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WEST POINT GOLF CLUB

Directors 2023

93rd Annual General Meeting

President
Ross Cassie

Secretary
Mike Fryzuk

Treasurer
John Evans

Captain
Bill Titmuss

Vice-Captains
Basil Quan-Draw
Jeremy Marr-Scoring

Membership Director
David McMurdo

Social Director
John Maclachlan

Director at Large
Roger Barnes

Past President
John Dawson

**Webmasters & Divot
Dust**
Wayne Gatley,
Ron Pound,
Alex Andrews

Advisors: Handicap
Brian Montpellier

Legal Carl Jonsson

Tuesday Nov. 07, 2023
Third Floor - Arbutus Club
Strathcona Room
2001 Nanton Ave. Vancouver
11:00 Registration
11:30 Buffet Lunch
12:15 Awards
AGM 12:45



Ross Cassie
President



Mike Fryzuk
Secretary

*Golf is deceptively simple and
endlessly complicated... and it is
without a doubt the greatest game
mankind has ever invented.*
Arnold Palmer

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WEST POINT GOLF CLUB 93rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

West Point Golf Club
93rd Annual General Meeting 2023
Business Meeting Agenda

Welcome and Call to Order by Ross Cassie, President

- General Welcome to Regular, Life, Honorary and Associate Members
- President's Opening Remarks – Season Overview

Roll Call of Directors

- Introduction of Directors, noting their responsibilities

Quorum

- Count of voting members present in person (20%)

Minutes of the 92nd AGM held on November 8, 2022

- Published in the latest issue of the Divot Dust, p. 4
- Motion to adopt minutes of the 92nd AGM
- Call for a proposer and seconder
- Discussion
- Vote to be conducted in person

Directors' and Advisors' Reports for the 2023 Season

- Published in the latest issue of the Divot Dust and taken as read
President – Ross Cassie
Past President – John Dawson
Secretary – Mike Fryzuk
Captain – Bill Titmuss
Vice Captain, Draw – Basil Quan
Vice Captain, Scoring – Jeremy Marr
Membership – David McMurdo
Social Director – John Maclachlan
Director at Large – Roger Barnes
Handicap Advisor – Brian Montpellier
Sketches – Lorne Lindsay
Website Management – Wayne Gatley
Legal Advisor – Carl Jonsson
- Motion to accept Directors' Reports as published

- Call for a proposer and seconder
- Discussion
- Vote to be conducted in person

Treasurer's Report 2023 and Budget 2024

- Payment Process for 2024 Fees
- Motion to waive the engagement of an external auditor to review the 2023 year end financial results
- Call for a proposer and seconder
- Discussion
- Vote to be conducted in person

Election of Directors for 2024

- Nominating Committee Members: John Dawson (Chair), Roger Barnes and Geoffrey Howes
- Nominations of the Nominating Committee - presented by John Dawson
 - President – Ross Cassie (2nd Year)
 - Past President – John Dawson – (2nd Year)
 - Secretary – Mike Fryzuk (2nd Year)
 - Captain – Bill Titmuss (2nd Year)
 - Vice Captain-Draw – Alex Andrews (1st Year)
 - Vice Captain-Scoring - Jeremy Marr (3rd Year)
 - Membership – Roger Barnes (1st Year)
 - Social – John Maclachlan (2nd Year)
 - Director at Large -John Mathews (1st Year)
- Call for other Nominations – by John Dawson
 - Call for a proposer and seconder
 - Vote conducted in person

Advisor appointments to be made by the Board of Directors in 2024

- Website Management – Wayne Gatley, Silvano Padovan
- Handicap Advisor – Brian Montpellier
- Legal – Carl Jonsson

Other Business

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn
- Call for a proposer and seconder
- Vote conducted in person

MINUTES OF WEST POINT GOLF CLUB

92nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING,

Tuesday November 8, 2022

2022 WEST POINT GOLF CLUB AGM MINUTES

November 8, 2022 @ 12:40 PM

Arbutus Club

12:40 – The 2022 WPGC AGM was called to order by President John Dawson

Quorum – Club Secretary, Ross Cassie indicated to the meeting that we had a Quorum of Members present.

