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President's Message

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*Ray Dujardin*

After a wet and soggy start and some cancelled rounds I think it is safe to say we are finally underway with the new season. Congratulations to all of you who survived the Bud Brown Eclectic and handed in some scores. However we had a very good turnout on May 4<sup>th</sup> for the TNT tournament and some keenly contested play. Personally this is one of my favourites – playing in a different foursome from usual and it's easy to keep score! I certainly appreciated those "prepared" scorecards showing the strokes given hole by hole for each player.

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The Opening Social was quite well attended and the Social Director and his crew made sure we were all well-catered to – many thanks to them. The Vice Captain introduced many of those members who will serve as Foursome Captains this season. These are responsible positions that underpin the efficient running of our playing schedule. Through them we will keep the Captain's Committee informed and current as to which members will be playing in an event and they will also be conduits for any information that needs to be conveyed to members. Your Foursome Captain (who by now you should know well) is also charged with encouraging his foursome to play at a good pace – as prescribed by the Captain and the Course Marshal.

Generally speaking things have gone well with the playing schedule although we still have some teething problems to iron out with the new format at McCleery. I am sure the Captain will have more to say on this but I want to emphasize the importance of signing-up one week in advance or at least letting your Foursome Captain know your intentions – and living up to them! Trying to organize the Ed Angel Tournament proved to be a nightmare with so many last-minute cancellations and late entries. Please consult the Club notice board every time you visit the course we are playing and visit the West Point website frequently to stay informed.

The Membership Director will give you the numbers and names but I want to say welcome to all new members and a thank you to those of you who sponsored them. It is hard at times trying to remain connected to all of our members when our playing times are so far apart on Fridays. This is why the Away Games are ideal opportunities for getting to know your fellow members better. So please give these outings your consideration – they are great fun. Our current playing membership seems to have leveled out at 93 – providing us with both the numbers and revenue to maintain our normal program. So we are in good shape!

Finally I wish all members a very successful 2007 Season with good golfing and happy social times. We often get frustrated with our play and the numbers scored. Consistency just seems to be totally unattainable. Remember though to be thankful that we are able to play at all in these our senior years and to enjoy the moment. This applies to me as much as anyone and I have to continually remind myself how blessed I am to be playing golf with friends.

Cheers!

*Ray Dujardin*

*P.S. - Don't forget we transfer our Friday outings to Langara on June 1<sup>st</sup> where we continue for the months of June, July and August before returning to McCleery. You will find it very lonely turning up at McCleery on June 1<sup>st</sup>.*

## We Move to Langara Golf Course

On Friday, June 1, 2007

*For the months of  
June, July & August*

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



### Captain's Message

Jim Selley

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After a challenging start to the season due to weather, we seemed to have settled into a better weather pattern and the golf scores show it. Given the rainouts, we have not had a great deal of foursome play and thus members are still getting acquainted with their foursomes and the new procedures for score card adjudication and signing up for the next week. As the adjudication takes place during play on Friday (rather than Saturday morning), the Captain's Committee asks that all players turn in their score cards promptly to the committee, don't put them in the box on the West Point board.

In addition, Foursome Captains are to advise Duncan MacInnes which members of the foursome will be playing the following week. This will allow Duncan to determine if additional tee times are needed (we have 15 block times) and make the draw. I sense that members are very pleased with the securing of block time at McCleery and the elimination of the task to book times each Sunday evening. In return, I would like to remind members that we have a responsibility to the Pro Shop Management and fellow members to arrive at the club and be ready to play at assigned tee times and maintain a reasonable pace of play during the round.

To reinforce this obligation and to standardize club playing practice, *Additional Rules of Play* were established, accepted by the Board of Directors, and have been disseminated to Foursome Captains. A summary of the Rules is contained in this issue of the Divot Dust, please take the time to review them. A meeting of Foursome Captains or their alternates was held with the Captain's Committee to review the Rules. Pace of play has been monitored since the meeting and play times have been excellent. The Pro Shop Staff and the Course Marshals have also expressed pleasure with the pace of play of our members. Keep it up guys, you are doing GREAT!

