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Ray Dujardin

It's hard to believe we are two-thirds of the way through another Club season and already we will be *returning to McCleery* at the end of this month of August for a final two months of golfing.

Everything has gone smoothly for which credit is due to our Captain and his committee and all the diligent organizers of Club events. I think by now you will have come to appreciate the Captain's Table on Fridays ready to answer questions, receive and assess scorecards and take commitments for future play.

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Highlights since the last Divot Dust include the first leg of our annual Interclub Match with the Midweek Men's Club of University GC (which we won), the Putting Jamboree at McCleery, and our away game at the windy King's Links course in Ladner and Club championship play. Our new *Club Champion* is *Wayne Ferrey* who won a well-contested final match with runner-up *Glen Lockhart*. Congratulations Wayne!

Ahead in August are the second leg of the match with the Midweek Men's Club at Langara, Palcutta Social Night and the Palcutta Tournament. The Palcutta is our annual chance to back our favoured teams and stand to be handsomely rewarded! To make it work though we need your support.

We have away games to look forward to as well, in August at Golden Eagle GC in Pitt Meadows and September at Riverway GC in Burnaby. These are very enjoyable events combining a social get-together with golf – so why not give them a try?

Now to give you a heads-up on a *Special Meeting* of the West Point Golf Club to be held on *October 23rd at the Langara GC from 4 to 6 pm*. This meeting will give your Board of Directors an opportunity to share its *vision for the future of the Club*. Discussions both inside and outside the Club showed that it is timely for the Members to consider all options now open to us as to when and where the Club should play in the future. A written summary of the options and how they have arisen will be sent to Members prior to the meeting so you can come well-informed. The current Board will be looking for direction from Members so that its successor in November will be guided in its planning for 2009.

I want to mention the battle *Duncan MacInnes* our Vice Captain is having with cancer. You will have noticed the recent absence of his smiling and welcoming face at the Captain's Table. Duncan is such an asset to the Club as you all well know through his organization of the weekly foursomes. Needless to say Dunc is in all our thoughts and we wish him a speedy return to our Club.

As always I wish you all good golfing for the rest of the season. Who knows that perfect round lies just ahead with all the putts dropping and adventures in the woods being a thing of the past! In any event have fun and enjoy .

Ray Dujardin

*We Return to McCleery
Golf Course*

On Friday, September 5, 2008

*For the months of
September & October*

www.westpointgolf.org
click on "tee times"





Captain's Message

Jim Selley

captain@westpointgolf.org

With the shift to Langara in June, we seemed to find the weather improved following the first week and so did the scores. Each week the Captain's Committee seems to be adjudicating better and better scores. Indeed, we have several candidates vying for the Sandman Trophy. Play at Langara has gone very smoothly and all the competitions have run like clockwork, in part due to the fine work of all the Competition Chairs. Many thanks to all of you. On the course, the Captain's Committee continues to monitor the pace of play, with fine results. The Pro Shop and the course Marshal are pleased with our performance.

In terms of our competition schedule, the Ed Angel, Putting Jamboree and our first of two Interclub games with MWMC were held in June. West Point Golf Club currently holds a 10 vs 4 lead in the Interclub, with the second match to be held at the end of August. In July the Club & Flight Championships were held. *Congratulations to Wayne Ferrey, our Club Champion for 2008.* As well, our second Away Game was held at King's Links. At this printing of the Divot Dust, we have just completed the second TNT Competition and are in the midst of competing for the four (4) stroke play Championships and the Parker Shield Eclectic. The results of all completed competitions are posted on the WPGC website.

While we have made progress in developing a process for the Weekly Sign Up for the draw for the following week, we have more work to do. With the additional workload placed on the Captain's Committee as a result of increased membership play, we need to streamline our processes to reduce the workload. Notification of a *new Sign Up process* was sent to Foursome Captains on August 1st via e-mail and we would like to implement it immediately. *The new procedure requests Foursome Captains to indicate on the Sign Up sheet, the status of play for their group for the following two weeks.* This will require Foursome Captains and their foursome groups to keep in regular touch as to their playing status. The Draw for the following week is made up on Friday following completion of play, so members must notify Foursome Captains by Friday so that the most up-to-date information is used to make up the Draw.

Still on the schedule for August are the third Away Game at Golden Eagle Golf Club and the Palcutta Tournament, one of our highlights of the golfing season. *The Palcutta Social Night is on Tuesday August 26th at Langara, followed by the Tournament on Friday, August 29th.* Make sure you all sign up early for this event. The Sign Up Sheet is posted on the WPGC Board at Langara.

