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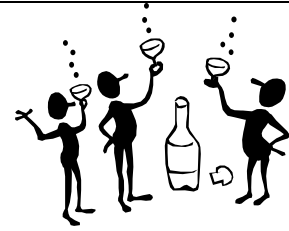


Ray Dujardin

It is my pleasure to welcome all new and returning members to the start of the 2007 Season which kicks off with the Opening Social at the Arbutus Rec. Centre on Tuesday March 27th followed by the Opening Day of play on March 30th. I know some of you will still be basking in the sun in warmer climes but I urge those stalwarts here in Vancouver to make special efforts to attend – to socialize and learn more about the stimulating events planned by your Board of Directors for 2007.

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Opening Social Evening – 2007
Tuesday, March 27 – 7:00 P.M.
Arbutus Village Recreation Centre
(Behind & below the Safeway store)



So many of our Members are linked to the Internet now (several have come on board over the winter) that we will be relying more and more on keeping the Membership informed on Club activities through the West Point website and via email. To this end our foursomes will be captained by Members with Internet connections so that if necessary they can keep their foursome partners up to date on all Club happenings.

Those of you still receiving this Divot Dust via Canada Post (because you have no email) will find included a list of the foursomes, a Club membership directory, a fixture card and a very handy WPGC booklet we have named "Pocket Reference". The latter was prepared by our industrious Membership Director – thanks Brian! The bulk of you will get this Divot Dust package via email but will have to pick up your Fixture Card and Pocket Ref at the Opening Social or when you make it to the golf course. Of course if you really want to find out what's going on – visit our excellent website.

You have a dedicated Board of Directors looking after Club affairs – please use them! By which I mean that when issues arise speak to one of the Directors. Last season there were occasions when complaints were made directly to the golf club staff on one issue or another. We have worked hard over the years to forge a good relationship with the Langara and McCleery people so please help us to maintain it by making your comments to us not them.

As President I will try to help maintain the fine West Point traditions that have evolved through the efforts of those that have served before me. Above all let's have loads of fun and enjoy social but competitive golf played in one of the best golfing areas in the world!

Wishing you a great 2007 Season (and looking forward to seeing you at the Opening Social)

Ray Dujardin

Opening Day – 2007
Friday, March 30
McCleery Golf Course
Bud Brown Eclectic
*(Contact your foursome captain
for your Tee Times)*





Captain's Message

captain@westpointgolf.org

Welcome back to all returning members of the West Point Golf Club and a hearty welcome to all new members of the Club. While you all have been traveling, reading books on golf or practicing your game, the Captain's Committee has been hard at work planning the 2007 season. The results of the Members Survey conducted last fall was used to guide us in trying to develop a playing schedule favoured by the members. As with all organizations, there was not total agreement on the part of all members in creating the schedule, but we tried to accommodate the wishes of everyone. As a result, there are some changes introduced for next year that we hope you will find exciting. The major ones are the following:

1. The Club Championship and the Flight & Stroke Play Championships will be run as separate events, the first in July and the second in August;
2. The number of Away Games has been reduced from five (5) to four (4) with the games to be played at Surrey, Ledgeview, Lake Padden and Riverway;
3. Two interclub games are scheduled with the UBC Men's Club; a home and an away game;
4. A Four-Ball Match Play event will be introduced this year, replacing the Designated Ball event.

The adjudication and processing of the score cards each week for purposes of the honey pot, par points, and monthly medal has also been changed. Rather than doing this function on Saturday following Friday's play, we will do the work immediately following play on Friday. This will require all members to promptly submit their score cards upon completion of their round.

Some changes to the Foursome Groups have been made to accommodate changes in the membership. The wishes of the membership for a change in their group were taken into account. In addition, the Captain's Committee tried to pair up members using a cart to reduce cart rental costs.

The role of the Foursome Captain, the contact person for each group that was introduced in the 2006 playing season, has been strengthened. The Foursome Captain will be the resource person for each group and the key contact for communication between the Captain's Committee and the playing members. We are trying to create better communication of club events, social activities, and playing schedule to enhance the golfing experience of all members. The Committee asked that all members use their Foursome Captain as a resource person in keeping themselves informed about West Point Golf Club activities. As well, the Captain's Committee has adopted the strategy that the WPGC website is a core tool for all members for all aspects of Club events. Please go to the site early and often to keep up-to-date with happenings in the Club. (www.westpointgolf.org)

I would like to acknowledge the hard working members of the Captain's Committee who are dedicated to making the 2007 Season the best ever!