We have completed three of our competitions: the Bud Brown Electic, the TNT and the Ed Angel. The event chairs, *Brian Ciccozzi* with his wonderful spreadsheet for the Electic, *Hugh Marshall* and *Jim Trotter* and their helpers have done an excellent job with the events, despite issues of constantly changing participation.

In addition, we held our first Away Game at Surrey. Many thanks to *David Haddleton* for a wonderful job organizing the event. The Captain's Committee strongly urges members to stick to commitments made to play in competitions if at all possible. The Divot Dust has recorded all the winners in each of these competitions.

We complete spring play at McCleery on May 25 and will be moving to our summer home at *Langara Golf Course on June 1*. Block times have been arranged with Langara as we had last year. Get out and practice your putting as you all know how challenging the greens are at Langara. Our first event at Langara is the McIntyre Trophy on June 1 & 8, chaired by *Don Clancy*. We also have an Interclub Match with the University Midweek Mens Club on June 4. This is a repeat event started last year and will consist of a home and away format. *Brian Ciccozzi* has graciously offered to organize the event. We have a very busy start to our season at Langara.

Our next Away Game is scheduled for July 9 at Ledgeview Golf Club, always a popular event and a great course to play. *Dave Fairweather* 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*, *Bob Schutz* and *Andy Schmidt*, ex-officio member, for all their dedication and hard work. They have made my life much easier. Please give them your support. If we all pitch in, the club will benefit and the workload will not be onerous on anyone.

One final point on handicaps. Make sure to enter your scores for all games played during the season. If you have a problem and need help with getting scores entered, please contact any member of the Captain's Committee.

Good health and good golf to all members.

*Jim Selley*

OPENING DAY AT LANGARA

*McIntyre Trophy Competition – Day 1 of 2*  
*Don Clancy - Coordinator*

*Par Points*  
*Honey Pot*

*Check our website – click on the "tee times" location*  
[www.westpointgolf.org](http://www.westpointgolf.org)

# Membership Director's Message

Brian Ciccozzi

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As at the date of this report membership in the West Point Club is 93 playing members. I would like to take this time to acknowledge our 9 new members and their sponsors.

New Member	Sponsor
<i>Laurie Craddock</i>	<i>Jack Plummer</i>
<i>Terry Gorman</i>	<i>Brian Ciccozzi</i>
<i>Sim Leong</i>	<i>Duncan MacInnes</i>
<i>Ambrose Lewis</i>	<i>Brian Ciccozzi</i>
<i>John Matkovich</i>	<i>Kent Curley</i>
<i>Wing Mar</i>	<i>Duncan MacInnes</i>
<i>Don McPherson</i>	<i>Ray Dujardin</i>
<i>Art Roberts</i>	<i>Gordon Monteith</i>
<i>Peter Zazulak</i>	<i>John Foster.</i>

Sponsors should make every effort to introduce those that they sponsored to the other members and encourage our new members to sign up for the away games. As most of know the away games are not only fun but a great way to get to know some of your fellow members.

Our 93 playing members exhibit a wide variety of playing skills: 21 with handicaps between 11 and 18; 38 with handicaps between 19 and 24; and 34 with handicaps of 25 or more. It is this diversity that keeps our club interesting and competitive.

Application for membership and membership requirements can be found on the Club's web site at [www.westpointgolf.org](http://www.westpointgolf.org) or by contacting the Membership Director, Brian Ciccozzi, at 604-263-7687 or [jerry\\_ciccozzi@telus.net](mailto:jerry_ciccozzi@telus.net).

Additional new members will be put on a spares list and substitute for absent members until a spot becomes open in one of the established foursomes.

Good golf to you all.

*Brian Ciccozzi*

Football commentator and former player Joe Theismann, 1996: "Nobody in football should be called a genius. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein."

## Coming Social Event

### Social Director's Message

Jim Mackie



The next three months feature two major competitive events that offer us a significant social opportunity. They are our annual *Putting Jamboree & Social Function* and our *Palcutta Draw and Bid Night*.

The *Putting Jamboree* will be coordinated by *Norm Thiessen* and is to be held at McCleery GC on Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to sign-up for this exciting event.

