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President's Message

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Ray Dujardin

The strike of City of Vancouver inside workers has certainly provided us with some unexpected challenges since the last issue of Divot Dust. Langara and McCleery became unavailable but fortunately we were able to get block times at Riverway albeit on Tuesdays instead of our usual Friday venue. The Palcutta will be played at Riverway (instead of Langara) on Tuesday September 4th and the Bid Night will be held at the Arbutus Rec Centre on

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Tuesday August 28th - even though we had planned to try Langara's facility for a change. As I write this the strike continues and other dates and venues may have to be changed – so stay tuned in to our website for up-to-date news. Our fixture card has become as changeable as the weather!

Obviously the strike has made demands on your Directors as well as on all members and I am very proud to report we have come through with flying colours!

An enthusiastic reception by the Head Pro and his staff at Riverway has certainly made things easier and it was nice to be appreciated for the business our club provided to Riverway. Your Captain, Vice Captain and Captain's Committee have done a sterling job negotiating and implementing all of the arrangements which have made serious demands on their time. Thanks guys – we do appreciate it.

The members too have contributed by adapting to the changes without too much complaint. I realize Riverway is tougher than Langara, particularly for our older members, but it is a fine course and perhaps we should think about including it as regular fixture in some way in the future. When the new clubhouse is completed, I think Riverway's popularity will increase considerably.

There's only one sour note I wish to add. We have had more last-minute drop-outs than usual of late - members who decide not play even after making a commitment to do so. This makes a lot of extra work for our Vice Captain and tee time organizer, *Duncan MacInnes* and for the current event organizer of the day. It also does nothing to endear us to the Riverway staff as every change means juggling the tee times we have already given them. So please be reasonably certain of your availability when you commit to play and only cancel out when absolutely necessary.

The Membership Director, *Brian Ciccozzi* is to be commended for managing the enrolment of 12 new members this year to date. Our playing roster now stands at 96, which is close to our limit of 100. Brian has given us some membership statistics in this issue of Divot Dust, which I'm sure you will find as interesting as I did.

Finally, I want to say how fortunate we are to have a "live" website where we can go to be abreast of latest events as they happen and all kinds of other information. Are you using it frequently? Thanks to *Gary Sinclair* our diligent Web Master.

We play on regardless of the strike. No doubt by the next issue of Divot Dust it will all be over and we will remember 2007 as a somewhat different club season – but nevertheless enjoyable as always.

Happy Golfing!

Ray Dujardin

Good judgment comes from experience,
and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.

Will Rogers

Captain's Message



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With the shift to Langara in June, we got off to a great start with foursome play and the competition schedule. Unfortunately, the City of Vancouver labour dispute got in the way and resulted in a strike starting on July 23rd. As a result we had to scramble to find a venue to continue our season. This resulted in play moving to Riverway Golf Course in Burnaby with the day shifting from Friday to Tuesday. The change of day has resulted in a number of members (12 – 16 at last count) unable to participate in club play. While the members able to attend appear to enjoy the course, and appreciate the willingness of Riverway to accommodate us, the loss of participation is a concern to the Captain's Committee both in terms of foursome play and the competition schedule.

Pace of play has been monitored since the start of season and we continue to get positive feedback from the Pro Shop staff and Course Marshalls at both Langara and Riverway. Keep up the good work guys, it will go a long way in helping us continue to secure block times.. Keep it up guys, you are doing GREAT!

Despite the disruption caused by the strike, we continue on schedule with our competitions. In June, we held the McNytre and Joe Dwyer Trophy events and the Putting Jamboree. All three events were very well attended. In July, we held the Club Championship which was won by *Dieter Schwab* for the second consecutive year. Congratulations Dieter on your excellent play and achievement. On August 3rd we held the TNT at Riverway and are currently wrapping up the Flight Championships, Club Super Senior and Club Senior Master events as well as the Parker Shield Eclectic.