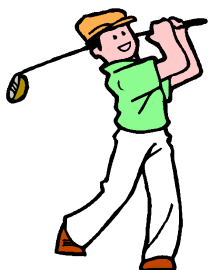
Jim Selley – Captain
Duncan MacInnes – Vice Captain
Andy Schmidt – ex-officio member
Dave Stephens – committee member
Paul Levy – committee member
Bob Schutz – committee member

Please feel free to contact any of the members of the committee with concerns, issues or just to say congratulations on a good job!

The Captain's Committee hopes that the 2007 Season will be an enjoyable experience for all members and we wish you all golfing success. We look forward to seeing you all on Opening Day March 30!

TIP for the First Dust Divot:
"Keep your head down and come through the ball" – J. Nicklaus.

Jim Selley



Opening Day Sign-up Procedures

All foursomes will be scheduled to play.

The Club's *Tee Time Coordinator*, Vice Captain Duncan MacInnes, will assign each foursome a Tee Time and then inform all foursome's captains.

Your foursome captain will then contact you to let you know your assigned tee time. If you have not heard from your foursome captain by Friday, March 23rd, please contact him or our Tee Time Coordinator.

Also, check our website – click on the "tee times" location
www.westpointgolf.org

Membership Director's Message

membership@westpointgolf.org



As at the date of this report the 2007 membership of the West Point Golf Club is 90 playing members. Included in this number are five new members: *Terry Goreman, Sim Leong, Ambrose Lewis, Wing Mar, Art Roberts and Peter Zazulak*. I am certain that you join me in welcoming these gentlemen into the club.

In conjunction with your Board of Directors, membership has created and distributed what we hope you will find to be a handy pocket reference. This Pocket Reference contains a list of the foursomes; the membership roster showing each member's telephone number and (where applicable) their email address; a description of this year's competitions (competition format) and the date(s) on which each competition will be played. Your comments and suggestions as to what else should be added or deleted in future years would be

appreciated.

Application for membership and membership requirements can be found on the Club's web site at www.westpointgolf.org or by contacting the Membership Director, Brian Ciccozzi at 604-263-7687 or jerri_ciccozzi@telus.net. Future new members will be put on the Spares List until a spot becomes open in one of the foursomes. However, our experience has shown that being on the Spares List does not necessarily mean that the individual will not have an opportunity to play with the Club members each week. History has shown that there are a sufficient number of weekly absences to ensure that spares will get to play each week.

Brian Ciccozzi

Twenty three of our currently active members have, in the past, served on our Board of Directors. A sincere "Thank you!" is extended for their contributions to the growth of the Club:

Ed Bobinski
Neil Brett-Davies
Jesse Cove
David Dickson
Dave Fairweather
Maurice Foisy

Bill Gerard
Ed Gibbon
Jack Grant
Bruce Groom
David Haddleton
Harold Hunter

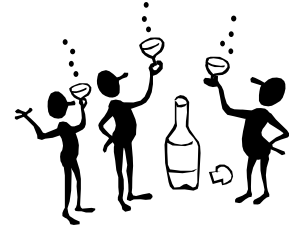
Gil Jones
Norm Kent
Stan Lawson
Hugh Marshall
Ab Miles
Roy Moulton

Ben Oxholm
George Sarich
Andy Schmidt
Hans Stausboll
Al Williams

2007 Opening Social



Social Director's Message



The extensive Social Committee is planning three major festive events for the year, the first being our Club Social on March 27.

The team is considering a wide variety of activities...prizes, gifts, champagne, dancing, band.....but we're assured at least, that the West Point club hats will be sold and beer, wine, and spirits will be served.

Your new president will be welcoming new members and old, providing a calendar of events, foursomes lists.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Tuesday, March 27, 7:00 p.m. at the Arbutus Recreation Centre (*behind and below the Safeway store*).

Jim Appleby

Have you met our Systems Manager

The Captain's Committee is pleased to announce that Roy Moulton will continue to serve the Club as our Systems Manager and oversee the computer tracking of our game score entries.

