



**Directors
2019**

President
Colin Mallet

Secretary
Gregg Hook

Treasurer
John Dawson

Captain
Bill Titmuss

Vice-Captains
Brian Montpellier-Draw
Richard Martin-Scoring

Membership Director
Dave Wilson

Social Director
Paul Kouri

Director at Large
Eamon Grant

Past President
Doug Blackman

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

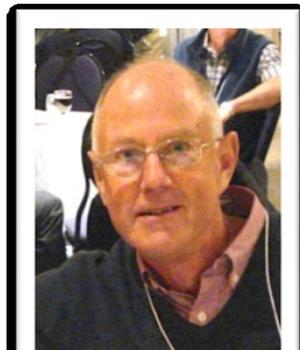
Advisors:
Peter Coyle-Handicap

Legal
Carl Jonsson

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, October 29th, 2019
12:00 noon Strathcona Room,
Third Floor - Arbutus Club
2001 Nanton Ave. Vancouver
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:



*Colin Mallet
President*



*Gregg Hook
Secretary*



Arbutus Club

**WEST POINT GOLF CLUB
89TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Tuesday, October 29th, 2019 – 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 \$140.00, Associate Membership \$50.00)

Welcome/ Call to Order by Colin Mallet, 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 88th AGM held on October 30, 2018 (p. 5)

- Published in latest issue of the Divot Dust
- Call for a proposer and seconder
- Discussion
- Question – Motion to accept minutes of 88th AGM October 30, 2018

Directors' Reports for 2019 Season – other than Treasurer's Report

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

President	Colin Mallet
Past President	Doug Blackman
Captain	Bill Titmuss
Vice-Captain - Draw	Brian Montpellier
Vice-Captain - Scoring	Richard Martin
Membership	Dave Wilson
Social	Paul Kouri
Director at Large	Eamon Gtant
Handicap, Riverway	Peter Coyle
Communications/Sketch	Ed Watson, Wayne Gatley/ Lorne Lindsay

- Call for a proposer and seconder
- Discussion
- Question – Motion to adopt all reports as published

Treasurer’s Report for 2019 and Budget for 2020

- Report by John Dawson, Treasurer
- See two copies on each table
- Call for a proposer and seconder
- Discussion
- Question

Election of Directors for 2020 (Photo Gallery on p. 12)

- Nominating Committee Members: Doug Blackman (Chair), Bill Titmuss, Dave Stephens
- Slate of Nominating Committee - presented by Doug Blackman:

President	Colin Mallet	2nd Year
Past President	Doug Blackman	2nd Year
Secretary	Gregg Hook	2nd Year
Treasurer	John Dawson	3rd Year
Captain	Brian Montpellier	1st Year
Vice-Captain - Draw	Ian Allen	1st Year
Vice-Captain - Scoring	Peter Coyle	1st Year
Membership	Dave Wilson	2nd Year
Social	Paul Kouri	2nd Year
Director at Large	Ross Cassie	1st year

- Call for other nominations by Doug Blackman
- Call for proposer/seconder to close nominations
- Voting
- Election

Executive appointments made by Board of Directors

Advisor Appointments:

Website Management
Handicap Advisor
Legal Advisor

Ed Watson, Wayne Gatley
Bill Titmuss
Carl Jonsson

Other Business

Adjournment

- Call for mover and seconder

Membership Fee for 2020

\$140.00

Associate Membership Fee \$50.00

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to the October 29th AGM and Awards Luncheon,
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John Dawson-Treasurer**

BOB JACK TROPHY AWAY GAMES AT:

Tsawassen, Mayfair Lakes, Kings Links,
Northlands, **Northview**, Pagoda Ridge,



SIX AMAZING
COURSES TO EXPAND
YOUR GOLF
EXPERIENCE WITH
WEST POINT

Above, at Northview. Andy Schmidt rejoicing at winning the KP on #16 only to find he lost it to the last group in.

Right: Prize money being awarded.



**Minutes of West Point Golf Club 88th Annual General Meeting, at the Arbutus Club,
Vancouver,
Tuesday 30 Oct 2018**

The President, Doug Blackman, called the meeting to order at midday. A quorum was declared as there were 88 members in attendance.

President's Remarks:

Doug welcomed the members, and remarked on the good golfing conditions this year, resulting in minimal tournament cancellations. He commended everyone on the excellent turnout and thanked those organizing this event and manning the door, Dave Thomas, John Dawson, Peter Kidd, John Foster and Carl Jonsson. He then particularly welcomed our Life members, Hugh Marshall, Ray Dujardin, Gary Sinclair, Jim Selley, as well as Brian Ciccozzi, who is still away.

The Club continues with a regular membership of 110, which includes 14 new members, with a further 5 Life members, one Honorary member, 13 Associate members and a healthy wait list of 12. Doug welcomed those of the new members who were able to attend their first AGM, Jim Marchand, Rick Sanderson, Bob Devlin, David Ng, Eamon Grant, Jeff Pelletier, Jim Lafontaine, John Matthews, Ed Jackson, Len Posyniak, Ian Allan, Mel Endelman, Marcel Mueller and Roger Barnes. With these new additions, our Club's average age has risen to 75.5, ranging from 58 to 94. The oldest member playing regularly is Hugh Marshall at 90.

