



**Directors  
 2017**

**President**  
 Doug Blackman

**Secretary**  
 Colin Mallet

**Treasurer**  
 Jim Mackie

**Captain**  
 Peter Coyle

**Vice-Captains**  
 Brian Montpellier Draw  
 Richard Martin - Scoring

**Membership Director**  
 John Foster

**Social Director**  
 Dave Thomas

**Director at Large**  
 Nick Atkinson

**Past President**  
 Andrew Hobbs

**Webmasters & Divot  
 Dust**  
 Ed Watson,  
 Wayne Gatley

**Event Registration  
 eSignup & eHandicap**  
 Nick Atkinson

Annual General Meeting

*Tuesday, October 31st, 2017*  
*Doors open at 11:15 A.M.*

- 11:15 Cash Bar and Social:
- 12:00 Annual General Meeting:
- 12:30 Luncheon and Social Function:
- 1:30 Awards Presentation:



*AGM & Luncheon Social Function*



*Awards Presentations*

**WEST POINT GOLF CLUB  
87<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

***Tuesday, October 31st, 2017 – 12:00 noon  
Strathcona Room, Third Floor –Arbutus Club  
2001 Nanton Avenue, Vancouver  
Doors Open 11:15 a.m.***

**BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA**

**Sign-in of Members at Door and Collection of Annual Dues (cheques only please)**

- Please bring your cheque (not cash) **payable to West Point Golf Club** and leave it with the Treasurer at the door.

***(Full Play Membership \$125.00, Associate Membership \$50.00)***

**Welcome/ Call to Order by Doug Blackman, President**

- General Welcome to Playing, Lifetime, Associate and Charter Members; Special Guests
- President's Opening Remarks – Season Overview

**Roll Call of Directors**

- Introduction of Directors, noting their Responsibilities

**Quorum**

- Count of Voting Members present (only 8 are required for a quorum)

**Minutes of the 86th AGM held on November 1, 2016 (p. 4)**

- Published in latest issue of the Divot Dust
- Call for a proposer and seconder.
- Discussion.
- Question – Motion to accept minutes of 86<sup>th</sup> AGM November 1, 2016.

**Directors' Reports for 2017 Season – other than Treasurer's Report**

- Published in latest issue of the Divot Dust and taken as read:

<b>President</b>	Doug Blackman
<b>Past President</b>	Andrew Hobbs
<b>Captain</b>	Peter Coyle
<b>Vice-Captain - Draw</b>	Brian Montpellier
<b>Vice-Captain - Scoring</b>	Richard Martin
<b>Membership</b>	John Foster
<b>Social</b>	Dave Thomas
<b>Director at Large</b>	Nick Atkinson
<b>Handicap</b>	Bill Titmuss
<b>Communications/Sketch</b>	Ed Watson / Wayne Gatley, Lorne Lindsay
<b>Riverway</b>	Peter Coyle



**Membership Fee for 2018**

**\$125.00**

**Associate Membership Fee \$50.00**

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to the October 31st AGM and Awards Luncheon**

**Jim Mackie-Treasurer**



**2016 AGM**

## **Minutes of 2016 West Point Golf Club Annual General Meeting**

**Held at the Arbutus Club, Tuesday, November 1, 2016**

The President, Andrew Hobbs, called the meeting to order at 11.59 am.  
A quorum was declared as there were more than 90 members in attendance.

### **President's Remarks**

Andrew welcomed the members and reminded them that despite the recent rain, we have had a good sunny season, although he missed being able to play in mid season, due to his knee surgery.

He thanked Peter Coyle, Jim Mackie, Carl Jonsson, and Colin Mallet for managing the door and the financial issues today, and especially welcomed the Lifetime Members in attendance: Hugh Marshall, Gary Sinclair, Jim Selley and Ray Dujardin.

The Club now has 110 members, including 20 new members, plus the 4 Lifetime members and 5 Associate members, and a healthy wait list of 13. Andrew then welcomed the 20 new members to their first AGM: Alex Andrews, Jack Burak, Tom Carefoot, Ross Cassie, Chris Chatten, Bob Crawford, John Dawson, John Evans, Reg Gates, John Hale, Dennis Houle, Grant Hughes, Stan Joughin, Bruce Kennedy, Terry Maunder, Errol McKinstry, Peter Reid, Phil Tannahill, Tim Van Ostrand, and Leo Verlaan.

With this influx, our average age has dropped from 77 to 75.5 (ranging from 59 to 92), so we can all feel that we are getting younger.

Andrew introduced the current Board members; their reports were published in Divot Dust on our website. He particularly recognized the contribution of Richard Martin, who stepped in at the last moment in the spring, when we lost Chris Allen.

In addition, he thanked all those who volunteered to run the various Club competitions and away games, and others who have freely provided their services including:

- Carl Jonsson who continues as our legal advisor and ensures we comply with the requirements as a registered society.
- Paul Levy who annually updates the "Journal of Champions" available for perusal today.
- Jim Selley who continues to coordinate the collection and engraving of our trophies.
- Brian and his team of editors who painstakingly publish our Pocket Reference.
- Barry Arnett and Nick Atkinson, who have worked diligently in the background on our eSignup and electronic scoring programs.
- Gary Sinclair, Ed Watson and Wayne Gatley, who were applauded for the work they donate in designing and maintaining the Club's incredible website.

Andrew reported on the close relationship the Club maintains with the Parks Board through meetings with Joan Probert, Supervisor of Business Services, and other Parks Board staff.

