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President's Message

Welcome to a new season of golf with the West Point Golf Club. As most of you are aware, there have been some anxious moments during the off-season when we met with consultants hired by the Vancouver Park Board. Their responsibility was to meet with each club playing on Park Board courses and determine their needs and enable the Park Board to develop policies and procedures and tee time allotment.

Dave Stephens, our Captain, **Brian Ciccozzi**, our Treasurer, and I met with consultants and their recommendations were approved by the Parks Board. All

members were copied the changes affecting our club on Feb. 10th, 2009 and given an opportunity to respond as to whether or not you wished to continue playing with West Point, given the changes.

We have received strong support from our members that the change of day, times, and months playing at Langara were not going to deter their participation and many welcomed the new guidelines.

As President, it has been rewarding to see the way in which our Board has worked together during the winter months to ensure that members have been contacted, schedules prepared, away games organized, and the *Pocket Reference* compiled. I would particularly like to acknowledge the work done by Dave in preparing for meetings with the Park Board and communicating with members in his own inimitable carefully thought-out way.

Inevitably there have been some losses to our roster of players. We were saddened by the loss of **Fred Griffin** and Associate Member **George Dedrick** in the past few months. Fred particularly contributed to the club as Social Director and Treasurer and was playing as recently as last fall. George, a former Club President, served on the Board of Directors, in five different positions, over a seven year span. Also, I am saddened to inform you that recent member **Les McKenny** has passed on.

Charter Member and Past President, **Jesse Cove**, Past Board Member, **Gil Jones**, and Past Club Vice-captain and Senior Club Champion, **Bill Gerard**, have all decided to retire from the club. We will miss them.

Don McIntyre is our new Membership Director and he will outline who our new members are and the waiting-to-play situation.

Langara club house is the site of our OPENING SOCIAL, 7-9 p.m. on Tuesday, MARCH 31st. I'm hoping for a strong turn-out. This will be an opportunity to pick up our new *Pocket Reference*, meet the new members, and check out the foursomes.

Opening Day is two days later: *April 2nd* and please note, that is a THURSDAY, (for those of you who have been out of the country!)

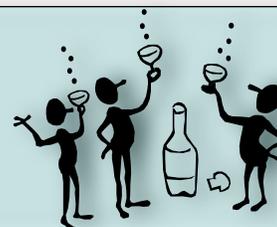
On behalf of the Board, may I wish everyone a great golf season----fast paced play, regular score reporting, observation of the cancellation policy, and a good memory of which day and where we are playing!

Jim Appleby

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Opening Social Evening – 2009
Tuesday, March 31st – 7:00 P.M.

Langara Golf Course



WPGC 1986 - CHARTER MEMBERS – ACTIVE IN 2009

"A Special General Meeting of the 'new' West Point Golf Club was held at the Kerrisdale Community Centre on *April 25, 1986*". The roster of members who opted to remain with the WPGC, at that time, were 53 in number and were recognized as the Club's "Charter Members".

Of these "original members", five are currently Active Members.

Dave Fairweather
Norm Kent
Roy Moulton
Doug Symonds
Fred Wilkinson

The current membership has benefited from, and salutes their dedicated service and continued contributions to our golfing pleasures!



Captain's Message

It's almost the start of the 2009 season. We have a fun program lined up, with a mix of regular weekly play, competitions and away games, and I hope you enjoy it.

After years of informal arrangements with the pro shops at McCleery and Langara, we're now officially recognized by the Vancouver Park Board (VPB) and have our block tee times (22 at McCleery and 20 at Langara) allocated by the Board. Past Captain *Jim Selley* should get much of the credit for this, as he got the ball rolling in December (before he headed off for warmer climes) with a proposal to the Park Board that made a persuasive case for more tee times.