Doug introduced and thanked the current Board members, Bill Titmuss (Captain), Colin Mallet (Secretary), John Dawson (Treasurer), Brian Montpellier (V-P, Draw), Richard Martin (V-P Scoring), Dave Thomas (Social), John Foster (Membership), Dave Wilson (Director-at-Large) and Andrew Hobbs (Past President), and referred to their Reports for the year, published in Divot Dust on the Website.

He particularly recognized the work of Andrew Hobbs, who has made a big contribution to the Board over the last 6 years, latterly as President and Past President. He also drew attention to the dedicated efforts of this year's Captain, Bill Titmuss, and the 2 Vice Captains, Brian Montpellier and Richard Martin, as well as the work that Nick Atkinson has put in to shepherd all of us through the transition to our new electronic club management system. He commended the Club contributions of a number of members, without whose help the Club could not function. The fact that some 35 members, out of 110, actively volunteer for the Club is one of its great strengths. These include:

- Carl Jonsson our Legal Adviser who ensures that we are in compliance with the Societies Act;
- Brian Ciccozzi who has put together our invaluable Pocket Reference over the last 10 years – in 2019 this will be distributed as a PDF;
- Jim Selley who collects the trophies and organizes the trophy engraving, and Ray Dujardin who makes us all look better in the photographs with these trophies;
- Lorne Lindsay who compiles our West Point member sketches;
- Andrew Hobbs who has taken over responsibility for the Record of Champions from Paul Levy; Doug drew special attention to this Record, which was available for all to view at the meeting

- Ed Watson and Wayne Gatley for maintaining the marvellous website that keeps us all connected and preparing this edition of Divot Dust;
- All the dedicated members of the Captain's Table, Phil Joughin, Jeremy Marr, David McMurdo, Jim Trotter, Dave Marr and John Evans;
- Peter Coyle our Handicap Advisor;
- Nick Atkinson, our Software Advisor;
- And all the members who have helped coordinate the away games and the tournaments each week.

He acknowledged the excellent cooperation that we have had this year from Joan Probert at the Parks Board, and the staff at each of the courses. During the year, Doug has actively communicated to the Mayor, the Club's views on any re-purposing of Langara, Meanwhile, the project to improve the drainage at Langara is still planned for 2019, but it will have to be confirmed by the new Council. We have been assured that we will be accommodated at McCleery and Frasersview, if Langara has to restrict its play.

Doug asked the members to join him in applauding the staff of the Arbutus Club on the lunch and service that they provide. He also drew the members' attention to the excellent efforts of the Inner City Youth Golf Program at McCleery, to which we contributed \$1500 and the proceeds from the 50/50 draws this year.

A moment of silence was called for the 2 members that we have lost over the year: Jim Mackie and Sam Shalaby.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the 87th Annual General Meeting were published in Divot Dust, posted on the Club's website. Moved by Colin Mallet and seconded by Chris Murray that the Minutes be accepted as published. Motion carried.

Directors' Reports:

These were published in Divot Dust and posted on the Club's website. Moved by Lorne Lindsay and seconded by Brian Montpellier that the reports be accepted as published. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

John Dawson took over as Treasurer from Jim Mackie, and he noted the excellent accounting records which Jim had left for him. Copies of the Treasurer's Report for 2018 and the Budget for 2019 were provided by John at each table. For the last 2 years the Club has been running at a deficit, in order to reduce the Club Equity to a more appropriate level. For the coming year, annual fees will be raised to \$140, in order to return to a balanced budget. John noted that the Club can no longer afford to pay the whole cost of a lunch associated with the mid year Shotgun event; Doug took a straw poll, which seemed to indicate that most members would be willing to contribute to the cost of such a lunch. It was moved by John Dawson and seconded by David Butler that the Treasurer's Report and Budget be accepted as published. Motion carried.

Election of Directors for 2019:

Andrew Hobbs presented the recommendations of the Nominating Committee consisting of himself, Richard Martin and Nick Atkinson, and confirmed that all nominees were willing to stand:

- President: Colin Mallet 1st year;
- Captain: Bill Titmuss 2nd year;
- Secretary: Gregg Hook 1st year;
- Treasurer: John Dawson 2nd year;
- Vice-Captain-Draw: Brian Montpellier 3rd year;
- Vice-Captain-Scoring: Richard Martin 3rd year;
- Social: Paul Kouri 1st year;
- Membership: Dave Wilson 2nd year;
- Director at Large: Eamon Grant 1st year;

Andrew then called for nominations from the floor. There being none, nominations were declared closed, and the above nominees were declared elected. Doug presented the gavel to the incoming President, Colin Mallet, and called for a motion to adjourn this year's AGM.

Motion for Adjournment:

The Motion for Adjournment was moved by Richard Martin and seconded by Dave Stephens. Motion carried at 12.25 pm.

