runner-up in the 1993 Club Championship, my only claim to fame was back in 1948, as a 10 handicap, I shot a 73 in the first round of the B.C. Open at the old Quilchena Course (old news). My handicap got down to a 7 but has progressed steadily upward in the last 20 years.

Favourite courses would be: Banff Springs; Old Prestwick and Fraserview.

Did you know...



Estimated numbers of golfers

- in Canada – 5.952 million
- in the US – 36.7 million

Percentage of Canadians who golfed

- in 2005 – 21.5
- in 2001 – 18.6

Average age of a golfer in Canada – 44

- Average age of a beginning golfer in Canada – 31.8

Number of golfers aged 50+

- in 2001 – 1.34 million
- in 2005 – 2.06 million

Estimated amount Canadian golfers spent on green fees in 2005

- \$7.285 Billion

Amount each golfer spent on green fees and memberships - \$1,224

Percentage of golfers

- who said they don't play more golf because golf is too expensive – 49%

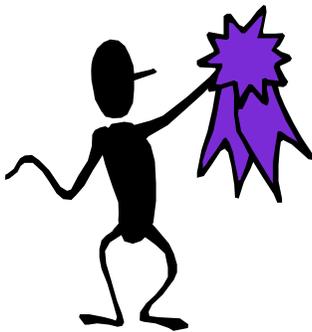
*2006 Golf Participation in Canada Survey Report
from Golf Canada, October 2006, p.19*

Volunteer Recognition

The *Captain's Group* wishes to publicly recognize those Club members who have given so freely of their time to organize and manage many of our scheduled competitions.

To the following members, we offer a sincere
"Thank you for your support!"

*David Haddleton, Captain
Andy Schmidt, Vice Captain*



Parker Shield
Brian Ciccozzi

T.N.T. Tournament – Langara
George Sarich
Norm Thiessen, Andy Schmidt, Rex Fortescue

Ed Angel Trophy
Brian Ciccozzi

LeBlanc Shield
Stan Lawson

McQuarrie Hunter Tankard
Paul Levy & Neil Brett-Davies

Away Game Competitions
Neil Brett-Davies – Redwoods Golf Club
David Haddleton – Fort Langley Golf Club

Saturday Morning Card Ajudicators
David Haddleton, Andy Schmidt,
Jack Grant, Ben Oxholm, Duncan MacInnes
Ray Dujardin

Tee Time Coordinator
Michael Alms

Great Golf Experiences

Here is recollection number two! I will be seeking a contribution from more of you and hope that you will enter into the spirit of this feature and share an impression of one of your more memorable golf moments.

The Editor

Great Golf Holes

The Eastbourne Downs Golf Course is located on the south coast of England in the county of Sussex. The course is very 'rustic' in its layout, has many incredible vistas, and is located in an area where weather patterns can change almost hourly. It's been my "pleasure" over the past forty years to play this course many times and although it has many memorable holes the one that I always look forward to play is the first one.

Upon leaving the pro shop which is nestled in a valley one must climb a very steep set of stairs (and you thought the climb on the 10th at McCleery is a challenge). At the top you are greeted by the "weather" which always features wind of some strength. Gale force winds are often the norm. As you walk towards the tee box you look all along the coast line of the English Channel and the views are spectacular. Immediately below you sits the town of Eastbourne and its surrounding communities of Polgate, etc. Further east along the coast you can see Bexhill and Hastings and beyond with good eyesight the coast of France comes into view (just kidding). To the west the village of Seaside can be seen and further on the outskirts of Brighton are evident.

As you step up to hit your first tee shot a wider stance than you usually use is recommended. With the prevailing wind from the west aiming far to the left can on occasion result in your shot eventually stopping very close to the right edge of the fairway. In the summer time with the ground being very hard and the grass dry and burnt brown to be on the fairway of this dog-leg left, par four is a real challenge.

The second shot if you have hit your drive to the recommended position requires a long iron or a fairway wood. You are aiming to a narrow three tiered green protected by bunkers on each side and a very large gorse type hedge. I have visited the gorse oftener than the green so I feel successful by finishing the hole recording no more than a bogie.

