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President's Message

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Ray Dujardin

As we near the end of our first two months of play in 2008 things are looking good! We have had near-record turnouts of up to 22 foursomes on Friday playing days. This is 88% of our playing membership. Mind you this means more work for the Captain, Vice Captain and their committee of helpers – more cards to record and tee times to arrange which all makes for a long day for them at the golf course. We appreciate your efforts guys.

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Supplementing our tee time schedule with prepaid bookings is working well for everyone and seems a very beneficial way to spend our surplus funds. The routine of members checking with the Captain's Table after play to indicate intentions to play the following week is also panning out. All in all we have a good workable system in place for organizing tee times but we all have to play our part to keep it that way. Honouring our commitments to play, except for very good reasons, and turning up on time are very important.

The Opening Social was a success and everyone seemed to enjoy having the event at Langara G.C. The staff there treated us well and we will return to Langara for the Palcutta Social on August 29th. Personally I found the atmosphere very conducive for getting to know new members and renewing old friendships.

The "trying out" of alternatives for Away Games started with a venue at Point Roberts G.C. Most of us found it a challenging course but nevertheless enjoyable. In July we will play a round at King's Links, Ladner, which I certainly look forward to. I recommend you participate in the Away Games – it's a great way to meet people in a very sociable setting. Remember too the Putting Jamboree in June where you will also meet some of our non-playing members during and after this fun event.

On June 6th we switch play from McCleery to Langara where we will continue to play during June through August. Langara is a favourite of many members – it's shorter but those greens are always a challenge. The course has had its maintenance problems this year but we hope most have been remedied by time we start play there.

Thanks to the efforts of a diligent Board of Directors and appointees for special events my job as President is not very stressful! The Nominating Committee always seems to come up with good people. So if you are asked by the committee during the next couple of months to fill a role on the Board next season – please say "Yes". It is actually very fulfilling if not enjoyable to being involved in organizing a fine club of active seniors.

I hope your scores this year have been better than mine! I do get frustrated at times until I appreciate and give thanks for the ability to play golf among friends and in such a beautiful place on Earth. You can't wish for better than that.

Ray Dujardin

We Move to Langara Golf Course

On Friday, June 6, 2008

*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 again... I think that's how I started the article last year. However, we have had great weather for the past few weeks and most of the spring showers should likely be behind us now. In spite of the iffy weather, we had only lost one week and have had excellent member participation. Indeed, we have been using 22 tee times most weeks, which means that nearly all the members are playing regularly. The practice of paying the premium for the extra tee times seems to be working well and members appreciate being assigned a tee time, saving them the hassle of trying to book one.

The score card adjudication, as was put in place last year, takes place during play on Friday. 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. Promptly turning in scores also assists the Captain's Committee in completing their work shortly after play. With the extra tee times and additional playing members, the Captain's Committee is putting in long days and appreciates your support.

I would like to remind members that privileges we receive from the McCleery and Langara staff comes with responsibilities. In return, we have an obligation 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. Pace of play has been monitored since the beginning of the season and play times have been good with very few exceptions. The Pro Shop Staff and the Course Marshals have also expressed their appreciation with WPGC efforts to ensure we meet the course play time standard. Keep it up guys, you are doing GREAT!

We have completed two competitions: the Bud Brown Eclectic and the TNT with the third competition, the McIntyre Trophy currently being played. The event chairs, *Brian Ciccozzi* with his wonderful spreadsheet for the Eclectic, *Don McIntyre* and *Don Clancy* and their helpers have done an excellent job with the events. In addition, we held our first Away Game at Point Roberts. The event was a great success and all participants expressed a desire to return to the course again. Many thanks to *Dave Fairweather* who did a wonderful job organizing the competition. The Divot Dust has recorded all the winners in each of these competitions (*see page 10*).

We complete spring play at McCleery on May 30 and will be moving to our summer home at Langara Golf Course on June 6. Block times have already been arranged with Langara, as we had last year. Get out and practice your putting as you all know how challenging the Langara greens can be. Our first event at Langara is the Ed Angel Trophy on June 13 & 30, chaired by *Neil Brett-Davies*. We have an Interclub Match with the University Midweek Mens Club on June 2. 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, working with the two Club Captains. Also, in June we have the Putting Jamboree on Tuesday, June

24th at McCleery. *Norm Thiessen*, the event chair, will be providing club members with the details.

Our next Away Game is scheduled for July 7 at King's Links Golf Club. The event chair is *Craig Thomson*. I think all members will enjoy this course so make sure to sign up early. The balance of July will be devoted to the Club and Flight Championship Competitions. Make sure you work on your game to be ready for these truly competitive events.