Colin thanked the members for their confidence, and acknowledged Doug's great work as President over the last 2 years. He welcomed the new members to the Board, Gregg Hook, Paul Kouri, and Eamon Grant, and thanked the retiring members, John Foster, Dave Thomas and Andrew Hobbs, the latter retiring as Past President, after 6 years on the Board.

Awards Ceremony:

After lunch, the Captain, Bill Titmuss, thanked all of the members who had helped to organize this year's tournaments. He then handed out the trophies to this year's winners, ably assisted by Ray Dujardin, the Club's inimitable photographer.

End of Minutes of 2018 AGM

One more time:

Membership Fee for 2020 season

\$140.00

Associate Membership Fee \$50.00

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West Point Golf Club***

I've heard people say putting is 50% mental. I really believe it is 50 percent technique and 90 % positive thinking, see, but that adds up to 140 %, which is why nobody is 100 % sure how to putt. *Chi Chi Rodriguez.*

'Regarding Great wall of insanity , I have no idea, except it is Man made obstruction, should not be there, and as an unnatural obstruction, player should really get free relief, but ball lost applies, except it is due to unclimbable Great Wall , so really just one GREAT ...\$&#%..... Chinese puzzle..... to me.'*



I'm getting so old I don't even buy green bananas any more.
Chi Chi



89th ANNUAL LUNCHEON & AWARDS CEREMONY

Members invited to be seated: President, Colin Mallet

Saying of Grace

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

Awarding of Trophies: (Bill Titmuss, 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 2020

1. Red Tee Shamble
2. Bud Brown Eclectic Net & Gross
3. Two Man Team Challenge
4. TNT Team Net Total
5. Sweet Sixteen McCleery
6. Laurie Craddock Vintage Cup
7. Ab Miles Tankard
8. Red, White and Blue McCleery
9. Super Senior Low Gross & Net
10. Senior Master Low Gross & Net
11. Stroke Play Net Champions & Gross
12. Joe Dwyer Two Man Teams
13. Palcutta
14. 3 Clubs and a Putter Gross & Net
15. Sweet Sixteen at Langara
16. Club Championship
17. Ed Angel Trophy 2 Man Teams
18. Red White and Blue Langara
19. Neil McIntyre
20. Texas Scramble Fraserview
21. Fairweather Match Play
22. Bob Jack Trophy
23. Roli Parker Shield Eclectic Gross & Net
24. Doug LeBlanc Shield
25. Captain's Challenge
26. Most Improved Golfer

President's Report

Directors: 2019

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*Brian Montpellier - Draw
Richard Martin- Scoring*

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Advisors:

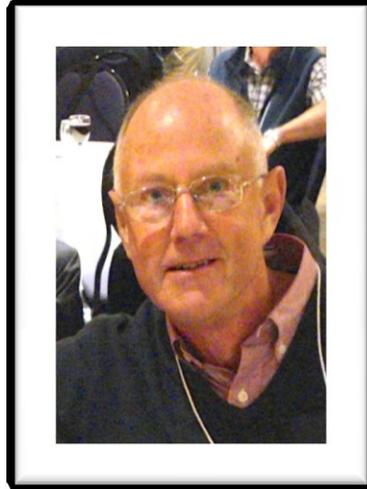
Web Masters & Divot Dust

Ed Watson

Wayne Gatley

Handicap: *Peter Coyle*

Legal: *Carl Jonsson*



Thanks to everyone for your support in my first year as your President. I have been very fortunate to have had an outstanding executive to work with, which has made my job very easy. The 4 courses that we use have been in the best shape that I have seen them in my time as a member, and we have benefited from excellent relations with all of the staff. With the indefinite postponement of the large scale drainage project at Langara,

we have managed to avoid the disruptions to our schedule that we had feared a year ago. We have maintained our relationship with Joan Probert, and again made submissions, regarding the value of Langara, to the Parks Board.

As Dave Wilson reports, our membership numbers continue to be healthy, and we have 10 waitlist members. Dave has worked hard, rapidly filling all vacancies, as a few of our members have moved over to Associate membership, thus maximising our membership income. The weekly turnout has been good, averaging 18.8 tee times at both McCleery and Langara, fully justifying our 20 tee time allocation. Those interested have had a full range of competitions open to them, and the range of prize winners bodes well for the future of the Club.

While our main focus is the golf, the social side of the Club is also important to all of us. Our Social events have been enjoyable for all who attended, but it has been disappointing that more members haven't found time to stick around and socialize after their games.

While members have enjoyed the Shotgun and the club-subsidized lunch at University Golf course mid-season, the rain and forfeited green fees this year have caused us to re-evaluate the risks involved, both to the Club and to individual members. We feel that it may be more effective to provide a couple of 'beer and burger' lunches at our regular courses, so we plan to see how well these will work next year.

Our goal this year was to maintain a break-even situation for the Club, but as John Dawson, our Treasurer, will show, we have a healthy surplus, largely due to stronger Membership income, and the effect of only one 'hole in one' celebration on the Social spending this year.