The Palcutta Tournament is preceded by the *Team Draw and Bidding Night* that will be coordinated by *Kent Curley*. Our returning auctioneer is *John Dennison*. This entertaining evening will take place at the *Arbutus Recreation Centre* on Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> with the Tournament being held on Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. Sign-up materials will be available in mid August – look for them on the Notice Board.

We also consider our *Interclub* and our *Away Game schedule* as a great opportunity to socialize with your fellow West Pointers. We invite you to look for the sign-up sheets, which are posted regularly on our Notice Board, and participate in the excellent camaraderie that has become a major part of these events.

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

*Jim Mackie*

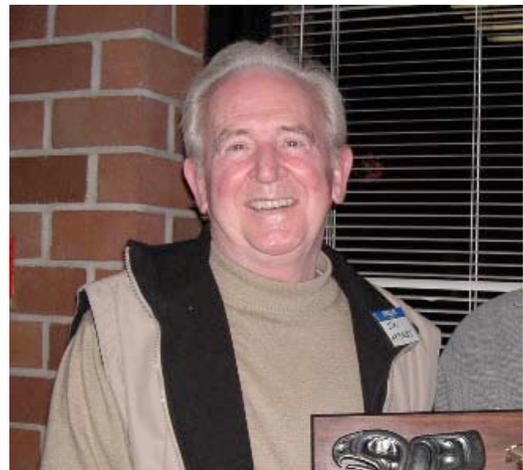
### Director at Large's Message

Jim Appleby

Our West Point golf caps have been a popular item – so much so that we have depleted our supply and have had to place an order for an additional quantity that is expected to arrive within a few weeks. Please let me know if you wish to purchase one. We have managed to keep the price at the original \$12.00.

If you have any suggestions regarding other items that may contribute to our "Club" atmosphere, please let me know.

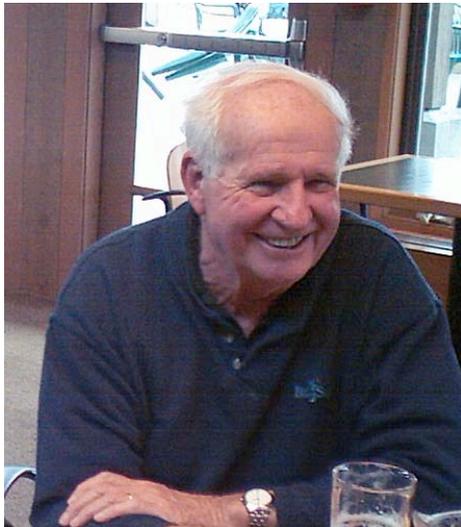
*Jim Appleby*



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, we have the periodic need to clarify our procedures in certain situations and to take action to improve our "pace of play". As mentioned in our Captain's Message, the following "Additional Rules of Play" are offered to enhance our playing atmosphere. ...*Editor's note*



Additional Rules of Play:

Information from our

Vice Captain  
& Tee Time Coordinator

Duncan MacInnes

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1. Out of Bounds;

If a provisional ball is not played and the original ball is determined to be out of bounds, the player drops a ball within two (2) club lengths of the spot that the foursome members determine the ball crossed the white stakes. A two (2) stroke penalty is applied;

2. Time to find lost ball;

The club rule allows two (2) minutes to search for a lost ball. If the ball is not located during that time, the player drops another ball at the location the foursome agrees the ball came to rest. A two (2) stroke penalty is applied;

3. Plugged balls:

During wet conditions in spring, if a ball is clearly in play but cannot be found and agreed by the foursome to be plugged, the player can drop another ball at the spot the foursome agrees the first ball landed. No penalty is applied;

4. Posting of scores for Handicap Purposes:

If a player does not complete a hole, the maximum adjusted score for the player must be recorded on the scorecard, an "x" is not allowed to be posed. Note rule 3 c) under Handicap on the Fixture Card which states that members must record adjusted gross scores for all games played;

5. Pace of Play:

To assist the Captain's Committee in monitoring the pace of play, the Foursome Captains are asked to record the start time and completion time for the round on the official scorecard for the group. The Foursome Captains are to turn in the scorecard to the Captain's Committee along with the members who will be playing the following week as soon as possible after completion of their round.