It would be remiss if we did not express our appreciation for this behind the scenes work and, in addition, his single handed efforts to ensure that those members who do not have internet access receive a hard copy of the Divot Dust via Canada Post. This means that Roy gathers all our materials – then completes four mailings per season to those members of ours who are electronically deprived. Talk about service – thank you, Roy!





Opening Day information

from our

Vice Captain
& Tee Time Coordinator

Duncan MacInnes

captain@westpointgolf.org

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OPENING DAY COMPETITIONS

Bud Brown Eclectic – Day 1

Longest Drive

KP's

Par Points

Honey Pot

Please refer to page 8 of your *Pocket Reference* booklet
(available at the Opening Social Evening)
for a description of the BB Eclectic scoring procedures.

FOURSOMES & CAPTAINS – 2007

TEAM	CAPTAIN			
1	Miles, Ab	Dickson, David	Plummer, Jack	Gibbon, Ed
2	Stausboll, Hans	Sizer, Brian	Williams, Alan	Paquette, George
3	Moulton, Roy	Girling, John	Duncan, Bob	Fortesque, Rex
4	Stephens, Dave	Gatto, Bob	McIntyre, Don	Leong, Sim*
5	Schmidt, Andy	Dujardin, Ray	Appleby, Jim	Ciccozzi, Brian
6	Marshall, Hugh	Lawson, Stan	Sinclair, Gary	Hunter, Harold
7	Appel, Tony	Monteith, Gordon	I sfeld, Ozzie	Roberts, Art*
8	Gerard, Bill	Jones, Gil	Letherby, Cal	Smith, Dick
9	Foisy, Maurice	Shippam, Lloyd	Poole, Ernie	Alms, Mike
10	Griffin, Fred	Jonsson, Carl	Foster, John	Mackie, Jim
11	Clancy, Don	Trunkfield, Geoffrey	Wilson, Bill	Wood, John
12	Cowlin, Bud	Watson, Garry	McPherson, John	Goreman, Terry*
13	Lyle, Wally	Kent, Norm	Mitha, Sadru	Mar, Wing*
14	Kronquist, Roger	Lockhart, Glen	Lindsay, Lorne	Oxholm, Ben
15	Thiessen, Norm	Ferrey, Wayne	McNichol, Bill	Sarich, George
16	Fairweather, Dave	Symonds, Doug	Groom, Bruce	Tennant, Arnold
17	Brett-Davies, Neil	Levy, Paul	MacInnes, Duncan	Selley, Jim
18	Schutz, Bob	Bobinski, Ed	Lewis, Ambrose*	Babcock, Ron
19	Grant, Jack	MacCulloch, Gord	Trotter, Jim	McHattie, John
20	Allen, Chris	Griggs, Neil	Curley, Kent	Schwab, Dieter
21	Haddleton, David	Cooke, David	Carter, Mike	Thomson, Craig
22	Rotherham, Don	Cove, Jesse	Doiron, George	Thomas, Dave
SPARES	Wilkinson, Fred	Zazulak, Peter*		
* new member				

FOURSOME CAPTAINS' DUTIES

1. Avoid slow play. You are to make sure your foursome keeps up to the foursome in front of you.
2. Make sure that members of your foursome are signed up on time for the coming golf games.
3. Make sure all members are aware of tee-off times once they are assigned. Tee Times will be assigned on Friday afternoon for the following Friday. If you are one of the few groups that must book by phone or computer you will be advised on Friday afternoon.
4. *Please* make sure any problems are brought to the West Point Golf Club's attention. *Please* do not go to the Pro Shop or Parks Board with problems.
5. Make sure all members of your foursome report their scores immediately after play on Friday.
6. Make sure all members of your foursome post their scores in the McCleery Golf Course's Handicap System.

Most people play a fair game of golf – if you watch them
Anonymous

Coming Events

Volunteer Recognition

The *Captain's Group* wishes to publicly recognize those Club members who are giving so freely of their time to organize and manage our scheduled competitions while we are playing at McCleery Golf Course during March, April and May.

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

Jim Selley, Captain
Duncan MacInnes, Vice Captain



Opening Day Social
Jim Appleby, Carl Jonsson

Bud Brown Eclectic
Brian Ciccozzi

T.N.T. Tournament – McCleery
Wayne Ferrey

Ed Angel Trophy
Garry Watson

Away Game Competition
David Haddleton – Surrey Golf Club

Friday Afternoon Card Adjudicators
Andy Schmidt, Dave Stephens,
Bob Schutz

Did you know...