The Club continues to provide support to the Inner City Youth Golf Program, run by Muncie Booth at McCleery, contributing \$1600, in addition to the proceeds from the 50/50 draws. We have also passed our remaining inventory of golf shirts to them, since we intend to have a new golf shirt ordering program next year.

When I first joined the Executive, 5 years ago, there were endless discussions about how we could best rationalize our software needs, to keep the Club running efficiently. I am happy to say that the efforts of past Executives have made these discussions no longer necessary, and our Electronic Club management system is now operating in a remarkably smooth manner. However, we owe a lot of thanks for the immense effort and goodwill of your Captain and Vice Captains in making the system as user friendly as possible.

We are fortunate that many of our Directors have agreed to put their names forward for next year's Executive, but 2 of our directors are leaving us, Eamon Grant, who has maintained Nick Atkinson's high level of troubleshooting support for our Electronic system, and Richard Martin, who took over as Vice Captain for Scoring nearly 4 years ago, and who, with the support of all the members of the Captain's table, has put in endless hours each week to minimise member efforts in recording scores, deciding prize winners, and maintaining handicaps.

Three of our current directors and advisors are being nominated for new positions on the Board. These include Bill Titmuss, who has been an incredibly conscientious Captain for the last 2 years, Brian Montpellier, our infinitely flexible and uncomplaining Vice Captain for Draw for nearly 4 years, and Peter Coyle, who has kept our handicaps honest for the last 2 years. We owe a lot of thanks to these hardworking members, and can be grateful that they and 2 new members have agreed to be nominated for the 2020 Board.

Each of our Directors has filed their Reports in this Divot Dust, and recognized the many members who have also contributed to Club activities, and the Captain's Table. The Club is a volunteer organization dependent on the willingness of members to serve. Other members who quietly provide assistance include:

- Jim Selley, who has coordinated the engraving of our trophies for the last 12 years, while of course holding many other Executive posts over that time;
- Carl Jonsson, who, as our legal advisor, ensures that we are in compliance with the Societies Act;
- Ed Watson and Wayne Gatley, who continue to maintain our extensive website, which I hope all of you use;
- Lorne Lindsay, who has contributed so many Member Sketches over the years, and Andrew Hobbs, who maintains our Book of 'Shot their Age' Champions;
- Dave Stephens, who is working away diligently on the West Point Club history and Ray Dujardin, our inimitable photographer;

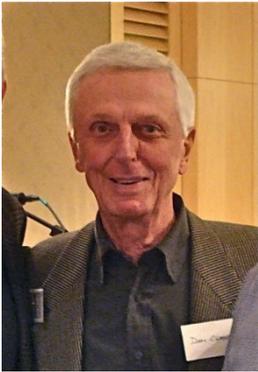
Thanks for making this another successful year, and best wishes for the winter season.

Sincerely,

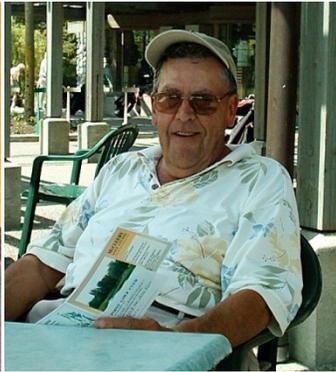
Colin Mallet

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE PASSED AWAY WITHIN
THE LAST YEAR.

THEY WILL BE MISSED.



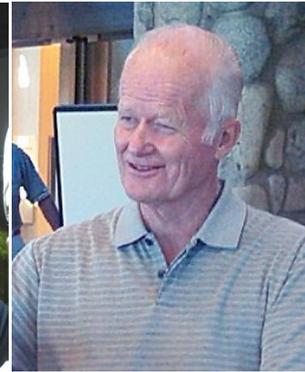
Don Clancy



Maurice Foissy



Ed Murray



Ben Oxholm



George Doiron



Bill Johnson



Sam Shalaby

FORMER WPGC BOARD MEMBERS

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

Blackman, Doug
Bobinski, Ed
Brett-Davies, Neil
Carter, Mike
Ciccozzi, Brian
Coyle, Peter

Dickinson, Rob
Dickson, David
Dujardin, Ray
Foster, John
Grant, Eamon
Hobbs, Andrew
Jonsson, Carl

Lindsay, Lorne
McHattie, John
McPherson, Don
Martin, Richard
Marshall, Hugh
Moulton, Roy

Schmidt, Andy
Selley, Jim
Sinclair, Gary
Stephens, Dave
Thomson, Craig
Trunkfield, Geoff
Williams, Al

Past President's Report



We were again blessed with a wonderful golf season with very few rain-outs. The courses have all been in great condition, some with considerable improvement over prior years. Kudos to the greens keepers!

Your Board, under the leadership of President Colin Mallet and Captain Bill Titmuss, has guided the Club through the season seamlessly. We are grateful for all the work contributed by each of our Board members.

This was the second full year using the new electronic club management system for sign-up, weekly draw and scoring, all of which are running smoothly thanks to the efforts of Brian Montpellier, Richard Martin and Eamon Grant. We again thank Nick Atkinson for starting us down this path.

We recently mourned the loss of Don Clancy, a previous long term member of the Club.