On another matter, I would like to update members on the medical condition of *Duncan MacInnes*, our Vice Captain. Duncan has been diagnosed with cancer and will be starting radiation / chemotherapy treatments shortly. Please send out your good wishes and prayers for a speedy recovery for Duncan. He has been really missed in the past few weeks judging by the number of inquiries and calls I have been getting.

Finally, *the Captain's Committee and the Board have been having on-going discussions on the future of the club since the beginning of the year.* The Board believes it is time to have a meeting of all club members to hear members views. Therefore, *a Special Meeting has been scheduled for October 23,* at which time the options will be discussed. A document outlining various options for the club will be distributed to the entire membership in advance of the meeting so that members can fully understand and appreciate the situation of the club.

We are scheduled to return to play at McCleery in September, so enjoy the rest of your time at Langara. Our first week at *McCleery* will be on *Friday, September 5th.*

I would personally like to thank the members of the Captain's Committee, consisting of *Duncan MacInnes* , Vice Captain, *Paul Levy, Dave Stephens,* and *Jim Trotter* for all their dedication and hard work. Please give them your full support.

Good health and good golf to all members.

Jim Selley

ADVANCE NOTICE
SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, October 23, 2008 at Langara Golf Club
Time: 4:00 to 6:00PM

A VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF THE WEST POINT GC

WHERE AND WHEN TO PLAY?
WHAT ARE THE CHOICES AVAILABLE?
WHAT ARE OUR PREFERENCES?



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

The Neil McIntyre Trophy was introduced in 1986, the year that Neil was the Club president. The Doug LeBlanc (Monthly Medal) Shield followed in 1990 to replace the Reube Haack Trophy that appeared in 1987.

1988 saw the introduction of the *Parker Shield* and the *Ed Angel Trophies* when Roli Parker was the Club president and Ed was the Vice Captain.

Social Director's Message



Jim Mackie

A record turnout attended the Opening Social in April and it is hoped that there is a similarly large attendance at the *Palcutta Social Night*.

It is being held on *Tuesday, August 26th*, starting at 7pm at the Langara G.C. The *Team Draw and Bidding* will be coordinated by *Terry MacDonald* with this year's auctioneer being *Kent Curley*.

Come a few minutes early and review the competition's foursomes, tee times and confirm your strategy for participation in the entertaining and lively auction. Nibbles will be available to energize your bidding.

The *Palcutta Tournament* will be played on *Friday, August 29th*. Sign-up materials are posted – look for them on the Notice Board. Our final away game of the season is at *Riverway G.C, on Tuesday*

September 9th and will be coordinated by *Ron Babcock*. To many of us this will be a homecoming to last year's home course for much of the season. It will be interesting to see if the creeks are as tricky as last year. This is another opportunity to play and socialize with your fellow West Pointers. Look for the sign-up sheet that is posted on our Notice Board,

Circle *Wednesday, November 12th* on your calendars for our *Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon* at Arbutus Club. Details will be posted later.

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

Jim Mackie

Upcoming events of note			
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Information from our Captain's Table

New Weekly Sign-Up Procedure

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The new procedure *requires* Foursome Captains to indicate, on the weekly sign-up sheets, the status of play for their group *for the following two weeks*. The sign-up sheets will be on the Captain's table.

Your intention to play (and thus receive a tee time) must now be made known two weeks in advance. Note that you must inform the Captain of your regular foursome, so that he can sign you up - keep in mind that you may not have been playing with your regular foursome that day. If you plan to play and you have not been in contact with your regular Foursome Captain – check in at the Captain's table yourself.

Your playing status can be modified each week should circumstances change.

The Captain's Committee looks forward to your continued support and hope that you will enjoy the variety of experiences that we have planned for you for the balance of our season.

COMING EVENTS – AUGUST, SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

COMPETITIONS & COORDINATORS

CLUB STROKE CHAMPIONSHIPS – CAPTAIN'S COMMITTEE

HANDICAP COMPETITION – CAPTAIN'S COMMITTEE

SUPER SENIOR & SENIOR MASTER CHAMPIONSHIP

PARKER SHIELD – BRIAN CICOZZI

PALCUTTA TOURNAMENT - TERRY MACDONALD

AWAY GAMES – BOB JACK TROPHY

GOLDEN EAGLE G.C. (PITT MEADOWS) – ANDY SCHMIDT

RIVERWAY G.C. (BURNABY) – RON BABCOCK

MIDWEEK INTERCLUB MATCH

MIDWEEK INTERCLUB MATCH 2 (LANGARA) – BRIAN CICOZZI

SOCIAL EVENTS

PALCUTTA BID NIGHT - AT LANGARA G.C.

SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING

A VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF THE WEST POINT GC

October 23rd – Langara G. C.- 4:00 – 6:00PM

ANNUAL AGM, AWARDS AND LUNCHEON

ARBUTUS CLUB – NANTON STREET – NOVEMBER 12TH

Once again we would like to recognize the important role the Foursome Captains and publicly thank them for their diligent attention to the weekly routine of communicating the scheduled tee times to their playing partners. This aspect of the competition management has been invaluable to the smooth running of each week's draw and, more importantly, to our relations with the pro shop – gentlemen, the Captain's Committee thanks you!!



Annual Palcutta Social and Bid Night

Date: *Tuesday, August 26th*
Time: *7:00 P.M.*

Annual Palcutta Tournament

Date: *Friday, August 29th*
Tee Times - *check the website*

Location for both events:
[Langara Golf Course](#)

Contact [Terry MacDonald](#)

604-299-3197
terry.macdonald@shaw.ca

Look for the sign-up sheet on our board at Langara

REMEMBER - NO GIMMIES

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

The first Inter Club match was played in 1989, at the University Club, which was handily won by the West Point Club. Apparently, Norm Clark donated a perpetual trophy for this event – *our historian will have to check this out!(Editor)*

The Hole in One Award was established in 1989 for any member ... *“who achieves a Hole in One while playing a complete round of 18 holes on the McCleery Golf Course, with no temporary greens or tees, when accompanied by two or more Club members, on any Monday to Friday from Opening Day to Closing Day.”*

The Palcutta Smoker and Tournament was introduced in 1986 and had become increasingly popular over the years. In 1989, “Twenty three teams vied for part of an Auction Pool of \$575.00, a Player Pool of \$230.00 and a Honey Pot of \$86.00. The *Dave Fairweather* team of *Jack Apps* and *Ed Bobinski* won top honours in the Auction Pool and Player Pool. The Honey Pot was shared by *Doug Symonds* and *Doug Whittle.*”

Changes to the rules of golf ... for a complete review
of recent rule changes, see the website
www.rcga.org

OUR RULES CORNER EDITOR

Dave Fairweather
Charter Member - WPGC

President 1991
Captain 1989,90,2002,03

Editor's Note – Dave is our Club's Rules Commentator as well as our advisor on rules interpretation and "brush-up" reminders.

A RULES REMINDER

A couple of weeks ago, a member posed a question and I wasn't able to provide a complete answer, so I checked out the Rules of Golf.



Question: If your ball comes to rest against a rake (movable obstruction), which has been placed on the grass slope beside a bunker, but in removing the rake, the ball moves, and will not stay at rest when a replacement is attempted, how is this dealt with?



Under Movable Obstructions, Rule 24 1/4 and 1/5, it states in 24 1/4 that: "There is no penalty if a ball moves during removal of a movable obstruction", then in 24 1/5: "Before moving the obstruction, the player marks the position of the ball, so that he will be able to replace the ball precisely".

The second part of the question is dealt with in Rule 20-3d/2. It speaks to a ball resting against a rake in a bunker and indicates that – "with the removal of the rake, the ball will not stay at rest on the original position, it must be placed at the nearest spot, not nearer the hole, where it can be placed at rest".

Logically, this would apply similarly to the ball at rest against a rake on a grass slope beside a bunker and when removed, the ball runs down into the bunker.

Did you catch some of the British Open at Royal Birkdale –IN THAT WIND?

After witnessing some of the coverage, particularly during the periods of high winds when balls occasionally were moving on the greens after being initially at rest, I, among others had a concern about *Rule 18-2b - Ball Moving After Address* and dropped a note to Brent McLaughlin, at the RCGA, to see if it is under review. In part, I said:

"The Forward in the 'good book', states - "The Rules of Golf should be faithful to their historical principles; must also be clear, comprehensive and understandable with penalties that are appropriate".

The question I have is this: "How can it be considered to be fair and appropriate when a player on the putting green under strong wind conditions will be subject to a penalty of one stroke if the wind moves the ball after he has taken his stance and grounded his club, before he can commence his stroke?"