The Club enjoys a good respectful relationship with the Pro-shop staff at all four courses, McCleery, Langara, Fraserview and Riverway. The Club also supported the Inner-City Youth golf programs at McCleery and the First Tee of Greater Vancouver at Fraserview, both through volunteers expertly coordinated by Nick Atkinson, and financially, with over \$2000 donated, in part through our 50/50 draws.

A minute of silent reflection was called for the 4 members that we have lost during the year: John Dennison, Chris Allen, Tony Appel and John Maynard.

### **Minutes**

The Minutes of the 85<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting were published in Divot Dust, posted on the Club's website.

Moved by Colin Mallet/seconded by Nick Atkinson that the minutes be accepted as published. Motion carried.

### **Directors' Reports**

The Directors' reports were also published in the Divot Dust, posted on the Club's website.

Moved by Chris Murray/ seconded by Dave Thomas that the reports be accepted as published. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Copies of the Treasurer's Report and the Proposed Budget for 2016 were provided at each table.

Jim Mackie spoke to his report. 2016 ended with a deficit of \$450 instead of the \$1600 deficit that the Club had budgeted; this was largely due to the increased income from new members. The Club's current reserves are still high at \$15,944, and it is the Board's aim to reduce them to a more appropriate amount.

Jim then spoke to the proposed budget, explaining that the Board plans to keep the annual dues steady at \$125/year and run operational deficits for the next 5 years until the reserves are reduced to approximately \$7,000. With staggered tee times, members currently have limited opportunity to mix and meet new members, so the Board is considering introducing a new Shotgun event next year, which will allow all members to finish golf simultaneously and come together after golf at a social lunch. The proposed budget allows for such an event, and would reduce the Club's Equity by \$2271 to \$13,673.

Moved by Jim Mackie/seconded by Bill Titmuss that the Treasurer's Report and the Budget for 2017 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

### **Election of Board of Directors 2016**

The Nominating Committee included Lorne Lindsay, Wayne Ferrey, and Colin Mallet.

The Chair of the Committee, Lorne Lindsay, read the list of nominees proposed by the Committee. He then called for further nominations from the floor. There being none, nominations were declared closed.

The following nominees were therefore declared elected:

- President: Doug Blackman 1<sup>st</sup> year
- Captain: Peter Coyle 2<sup>nd</sup> year
- Secretary: Colin Mallet 1<sup>st</sup> year
- Treasurer: Jim Mackie 3<sup>rd</sup> year
- Vice-Captain-Draw: Elliott Phillips 2<sup>nd</sup> year
- Vice-Captain-Scoring: Richard Martin 1<sup>st</sup> year
- Membership: John Foster 2<sup>nd</sup> year
- Social: Dave Thomas 1<sup>st</sup> year
- Member at Large: Nick Atkinson 3<sup>rd</sup> year

Executive Appointment made by the Board:

- Past President: Andrew Hobbs;

Advisor Appointments:

- Website Management: Ed Watson, Wayne Gatley;
  
- Handicap Advisor: Bill Titmuss;

### **Adjournment**

At 12:20 the meeting was adjourned so that members could enjoy lunch. Andrew offered grace.

### **Meeting Resumed**

Andrew reconvened the meeting after lunch, and thanked the Arbutus Club staff for a fine lunch and for their service.

He then gave a huge thanks to our Past President, Lorne Lindsay, who is leaving the Board, after eight years of dedicated service, moving from Vice-Captain Draw to Membership Director, to President and Past President. He has contributed selflessly, and particularly cared for members' well-being, keeping us abreast of member news and health. We hope that he will consider continuing with the "Member Profiles" that add so much colour to our Club.

He welcomed back two of our past Board members who are re-joining the Board, Dave Thomas, who is coming back as Social Director, and Bill Titmuss, whose role as Handicap Advisor is now more officially recognized

Before proceeding to the presentation of trophies, Andrew recognized two other people who have played a critical role in the Club's development, presenting both with appropriate awards:

1. Gary Sinclair, who has served the Club in an executive capacity for twelve years, and is now handing over the reins of Webmaster and Divot Dust Editor to Ed Watson and Wayne Gatley.

Gary's career went from High School in Burnaby, through UBC, and the University of Oregon, to teaching at McGill and becoming Professor Emeritus at UBC. Although he became a Master coach in Canada across many sports, he did not take up golf until the late '90s. Joining the West Point Club in 2002, he went to night school to learn more about computers and websites. This must have worked, because he helped create our outstanding website, and has been its editor and webmaster for twelve years, as well as editor of Divot Dust, which he started in 2007. He is a past President and a Lifetime Member of the Club, and has been the advisor and much appreciated source of Club lore for every Board.

2. Brian Ciccozzi: The Club has four Lifetime Members and Andrew outlined the requirements for consideration of this award which include at least ten years of active membership, five years service on the Board of Directors, an outstanding contribution to the betterment of the Club and its members, and the unanimous support of the Board.

The Board this year was unanimous in its recommendation that Brian Ciccozzi be awarded Lifetime Membership. Brian joined West Point in 2005, and was soon drafted on to the Board as Membership Director, managing the Club's transition from phone to e-mail communication. As Treasurer in 2008/9 and again in 2014, he introduced spreadsheet software to create our present financial reports, and put our cash management on a stronger footing. In between, he was Secretary for two years, and in 2007 he created our outstanding Pocket Reference, which he continues to produce. Throughout his time with the Club, whether in office or not, Brian has been an untiring contributor to our program.