One of the roles adopted by the Past President has been monitoring pace of play.

With some minor exceptions, our pace of play has been exemplary. The Club continues to enjoy a good reputation with each of the courses.

As the Chair of your nominating Committee comprised of Bill Titmuss, Dave Stephens and myself, I am posting the Nominations for Directors for 2020 below.

Enjoy your winter season wherever it takes you. I look forward to seeing you next spring.

Best wishes,

Doug Blackman

Gallery of Candidates nominated to serve as our Board of Directors for 2020

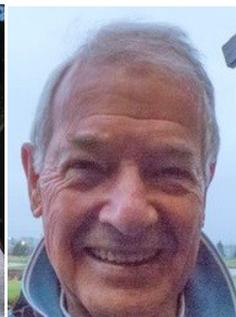
Presenting the members who have agreed to stand for election:



President
Colin Mallet
2nd Year



Secretary
Gregg Hook
2nd Year



Treasurer
John Dawson
3rd Year



Captain
Brian
Montpellier
1st Year



Past Pres
Doug Blackman
2nd Year



VCapt Draw
Ian Allan
1st Year



VCapt Scoring
Peter Coyle
1st Year



Membership
Dave Wilson
2nd Year

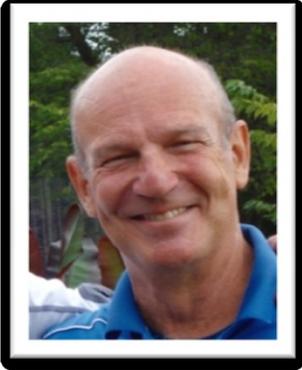


Social Director
Paul Kouri
2ndYear



Dir@Large
Ross Cassie
1st Year

Captain's Message



Captain's Table:

Once again under the leadership of Richard Martin, the Captain's table kept things humming. Always the last to leave the golf course, these guys entered our scores and sent off the weekly reports to be published on our website. A big thanks to Richard, Ian Allan, John Evans, Peter Coyle, David Marr, Jeremy Marr, David McMurdo, and Jim Trotter.

eSignup:

Brian Montpellier once again put in more than his fair share of time on task juggling tee times to meet each week's requirements. He frequently contacts the software company suggesting ways they might improve their product so we can improve our service to our members. We all owe him a great thanks for his time, patience, and knowledge. Few of our members realize how often last-minute changes have to be made in the lineup. Sometimes there are very good reasons such as injuries or illness. Unfortunately, there are times when we are treated as personal golf travel agents.

Riverway:

Peter Coyle took on the role of coordinator for our Riverway Tuesdays. Many thanks to Peter. He also understands occasionally being treated like a travel agent. There seemed to be a great deal of last minutes cancelations this year. Perhaps next year we shall shorten the signup time for Riverway. It seems sad when the signup fills so quickly, only to have a handful of players cancel at the last minute.

Communications:

We introduced a PDF version of our guide. It included a complete calendar of events, rules and procedures, and descriptions of our tournaments. Next year we hope to find ways to improve this publication. For those who prefer a paper copy, local print shops like Staples can print a proper copy for about \$5. This can easily be slipped into the side pocket of a golf bag. It is not as small, but the larger font makes for easier reading.

To help with privacy, we also published a separate telephone and email list in the PDF format. This allowed us to update this file periodically.

Each week, I sent out an email to our members reminding them of current and coming events. While the majority of emails I received were from fellow board members, I did answer lots of our member's questions. By the middle of September, my West Point Golf Club folder contained more than 2,600 emails for the 2019 season.

Ed Watson and Wayne Gatley served us well by keeping the information on our website up to date. From weekly prizes to announcements for away games to tournament ladders, they did it all. They deserve our thanks.

Pace of Play:

The new rule allowing us to keep the flagstick in the cup has helped a lot! This is especially true for long putts, where we do not have to wait for a member of our foursome to tend the flagstick. We have had many rounds close to or under the four-hour mark this year. Our pace of play has not been an issue with the pro shops this season.

Away Games:

We are fortunate to have the opportunity to play six different away game courses this season. This of course doesn't happen without the help from our fellow members. Our thanks go out to:

Tsawwassen Springs: Brian Sims, Mayfair Lakes: Gregg Hook, Kings Links: Craig Thomson, Northlands: Paul Kouri, Northview: Doug Blackman, Pagoda Ridge: Andrew Hobbs, and David Johannson: Coordinator for Bob Jack Trophy, best three round net score.

University Men Club vs WPGC:

Thanks to Brian Ciccozzi for being the organizer and liaison person for this two-day match play event. West Point now holds the winner's trophy. Well done gents.

Prizes and Awards

We had more than 40 winners for our approximately 75 prizes. No one player dominated this season. Gregg Hook won the Club Championship for his second time. We had 24 Monthly Medal winner competing in the LeBlanc Shield final on October 17th.