*Note: Foursome Captains should encourage members of their foursome to play a provisional ball if there is a possibility that their first ball is Out of Bounds or could be lost.*

HOLE IN ONE  
FIRST OF OUR SEASON!

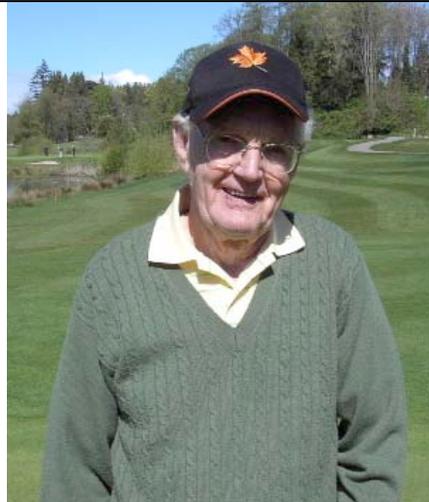
Congratulations to Harold Hunter

*13<sup>th</sup> Hole at McCleery – 166 Yards – May 18<sup>th</sup>*

His foursome said, "T'was a thing of beauty!"

Harold said, "Good, I don't have to putt!"

The WPGC congratulates Harold for his unique accomplishment



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

## Putting Jamboree 1990 - 2007

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".

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

*Don't forget about our 2007*

### Annual Putting Jamboree and Social Function

Date: *Monday, June 25th*  
Time: *10:00 A.M.*

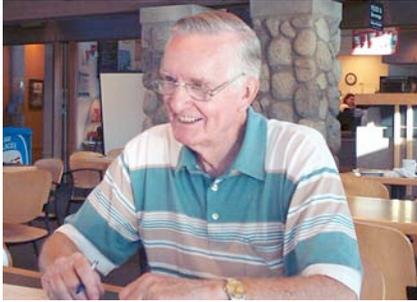
Location:  
The practice putting area at *McCleery Golf Course*

Contact *Norm Thiessen*

Look for the Sign Up sheet on our board at Langara

**No gimmies!**

*The management*



Dave Fairweather  
CHARTER MEMBER – WPGC

*Director 1988*  
*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 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 13-4 – Ball in Hazard; Prohibited Actions (abbreviated)*

*Case in point:*

If your shot has fallen to the right of the No. 8 green at McCleery, beyond the red hazard stakes on the slope (and you're lucky to find it), the following ruling applies:

Before making a stroke at a ball that is in a hazard (whether a bunker or a water hazard), the player must not:

- a. Test the condition of the hazard;
- b. Touch the ground in the hazard or water in the water hazard with his hand or club; or
- c. Touch or move a loose impediment lying in or touching the hazard.

*(NO GROUNDING OF THE CLUB & NO REMOVAL OF LOOSE IMPEDIMENTS)*

**PENALTY FOR BREACH OF THE RULE:**  
Match play – Loss of hole; Stroke play – Two strokes.

*Notes:* If in practicing a swing over the ball, the club may touch some grass, so long as it does not improve access to the ball and in the backward swing of the stroke, there is no penalty if the player sweeps through the grass.

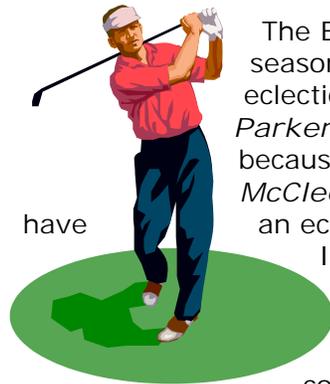
STONES by definition are loose impediments. In a bunker however, stones may present a danger to players when an attempt is made to put the ball into play. In this circumstance, such a stone in a bunker is considered a moveable obstruction and may be removed without penalty.