Brian was unfortunately in hospital, but Jim Selley took a moment to pass on Brian's gratitude for the award.

## **Awards Ceremony**

The Captain, Peter Coyle, then chaired the presentation of trophies, assisted by Elliott Phillips and Richard Martin, with Ray Dujardin doing his usual stellar job with the photos.

## **Adjournment**

Colin Mallet standing in for Doug Blackman as Secretary

## **One more time:**

***Membership Fee for 2018 season***

***\$125.00***

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***Jim Mackie-Treasurer***



## 87th ANNUAL LUNCHEON & AWARDS CEREMONY

**Members invited to be seated: President, Doug Blackman**

Saying of Grace

Buffet Luncheon Begins - during which: Reverse Draw (Carl Jonsson)

Awarding of Trophies: (Peter Coyle, Richard Martin, Brian Montpellier)

*To speed up the process, cash prizes for each of the winners and all runners-up will be available when you arrive at the AGM and pay your membership dues for 2018*

1. Bud Brown Eclectic: Individual winners in each of 3 handicap divisions
2. Neil McIntyre Trophy: winner with lowest net score
3. Ed Angel Trophy: winning 2-man team
4. TNT (McCleery): "Team Net Total" winning foursome
5. Stroke Play Champion [with keeper]
6. Flight Champions: A, B & C Acknowledgement of champions (with keeper)
7. Handicap Champion
8. Senior Master Champion
9. Super Senior Champion
10. Season Match Play - Dave Fairweather Trophy
11. Putting Jamboree: winner with lowest score
12. Joe Dwyer Trophy: winning 2-man team
13. Roli Parker Shield Eclectic: individual winners in each of 4 hdcp divisions
14. 3 Clubs and a Putter
15. Palcutta: acknowledgement of winning team
16. Club Champion – Match Play
17. Flight Champions: B and C winners
18. Ab Miles (McQuarrie Hunter) Tankard: winner with lowest net score
19. Red White and Blue –Fraserview
20. Laurie Craddock Vintage Cup – overall winner
21. TNT – (Fraserview): "Team Net Total" winning foursome
22. Texas Scramble-Fraserview
23. Doug LeBlanc Shield: individual winners in each of 3 hdcp divisions
24. Captain's Challenge
25. Two Man Challenge
26. Bob Jack Trophy: winner with total of lowest best three scores
27. Strategic Handicap Management Award - to be announced at the AGM.
28. Most Improved Golfer



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### **Captain**

*Peter Coyle*

### **Vice-Captains**

*Elliott Phillips/Brian Montpellier*

*- Draw*

*Richard Martin- Scoring*

### **Membership Director**

*John Foster*

### **Social Director**

*Dave Thomas*

### **Director at Large**

*Nick Atkinson*

### **Past President**

*Andrew Hobbs*

### **Advisors:**

### **Web Masters & Divot Dust**

*Ed Watson*

*Wayne Gatley*

### **eSignup & eHandicap**

*Nick Atkinson*



## **President's Message**

I want to thank you all for the honour and privilege of serving as your President this past year.

As we emerged from one of the worst winters in memory, we faced further challenges given the wet spring and the severe damage to the courses from the winter freeze-thaw cycles, especially to McCleery.

We started the season at Langara, which proved to be far too soggy for play. Fortunately, Joan Probert and her staff were very open and accommodating, allowing us to play at Fraserview in April and most of May. Even then there were weather challenges, including the day when we experienced 4 seasons in about 2 hours with a combination of sunshine, wind, a deluge of rain and a hailstorm.

Your Board has worked hard to provide you with an enjoyable golfing experience. The amount of behind the scenes work is remarkable and I thank each of you for your contribution. We especially acknowledge Brian Montpellier who willingly and capably filled the position of Vice-Captain/Draw, unexpectedly vacated by Elliott's resignation from the Club.

Leaving their positions this year are: your Captain, Peter Coyle; Treasurer, Jim Mackie; and Member at Large, Nick Atkinson. Gentlemen, thank you for all your time and effort on behalf of the Club.

Your Nominating Committee has presented an excellent slate of directors for the coming year and I look forward to working with them.

Our current membership stands at 110, including 12 new members. We have 5 Life Members and 7 Associate Members. The current wait list stands at 11.

We enjoy a very collegial and mutually respectful relationship with Joan Probert, the Supervisor of Business Services with Vancouver Parks, as well as with the Pro Shop staff at all 4 courses: McCleery, Langara, Fraserview and Riverway.

The Club has been fortunate to have had members with the time, vision and skills to implement various electronic tools to assist in the efficient management and operation of the Club. We continue to look at effective and synchronized software programs and tools to ensure we are not dependent on any one individual, thus enhancing continuity.

I want to specifically acknowledge Nick Atkinson for the immense time, effort and growing expertise he has contributed to the furtherance of this initiative.

Each of the directors has filed their report in the Divot Dust and has recognized those members who have willingly contributed to the coordination of Club events. There are others who quietly provide assistance, including:

- Brian Ciccozzi who, with editorial assistance, puts together the Pocket Reference, collates our scores for the two eclectic events, and coordinates the interclub matches with the University Golf Club.
- Carl Jonsson who continues as our legal advisor and ensures that we are in compliance with the Societies Act.
- Jim Selley who continues to collect and coordinate the engraving of our trophies.

Our thanks to all of you.

The Club continues to provide financial support to the Junior Golf Program for Inner City Youth, coordinated by Muncie Booth at McCleery. This year we contributed \$1500 to the program, including \$445 from our 50/50 draws and \$30 from a member's winnings.