I wonder if any action to review this Rule 18-2b is being considered. Many of us believe

that in the circumstances indicated, this Rule is contrary to the spirit and intent of fair play and that it deserves a good look.

I would appreciate your reaction and advice. Best Regards, Dave .

Brent's forthcoming response will be presented in the October issue of the Divot Dust

For the reader's information:

Rule 18-2b – Ball Moving After Address. "If a player's ball in play moves after he has addressed it (other than as a result of a stroke), the player is deemed to have moved the ball and incurs a penalty of one stroke. The ball must be replaced".

Addressing the ball: "A player has addressed the ball when he has taken his stance and has also grounded his club.

(Under strong wind conditions, he is under threat of a penalty if his ball is moved by the wind, after grounding his club but before starting his stroke).

Ball in Play Moved by Wind or Gravity:

A player has cleaned and placed his ball at rest on the putting green. Without addressing the ball, the player steps away to read his putt and the ball moves either due to the wind or slope of the green. The ball must be played from the new position without penalty. If it rolls into the hole, the player is deemed to have holed out with his previous stroke!!

A player has addressed his ball on the green, but then steps back to check the line and the ball moves before it is struck. The player incurs a penalty of one stroke and the ball must be replaced. By definition, the wind is not an outside agency.

Dave Fairweather

A GOLFING STATISTIC

A recent study revealed that the average golfer walks approximately 900 miles per year. A subsequent study found that golfers drink, on average, 22 gallons of alcohol per year".

That means – on average – golfers get about 41 miles to the gallon!

Kind of makes you proud.

Provided by J. Grant & Associate

Competition Winners – June, July and August

Club Champion 2008 Wayne Ferrey



Accepting the Club Championship Trophy
from Captain Jim Selley

McIntyre Trophy

Laurie Craddock (bb9)

Runner Up

Wayne Ferrey

Pot 'o Gold Winner

Ozzie Isfeld

T.N.T. Tournament @ Langara

Jim Selley, Jack Grant,
Joe Hurley & Dave Fairweather

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP – MATCH PLAY

WINNER - WAYNE FERREY

Runners Up (bb6)

Norm Thiessen, Carl Jonsson,
Fred Griffin & Bill Wilson

Runner Up - Glen Lockhart

Ed Angel Trophy

Winners

Don Clancy & Lorne Lindsay

Runners Up

Geoffery Trunkfield & Dave Thomas

Flight A

Winner - **Garry Watson**

Runner Up - **Neil Brett-Davies**

Flight B

Winner - **Paul Levy**

Runner Up - **Dave Fairweather**

Putting Jamboree –

Len Brown Memorial Trophy

Dave Fairweather

Flight C

Winner - **Roger Kronqvist**

Runner Up - **Gil Jones**

Team

Dave Fairweather & Mike Carter

Bob Jack Trophy
Away Game Competition
(Games 1 & 2)
Top 5 - Low Net
Norm Thiessen
Terry MacDonald
Brian Ciccozzi
Glen Lockhart
Dave Stephens

June Winners
0 –18 Neil Brett-Davies &
Ron Babcock
19–24 Dave Thomas
25Up Don Clancy

July Winners
0 –18 Peter Coyle
19–24 Don McIntyre
25Up Chuck Kotzo

LeBlanc Shield
(to be played October 12)
May Winners
0 –18 Laurie Craddock
19–24 Hugh Marshall
25Up George Doiron

Inter Club Game 1 at UGC
WPGC - 10
UMMGC - 4

Tuesday, August 26th - 7:00 P.M

**Annual Palcutta Bid Night
and Social Evening**

Langara Golf Course Club



IN MEMORIUM

Norm Watt

"The 81 year mortal tenure of Professor Emeritus Norman Watt came to a peaceful end on June 2nd in precisely the way he would have wanted – at home, in his sleep" - *from UBC Trek Magazine, Summer 2008.*

Norm was an avid golfer and a long time member of our Club. He was probably best known for his many spirited performances as our Palcutta Bid Night auctioneer as well as his Putting Jamboree victories and Pot 'o Gold winnings with that vintage putter that he treasured. His contagious enthusiasm for all his endeavours and his zest for "wanting to make life a bit more interesting" will be missed.

REMEMBER!!

MCCLEERY – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

4 BALL COMPETITION

Two Person Teams – 5 Rounds

Teams to be established by the Captain's Committee

Event Coordinator – Jim Mackie

*Check our website – click on the "tee times" location
www.westpointgolf.org*

ONE MORE TIME !!!

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