### *Keeping a Helpful Watch & Basic Etiquette*

- . Keeping an eye on fellow players' shots (as far as you are able to see, that is), can assist greatly in finding a wayward ball and so keep up the pace of the game.
- . Players should always show consideration for other players, by not disturbing their concentration when about to play, by moving, talking or making unnecessary noise.
- . On the putting green, players (especially those with size twelves), should avoid treading on another player's line of putt.

*Dave Fairweather*

## Did you know ...



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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

## Competition Winners – April and May

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

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



### Bud Brown Eclectic

0-18 Chris Allen (BB9)  
19-24 Ray Dujardin  
25Up Georgs Doiron

#### *Runners Up*

0-18 Brian Ciccozzi  
19-24 David Haddleton  
25Up Tony Appel

### Ed Angel Trophy (2 Man Teams)

Roy Moulton &  
Bob Schutz

#### *Runners Up*

Bob Gatto &  
Kent Curley

T.N.T. Tournament @ McCleery  
David Haddleton, Brian Ciccozzi,  
Terry Gorman & Wally Lyle

Stan Lawson &  
Lloyd Shippam

#### *Runners Up*

Dave Stevens, Arnold Tennant,  
Jim Trotter

Bob Jack Trophy  
(Away Game Competition)

*Surrey GC*

Low Gross – Glen Lockhart  
Low Net – Neil Brett-Davies

Top 5 Low Net  
Neil Brett-Davies

Garry Watson  
John McHattie  
Hugh Marshall  
Glen Lockhart

LeBlanc Shield

(to be played October 12)

*April Winners*

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

*May Winners*

0 –18 TBA  
19–24 TBA  
25Up

Upon hearing Joe Jacobi of the 'Skins say: "I'd run over my own mother to win the Super Bowl." Matt Millen of the Raiders said: "To win, I'd run over Joe's Mom, too"

#### WEBSITE TRAFFIC REPORT



The website has become the major communication avenue for our Club. Its growth to date, in terms of content, has been constant and appears to serve our many functions well. The site's menu is simple and permits easy access to most aspects of our operation

In terms of member usage of the site, our "user traffic" is monitored by the Host server and reveals that we have experienced progressive monthly growth since our "launch" in August 2005.

During the month of April, the site received 616 visits (i.e., 140 visitors making an average of 4.5 visits ) and they viewed 2183 pages (an average of 3.5 pages per visit).

The top four pages visited were: 1. tee times, 2. current events, 3. weekly prizes, and 4. awards and winners. To date, "Traffic" data for May is on track to exceed April's usage.

Every effort is made to keep current by posting results as soon as they are provided and to announce upcoming events when it is timely to do so.

Any suggestions or requests that you may have that will improve the site will be gladly received. You can reach me at the website's email address [wpgc@westpointgolf.org](mailto:wpgc@westpointgolf.org) or speak with me at the golf course.

*Gary Sinclair*

The ball will hook toward the more difficult of two hazards

## COMING EVENTS –JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST

### COMPETITIONS & COORDINATORS

*MCINTYRE TROPHY - DON CLANCY*  
*JOE DWYER TROPHY – ED BOBINSKY*  
*CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS – CAPTAIN’S COMMITTEE*  
*PARKER SHIELD –BRIAN CICOZZI*  
*T.N.T. LANGARA – WAYNE FERREY*  
*PALCUTTA TOURNAMENT- KENT CURLEY*

### AWAY GAMES – BOB JACK TROPHY

*LEDGEVIEW GOLF CLUB (ABBOTSFORD) – DAVE FAIRWEATHER*  
*LAKE PADDEN GOLF CLUB (BELLINGHAM) – DAVID COOKE*  
*MIDWEEK INTERCLUB MATCH 2 (UBC) – BRIAN CICOZZI*

### SOCIAL EVENTS

*PUTTING JAMBOREE (@MCCLEERY)*  
*PALCUTTA BID NIGHT (ARBUTUS REC CENTRE)*

Don't forget our 2007

## Annual Palcutta Bid Night and Social Evening

*Tuesday, August 28th - 7:00 P.M.*

Location:

*Arbutus Recreation Centre  
Arbutus Village Shopping Centre  
(Behind & below the Safeway Store)*

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