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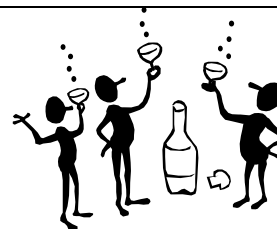
It's hard to believe that we are at the start of another seven-month season of golf. Hopefully over the winter layoff we have all renewed our vows to keep our heads down and our hopes high! I expect some of us will realize our dreams of better (and more consistent) scores but we all can bank on having lots of fun and social interaction while we engage in friendly competition. So welcome back from wherever you wintered.

Jim Appleby will be introducing the names of our new members later and to them, I offer a special welcome.

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Opening Social Evening – 2008
Tuesday, April 1 – 7:00 P.M.

Langara Golf Course



Last year was not the greatest due to the civic strike so we look forward to making up for it by a full season at the two courses we all prefer: McCleery and Langara. We will see more of the latter than previously due to a change in venue for our social events (except the AGM) to the Langara Club house. The staff there have been most accommodating in meeting our requirements and I think we will enjoy the change. Our Opening Social on April 1, which kicks off the club season, will be at Langara and I hope to see a good turnout. This is an excellent opportunity to get up to date on the new schedule, meet old friends, get to know new members and learn about any new club procedures. Hard copies of the club fixture card and the Pocket Reference will be available at the meeting.

We start the season with one hundred paid-up playing members – the maximum allowed under current club rules. This is of course good news for the Club and an indication that our program of activities is what senior golfers are looking for. It also means extra challenges to arrange tee times efficiently and ensure that play proceeds smoothly to the satisfaction of the Club and the golf course staff. If you attend the Opening Social you will learn how we intend to meet these challenges and the part you, as a member, will be expected to play. We also have members-in-waiting who will be given an opportunity to play when there are temporary openings in any foursomes.

Opening Day is Friday, April 4th at McCleery. Let's try and make this the best opening turnout ever – rain or shine! The Captain's Committee wants to see you there and to respond quickly to your Foursome Captains call for a commitment to play. This group works very hard to keep things running smoothly so please back them up each week during the season by letting them know a week in advance of your intention to play and by living up to your commitment.

I am really looking forward to seeing you at the Opening Social and throughout the season on the links.

Have a great season of golf.

Ray Dujardin

Opening Day – 2008
Friday, April 4
McCleery Golf Course
Bud Brown Eclectic – Day 1 of 4





Captain's Message

captain@westpointgolf.org

A hearty welcome back to returning members and a warm welcome to new members of West Point Golf Club. While many of you have been either honing your golf skills in warmer climes or looking out the window in Vancouver wishing you could play golf, the Captain's Committee has been hard at work planning an exciting 2008 golf season for all West Point members. Frankly, it seems that just yesterday we were closing off the 2007 Season and yet here we are, less than a month away from the start of a new one. Given that the strike-plagued 2007 is behind us, I think all members can look to a great rebound season this year

We have made a few changes to the competition schedule, particularly the Away Games, the Club Championship schedule, and finally, a plan to stage the Four-Ball Competition, which unfortunately had to be cancelled last year due to the strike. In terms of the Away Games, we have only one returning venue, Riverway, and have replaced the remaining venues with Point Roberts, Golden Eagle, and Kings Links. We think members will enjoy the courses added this year and will find them all interesting tests of golf. We will have the same tee time structure as we had last year at both McCleery and Langara. However, the Board has approved a novel solution to deal with any issues of extra tee time requirements, which will be presented at the Opening Social. It will require our members to promptly notify and honor commitments on play to their foursome captains, but we think it is workable and will allow all members to enjoy the full play and social aspects of the club.

We have reviewed the foursome groups and made changes as necessary to deal with club turn-over. As they were last season, the Foursome Captains will be an integral communication link between their foursome and the Captain's Committee. We will continue to count on them to advise the Captain's Committee on foursome participation, as well as to keep their group informed of upcoming competitions and social events.