The event chairs, *Brian Ciccozzi* with his wonderful spreadsheet for the Eclectic, *Don Clancy* for the McNytre, *Ed Bobinski* for the Dwyer, *Norm Thiessen* for the Putting Jamboree and *Chris Allen* for the TNT and their helpers have done an excellent job with the events.

In addition, we held our second and third Away Games at Ledgeview and Lake Padden, respectively. Many thanks to *Dave Fairweather* and *David Cooke* for the excellent work organizing these events.

The Interclub Competition with University Midweek Men's Club (a home and away format) wraps up with our away game on August 27th. Good golf to all West Point participants. Bring back the trophy. At press time, the finishing touches are being put on the Palcutta by *Kent Curley* with the Social on August 28th and the competition at Riverway on September 4th. The Divot Dust and website has recorded all the winners in each of the competitions. Congratulations to all!

We were scheduled to return to play at McCleery in September, however, with the strike continuing it is uncertain when we resume play there. In the interim we will continue play at Riverway on Tuesdays until further notice. Stay tuned for updates via e-mail to the Foursome Captains and information on the website.

Our next Away Game is scheduled for September 10 at Riverway Golf Club. *Neil Brett-Davies* is the event chair and has arranged an attractive price for the green fees.

I would personally like to thank the members of the Captain's Committee, consisting of *Duncan MacInnes*, Vice Captain, *Paul Levy*, *Dave Stephens* and *Bob Schutz* for all their dedication and hard work. They have made my life much easier. Please give them your support.

Let's hope the strike ends soon so that we can return to greater participation for our fall schedule. We miss the members who are unable to play on Tuesdays.

Good health and good golf to all members.

Jim Selley

Handicap Integrity

A reminder to members to record all pending scores in the McCleery e-handicap system.
The system is back up and functioning.

Remember, it is a club requirement to post all scores during the playing season.
Failure to record scores could result in exclusion from future competitions.

At Satsuki Golf Club, Tochigi, Japan, the 7th hole is 964 yards long and plays to a par 7, giving it the distinction of being the longest hole in the world.

In the US, Meadows Farms Golf Club in Locust Grove, Virginia, lays claim to the longest hole, a par 6 that is stretched to 841 yards.

Playing from the back tees, the International Golf Club in Bolton, Massachusetts, measures 8325 yards in length, the longest in the world.

- from *Ken Janke, (2007), Firsts, facts, feats and failures in the world of golf*

Membership Director's Message

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After the end of the 2006 golfing season our golfing membership stood at 84. During the course of the 2007 season the membership actively sought out new members. The following are our new members and their sponsors:

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Kumar Banerjee	Dieter Schwab
Peter Coyle	Jim Appleby
Laurie Craddock	Jack Plummer
Terry Gorman	Brian Ciccozzi
Michael Laidlaw	Carl Jonsson
Sim Leong	Duncan MacInnes
Ambrose Lewis	Brian Ciccozzi
Wing Mar	Duncan MacInnes
John Matkovich	Kent Curley
Don McPherson	Ray Dujardin
Art Roberts	Gordon Monteith
Peter Zazulak	John Foster

This brings our golfing membership to 96. Thanks to those sponsors whose efforts resulted in the addition of these 12 excellent members.

The club has a limit of 100 playing members but is constantly seeking new members to fill in for those who decide to retire or are unable to continue golfing for long periods of time. The executive encourage the members to assist in our recruiting program. If you know of someone who can meet the Club's requirements please encourage them to submit an application to join the Club. Information on eligibility can be obtained from the Club's web site www.westpointgolf.org or by calling Brian Ciccozzi at 604-263-7687.