In 1989, the Club first printed the "Special Playing Rules" on the season's Fixture Card "...to make sure that all members were playing the same game". Although these "local rules" still accompany our fixture card, there are regular "requests" for the clarification of the appropriate behaviours associated with some of the more common situations created as a result of our errant shots.



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 REMINDER

by Dave Fairweather

Rules Editor

In preparing for this piece, I first checked what references I possessed dealing with the rules of golf and decided to take a pass on my nicely bound Rules of Golf book by Francis Ouimet, published in 1948, priced at \$1.29. However, a sentence in his Introduction, still holds today and is as follows: "Golfers should not fail to realize that it is a game of great

tradition, of high ideals of sportsmanship, one in which a strict adherence to the rules is essential".



So let's review *Rule 27 – Ball Lost or Out of Bounds; Provisional Ball: (Outside a water hazard).*

Ball is Lost if:

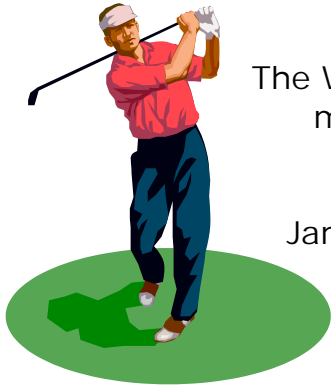
- a) It is not found within five minutes after the search has begun.
- b) The player has put another 'ball in play' from the spot from which the original ball was struck, without declaring it as a 'provisional ball'.
- c) The player has played any stroke with a 'provisional ball', at a point nearer the hole than the point where the original ball was thought to be.

Out of Bounds: If a ball is clearly seen to go out of bounds, the player shall play another ball, as nearly as possible to the spot from which the original ball was played - under penalty of one stroke: *(From the teeing ground –you will be lying three; through the green, you will be lying two more than the count on the original ball).*

If you feel that the ball may be found, in the interests of pace of play and to save a walk back to the point from which the errant stroke was played, advise a 'fellow-competitor' that you are playing a 'provisional ball'.

If you have not put a 'provisional ball' in play and the original ball is not found, **it is not an option** to drop a ball anywhere on the course and play on. *You would not have a valid score for that hole in doing so and would be ineligible for entry of a card for the Monthly Medal and Honey Pot competitions.* In this situation, to have a valid score, your **only option** is to **go back** to the point from which the errant stroke was played, to put a 'ball in play'.

Remembrance - Frank McDaniel



The WPGC was saddened to learn of the passing of a long time member who was extensively involved in many community activities as well as his avid golf interest.

Frank was the winner of the "1st Putting and Chipping Jamboree" which was introduced in 1990. He also served as our Social Director from 1993 through 1995 and was an active Associate Member until his recent death.

REMEMBER WHEN?

Competition Winners – March, April and May 2006

Congratulations on last year's performances!

Enjoy it for a little while longer – we start again soon!



Bud Brown Eclectic
0-18 Jim Selley
19-24 Paul Levy
25Up John McPherson

Runners Up
0 –18 Jim Appleby
19–24 Gordon MacCulloch
25Up Lloyd Shippam

T.N.T. Tournament @ McCleery
Norm Thiessen, Andy Schmidt,
George Sarich & Rex Fortescue

Runners Up
Duncan MacInnes, Wally Lyle,
Dick Smith & Gary Sinclair

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

Runners Up (Tie)
Jack Plummer &
Tony Appel

Dave Stephens &
Gordon Montieth

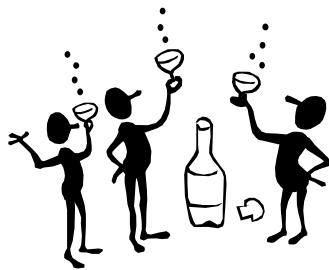
It has been said that – Youth is a period of missed opportunities;
as is that good golf score you had hoped for.

Don't forget our 2007

77th Annual Social Evening

Opening Day Arrangements
Foursome Groupings & Tee Times

50-30-20 Draw



Date: *Tuesday, March 27*

Time: *7:00 P.M.*

Location:

*Arbutus Recreation Centre
Arbutus Village Shopping Centre
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