Finally, I would like to announce *a change to the Handicap Groups that will be put in place when we start play at Langara*. To create a more even number of members in each handicap group, the Captain's Committee with the approval of the Board, has modified the handicap groups as follows:

Handicap group 1: 0 – 19
Handicap group 2: 20 – 24
Handicap group 3: 25+

I would personally like to thank the members of the Captain's Committee, consisting of *Duncan MacInnes*, our Vice Captain, *Paul Levy*, *Dave Stephens*, and *Jim Trotter*, 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 you 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 – FRIDAY, JUNE 6

Regular Foursome Play

*Par Points
Honey Pot
Monthly Medal*

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

Use your authentic swing, the one that you were born with.

Stephen Pressfield from The Legend of Bagger Vance

Membership Director's Message



Jim Appleby

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It is encouraging to hear many of our new members express positive feelings about our club. The majority have played in our regular Friday games and some made it to the away game at Point Roberts. The Captain's Committee should be acknowledged for the way in which they have welcomed and organized the new members.

It is unfortunate that we have lost some "waiting-to-play" members who decided not to wait for a variety of reasons. Current members may still sponsor new members, but it should be with a warning that there will probably be a wait to gain entry. We currently stand at 100 members and 4 "waiting-to-play" members, (two of whom are on the injury list). We are endeavouring to use these prospective members as spares where possible.

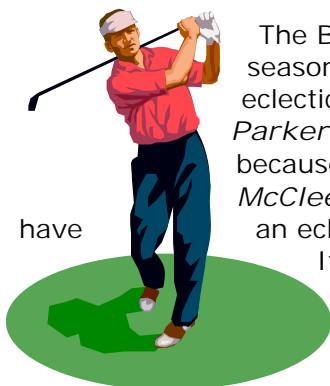
If there are any current members who do not have a bag-tag, would they let me know and I will "manufacture" the tags with club logo and name.

In an attempt to expose our newest members to a bit of the history of our Club, I offer a glimpse into the "beginnings" of our Annual Putting Jamboree as well as the story underlying the creation of the Bud Brown Eclectic Trophy and the man it commemorates.

The background stories follow:

"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 McCleery G.C. 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 division. 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.38.



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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

Respectfully submitted
Jim Appleby

Social Director's Message



Jim Mackie

The Opening Social was an outstanding success at the Langara location. Over eighty members attended in the cozy main lounge area. Everyone liked the change of venue and thought the Langara staff did a great job. A couple of members telephoned Langara the following day to praise the service we received. The staff appreciated these gestures.

Mark 7:00 pm, August 29th on your calendar for our Palcutta Social Night at Langara.

Coming Social Events

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 held at McCleery G.C. on Tuesday, June 24th. 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 *Laurie Craddock*. We are expecting *Norm Watt* to act as our returning auctioneer. This entertaining evening will take place at the *Langara G.C. location* on Tuesday, August 26th with the Tournament being held on Friday, August 29st. 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

"Frank, either you have to get better soon or quit telling people I'm your teacher."

Dave Marr to Pro Football Hall of Famer, Frank Gifford



Getting ready for
the Langara portion of the season:

Information from our
Vice Captain
& Tee Time Coordinator

Duncan MacInnes

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After being on everyone's case to maintain the pace of play, report your scores, then enter your scores into the official handicap data base, to verify your playing status for the coming week, etc., I'd like to take this opportunity to commend you for your attention to all the details that allow us to offer a most enjoyable golfing experience and warm, positive Club atmosphere. Your cooperation has been outstanding and we, at the Captain's Table, appreciate your support.

As usual, the transition to Langara takes place on the first Friday in June. We always look forward to a change in venue (even though the greens are not all that user friendly) and the challenging competitions that we have scheduled for the coming three months. Here is a summary list of the events that are waiting to challenge your skills:

COMING EVENTS – JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST

COMPETITIONS & COORDINATORS

ED ANGEL TROPHY – NEIL BRETT-DAVIES
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS – CAPTAIN'S COMMITTEE
HANDICAP COMPETITION – FLIGHT CHAMPIONS
SUPER SENIOR & SENIOR MASTER CHAMPIONSHIP
T.N.T. LANGARA – HUGH MARSHALL
PARKER SHIELD – BRIAN CICCOTZI
PALCUTTA TOURNAMENT - LAURIE CRADDOCK