Continuing a tradition started two years ago the following is some statistical information about our Clubs members:

The Club's Age/Handicap grouping is as follows:

Age Group	Handicap 0 – 18	Handicap 19 – 24	Handicap 25 & up	Total
80 – 89	1	8	12	21
70 – 79	12	18	14	44
60 – 69	9	11	6	26
55 – 59	2	3	-	5
Total	24	40	32	96

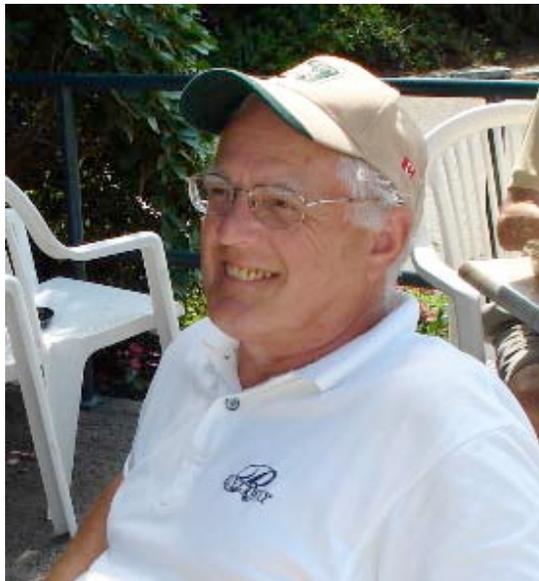
- Our oldest playing member was born in 1918
- Our youngest playing member was born in 1951
- The average and mean playing age of our members is 74
- Of our 96 members 52 (54%) joined the Club over the past 3 years

As at August 2007 these members recorded a total of 2,141 games of golf, 581 of which were played on the McCleery Golf Course during the months of April and May.

Brian Ciccozzi

Coming Social Events

Social Director's Message



The next two months feature two major competitive events that offer us a significant social opportunity. They are our annual *Palcutta Draw and Bid Night* and our fourth and final *Away Game* where we ironically visit Riverway GC under the watchful eye of *Neil Brett-Davies*.

The Palcutta Tournament is preceded by the *Team Draw and Bidding Night* which will be coordinated by *Kent Curley* and MC'd By *Norm Watt*. This entertaining evening takes place at the *Arbutus Recreation Centre* on Tuesday, August 28th and the Tournament will be held on Tuesday, September 4th at Riverway GC. Kent Curley has matters very much under control and will announce the tee times soon after the Bid Night. Keep an eye on the website for the details.

We consider our *Away Game schedule* as a great opportunity to socialize with your fellow West

Pointers, and invite you to look for the sign-up sheet, which will be available at the Captain's Table on Tuesdays, and participate in the excellent camaraderie that is a major part of these events. Remember to keep *Wednesday, November 7, 2007* for our Annual year-end *Awards and Luncheon Social* to be held at the Arbutus Club. Details to follow in the next issue.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at these excellent Club events.

Jim Mackie

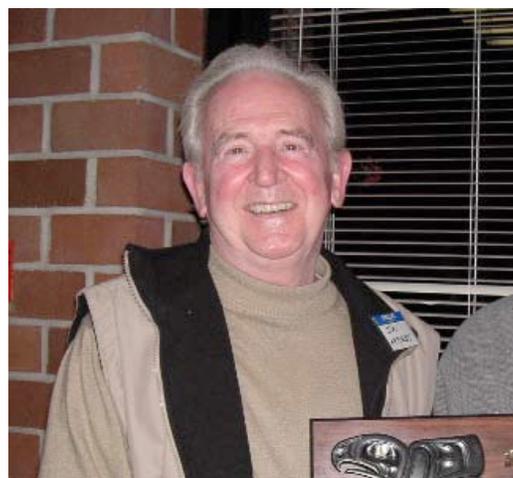
Director at Large's Message

I am pleased to announce that our new supply of WPGC caps has arrived and are available upon request – the price remains at \$12.00.

In addition, the Board of Directors has funded the purchase of commemorative bag tags to present to those members who have shot a "hole in one" during an official WPGC event.

These "brag tags" are available, retroactively, to those members who have "done it".
Cheers!