Opening Comments – John Dawson – President

John welcomed the 61 members in attendance at the meeting. John recognized our 4 life members and 7 new members as well as providing a special recognition to Honorary Member, Gary Sinclair, who was in attendance. John then asked current member, Roger Barnes, to say a few words of remembrance about Gordon Rogers, a member who passed away in 2022.

John indicated that despite some challenges this year there were many highlights as well during the 2022 season – our 90th year as a club!

These highlights include:

- Bill Cartwright repeating as Club Champion
- David Ng capturing the Dave Fairweather Trophy for winning the season long Match Play Competition
- Congratulations to Mike McSevney and Bill Titmuss for shooting their age in club events this year
- Thanks to our out going Social Director, Mike Constantanidis for organizing our Opening Day Social and to our Director at Large, John Maclachlan for coordinating our very successful 90th Anniversary Golf and Social at McCleery

Recognition of the 2022 Board of Directors

John recognized and thanked these members for their service this year on the Board of Directors:

- First, our Past President, Colin Mallet, who is leaving the board this year after having served as President, Past President, Secretary and Social Director for 8 years
- Next, our Captain for the year, Brian Montpellier, who has served as Vice Captain Draw and Captain for a total of 6 years. Brian is going to continue as an Advisor to

the board and especially to our new Captain. Brian is also going to be the one to oversee the GolfSoftware system for us- so you know who to go to

- Our Treasurer, John Evans, who is in his first year in that position and he handled our finances with aplomb!
- Our Secretary, Ross Cassie, who has done a great job in keeping track of our board deliberations
- Our Vice Captain Draw, Basil Quan, who very ably served as Vice Captain – Draw again this year and led us through some momentous changes in our booking system
- David McMurdo again served as the Membership Director for the second year and saw us through a long wait list and new Medical Leave policy
- Mike Constantanidis was our Social Director this year after serving as our Treasurer last year. Mike will be leaving the board this year. Thanks, Mike for all of your work the past two years
- Jeremy Marr took on the task of being the Vice Captain, Scoring. Jeremy and the Captain's Table members take on the job of recording our weekly scores.
- The last (but not least) board member is our Director at Large, John Maclachlan, who not only handled our Bling this year but very ably led the committee that organized our 90th Anniversary.
- We have several Advisors to the Board who John also acknowledged including: Bill Titmuss who not only taught us how to fill divots on the green but reminded us about some troublesome Rules of Golf;
We had two Webmasters – Ed Watson and Wayne Gatley who had the responsibility for keeping our website up to date. Ed asked to step aside during the year and Wayne was able to recruit Ron Pound to take on the assistant's role; Carl Jonsson, our Legal Advisor, who not only knows our Club's Constitution like the back of his hand but is also a great organizer of our 50/50 draw.

Other Acknowledgements

These members were also acknowledged for their work with the club

- The many members who ran the Captain's Table each week
- Andrew Hobbs who maintains the Book of Champions
- Lorne Lindsay for his entertaining and informative Members Sketches
- Dave Stephens who maintains our Club History work
- Alex Andrews, Nick Atkinson and Colin Mallet for their leadership with the Vancouver Golf Players Association that has been very active in successfully advocating for public golf courses (especially maintaining Langara) in our city

November 2, 2021 AGM Minutes

Motion to adopt the Minutes of the November 2, 2021, Minutes was proposed by Brian Cicozzi and seconded by John Maclachlan. The motion as presented was carried.

2022 Director's Reports

Motion to adopt the 2022 Director's Reports as presented was proposed by Doug Blackman and seconded by Lorne Lindsay. The motion as presented was carried

TREASURER'S REPORT – John Evans

The budget report for the 2022 Finances and 2023 Budget were circulated. In the 2022 season the annual dues for full membership were \$120. There were two additional expenses added to the 2022 budget – those being \$ 500 provided to the VGPA for their advocacy and \$ 1500 to fund the club's 90th Anniversary Event. The deficit for the 2002 year is \$ 2005 and the balance in our account will be \$7028. Our goal for the balance was \$ 7000.

For the 2023 season the full membership fee will be raised to \$150 and the number of full members will be raised to a maximum of 120. The projected surplus for the 2023 season is \$ 1300 which will generate a projected balance of \$ 8400.