AWAY GAMES – BOB JACK TROPHY

KING'S LINKS GOLF CLUB (LANGLEY) - CRAIG THOMSON
GOLDEN EAGLE G.C (PITT MEADOWS) – ANDY SCHMIDT

MIDWEEK INTERCLUB MATCHES

MIDWEEK INTERCLUB MATCH 1 (UBC) – BRIAN CICCOTZI
MIDWEEK INTERCLUB MATCH 2 (LANGARA) – BRIAN CICCOTZI

SOCIAL EVENTS


*PUTTING JAMBOREE – AT McCLEERY
PALCUTTA BID NIGHT- AT LANGARA G.C.*

It would be remiss of me not to single out the foursome captains and publically recognize 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 Group thanks you!!

On behalf of the Captain's Group, we look forward to your continued support and hope that you will be able to take the opportunity to enjoy the variety of experiences that we have planned for you during the Langara portion of our season.

Duncan MacInnes

Upcoming events of note			
Day	Date	Event	Location
Monday	June 2	Inter Club 1	Univ GC
Tuesday	June 24	Putting Jamboree	McCleery GC
Monday	July 7	King's Links GC	Ladner
Monday	August 18	Golden Eagle GC	Pitt Meadows
Monday	August 25	Inter Club 2	Langara GC
Friday	August 29	Palcutta	Langara GC

	<p style="text-align: center;">Annual Putting Jamboree and Social Function</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Date: <i>Tuesday, June 24th</i> Time: <i>10:00 A.M.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Len Brown Memorial Trophy</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Location: The practice putting area at McCleery Golf Course</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Contact Norm Thiessen</p> <p style="text-align: center;">604-736-2088 normarion@shaw.ca</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Look for the Sign-Up sheet on our board at Langara</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Remember - no gimmies</p>
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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

Rule 15-3b: Wrong Ball – Stroke play

If a competitor makes a stroke or strokes at a wrong ball, he incurs a penalty of two strokes. The competitor must correct his mistake by playing the correct ball.

Note: It is important at all times to be able to identify a ball as yours. This is best done by marking your balls in your own unique way.

Rule 19-5a: Ball in Motion Strikes a Ball At Rest

If a player's ball in motion after a stroke is deflected or stopped by a ball in play and at rest, the



player must play his ball as it lies. In stroke play there is no penalty, unless both balls lay on the putting green prior to the stroke, in which case the player incurs a penalty of two strokes. (A ball is on the green if any part of it is on).

Rule 18.5: Ball at Rest Moved by Another Ball

If a ball in play and at rest is moved by another ball in motion after a stroke, the moved ball must be replaced.

HOLING OUT DEFINED: A ball is holed, when it is at rest in the hole and fully below the top thereof.



Dave Fairweather

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

Competition Winners – April and May

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



Bud Brown Eclectic

0-18 Chris Allen(BB9)
19-24 Dave Stephens
25Up Jim Mackie

Runners Up

0 –18 Mike Carter
19–24 Neil Brett-Davies (BB6)
25Up Tony Appel (BB6)

T.N.T. Tournament @ McCleery

Jim Appleby, Neil Brett-Davies,
John McHattie & George Sarich

Runners Up

Brian Ciccozzi, Ray Dujardin,
Doug Symonds & Michael Alms

Bob Jack Trophy

Away Game Competition

(Game 1 at Pt. Roberts G.C.)

Low Gross – Jim Appleby
Low Net - Jim Mackie

Top 5 Low Net

Jim Mackie
Jim Appleby
David Haddleton
Brian Ciccozzi
Terry MacDonald
Andy Schmidt

LeBlanc Shield

(to be played October 12)

April Winners

0 –18 Peter Coyle & Garry Watson
19–24 Kumar Banerjee
25Up Don Rotherham

May Winners

0 –18 TBA
19–24 TBA
25Up TBA

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 892 visits (i.e., 217

visitors making an average of 4.11 visits each) and they viewed 3685 pages (an average of 4.13 pages per visit). Our traffic has increased from that of April, 2007 where the site received 616 visits (140 visitors) who viewed 2183 pages (3.5 per visit).

April's top five pages visited were: 1. tee times, 2. current events, 3. weekly prizes, 4. members gallery, and 5. leaderboard. To date, "traffic" data for May is on track to exceed April's usage.

Every effort is made to keep current by posting our competition 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 or speak with me at the golf course.

Gary Sinclair

Don't forget our 2008

**Annual Palcutta Bid Night
and Social Evening**

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

Location:

Langara Golf Course Club

Contact Laurie Craddock

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