Sadly, Paul Levy has suffered severe health issues that precluded his ability to participate in Club activities this year. However, the Record of Champions he initiated is continued and is available for your review at the Annual General Meeting.

Best wishes to you all for the winter season. I look forward to playing with you in the 2018 season.

*Respectfully,*

***Doug Blackman***

## FORMER WPGC BOARD MEMBERS

*23 currently active members and one Honorary member have served our Club as Directors*

Nick Atkinson	Rob Dickinson	Don McPherson	Gary Sinclair
Ed Bobinski	David Dickson	Jim Mackie	Dave Stephens
Mike Carter	Ray Dujardin	Hugh Marshall	Craig Thomson
Brian Ciccozzi	Carl Jonsson	Roy Moulton	Bill Titmuss
Peter Coyle	Lorne Lindsay	Andy Schmidt	Geof Trunkfield
Neil Brett-Davies	John McHattie	Jim Selley	Al Williams

## ***Past President's Report***



The start of this season, as most of us will remember with anguish, was fraught with bad weather, but despite the course closures your Board worked with a willing Vancouver Parks Board to rearrange several venues. This was no mean feat being ably orchestrated by our main actors, Doug Blackman and Peter Coyle, who both deserve our congratulations!

West Point continues to be run in a most professional manner by a board who spend endless hours ensuring the kinks are smoothed out and the "i"s dotted.

We are fortunate in having a wealth of talent who are willing to give their experience and time in filling the necessary positions. Thanks must go to Elliott Phillips, who left the Club mid-

season and to Brian Montpellier, who succeeded him, for their sterling work as Drawmasters.

We owe a huge thanks also to those Board members who've completed 2 or 3 years and wish to stand down or move.

Peter Coyle as Captain for 2 years. Jim Mackie as Treasurer for 3 years and Nick Atkinson for 3 years as Director-at-Large, covering the update our computer programs and the sale of "bling."

We know that they will always be in the background to help steer our new board members, but please appreciate that the Club is eternally grateful for their selfless dedication.

Volunteers for the various events held during the season are always welcome, so if you haven't yet become involved please consider doing so.

Pace of play this season was taken seriously by Club members and satisfied the Parks Board, although we struggled to fill the 20 Tee Times allotted to us for each course. Your Board is considering some changes to help this situation.

Nominations for your Board for 2018 are covered in a separate report below.

I wish you all a most enjoyable winter wherever you might find yourself and look forward to a rewarding 2018 season.

*Andrew Hobbs*

## **Gallery of Candidates nominated to serve as our Board of Directors for 2018**

*Presenting the members who have agreed to stand for election:*



**President**  
*Doug Blackman*



**Secretary**  
*Colin Mallet*



**Treasurer**  
*John Dawson*



**Captain**  
*Bill Titmuss*



**VCapt Draw**  
*Brian Montpellier*

2nd Year



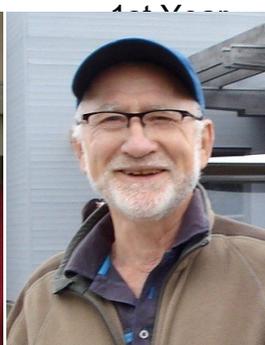
**VCapt Scoring**  
*Richard Martin*

3rd Year



**Membership**  
*John Foster*

3rd Year



**Social Director**  
*Dave Thomas*

2nd Year



**Dir@Large**  
*Dave Wilson*

1st Year

## ***Captain's Message***



What a weird and wacky year it has been. Our season opened after one of the worst winters in recent history. This winter took a considerable toll on McCleery with many of the greens suffering much damage. This problem resulted in some quick juggling of our schedule and we managed only to lose one event. Kudos to Doug Blackman for his many efforts to resolve this situation. His leadership helped put our season back on track. It seemed for a while there was always a black raincloud over every Thursday in April and May. This was followed by three months without any rain.

We continued to add new members this year and our membership stands at 110 active full time members. Unfortunately a significant number of our membership suffered through various physical ailments throughout the year and this resulted in our tee times numbers to be down. We wish all these members a return to good health for the 2018 season.

West Point Golf Club could not work without the selfless help of our many volunteers. Thank you to:

- Your board of directors for their stewardship of the club.
- Brian Montpellier for his tireless work preparing the draws. Brian took over after Elliot Phillips joined Marine Drive Golf Club
- Richard Martin and his Captain's Table of Rob Sandhu, Jim Trotter, David McMurdo, Phil Joughin, Jeremy Marr and Dave Marr for their good job in scoring our many and varied events. Barry Arnett continued his assistance in programming score for us.
- Nick Atkinson for maintaining our signup, handicap and scoring systems. Nick introduced a new sign up process for this year. Thank you for all your efforts Nick. I know how much time you spent on this.
- Dave Thomas for organizing all our social functions throughout the year. I'm sure we all appreciated the great food and drink. Our Shotgun at UBC was particularly successful.
- Wayne Gatley and Ed Watson for their maintenance of our wonderful website. It truly is a valuable resource and we are lucky to have it. Thank you to you both for helping me with the Captain's Challenge points
- Bill Titmuss for monitoring our handicaps and creating scoring tables for multiple tees.
- Andrew Hobbs for taking over the duty of monitoring our pace of play
- All our event and away game coordinators. Without your help these great events would not have happened.

Congratulations to all of our event winners. We had some spirited and well contested events this year. I felt our Club Championship was particularly competitive.