Jim Appleby





A Message from the
Operations Control Table:

Vice Captain
& Tee Time Coordinator

Duncan MacInnes

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The scheduling of foursomes for the Pro Shop bookings is my prime responsibility.

In order to effectively and efficiently do this we must know, on Tuesday, when at Riverway, or on Friday, when at Langara or McCleery, who is going to play on the following Tuesday or Friday. It is the responsibility of foursome Captains to let me know who will be playing each week. If you, the foursome Captain, are not going to be available for this duty, would you please either appoint a replacement or send me an E-mail on Tuesday for next week.

Although, by and large, our pace of play has been good, during the last two weeks we have had at least one foursome lagging up to two and a half holes behind. This situation has become the source of increasing concern at the Pro Shop level. Please make every effort to keep up to the foursome in front.

Thank you for all your co-operation.

Duncan MacInnes

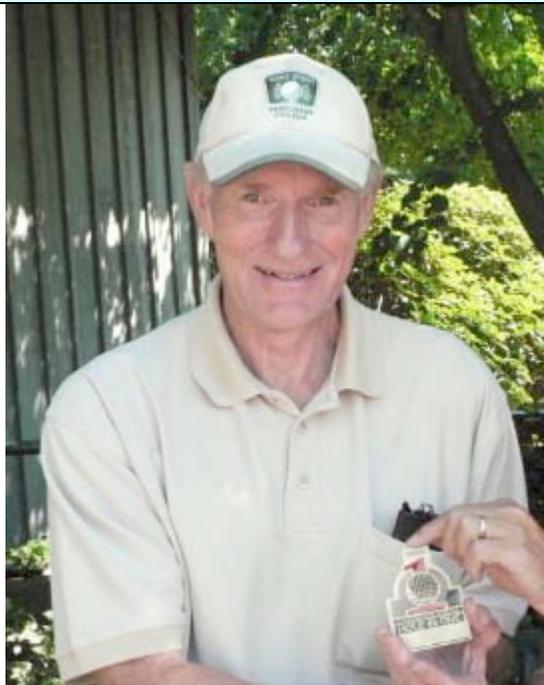
OUR HOLES IN ONE CLUB				
2007	Harold Hunter	McCleery Golf Course	Hole	13
	Dave Stephens	Langara		12
2006	Garry Watson	Langara		8
	Roger Kronqvist	Langara		2
	Hans Stausboll	Langara		2
	Don Clancy	McCleery		7
2005	Ab Miles	McCleery		13
	John McHattie	Langara		12
	Michael Alms	Langara		8

HOLES IN ONE
SECOND OF OUR SEASON!

Congratulations to Dave Stephens

12th Hole at Langara – 166 Yards – July 13th

The WPGC congratulates Dave for his unique accomplishment

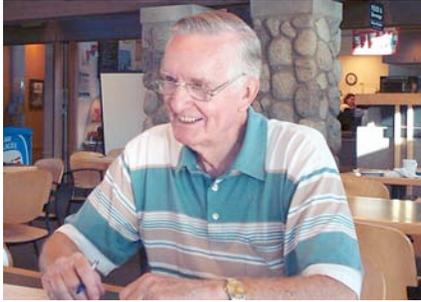


...and the membership thanks him for the resulting
"beer on the house"
that was provided at the Palcutta Bid Night Social Evening

The fun you get from golf is in direct ratio to the effort you don't put into it.

Bob Allen

Average golfer's chance of shooting a hole-in-one: 42,952 to 1



DAVE FAIRWEATHER
CHARTER MEMBER -WPGC
President 1991
Captain 1989,90,2002,03

Editor's Note – Dave has kindly agreed to join the Divot Dust's regular staff as the Club's Rules Commentator and our advisor on rules interpretation and "brush-up" reminders.