I would like to comment on one of the major challenges from last year, and a wonderful success: pace of play. I firmly believe that West Point has continued to receive the support of the Pro Shops because the membership responded to their concern regarding "slow play". However, we cannot rest on our laurels; all of us must keep it up again in 2008. I know I can count on your support for this important issue to the club.

Finally, the other issue I would like to remind the membership about is the posting of scores. With the problems of the McCleery website last summer it became difficult for members to record their scores. However, it is a requirement of the West Point Club that members post all scores for all games played during the West Point Golf season.

I look forward to seeing you all again soon and hope everyone has an enjoyable golf season.

Jim Selley

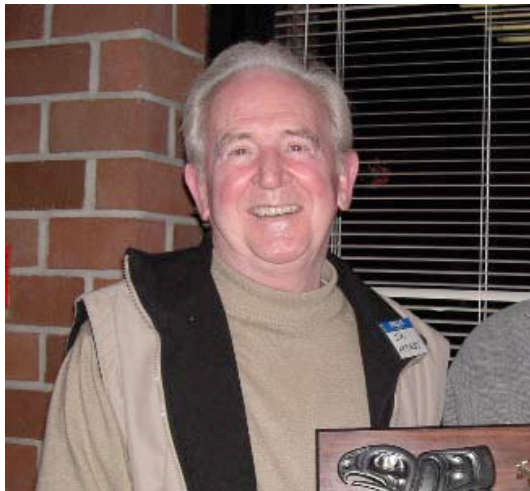
Opening Day Sign-up Procedures

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 Monday, March 31st 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

We are pleased to announce that we're full!! For the first time in a few years, the club has reached full capacity with the addition of *Chuck Kotso* as member 100 in February.

The following gentlemen have also joined the club since the last divot dust:

<i>Nick Atkinson</i>	<i>Phil Joughin</i>
<i>Jack Catherwood</i>	<i>Terry MacDonald</i>
<i>Wayne Gatley</i>	<i>Peter Morse</i>
<i>Joe Hurley</i>	<i>Rob Sandhu.</i>

Please look out for these new members at our Opening Social on April 1st. They will have distinctive name tags.

In addition, we have three players who have indicated they wish to become members and are in a '*waiting to play*' category. They have also been invited to our opening social.

All new and soon to be members are invited to attend a *new members' meeting* on March 28th at 10:00 a.m. at McCleery.

Goodbye!

We are sorry to announce that *Terry Gorman* and *Ambrose Lewis* moved out of reasonable commuting distance and *Bob Schutz* has a timing conflict. *John Girling* has become an Associate Member. We will miss them.

Disclaimer

Any previous association of five of the new members with the Vancouver School Board and the Membership Director is purely coincidental!

Jim Appleby

NEW MEMBERS' ORIENTATION MEETING

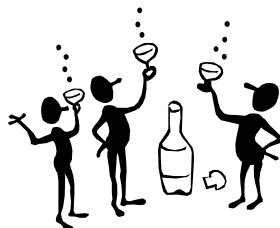
*March 28th at 10:00 A.M.
McCleery Golf Course*

This official function will feature presentations from our President, Captain & Vice Captain, Membership Director, Webmaster and Systems Manager .

Our Handicap Reporting procedure will be demonstrated and you will have a "hands-on" session to learn to enter your personal data.

2008 Opening Social

Social Director's Message



The *social event dates* for the year are confirmed for the 2008 season. The two social evenings – our *opening social* and the *Palcutta Bid Night* have been moved to the *Langara Golf Course Clubhouse*. The dates are Tuesday, April 1st for opening social evening and Tuesday, August 26th for the Palcutta Bid Night. *Each will commence at 7:00 P.M.* The Annual General Meeting, Banquet & Awards will continue to be held at Arbutus Club, commencing at 11:30 AM on Wednesday, November 12, 2008.

It is particularly important to attend the opening social to obtain the *2008 fixture card* and our enhanced *Pocket Reference* book. Also, Club updates for the coming season will be presented by the President, Captain and Webmaster. But most importantly, it is the ideal time to reconnect with your foursome, socialize with fellow Club members and meet our new members. You will be pleased to learn that the *Opening Social's* usual 50-30-20 draw will feature the addition of a few new unique prizes – I am looking forward to seeing you all there!