The club introduced a new competition, The Three Clubs. It was successful and well attended. The club also continued the integration of red tees into our competitions with the goal of making our events more competitive for our members who are finding distance a little challenging. Your directors will continue to refine this process and create guidelines which will help our event coordinators and avoid any possible confusion.

It has been a pleasure to serve as your Club Captain the past two years. Thank you to all our members who have given me their support. I wish you all a great winter and we will see you next year for another challenging year of golf.

### Event Coordinators

Brian Ciccozzi, Jim Selley, Brian Montpellier, Geof Trunkfield, Neil Brett Davies, John Foster, Colin Mallet, Dave Thomas, Chuck Kotzo, Bill Trory, Richard Martin, Peter Coyle

### Away Game

Adjudicator: David Johansson

### Coordinators

Robert Wood, Craig Thomson, Doug Blackman, Andrew Hobbs,  
Jim Mackie, Chuck Kotzo.

*Peter Coyle*



*“Your Board has worked hard to provide you with an enjoyable golfing experience.”*

*President Doug Blackman*

*Photo by Stephen Loomer*



## ***Vice-Captain's (Weekly Draw) - Message***

The esignup program continues to give good service. Improvements were made to allow members to see who has signed up for each event and it is easy for members to include a message to me, when they sign up, if they wish late or early tee times, etc. The club tries to accommodate all reasonable requests. The only significant problem is members forgetting to sign up.

Cooperation with the pro shops has been excellent. The email the Parks Board sends out confirming our reservations makes it easy to cancel, if necessary, with just 5 clicks of the mouse, less if you use their App. Please note if you do cancel, let me know as well, ([bmontpellier@shaw.ca](mailto:bmontpellier@shaw.ca), 604-375-7787) so I can adjust the draw accordingly. And please try and cancel before the draw is posted, which is usually the Monday or Tuesday before the tournament. This is especially important for team events. Please note that we have committed to informing the pro shop each Saturday how many tee times out of the 20 we are allocated that we will need for the coming Thursday. This is so they can release unused tee times for public use. For this reason, bookings on esignup for the next tournament are cutoff Saturday at noon. That's one and a half days after we have played, so please don't be late in signing up. I can often squeeze late comers in, but for complex tournaments (like the Texas Scrambles) it may not be possible.

Winter damage and poor weather in March and April minimized our use of McCleery. this year. We were only able to play 5 of our scheduled 13 weeks there. We averaged 16 tee times over those 5 tournaments. 2 tournaments were cancelled, 2 were played at Langara and 4 were played at Fraserview. Langara continues to be our most popular site. We averaged 18 tee times over 9 weeks. At Fraserview we averaged just 15 tee times over our 8 weeks, despite excellent weather, which is interesting, as statistically it is the easiest of the 3 city courses. Perhaps the Fraserview fixtures conflict with fall holidays.

Signup by regular foursomes has been spotty. Usually only one or two have all four members. Often just one member of a foursome has signed up.

I would like to thank Elliott Phillips and Nick Atkinson for their help in turning over the Draw duties to me as well as Wayne Gatley and Ed Watson for exemplary posting of the draws to our web site. Also, the tournament coordinators have done stellar work in organization. Thank you all.

***Brian Montpellier***

## ***Vice-Captain's (Scoring) - Message***



Yet another season is coming to an end and I would like to thank the members and those that acted as captains during the year for their ongoing support of the Captain's Table.

The electronic scoring system created by Barry Arnett makes the score entry and the tabulation of the results a straight forward process for preparing the Score Sheet and for compiling the Individual Scores each week for posting on the web. Barry modifies his program every 3 to 4 weeks to accommodate our many tournaments and the handicapping is downloaded from the lists that Nick Atkinson monitors.

I would like to especially thank those who served at the Captain's Table. Jim Trotter, Phil Joughin, Jeremy Marr, David McMurdo and Joe Hurley were all regulars at the table. Unfortunately, Rob Sandhu did not play as much this year, but my thanks to Dave Marr who joined the Table about mid season. My thanks also to Peter Coyle for coordinating the Table when I was on holiday and Bill Titmuss for his help when we were short of volunteers or on holidays.

Early in the season, Brian Montpellier took over Vice-Captain Draw from Elliott Phillips and did an admirable job of accommodating my requests for appropriate tee times. My appreciation to Ed Watson and Wayne Gatley who update our website each week and proof read my Score Sheet for possible errors before posting!! Also, Andrew Hobbs who monitors the gap times recorded at the Table.

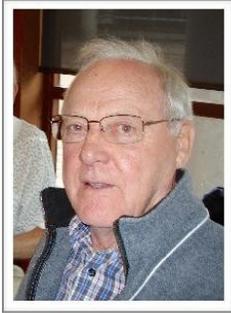
There are many who help our club to run smoothly and I thank them all.

I have enjoyed being at the Captain's Table again this year. I have been helped by a great team of volunteers and it has enabled me to become friends with many of our members both new and old – very gratifying,

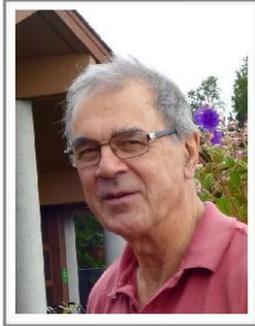
I will look forward to seeing everyone again next spring.