A Rules Refresher

In contemplating what to cover in this piece, I got out my "How to Play Golf " book by Sam Snead, published in 1946 and costing \$2.65. Golf was a more simple game in those early days, as he covered the Rules of Golf in ten pages. On the other hand, the 2006-2007 RCGA – "Decisions on the Rules of Golf" publication is 1 1/4 inches thick.

After brushing up on Sam's instruction on how to play golf, I took out the current RCGA – *The Rules of Golf*, book.

I have noticed some uncertainty with regard to the following Rules:



Rule 22-2: Ball Interfering with Play.

If a player considers that the ball of another player might interfere with his play, he may have the ball lifted after being properly marked. This applies anywhere on the course. Should this occur in a bunker, the ball closer to the hole should first be marked a measured distance to the side.

Rule 24-2: Immovable Obstruction.

(a) Interference by an immovable obstruction occurs when a ball lies in or on the obstruction, or when the obstruction interferes with the player's stance or the area of his intended swing. (cart path; water sprinkler control post etc.).

(b) Relief (i) – Through the Green: The player may lift the ball and drop it without penalty, within one club length of and not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief.

One item that I picked out of the 'Decisions Book' of possible interest and benefit to our more senior members, reads as follows:

Rule 4 - 3/7: Club Broken While Used as Cane.

Q – A player uses one of his clubs as a cane while climbing a hill and the shaft breaks. May he replace the club during the round?

A - Yes. A club broken in such circumstances is considered to have become "damaged in the normal course of play" as its use as a cane is considered a reasonable act. (*Verbatim!!*)

In closing, I suggest that some of our golfers need to re-read the last item of this column in the May 2007 Divot Dust headed: "Keeping a Helpful Watch & Basic Etiquette". Lack of attention and chatter when a player is about to take a stroke continues, as does the occasional size 12 across one's putting line. We can do better!

Also a reminder, in our Competitions, whether for a ball or two; honey pot money or a trophy, the ball must drop into the cup to have a valid score for each hole, to record. As per Para 5. on the back of the green Fixture Card.

Dave Fairweather

Did you know ...



According to Ed Angel's chronology of the WPGC's history, "The first *Palcutta Smoker and Tournament* was organized in 1973 to replace *Monkey Golf** which was dropped due to a lack of free evening golf course time being granted by the "new" course administration.

The new event attracted the interest of all members and soon became the Club's major event in the fall. The annual "*Monkey Golf and Smoker*" was a prominent fixture on the activity schedule from the 1940's through the 1970's".

Apparently, in 1973, *Don Close* (who was to become the Club President in 1974) and *Norm Watt* (of Putting Jamboree fame) had approached the then Club professional, *Harry Winder*, with the intent of establishing a regular golf Calcutta event. Harry, it was said, would not permit any overt gambling events at his course and denied this initiative. However, the resourceful duo wouldn't accept "no" as an answer. Norm relates that he and Don put a different spin on their idea and convinced Harry that the event that they had in mind was just a friendly competition between golfing Pals and coined the term "Palcutta" to describe it. Harry accepted this "re-packaging" and the Palcutta Smoker and Tournament was launched.

**Monkey Tournament*

"This was a team competition. The captain of each team allotted one club to each player on the team. Teams played in unbroken sequence regardless of where the ball rested, with the player whose turn it was to play utilizing whatever club he was allotted, a driver, putter, 5 iron or 9 iron. Low gross score decided the winner. The game required "serious" concentration, but roars of laughter could always be heard over Point Grey on the evenings it was played".

Ed Angel (1991), West Point Golf Club 1932 -1990 – A History. p.5.

Palcutta Tournament The Winning Teams

Held at Riverway Golf Course – September 4, 2007

1st – Brian Ciccozzi, Bill Wilson, Fred Griffin, Hans Stausboll

2nd – Norm Thiessen, Ab Miles, George Paquette, Brian Sizer

3rd - tie – Jim Appleby, Dave Stephens, Ben Oxholm, Roy Moulton
3rd - tie – Mike Carter, Andy Schmidt, Ray Dujardin, Carl Jonsson

5th – Ozzie Isfeld, Dave Thomas, Gordon Montieth, Hans Stausboll

Competition Winners – June, July, and August

Congratulations and good luck as you enter
the final two months of our season

Sometimes it seems as though your cup moveth over.