Jim Mackie

Introducing Roy Moulton - 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 material, then completes four mailings per season to those members of ours who are electronically deprived. Talk about service – thank you, Roy!



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

Ed Bobinski	Bill Gerard	Gil Jones	Ben Oxholm
Neil Brett-Davies	Ed Gibbon	Norm Kent	George Sarich
Jesse Cove	Jack Grant	Stan Lawson	Andy Schmidt
David Dickson	Bruce Groom	Hugh Marshall	Hans Stausboll
Dave Fairweather	David Haddleton	Ab Miles	Al Williams
Maurice Foisy	Harold Hunter	Roy Moulton	

Fluff

"Nice shot! Nice shot! Nice shot! Nice shot!" Grier Jones - when asked what he says to Jack Nicklaus when the two are playing partners.

The standardized golf hole is 4.25 inches in diameter.

Longest hole-in-one: Believe it or not – it's registered (and endorsed) by the U.S. Golf Register – in 2002 Mike Crean aced the 517 yard par 5 hole at Green Valley Ranch Golf Club near Denver, Colo.

The key to improving is to catch yourself doing something right – Ken Blanchard



Opening Day Notes
from our
Vice Captain
& Tee Time Coordinator

Duncan MacInnes

captain@westpointgolf.org

The Parks Board is taking a much tougher attitude this year as there will now be \$10.00 penalties levied for each no-show. *Foursome Captains* - it is, therefore, imperative that you let us know, on each and every Friday, who will be playing next week. If you aren't going to be playing make sure you assign a foursome designate who will advise us as to who will play next week. The members of *the Captain's Table* will be set up each week, in the cafeteria, for your convenience. So make sure you let us know who, in your foursome, will be playing next week.

Our season starts with the Opening Social, at the *Langara G.C. clubhouse*, on April 1 at 7:00 P.M. Please remember that Opening Day will be April 4th at *McCleery G.C.* Opening Day, which is Day 1 of the *Bud Brown Eclectic* competition, will also be a fun day with KPs and drink tickets to be won, so don't miss it!!!!

An email message will be sent to all Foursome Captains on March 24 asking for confirmation regarding who will be playing on April 4th. In order to be scheduled for a tee time, replies must be received by March 28th. Foursome Captains will be informed of their tee times on Saturday, March 29th.

All foursomes will be scheduled. I will assign each foursome a Tee Time and then inform your foursome's captain. He will then contact you to let you know your assigned tee time. If you have not heard from your foursome captain by Friday, March 29th please contact him or me.

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

Finally, there will be a sign-up sheet posted on our notice board at McCleery permitting you to register for our first *Away Game* in our four game *Bob Jack Trophy* competition. *Away Game 1* will take place at the *Point Roberts Golf and Country Club* on Monday, May 5th.