In our subsequent discussions with Board staff and consultants retained by the Board, *Jim Appleby*, *Brian Ciccozzi* and I had the strong impression that WPG is regarded as something of a model among the clubs that play at the city courses. Let's do our best to maintain that reputation, by having a very low "no show" rate, maintaining a good pace of play, looking after the course, and being courteous to the staff.

A few points to bear in mind before we head out on April 2:

Most of last year's foursomes indicated that they would like to play together again this year. We've tried to respect that, while ensuring that our new members are effectively integrated into our club and trying to twin members who use power carts.

We have to submit our draw to McCleery or Langara on the Saturday preceding each Thursday game. To give us time to make up the draw, it is critical that we know by the end of play each Thursday whether you intend to play the following week (and, if possible, the week after). You can let *Lorne Lindsay* or me know at the Captain's table after each game or tell your season foursome captain, who will pass the information on to us. The important point to remember is that the onus is on you to let us know, not on us to chase you down.

I would ask you to bear in mind the VPB cancellation policy. Any golfer who has indicated an intention to play and who subsequently decides not to must cancel at least two hours before the assigned tee time or be subject to a \$10 penalty. To be able to enforce this policy, WPG golfers will be required to register either at one of the pro shops or on line at the VPB web site (vancouver.ca/parks/golf then click on "Book Tee Times Online" and follow the directions - members who have booked tee times on line at one of the city courses over the past year or so should already be registered, but please check.). So give lots of notice if you have to cancel. Let Lorne Lindsay (or me for the April 2 game, when Lorne is away) know if you decide to cancel by the Wednesday before the game; but if you decide on Thursday morning, let the pro shop know directly.

It's important that you keep your handicaps current – an up-to-day handicap is requisite for participation in any of our competitions. We are sending out instructions to our new members, but if you aren't familiar with the McCleery club handicap system that we use, or are having problems, speak with your season foursome captain, with Lorne or me, or with *Roy Moulton*, who is the real expert.

If you have any concerns about our golf program or activities or any suggestions to make for improvement, please don't hesitate to speak with Lorne or me.

Enough dos and don'ts. I'm looking forward to our season and to meeting and hopefully playing with our new members, to whom I extend a warm welcome.

Dave Stephens

Opening Day – 2009
Thursday, April 2
McCleery Golf Course
Regular Foursome Play



OPENING DAY 2008



Neil Brett-Davies, Brian Sizer, Paul Levy & Dunc MacInnes

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2008



Membership Director's Message

Welcome to the 2009 golf season! Our telephone poll of the members indicated enthusiastic support for the change of day of play from Friday to Thursday. The excellent presentation to the consultant hired by the Park Board to review operations of the three public courses has benefited the club. Not only have our number of tee times increased but we have been given similar status to all other clubs playing on these courses. At our March Meeting your Board agreed to maintain the limit of one hundred regularly playing members in set foursomes. It decided to increase the number of playing spares to fulfill our commitment to the Park Board.

We welcome as regularly playing members these new golfers:

*Neil Watson
John Podmore
Don Cook
Jim Richards*

*Dave Aitkin
Bob King
Ed Watson
Ed Murray*

Joining the club as full members and playing spares are:

Don Edmonds

Gus Fumano

These members will wear a distinctive name tag at our social at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 31 at the Langara Club House. Returning to the club after a year's absence is *Neil Watson*. Please give them our usual friendly WPGC welcome!

Current members *Dunc MacInnes*, *Rex Fortescue* and *Fred Wilkinson* have decided to participate as spares in 2009. *Peter Zazulak* did not renew his membership. We shall miss the play of long time members *Gil Jones* and founding member *Jesse Cove* who both decided to leave the club.

There are a number of keen players on our waiting list anxious to join the club. Members of the club will fondly remember both *Fred Griffin* and *Michael Laidlaw* who passed on this year.

Have an enjoyable season of play starting *April 2, at McCleery*.

Don McIntyre

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Happiness is a long walk with a putter in your hand.
Wayne Grady



Opening Day Notes
from our Vice Captain
Lorne Lindsay

Please keep our Pace of Play in: If you're not keeping up with the foursome in front of you, you're playing too slowly.