*Richard Martin*

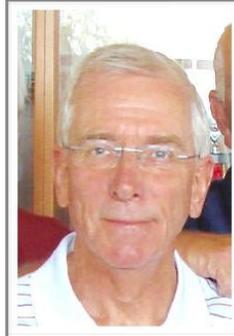
***Thanks to the Members of our  
Captains' Table***



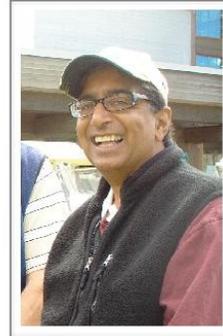
*Phil Joughin*



*Jeremy Marr*



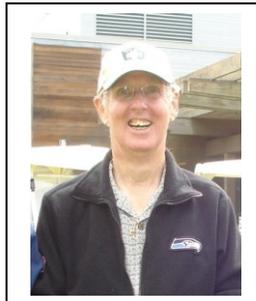
*David McMurdo*



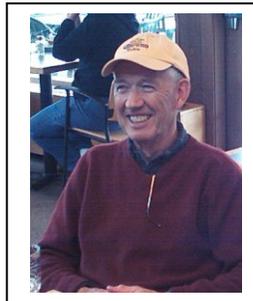
*Rob Sandhu*



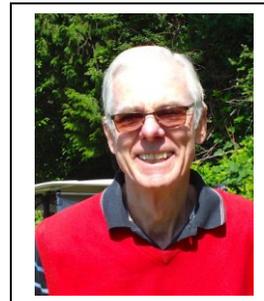
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*Joe Hurley*



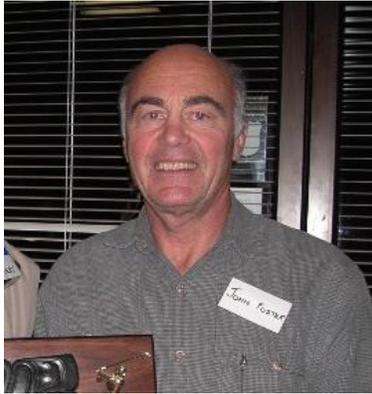
*Jim Trotter*



*Dave Marr*

*Richard Martin*

## ***Membership Director's Message***



Membership was successfully increased from 100 to 110 in the 2017 season. Total playing membership is now 123 made up of 110 regular, 1 honorary, 5 lifetime, and 7 Associate members. The current wait list is 11. 85% of wait list members are by regular member referrals.

The average age of our membership is 74.4 years with the youngest at 60 years and the oldest at 93. The oldest playing member is Hugh Marshall at 89 years.

### **New Members**

Don Kilpatrick, Bill Steele, Richard Buski, Michael McSevney, Alex Clifford, Bill Cartwright, Gregg Hook, Baz Bazaluk, David Butler, Mike Sawyer, Mike Constantinidis

### **Honorary Member**

Roy Moulton (2009) Charter Member

### **Lifetime Members**

Hugh Marshall (2010), Gary Sinclair (2011), Ray Dujardin (2012), Jim Selley (2015), Brian Ciccozzi (2016)

### **Associate Members**

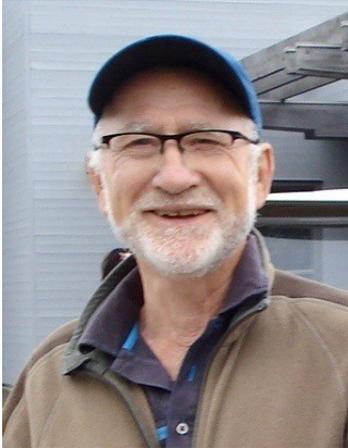
Barry Arnett, Terry Collette, Sam Lilley, Jim Mackie, Fred Warkentin, Jack Whelan, Al Williams

### **Members and former members who passed away in 2017**

David Haddleton, Glen Lockhart

*John Foster*

## **Social Director's Message**



Although West Point is primarily thought of as a club whose members play golf together, with occasional social events, when you examine the budget, you will see that it is actually a social club, whose members occasionally play golf. More than 50% of your dues go towards social events, of which the AGM takes the lion's share. So be sure to sign up for October 31<sup>st</sup>, otherwise you are subsidizing the rest of us.

The season opening social was held on March 28th at Langara. Everyone was full of high hopes, enthusiastically looking forward to another full season of trying to correct that vicious slice. However, winter kill on the greens, followed by torrential spring rain, curtailed much play in the early going. However, the social events saved the day!

The Putting Jamboree was held at McCleery on June 20th, with the course laid out to avoid most of the bare spots. For this event, participants were issued with a \$5 ticket towards lunch, which is usually enough incentive to guarantee a reasonable turnout. And so it proved, barely (24, I think).

Just a week later, we had a new event – a shotgun, followed by a WPGC-hosted lunch, held on June 29<sup>th</sup> at UGC, in lieu of the normal last fixture at McCleery. The objective was to take advantage of everyone finishing together to foster socialization. The club had accumulated a bit of a surplus over the last few years, and was keen to reduce this somewhat, so it was a perfect fit. We were a bit undersubscribed (71 players versus the 80 maximum) which was surprising given the afore-mentioned free lunch, but it was generally agreed to have been a success (well, nobody told me it wasn't). Whether this will be repeated next year remains to be seen. Clearly the club cannot provide lunch for ever, but we may be able to work out something less ambitious.

The last social event of the year, except for the upcoming AGM, and possibly some refreshments on Closing Day (October 26<sup>th</sup>) was the Palcutta Cup auction at Langara on Aug 8<sup>th</sup>. Attendees were provided with a burger and beer (or wine etc). Langara runs this operation very smoothly in my opinion. We ordered our beef, chicken, or veggie burger, picked up our drink, and handed in our ticket,

and it was delivered freshly cooked to our table, together with piping hot fries and all the trimmings. Too bad they don't do shotguns!