McIntyre Trophy

Winner – Bud Cowlin
Runner Up – Bob Gatto

Division Winners
0-18 Norm Thiessen
19-24 Bob Gatto
25Up Bud Cowlin

Runners Up
0 –18 Jim Selley
19–24 Lorne Lindsay
25Up George Sarich

T.N.T. Tournament @ Riverway
Jim Appleby, John McHattie
Tony Appel & Bob Gatto

Runners Up
Chris Allen, Stan Lawson,
Gordon Monteith & Bud Cowlin

Joe Dwyer Trophy

0-19 Ron Babcock
19-24 Ed Bobinski
25Up Harold Hunter
Runners Up
0 –18 Glen Lockhart
19–24 Paul Levy
25Up Brian Sizer

Putting Jamboree

Individual Winner
Ed Gibbon
Team Winner
Michael Alms &
Wayne Ferrey

Bob Jack Trophy
(Away Game Competition completed)

Winners (tie)

Ray Dujardin and Jim Mackie

LeBlanc Shield
(to be played October 12)

April Winners
0 –18 Brian Ciccozzi
19–24 John Matkovich
25Up Carl Jonsson

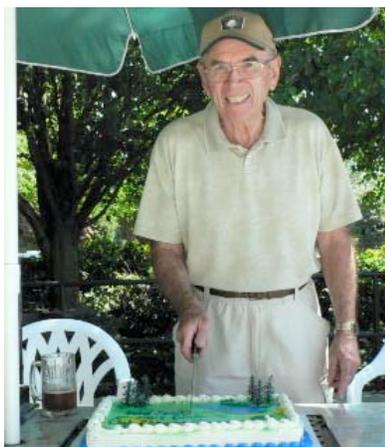
May Winners
0 –18 Bob Schutz, Brian Ciccozzi,
Jim Selley & Dunc MacInnes
(4way Tie)
19–24 Art Roberts
25Up Don Rotherham

June Winners
0 –18 Ron Babcock
19–24 Ed Bobinski
25Up Jesse Cove

July Winners
0 –18 Duncan MacInnes
19–24 Hugh Marshall
25Up Brian Sizer

August Winners
0 –18 Garry Watson
19–24 Andy Schmidt
25Up Jim Mackie &
John McPherson

THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS – DEJA VU



Match Play – Dieter Schwab
Runner Up – Jim Selley

This year's competition featured 16 qualifiers engaged in some closely contested matches to declare the final four of *Dieter Schwab vs Garry Watson and Jim Selley vs Duncan MacInnes*. This semi-final match saw last year's finalists prevailing, thus setting up a re-match to decide this year's Club Champion.

It turned out to be *Dieter's* day as he out-dueled Club Captain *Jim Selley* to retain the trophy and the title for the second consecutive year.

The membership congratulates both *Dieter and Jim* for their performances and applauds *Dieter's* continued ability to play well while under pressure.

Congratulations to our 2006 Winners and Runners-Up

Stroke Play – Dieter-Schwab (bb9)

Runner-Up – Garry Watson



Handicap Play – Duncan MacInnes

Runner-Up – Dieter Schwab and Garry Watson

Super Masters Play – Art Roberts

Runner-Up – Gordon Monteith

Senior Masters Play – Bill Gerard

Flight	Winner	Runner Up
A	<i>Ron Babcock</i>	Ed Gibbon
B	<i>Neil Brett-Davies</i>	Art Roberts
C	<i>Ben Oxholm</i>	Jim Mackie

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PREVIOUS CLUB CHAMPIONS WHO ARE STILL ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE WPGC

1988	Norm Kent	2003	Norm Thiessen
1994	Ab Miles	2004	Glen Lockhart
1998	Ab Miles	2005	Glen Lockhart
2002	Ed Bobinski	2006	Dieter Schwab

SUPER SENIOR & SENIOR MASTER TROPHIES - DID YOU KNOW ...