Looking to the 2020 Season:

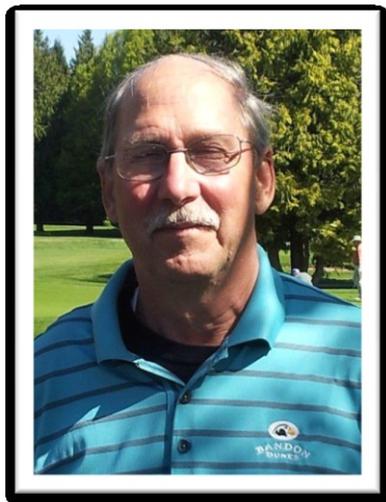
- We will formalize a sand trap rule to deal with unraked traps and rainy-day conditions.
- We will formalize a maximum score of double par plus 1 for those who get frustrated and want to pick up and not finish a hole.
- There is a portion of our member that really just want to play golf for fun and are not always interested in competition. The board will keep this in mind when developing the calendar and any format changes.
- We will look at a changing multiple day partner events to one day events to simplify the draw and keep from needing "ghosts" to replace missing partners.
- We might replace the Pagoda Ridge away game with a new venue. There is a good chance it will be Burnaby Mountain.

As you know by now, Brian Montpellier will take over as Club Captain. I trust he will do an excellent job; just as he did with the weekly draw. Once again, thank you for your support during my two years as Captain. It made the time spent working for our club very rewarding.

Sincerely,

Bill Titmuss

Vice-Captain (Weekly Draw)



The software program has performed very well this season. There are certain improvements to the software that we have requested such as including the ability for members to include a request when they sign up, a module to manage match play, a method to rotate tee times equitably, more flexible email functions and a method to track pace of play.

As usual, cooperation with the pro shops has been excellent. I will reiterate what was said in the last report as some issues continue: Please note if you must cancel a tee time, let the Drawmaster know so he can adjust the draw accordingly. And please try and cancel before the draw is posted. This is usually the Tuesday or Wednesday before the tournament and 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 for the next tournament are cutoff the Friday before at 5 p.m. That's one day after we have played, so please don't be late signing up for the following tournament.

We averaged 18.8 tee times at McCleery this year (last year was 19.5). Our play at Langara averaged 18.9 tee times (19 last year). So far, at Fraserview we have averaged 16 tee times over 3 weeks (17 at the same time last year).

It has been enjoyable doing the draw. Ian Allan will be taking over Draw duties for the 2020 campaign.

Brian Montpellier

Vice-Captain's (Scoring)



My thanks again to the members and those who acted as team captains during the year - your support is much appreciated at the 'Table'.

This was our 2nd year using the Golfsoftware.com. system and becoming more familiar with it made it easier to use with only a few glitches. My thanks to Brian Montpelier who looked after setting up our weekly draw (especially the 2 and 3 day tournaments which require multi-day results) and for accommodating my requests for appropriate tee times.

I would like to thank those who served at the Captain's Table this year – Dave Marr, John Evans, Jeremy Marr, David McMurdo, Peter Coyle, Jim Trotter, Peter Reid and Ian Allan were all regulars at the 'Table'. Don Kilpatrick also helped at McCleery while he was unable to play. The first month of the season was mostly re-training on how to open up the computer and golf program and then opening the day's draw for scoring. We now have 3 or 4 volunteers who have learnt how to run the 'Table' (to fill out the Score Sheet, publish results, post handicaps and to organize for the following week).

John Evans and Dave Marr have both taken over my duties at the 'Table' when I have been away (Dave Marr for all of October).

My thanks to Ed Watson and Wayne Gatley who update our web site with the results (they also keep track of the money winners!!) and to Doug Blackman who monitored the play and gap times his year.

My special thanks to our Captain, Bill Titmuss, for his knowledge and guidance over the year and to the many members who donate their time to help.

I have again had a great team of volunteers at the 'Table' and I have enjoyed working with all of you. Please note that volunteering at the 'Table' is a great way to meet our membership (both new and old).

I am looking forward to next season when I will become only a 'volunteer' - and perhaps also set up our time clock each week when we are at Langara!!

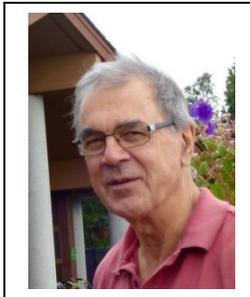
Best wishes to all,

Richard Martin

***Thanks to the Members of our
Captain's Table***



Ian Allan



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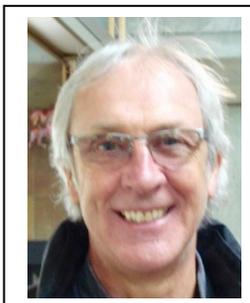
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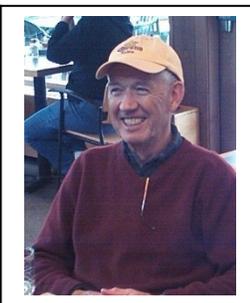
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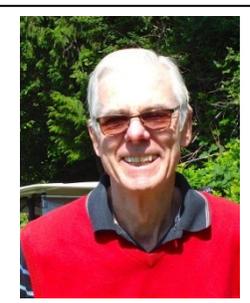
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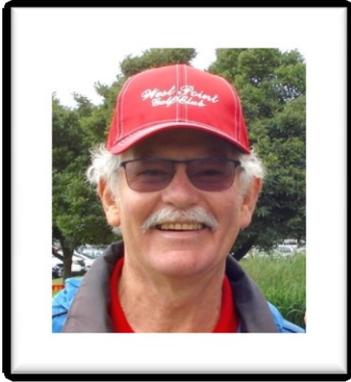
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Membership Director's Message



The West Point Golf Club is in robust shape with a full allotment of regular members, eleven of whom joined during the current season. There are also 10 golfers on the waitlist which is a healthy number as well.