On that note, I would like to thank the kitchen staff at Langara (particularly) plus McCleery and Fraserview for their friendly, helpful and efficient service at all our fixtures and socials over the past season. They like us, and we like them – a perfect combination!

*Dave Thomas*



## ***Member at Large Report***



### **Area of Responsibility:**

1. Research, initiate and maintain eSignup, Handicap Manager and eHandicap Network.
2. Contract wholesale purchases of Golf Accessories, particularly bag tags, hats and golf shirts.

The West Point Golf Club (the Club or WPGC) currently uses three systems to maintain the electronic management of Club events. These systems are maintained manually by volunteers. The Club continues to investigate updating these systems to make life easier for the volunteers. Following is a description of the electronic systems and the tasks carried out weekly, monthly and periodically throughout the playing calendar.

- A) "Word Press" Content Management System (CMS) and "Events Manager" a Content Application System (CAS) which provide the ability for WPGC members to register for club events on line. The system also allows the organizers of club events to receive a list of those persons registered for each event.
- B) The Club contracts with Northern Systems for Handicap Management and eHandicap Network software.

C) The Club contracts for an eScoring System from Barry Arnett.

The member at large currently maintains systems A & B. System C continues to be maintained through a contract with Barry Arnett through to the end of the 2018 season.

Additionally: The weekly determination of foursomes and the corresponding allotment of tee times are maintained by the Vice-Captain Draw. (Task D & E)

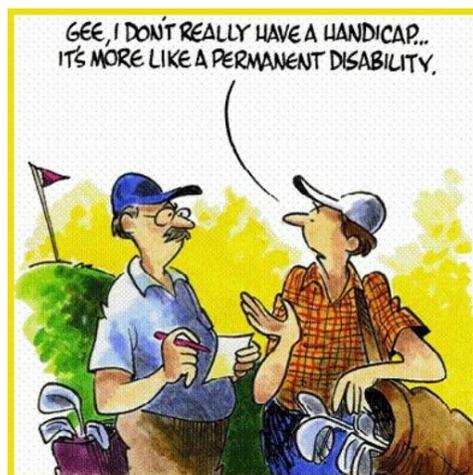
The Club maintains a “Membership Data Base” (Task F) maintained by the Vice-Captain Membership. The club also publishes a “Pocket Reference” (Task G) which provides contact information about members and lists WPGC events.

**The Challenge:** The tasks A-G operate independently of each other. There is no synchronization of these tasks between systems which necessitates multiple entries of data with a corresponding multiplication of the time spent by Board Members.

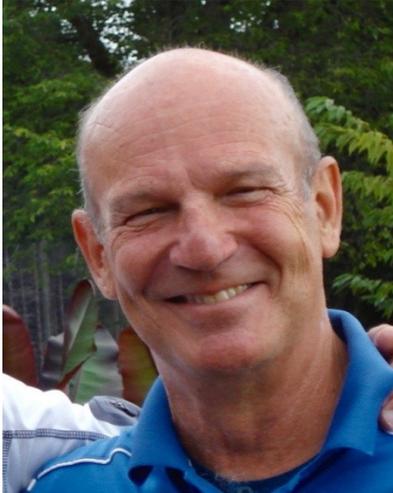
**The Solution:** The Board has decided to purchase a Golf management system to assist or replace many of the tasks performed manually by volunteers with a fully synchronized system. The system would automate & simplify each of the above actions.

**Bling Purchases and Sales:** After a blitz the sale of new hats and shirts last year there was few sales this year. The Club maintains an account with a Langley company G & G Golf. As an off-season task the Club will investigate on-line sales of hats and shirts.

*Nick Atkinson*



## ***Handicap Report 2017***



Most of our players did a good job of entering and keeping their handicaps up to date. Players adjusted their scores as prescribed on our website under *ESC Instructions* in the handicap section. We expect our members to play a minimum of ten Thursday rounds per season. Again, most of our members have been able to meet this expectation.

We did have approximately twenty five to thirty members who were not able to get in ten rounds this year. Health issues were the main reason. Those members who have not been playing this season have been contacted and asked to discuss their intentions for the 2018 season.

Several members have been playing steadily from the forward tees. The RCGA procedures have proven to work for us. We will continue to encourage members to move

to forward tees to help speed of play. For many, the forward tees enhance their quality of play and personal satisfaction. Hitting fairway metals to most of the par four greens is not fun.

We had a small communications problem with our Wait List members. It has been resolved. Wait List members are now entering their scores in our handicap system. This allows for a smooth transition when the time comes for them to become full members.

The handicap section on our website is kept up to date. There you can find red tee charts for the four courses we play regularly. Printable pocket size versions of the red tees for are available for the three Vancouver courses. There is a white tee chart for Riverway; your course handicap may be different there than on your home course. You can also find current handicaps and instructions on this page.

Wherever there are golfers, there will be discussion regarding sandbagging, handicaps that are too low, too high, unfair, or just downright confusing. At West Point Golf Club we base most of our competitions and rewards on handicaps. It is nice to be able to state that our members are conscientious about keeping their handicaps data up to date.

***Bill Titmuss***

## Sketch of a West Pointer

When **Gary Sinclair** was the editor of the Divot Dust, he asked me to provide some information about the motivation and rationale behind the “Sketch of a West Pointer” project, an initiative to help know your fellow members. Gary has stepped down as editor after many years of dedication. Fortunately, **Wayne Gatley** has come forward to continue the fine tradition of the Divot Dust and Wayne has asked for an update.