Remember: We can earn a lot of good will by being courteous to the pro shop and grounds maintenance staff and by taking care of the course (replacing divots and repairing our ball marks).

Foursomes and Foursome Captains - Highlights

All WPGC members have been placed in foursomes for the season. This is your "permanent" foursome, although you will frequently be playing with other members because we have had to adjust for absences or for the purposes of particular competitions.

Each foursome has a designated captain, whose responsibilities are:

To make sure that I know, by the close of play on any Thursday, which members of their "permanent" foursome will be playing/not playing the following week so that the draw can be made up;

Once the weekly draw is made up, to notify the others they will be playing with that week of the assigned tee time and the format for the day's play;

To ensure that his foursome keeps up with the foursome in front;

To encourage and, where necessary, help members of the week's foursome to enter their scores for handicap purposes;

To report any golf-related problems to the Captain or Vice-Captain for sorting out (not to the pro shop or grounds maintenance staff).

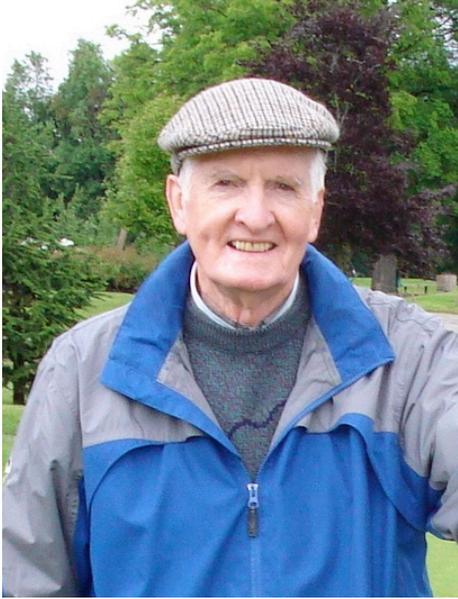
Permanent foursomes will be posted on the WPG website, as will weekly draws and tee times (usually by the Monday preceding the Thursday draw at the latest – but check before coming out in case we have had to make any last-minute changes.

Lorne Lindsay

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I played Civil War golf. I went out in '61 and came back in '65

Henny Youngman



RULE REMINDERS

Dave Fairweather

Charter Member - WPGC

President 1991

Captain 1989,90,2002,03

Lifetime Member - Bestowed 2008

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.

As the saying goes in the sports world - "It's time to get back to basics". This applies not only to our 'rusty' swings but also to – the rules of the game.

As for the swing, this year I'm trying to replicate Geoff Ogilvy's. Last year, it was Retief Goosen's. *Easy and straighter take-away – Good shoulder rotation – Slight pause at the top – Easy down and fully through onto the left side.*

For the benefit of our new members and as a refresher, it is important that we adhere to the same rules. The following are some key ones:

We have adopted the following:

PREFERRED LIE RULE - for play at all times and courses:

- a) Through the green (the whole course, except bunkers and water hazards) a ball may be lifted, cleaned and placed not more than six (6) inches from its original lie and no nearer the hole, without penalty.
- b) It may not be moved without a one (1) stroke penalty, when it lies within 36" (length of a wedge) of out of bounds or of a tree or stump.

PUTTING OUT RULE

- a) The rule of our Club has always been – "No Gimmes".
- b) If the ball doesn't hit the bottom of the cup, you don't have a valid score to record. Just get used to finishing it out like the Pros do.

The following are repeats a few important Rule Reminders:

1. 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.

Always identify your ball before taking a stroke. This is helped, if you mark your balls in your own unique way.

2. Rule 27: Ball Lost or Out of Bounds; Provisional Ball.

If there is some question as to whether the ball in play, may be out of bounds or lost, in the interests of maintaining pace of play, it is advisable to declare and play a provisional ball.