The current membership status for the club totals 130 members, in the following categories:

- 110 regular members
- 1 honorary member- Roy Moulton (2009)
- 5 lifetime members- Hugh Marshall (2010), Gary Sinclair (2011), Ray Dujardin (2012), Jim Selley (2015), and Brian Ciccozzi (2016)
- 14 Associate members: Al Williams, Richard Buski, John McPherson, Paul Levy, Peter McAllister, Don Rotheringham, John Wood, Sam Lilley, Grant Hughes, Craig Thomson, Dean MacKinnon, Colin Kelly, and Len Posyniak.
- 10 waitlist golfers: Jerry Kammermayer, Ulf Anderssen, John Loveday, Chris Schneider, Geoffrey Howes, Doug March, Allan Harris, John Smart, Paul Kaushal, and John Maclachlan.

New members for 2019 are Keith Beglau, Rob Doggett, Mike Fryzuk, Jones Lee, John MacKenzie, Dennis Morgan, Basil Quan, Bob Rawlings, Dennis Selby, Joe Strasser, and Perry Wong.

Demographically, 28 members are over 80 while 13 are under 70. The average age is 76; the youngest member is 59 while the oldest is 94!

Regrettably, the following retired members passed away since the last Divot Dust: Ben Oxholm, Maurice Foisy, Ed Murray, Bill Johnson, George Doiron, Sam Shalaby and Don Clancy. More information on these past members can be found in the Galleries section on the website

Sincerely,

Dave Wilson



Social Director's Message



All our social events over the past year went according to plan, were well attended and fell within budget. Special thanks to Gregg and Colin who pitched in to help when needed.

2018 AGM: The Arbutus Club provides an excellent meal and facilities to meet our needs. We can look forward to another successful AGM at the Arbutus Club on October 29th. Last year 87 people attended for a total cost of \$4500.83. I expect a similar number to attend this year for a similar cost.

Opening Day social at Langara on March 26 was quite successful with a good turn out. 60 people attended compared to 54 last year. A number of newer members and several on the wait list had the opportunity to get acquainted with other members and learn more about the club. Bill's informative presentation on the new rules was much appreciated. The total cost for room rental and appetizers came to \$816.72.

UGC Shotgun June 27th Sixty-six players signed up compared to 69 last year. Of the 66 signed up at the cut-off date, June 25, only 55 played. We

had 11 last minute cancellations, three of them related to health issues. The event will be reviewed by the incoming board with respect to its continuation.

Palcutta social and auction at Langara July 9th. Fourteen teams (54) participated in the Palcutta. Twenty-four also played that day but game only. Some 40 people turned out for the auction/social. The total cost for burgers and beer and a desert tray was \$883 including taxes and \$100 for gratuity. Several people expressed their reluctance to participate because of the “gambling” aspect. It took some prodding to get enough people (56) to sign up to make the Palcutta viable. In the end I think most participants felt both the auction and the tournament were positive experiences. But a couple weeks prior to cut off there was serious concern as to whether we would have enough participants to make the Palcutta viable. The incoming Board will consider options to improve participation.

Paul Kouri



Director at Large Report

Areas of Responsibility: WPGC Golf Software Activities



Our GolfSoftware system appears to be currently functioning appropriately for our type of golf club and appears to be meeting the day-to-day needs of our members without too many individual concerns expressed throughout 2019. Some useful ideas have been offered throughout the year regarding improvements to online communications and messaging. However, in a number of cases such improvements need direct involvement by the GolfSoftware owners themselves, and contacts have been made already in some key areas.

Unfortunately, this can take time for some complex changes. The various functions of the system are

handled by a group of 7-8 volunteer members, often providing backup for each other. Some volunteers change after a year or so, so we are always looking for other members to help out with some of these functions. Please let any interest you may have in assisting be known to the captain's table or drawmaster, and we will be pleased to respond..

WPGC Bling Activities

Current situation. The marketing and sales of WPGC "bling" items (shirts, caps, etc.) has always been an awkward endeavour, mainly because it is difficult to arrange regular (eg. weekly) displays of available items at our Thursday golf venues. In addition, inventory of shirts is also now down to 'Small' and 'Medium' sizes which do not seem popular. As such, the Board has decided to get out of the business of managing "bling" inventories, with the remaining inventory of shirts being liquidated by donation. Kim, the McCleery pro-shop manager, has been approached to donate our remaining items to the Inner City Youth charity.