Duncan MacInnes

Foursomes and Captains – (* New Members) - 2008

Team	Team Captain	Player 2	Player 3	Player 4
1	Miles, Ab	Dickson, David	Gibbon, Ed (cart)	Kronqvist, Roger (cart)
2	Brett-Davies, Neil	Levy, Paul	MacInnes, Duncan	Selley, Jim
3	Stausboll, Hans	Sizer, Brian	Williams, Al	Paquette, George
4	Moulton, Roy (cart)	Gately, Wayne *	Fortescue, Rex	Duncan, Bob (cart)
5	Stephens, Dave	McIntyre, Don	Gatto, Bob	McPherson, Don
6	Schmidt, Andy	Dujardin, Ray	Appleby, Jim	Ciccozzi, Brian
7	Marshall, Hugh	Lawson, Stan	Sinclair, Gary (cart)	Hunter, Harold (cart)
8	Appel, Tony	Morse, Peter *	Isfeld, Ozzie	Roberts, Art
9	Gerard, Bill	Letherby, Cal	Smith, Dick	Matkovich, John
10	Foisy, Maurice	Shippam, Lloyd	Poole, Ernie (cart)	Alms, Michael (cart)
11	Griffin, Fred	Jonsson, Carl	Foster, John	Mackie, Jim
12	Clancy, Don	Trunkfield, Geoffrey	Wilson, Bill	Wood, John
13	Watson, Gary	Cowlin, Bud	McPherson, John	Babcock, Ron
14	MacDonald, Terry*	Kent, Norm (cart)	Mitha, Sadru	Jones, Gil (cart)
15	Lindsay, Lorne	Leong, Sim	Mar, Wing	Zazulak, Peter
16	Craddock, Laurie (cart)	Plummer, Jack (cart)	Laidlaw, Michael	Coyle, Peter
17	Oxholm, Ben	Lockhart, Glen	Bobinski, Ed	Banergee, Kumar
18	Thiessen, Norm	Ferrey, Wayne	McNichol, Bill	Sarich, George
19	Fairweather, Dave (cart)	Symonds, Doug (cart)	Groom, Bruce (cart)	Tennant, Arnold (cart)
20	Grant, Jack (cart)	McCulloch, Gord (cart)	Trotter, Jim	McHattie, John
21	Curley, Kent	Griggs, Neil	Allen, Chris	Schwab, Dieter
22	Haddleton, David	Cooke, David	Carter, Mike	Thomson, Craig
23	Rotherham, Don	Cove, Jesse (cart)	Doiron, Goerge (cart)	Thomas, Dave
24	Joughin, Phil *	Sandhu, Rob *	Hurley, Joe *	Catherwood, Jack *
Spare s	Atkinson Nick*	Lyle, Wally	Wilkinson, Fred	Chuck Kotzo *

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. Check the website (www.westpointgolf.org) for the weekly Sunday evening posting.
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 either while at McCleery or at home via our website (www.westpointgolf.org)

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.

OUR RULES CORNER EDITOR

DAVE FAIRWEATHER

Charter Member - WPGC
President 1991
Captain 1989,90,2002,03

Editor's Note – Dave has kindly agreed to continue as a member of the Divot Dust's regular staff in the capacity of the Club's Rules Commentator. He is our advisor on rules interpretation and "brush-up" reminders.

A RULES REMINDER

As we move into serious competitive action on Opening Day – April 4th, it is timely to be reminded of some of the Rules of Golf. *Some of you may already have digested the 'Principal Changes' in the new RCGA Rules of Golf booklet,*



which became effective on January 1, 2008. The previous one had been effective since January 1, 2004.

To set the tone, there follows a couple of quotes in the 'Forward' by Jack McDonald, Chairman- Rules of Golf Committee, RCGA:

"While it is important that the Rules of Golf be faithful to their historical principles, they must also be clear, comprehensive and understandable with penalties that are appropriate".

"The RCGA will continue to work closely with the R&A and the USGA in all matters concerning the Rules of Golf in order to ensure that the integrity of the game and its Rules can be both preserved and enhanced".

If you haven't yet purchased your personal rules book (\$4.50), all will be revealed if you visit the RCGA website at www.rcga.org.



When you have some quiet time available to sit down with a lawyer friend and a beer, you will find that the RCGA website covers the following topics:

- Etiquette: Behaviour on the Course.
- Definitions.
- The RCGA Rules of Play.
- *The Principal Changes.*
- Decisions on the Rules of Golf – 2008/2009.

The following covers only a selected few of the 'Changes':

Definition – Advice: Amended to allow the exchange of information on distance, as it is not considered to be 'advice'.

Rules of Play:

Rule 12-2 Identifying Ball: Lifting a ball in a hazard to identify it, had previously been an 'exception', but is now permitted. It is not to be cleaned beyond the extent necessary for identification.

Rule 14-3 Artificial Devices: A note has been added to clarify that a Local Rule may be introduced, allowing the use of distance measuring devices.

Rule 19-2 Ball in Motion Deflected or Stopped by Player, Partner or Caddie or Equipment: The penalty in match play had been – 'loss of hole' but is now the same as in stroke play – 'one stroke penalty'.