I began my WPGC volunteer work as a member of the Captain’s Table, early in my membership; this role provided an opportunity to meet all the members, and in particular the new ones. It was interesting to chat and learn a little bit about them. During my time as Vice-Captain, I enjoyed much more direct contact with all members, especially as that was prior to electronic sign-up, and a time when weekly commitments to play had to be confirmed orally so the draw could be created. As Membership Chair, once again I had a lot of contact with members and an idea that had been simmering, finally came to a boil when the Sketch project was launched in 2012. It began as an attempt to get beyond the superficiality and learn a bit more about the background and golf history of West Point members. The first Sketches were of **Michael Alms, Ed Bobinski and Jim Appleby**. Twenty-eight more Sketches have been published since then, bringing the current total to 31. This season the following members have been highlighted: **Peter Coyle, George Drew, John Foster, Neil Griggs and Roger Jung**. You can read the sketches by going to the website Galleries/Members and clicking on [More](#) under the photos.

I have appreciated the willingness of members to share some of their background and personal information with the Club membership. A template is provided as a guide, but members can include any details they feel might be of interest; all articles are approved by the member prior to publication. Hopefully, we will be able to include as many members as possible.

My focus to date has been on long-time and senior members. All those who became members from 1989 to 2005 have been invited to participate; some have preferred not to be included. It would be nice to get to some of our newer members, too, in an effort to learn more about their backgrounds.

In addition to those listed above, the following members have generously shared a bit of their golfing history with us: **Chris Allen, Neil Brett-Davies, Don Clancy, David Cooke, David Dickson, George Doiron, Ray Dujardin, Wayne Ferrey, David Haddleton, Joe Hurley, Carl Jonsson, Phil Joughin, Peter Kidd, Paul Levy, Gordie MacCulloch, John McHattie, Hugh Marshall, Art Roberts, Don Rotherham, Lloyd Shippam, Norm Thiessen, Jim Trotter and Al Williams**.

*Lorne Lindsay*

# Club Communications



Once again, all seems to be well with your website. This could not be so if it wasn't for the on-going efforts of the many contributors who, mostly on a weekly basis, provide your web team with the content that we post to the website. And, usually without our need to do anything other than make minor cosmetic modifications, for which, we are most appreciative. Chief among these contributors are the Vice-Captains – Draw and Scoring – Brian Montpelier and Richard Martin - who, weekly, provide the Tee Times and the day's results for posting – arguably, the most important and the most viewed of the website's content. Other major contributors are the Event Coordinators who so aptly 'manage' the events and prepare the material for posting that keeps you apprised of the event and of its results. While we have many Coordinators, there are more Events than Coordinators and, once again, Peter Coyle, has stepped up and taken on these responsibilities on top of those he already has as our Club Captain. Major kudos to Peter and our thanks.

Another indication that your website is in good 'health' is the dearth of queries and/or complaints – particularly from our new members. We're sure they're being well advised by their playing partners and those acting as foursome captains. But, hopefully, part of the reason is because the website is so well laid out and intuitive enough that they are having very little or no trouble navigating their way to the information they seek. This has been and will continue to be our intent. If finding out what you want/need isn't as easy as we believe it is, please let us know. The website is also reaping the benefit of a few 'Eagle Eyes' who are out there and are unobtrusively letting us know about the few grammatical and/or spelling mistakes that have slipped past us. Thanks guys!

This is first year that Team Web has been without the full-time support and leadership of Gary Sinclair – who in 2005 initiated the creation of your website and was instrumental in its development to where it sits today. Prior to this, Gary was Editor of the Divot Dust which he continued to produce until this year. Wayne Gatley has agreed to take on this role until a replacement can be found. Needless to say, Gary is sorely missed but he hasn't completely abandoned us. He has agreed to maintain his 'local site' reasonably current such that it continues to be one of our backups. In addition, he

came back, briefly, from retirement, when both Wayne and I were experiencing major computer 'difficulties', and made the posts that had to be made. He is now and will continue to be our Webmaster Emeritus.



*Gary Sinclair, Ed Watson & Wayne Gatley*



**Membership Fee for 2018  
season **\$125.00**  
Associate Membership Fee **\$50.00****

**Please remember to bring *your cheque (not cash)* to the October 31st AGM and Awards Luncheon**

# West Point Golf at Riverway G.C. 2017

2017 was another successful year for the West Pointers playing Tuesdays at Riverway. We have block times allocated on every second Tuesday of the month,



from January through to December.

As in previous years, each date involves team competition or individual play tournaments. KP's are also awarded. This provides spirited competition for the field. All communication regarding play dates, sign-up, draw time and competition format are handled electronically and works extremely well.

The sign up is via the eSignUp process on the West Point website.

Note that play is restricted to 24

members (the maximum tee times Riverway will allocate) so sign up early to avoid disappointment at being placed on a wait list.

The Pro Shop staff is exceptionally friendly and co-operative and our relationship with them is excellent. The condition of the golf course has been excellent all year. As a result of the drainage project Riverway undertook a few years ago, spring conditions are much drier than most lower mainland courses and also permits good conditions for winter play.

I encourage all West Point members to take advantage of this opportunity.

*Peter Coyle*

*Golf can best be defined as an endless series of tragedies obscured by the occasional miracle, followed by a good bottle of beer.*



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