Late in 2002, the Captain's Committee developed a survey to obtain input as to members' preferences on many aspects of our Club program. We also completed a file of birth dates of members to give us a picture of age distribution. It was clear that as a group we were getting older.

As a result, in the 2003 playing year, the Super Senior Trophy (75-79) and the Senior Master Trophy (80 & up) were introduced in conjunction with the Club Championship, for stroke play over 54 holes. A Handicap Champion Trophy open to all members, was also played over the 54 holes".

Dave Fairweather
Captain 1989,90,2002,03

THE SECOND ANNUAL INTERCLUB COMPETITION

The Second Annual Interclub competition between West Point and the University Mid Week Men's Clubs was concluded on Monday with the "away" game hosted by University.



West Point had built up a 9 1/2 vs 2 1/2 point lead going into this match and held on (barely) to win this year's competition 12 1/2 vs. 11 1/2. "The *Old Block*" Trophy was presented by University Captain *John Podmore*, winner of the inaugural competition, to our Captain, *Jim Selley*.

Both Captains remarked on the enjoyable comradery, sportmanship and spirit of competition between the two clubs and look forward to the continuation of the event next season.

Congratulations to all the West Point participants on their great golf and success in bringing home the trophy. A special thanks to John Podmore (Mid Week Men's) and *Brian Ciccozzi* for their tireless efforts in organizing and providing ongoing liaison between the clubs to ensure the competition ran smoothly.



Aggregate Score:

<i>West Point Golf Club</i>	12 1/2 points
University Golf Club	11 1/2 Points

Low Net Score:

<i>Ab Miles</i>	67 (BB9)
<i>Jack Plummer</i>	67



McQuarrie Hunter Tankard Competition

THE "SHOT THEIR AGE" GUYS

This unique competition, sponsored by our *Paul Levy*, recognizes this envious achievement and is reserved for members who have shot their age prior to 2005, or have shot their age in a West Point sanctioned event since 2005, are eligible for this competition.

We currently have 8 active members who have met this eligibility standard and three of them have accomplished this feat this season.

The new kid in the group, this year, is *Hugh Marshall* who is, reportedly, unexpectedly five years ahead of his anticipated schedule.

The select McQuarrie Hunter Tankard Crew welcomes Hugh Marshall to the group and applaud Ab Miles and Dieter Schwab for their repeat performances.

Congratulations to Hugh and all of our STA Guys!!

<i>Active Members of the Shot Their Age Group</i>		
<i>Dave Fairweather</i>	<i>Norm Kent</i>	<i>Ab Miles (3)</i>
<i>Bruce Groom (2)</i>	<i>Wally Lyle</i>	<i>Dieter Schwab (2)</i>
<i>Gil Jones</i>	<i>Hugh Marshall</i>	

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

This competition is scheduled to be played on October 5th – so there is still time to join this select group.

I enjoy the "oohs" and "aahs" from the gallery when I hit my driver. But I'm getting pretty tired of the "awws" and "uhhs" when I miss the putt.

John Daley

Coming Events – September & October

At McCleery/Riverway

4-Ball Competition
McQuarrie Hunter Tankard
LeBlanc Shield

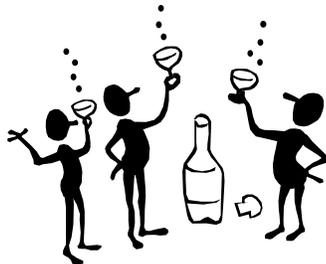
Social Event

Don't forget our 2007

Annual General Meeting
and
Awards and Luncheon Social

Wednesday, November 7

Time: *11:30A.M.*



Location:
Arbutus Club
Nanton Street

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