W.P.G.C. Local Club Rule (May 2007)

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 to have crossed the white stakes. A two (2) stroke penalty is applied.

Time to find a 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. _

Equitable Stroke Control

ESC involves the downward adjustment of individual hole scores for handicap purposes, in order to make Handicap Factors more representative of a player's potential scoring ability. ESC sets a maximum number that a player may post for handicap purposes.



<u>Course Handicap</u>	<u>Max Number On Any Hole</u>
1 – 18	2 over par
19 - 32	3 over par
33 and over	4 over par

At the start of another competitive year, a repeat of –
'Keeping a Helpful Watch & Basic Etiquette',
seems appropriate.

Keeping an eye on fellow players' shots, can assist greatly in finding
a wayward ball and so keep up the pace of play.

Players should always show consideration for other players,
by not disturbing their concentration when about to play,
by moving, or standing near the line or talking.

On the putting green, players should avoid treading on
the line of putt, of another player.

Have a good one!

Dave Fairweather

**Local Rules in Golf: a set of regulations that are ignored by players
on a specific course rather than by golfers as a whole.**

E.C. McKenzie - Humorist

2008 Opening Social

Social Director's Message



The *social event dates* for the year are confirmed for the 2009 season. The two social evenings – our *opening social* and the *Palcutta Bid Night* have been scheduled for the *Langara Golf Course Clubhouse*.

The dates are Tuesday, March 31st for opening social evening and Tuesday, August 25th 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 Thursday, November 12, 2009.

It is particularly important to attend the opening social to obtain the *2009 Pocket Reference, Membership Roster and Competition Format* book. Also, Club updates for the coming season will be presented by the President, Captain, Membership Director 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 know that the *Opening Social will feature the usual 50-30-20 draw* – I am looking forward to seeing you all there!

Carl Jonsson

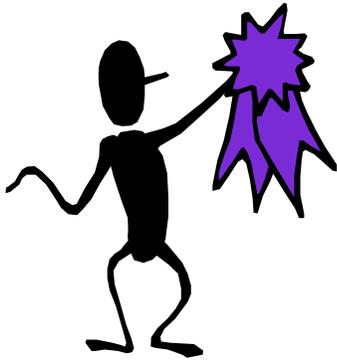
Opening Day Sign-up Procedures

All foursomes will be scheduled to play.

The Club's *Tee Time Coordinator*, Vice Captain Lorne Lindsay, will assign each foursome a tee time and then inform all foursome 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 Tuesday, March 31st, please contact him or our Tee Time Coordinator.

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



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, May & June.

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

*Dave Stephens, Captain
Lorne Lindsay, Vice Captain*

April, May & June Coming Events & Coordinators

Opening Day Social
Carl Jonsson

Bud Brown Eclectic
Brian Ciccozzi

T.N.T. Tournament – McCleery
Nick Atkinson

McIntyre Trophy
Don Clancy

Away Game Competition
Jim Mackie – Point Roberts G.C.

Putting Jamboree
Norm Thiessen

Captain's Table - Card Adjudicators
Paul Levy, Lorne Lindsay,
Jim Trotter



Roy Moulton - 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 who are electronically deprived. Talk about service – thank you, Roy!

Last Years' Heros!



Competition Winners – April, May and June 2008

Congratulations on last year's performances!

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

*Bud Brown Eclectic
Chris Allen, Dave Stephens, Jim Mackie*

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

*McIntyre Trophy
Laurie Craddock*

*Ed Angel Trophy
Don Clancy & Lorne Lindsay*

*Putting Jamboree
Dave Fairweather*

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

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Jim Selley

WEST POINT GOLF CLUB

OPENING SOCIAL

7:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2009

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 2009 POCKET REFERENCE
- ENJOY THE SNACK PLATES



**A golf ball is like a clock.
Always hit it at 6 o'clock and make it go toward 12 o'clock -
but make sure you're in the same time zone.**

Chi Chi Rodriguez

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