Let's move on to more close to home application of the rules, which may not have been of great concern when trying to find your swing tempo over the winter:

Now that we will be playing for the 'Goodie\$' each week, it is important that a look be taken at two items on the back of the Fixture Card: *Item 4 – Preferred Lie Rule and Item 5 – Putting Out Rule.* It is now time that we all respect and adhere to the same rules.

You are also referred to the May 2007 Divot Dust in which "Additional Rules of Play" were outlined by our Vice Captain – Duncan MacInnes, covering: 1. *Out of Bounds;* 2. *Time to find lost ball;* 3. *Plugged balls.* (Editor's note - Please see page 14 for the re-print.)

Have a great year!

Dave Fairweather

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

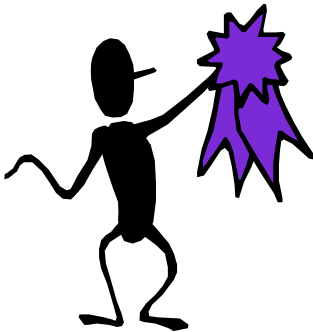
Coming Events – April & May, 2008

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 the McCleery Golf Course during 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 Mackie

Bud Brown Eclectic
Brian Ciccozzi

T.N.T. Tournament – McCleery
Don McIntyre

McIntyre Trophy
Don Clancy

Away Game Competition
David Fairweather – Point Roberts G.C.

Captain's Table - Card Adjudicators
Paul Levy, Dave Stephens,
Jim Trotter

Opening Day Competition

Bud Brown Eclectic – Day 1 of 4

Stroke Play- Best gross score by hole, for 18 holes, four rounds.
Winners – Lowest 18 Eclectic Gross score in each division,

Added features on Opening Day
KP's, Long Drive, Prizes

Last Years' Heros!

Competition Winners – April and May 2007

Congratulations on last year's performances!

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



Bud Brown Eclectic
0-18 Chris Allen
19-24 Ray Dujardin
25Up George Doiron

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

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

Runners Up
Dave Stephens, Wally Lyle,
Arnold Tennant & Jim Trotter

McIntyre Trophy
Bud Cowlin

Runner Up
Bob Gatto

Divisional Winners
0 –18 Norm Thiessen
19–24 Bob Gatto
25Up Bud Cowlin

The best wood in my bag today was the pencil.
Chi Chi Rodriguez after a bad round



Message from our Director at Large

Our inventory of WPGC caps has arrived and the Club is pleased to announce that the cost remains the same as last year.

\$12.00

Please call me at 604 221-4410
or
Speak to me at the Opening Social Function

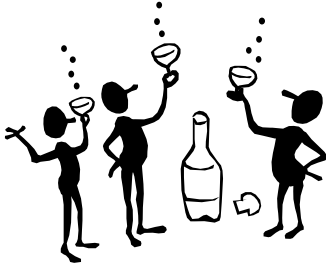
Dave Stephens

WEST POINT GOLF CLUB

OPENING SOCIAL

7:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2008



LANGARA GOLF CLUBHOUSE

- **UPDATE YOUR FOURSOME AND MEET NEW CLUB MEMBERS**
- **HEAR THE PRESIDENT'S PLANS, THE CAPTAIN'S LINE UP OF COMPETITIONS AND AWAY GAMES AND WEBMASTER'S UPDATE**
- **COLLECT YOUR 2008 FIXTURE CARD AND POCKET REFERENCE**
- **RECEIVE YOUR HOLE IN ONE DRINK COUPON**
- **ENJOY THE SNACK PLATES**
- **PARTICIPATE IN 50-30-20 AND SPIRIT DRAW (3 NEAR FULL BOTTLES)**

Questions? Call Jim Mackie - Social Director: 604 985-4751

Additional Rules of Play:
Duncan MacInnes - Vice Captain

captain@westpointgolf.org

(Re-printed from the May, 2007 issue of the Divot Dust)

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.

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