Member N. Atkinson requested that the Board consider allocating some funding to the First Tee Organization that supports the promotion of golf to Inner City children. Nick also asked that Britannia School due to its high number of vulnerable students be the focus of any donations if approved by the Board. It was determined that this request be discussed at the next Board of Directors meeting.

Motion to Accept the Treasurer's Report – J Evans; Seconded – R Cassie was carried

Motion to Waive an auditors report – C Jonsson; Seconded by D Ng was carried

Election of 2023 Board of Directors – Colin Mallet – Past President

The Nominating Committee for the 2023 Board of Directors are Colin Mallet – Chair; Brian Montpellier and Dave Wilson

The Nominations of the Nominating Committee were presented by J. Dawson as C Mallet was unable to attend this meeting

- President – Ross Cassie- (1st Year)
- Past President – John Dawson – (2nd Year)
- Secretary – Mike Fryzuk – (1st Year)
- Treasurer – John Evans – (2nd Year)
- Captain – Bill Titmuss – (1st Year)
- Vice Captain, Draw – Basil Quan – (3rd Year)
- Vice Captain, Scoring – Jeremy Marr – (2nd Year)
- Membership – David McMurdo – (3rd Year)
- Social – John Maclachlan – (1st Year)
- Member at Large – Roger Barnes – (1st Year)

Motion to close nominations – J Bones; Seconded by B Montpellier

There were no additional candidates forthcoming so the slate of candidates for the 2023 Board of Directors was carried by the membership

Advisor Appointments for the 2023 Season

The following Advisor Appointments will be confirmed at the next Board Meeting

- Brian Montpellier – Club software system
- Website Management – Wayne Gatley and Ron Pound
- Legal – Carl Jonsson

Other Business

A question was asked by J. Strasser, about the possibility of playing Fraserview earlier in the year as opposed to our season's last two months. B Montpellier responded that the Vancouver Parks Board is open to our club to determine our rotation of courses and the proposed plan for our 2023 season is to play Langara in April and May; McCleery in June, July and August; and Fraserview in September and October. The reason for the proposed change in the rotation is to take advantage of Langara's improved drainage in the early months of the season. A final decision about the rotation will be made at the next Board meeting.

The members were reminded that if they have concerns to go through the appropriate Board of Director's member.

Introduction of the 2023 President

J Dawson introduced the incoming President, R Cassie, to say a few comments. After acknowledging H Marshall for his recent endorsement, Ross thanked John Dawson on behalf of the membership for all of his work, leadership and commitment to our club these past two years. In particular, John was very successful in guiding our club through the challenges of Covid and the new tee time sign up process. A large degree of that success can be attributed to John's willingness to consult with the membership and to lead our Board in discussions in a positive and productive way. Ross thanked the 2023 Board of Directors for being willing to serve the membership and he is very much looking forward to the opportunity to serve as the President of the WPGC in 2023.

TERMINATION OF THE MEETING – R Cassie at 1:35 pm

Membership Fees for 2024 Season:

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92nd ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

Awarding of Trophies: (Brian Montpellier]

West Point Golf Club - Trophy List 2023

- 1. Bud Brown Eclectic**
2023
Flight A: Geoffrey Howes
Flight B: Ray Gerein
Flight C: David McMurdo
- 2. Neil McIntyre**
2023 James Ahmoye
- 3. Ed Angel**
2023 Brian Montpellier
Neil Brett-Davies
- 4. Stroke Play**
2023 Sunil Chun
- 5. Handicap Champion (Hugh Marshall)**
2023 Jim Barkwell
- 6. Super Senior**
2023 John Maclachlan
- 7. Senior Master**
2023 Dan Huber
- 8. Joe Dwyer**
2023 Brian Montpellier
Stephen Loomer
- 9. Fairweather**
2023 President's Team
- 10. Club Champion**
2023 Bill Titmuss