The location and the challenge of the first hole at the Eastbourne South Downs Golf Course will always rank as the most memorable one I have ever played.

Stan Lawson.

Roving Reporter

A Remarkable Milestone

It has been drawn to our attention that *Doug and Ellen Symonds* just celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary – a remarkable occasion! The membership extends their congratulations and looks forward to seeing Doug shooting his wedded age in the near future.

Stepping Down

Four of our current Directors are stepping down after completing their term in office. The membership thanks *George Dedrick, David Haddleton, Andy Schmidt, and George Sarich* for their time and effort spent on our behalf and looks forward to their continued involvement in our future Club activities.

FOURSOMES FOR 2007

In preparation for the 2007 golfing season, the Captain's Committee will be determining next years' foursomes. Members wishing to change foursomes should contact *Jim Selley, Duncan MacInnes* or *Andy Schmidt*.

Please indicate, as well, if you have a preference of play earlier or later in the morning.

The Captain's Committee is committed to ensuring that all members have an enjoyable golf experience and will try to accommodate all requests for foursome changes.

Did you know...

Average distance walked by a group of senior men over a 2,738 yard, par 3 course

- 2.7 miles (4.345km)

Estimated number of calories burned during that two hour round

- by a 140 lb golfer - 564
- By a 180 lb golfer - 740

Estimated number of calories burned per minute

- while playing with a power cart – 2.5 to 3.7
- while playing golf, walking – 5 to 8.5

Estimated number of minutes a person would have to spend in a fitness class

- to equal the energy exerted over a four hour round of golf - 45

*2006 Golf Participation in Canada Survey Report
from Golf Canada, August 2006, p.22*

Competition Winners – August through October 2006

Congratulations on your performances!

Enjoy it while you can - wait 'til next year!!



T.N.T. Tournament @ Langara
Ab Miles, Neil Griggs,
George Paquette & Donald Calne

Runners Up
Ozzie Isfeld, Fred Griffin,
Brian Sizer & Gary Sinclair

Parker Shield (72 Hole Eclectic)
0 –18 Warren Bell
19–24 Jack Plummer &
Arnold Tennant (Tie)
25Up Don Rotherham

Runners Up
0 –18 Ozzie Isfeld
19–24 Don Clancy
25Up Jim Mackie

Palcutta Tournament
Brian Ciccozzi, Dave Stephens,
Kent Curley & Michael Alms

Runners Up
Ab Miles, Dave Dickson,
Jim Trotter & George Dedrick

Bob Jack Trophy (Away Games)
Andy Schmidt

Runners Up
Brian Ciccozzi &
Ray Dujardin

Ed Angel Trophy (2 Man Teams)
Arnold Tennant &
Geoff Trunkfield

Runners Up
Jack Plummer &
Tony Appel

LeBlanc Shield (Monthly Medal)
0 –18 Garry Watson
19–24 Arnold Tennant
25Up Tony Appel

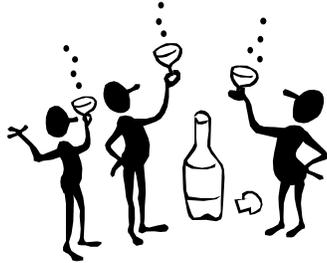
Runners Up
0 –18 Jim Appleby
19–24 DQ'd
25Up Gary Sinclair

McQuarrie Hunter Tankard
(Shot their Age)
Dieter Schwab

Runner Up
Doug Symonds

Don't forget our 2006

76th Annual General Meeting,
Luncheon and Awards Social



Date: *Wednesday, November 1st*

Time: *11:30 A.M. – AGM*

12:00 - Social

12:30 – Luncheon & Awards

Location:

Arbutus Club

2001 Nanton Avenue

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1. BRING YOUR COPY OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' YEAR-END REPORTS

2. BRING YOUR CHEQUE TO PAY YOUR 2007 DUES - \$100

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