Future plan. Effective November 1, 2019, the Director at Large will be authorized:

- to take orders, priced at the Club's cost and paid by members in advance, for a single type of shirt (in 1 or 2 colours) and cap, and
 - to place a single order with our supplier at the beginning of the golf season.
- The order must respect the minimum order quantity specified by the supplier.

Eamon Grant

Handicap Report 2019



West Point members have completed another competitive season. This season has not been without its challenges, we had approximately twenty-five members who were not able to get in ten rounds this year. Health issues were the main reason. A number of members have also decided to move to associate. To all those members, we wish you all the best for a successful resolution to your situation and a return to form next year. The club will be contacting these members about their intentions for 2020, as this will affect our membership plans. We have maintained a solid membership of 110 full play members.

The number of members playing from the forward tees have been growing and I would estimate this group is almost 20% of our membership. The result is that our members can have a fair competition regardless of the tee played. We will continue to encourage members to move to forward tees to help the 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 have changed our process for Wait List players to ensure their seamless integration into the club when they become full time members. Wait List members are now entering their scores in our handicap system. The handicap section on our website is kept up to date.

Two important items for members to remember when keeping your handicap, make sure you enter scores if you play in warm weather climates this winter and if you keep an RCGA Handicap make sure you enter all West Point scores and enter your RCGA scores on our website.

Many thanks to the Directors for their support and to all our members have a great off season. We will see you in April.



Peter Coyle



Sketch of a West Pointer

The previous editor of the Divot Dust, **Gary Sinclair**, asked me to provide a bit of information about the motivation and rationale behind the “Sketch of a West Pointer” project, an initiative created to help know your fellow members better. Gary stepped down as editor after many years of dedication to the DD and relinquished the role to **Wayne Gatley**, who fortunately came forward to continue the fine tradition of the Divot Dust.

I joined WPGC in 2005 and started volunteering as a member of the Captain’s Table. 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 everyone. During my time as Vice-Captain (Draw & Scoring), I enjoyed much more direct contact with all members, especially since that was prior to electronic sign-up, and a time when commitments to play had to be confirmed orally each week 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 golfing history of West Point members. The first Sketches were of **Michael Alms, Ed Bobinski and Jim Appleby**. Thirty-four more Sketches have been published, bringing the current total to 37. This season the following members have been hi-lighted: **Mike Carter, Colin Kelly, John Matkovich, Gary Sinclair, Dave Thomas and Neil Watson**. You can read any of the sketches by going to our 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 to get started, but members can include any details they feel might be of interest; all articles are approved by the member prior to publication. Hopefully, as time goes on, 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 2007 have been invited to participate; some have preferred not to be included, and others are still preparing their submission! 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, Peter Coyle, David Dickson, George Doiron, George Drew, Ray Dujardin, Wayne Ferrey, John Foster, Neil Griggs, David Haddleton, Joe Hurley, Carl Jonsson, Phil Joughin, Roger Jung, 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



A different year for your website. The Board's decision to implement software developed by *GolfSoftware.com* – particularly the Handicap and Tournament portals has certainly made it a lot easier for Wayne and me to fulfill our website responsibilities. This is due to the generic links on the website that take you directly (or nearly so) to the current draw and to the various full-field results of all the year's completed events. You don't even need to sign in to *GolfSoftware.com* unless you wish to sign up for future events or record your scores for rounds played at non-West Point venues. This new software has also made 'things' a little easier for our 'Draw Master' – Brian Montpellier and the Event Coordinators as there has been a marked reduction in the amount of material that is sent our way for posting on your website. Perhaps, not so for Richard Martin, our Vice-Captain – Scoring and his Captain's Table who continue to do a yeoman's job providing material for your website and for ensuring that the full-field results are available on the *GolfSoftware.com* Tournament portal.

Another change in your website this year has been the lack of Handicap listings – by rank and by member. This lack has also resulted in our inability to easily update the Leaderboard page. However, we intend to use index listings to update the leaderboard page in the future.

Gary Sinclair (Emeritus) Ed Watson, Wayne Gatley



West Point Golf at Riverway G.C. 2019

2019 was another successful year for the West Point members playing Tuesdays at Riverway. We have block times allocated on every second Tuesday of the month, playing from February through to November. 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. Due to our warm spring and summer months most of our dates were fully booked. Many of our wait list golfers made good use of Riverway to get to know our members.



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 times and competition format are handled electronically. The sign up is via the eSignUp process on the West Point website. Thanks to Eamon Grant and Bill Titmuss for integrating the Riverway signup and scoring using our new software. Many Thanks to Bill Titmuss and Gregg Hook for standing in for me when I was not available and doing scoring.

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. This is one of the driest courses in the winter you will find in the Lower Mainland. 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.





*1st Tee Fraserview
Oct. 10, 2019 08:30 am.
wpgc member on the tee.*

SEE YOU ALL NEXT SPRING

Membership Fee for 2020

Season **\$140.00**

Associate Membership Fee **\$50.00**

**Please remember to bring *your cheque*
(*not cash*) to the October 29th
AGM and Awards Luncheon,
payable to West Point Golf Club**

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