11. Ab Miles Tankard

2023 Gregg Hook

11. Laurie Craddock

2023 Young: Bill Cartwright

Younger: Gregg Hook

Youngest: John Dawson

13. TNT

2023 Sunil Chun

Eamon Grant

Bill Trory

Lorne Lindsay

14. Roli Parker

2023

Flight A Rob Doggett

Flight B David Ng

Flight C Lorne Lindsay

15. Le Blanc Shield

2023

Flight A Sunil Chun

Flight B David Ng

Flight C Garry Watson

16. Champion of Champions

2023 John Evans

17. Bob Jack

2023 Bruce Kennedy

18. Most Improved

2023 Geoff Flamank

19. Presidents Plaque

2023-24 Ross Cassie



New – Hole in One Medallion

West Point Golf Club

Hole-in-One

Michael McSevney

13th at Fraserview

139 yards

Sept. 7th 2023

President's Report

President

Ross Cassie

Secretary

Mike Fryzuk

Treasurer

John Evans

Captain

Bill Titmuss

Vice-Captains

Basil Quan-Draw

Jeremy Marr-Scoring

Membership Director

David McMurdo

Social Director

John Maclachlan

Director at Large

Roger Barnes

Past President

John Dawson

Webmasters & Divot**Dust**

Wayne Gatley,

Ron Pound, Alex Andrews

Advisors:

Bill Titmuss-Handicap

Legal

Carl Jonsson



I would like to welcome all of our members to our club's 93rd Annual General Meeting today. I have really enjoyed my year as President and having the opportunity to meet and speak with many of you and have greatly appreciated the guidance and comments I have received from many of you.

At this time I would like to acknowledge the passing of one of our members, Roger Jung, who passed away earlier this year. Roger was a member of the West Point Club for many years and was always a pleasure to play with. I would also like to acknowledge our current members who have been injured, in ill health or caring for others, who have not had the opportunity to get out on the courses as much as they would have liked to.

I would like to provide a special welcome to our Life Time members: Brian Ciccozzi, Lorne Lindsay, Hugh Marshall and Jim Selley; and to our two Honorary Members Ray Dujardin and Gary Sinclair. Over the years these 6 individuals have provided so much time to our club to insure our activities are rewarding and enjoyable experiences for us all.

Finally I would like to thank the other Executive members for all of the work they provide to our club and especially to me this past year.

They are:

- Bill Titmuss – Club Captain
- Mike Fryzuk – Club Secretary
- John Dawson – Past President
- John Evans – Club Treasurer
- Basil Quan – Vice Captain – Draw
- Jeremy Marr – Vice Captain – Scoring
- David McMurdo – Membership Coordinator
- John Maclachlan- Social Director
- Roger Barnes – Director at Large
- Brian Montpellier – Handicap Advisor
- Wayne Gatley/ Alex Andrews/Ron Pound – Website Advisors
- Carl Jonsson - legal

One of our goals this year was to insure that we were filling the allotted tee times that we had at our Vancouver courses and Riverway. We have been very successful in achieving this but we are still dealing with the problem of late cancellations. For the 2024 season the Executive will be developing a policy to deal with this problem.

Our tournaments this season were very competitive and there was lots of variety in the tournaments. Many thanks to our Club Captain, Bill Titmuss, for all of his work with our tournaments. Bill is never idle with his plans on how we can improve our competitions. An example of this was the new format that Bill developed for our Fairweather Match Play Tournament. The 3 day Team Format was very popular with our members and increased the number of matches played significantly over past years.

This year we changed the order of when we played Langara and McCleery. Starting with Langara was a great move as we took advantage of the excellent drainage work that had been done on the course. Further, by starting later in our season at McCleery, that course was much drier to play than in previous years. Again this year, our club was able to maintain excellent relations with the Pro Shop staffs at Langara, McCleery, Fraserview and Riverway.

As indicated earlier we increased our full membership numbers to 119 from 110. We still have a small wait list. Many of our 22 new members and our current wait list members are very active in our weekly games and this is great to see. This is the largest group of new members since 2012 and we filled our wait list allotment in about 7 hours. We are certainly a well known and popular club to be a member of. Our list of 22 new members is James Ahmoye, Raymond Andersen, Walter Brennan, Bob Burnie, Bill Bishop, Fred Box, Sunil Chun, Scott Douglas, Geoff Flamank, Tom Grieve, Mark Griggs, Chris Gunning, Yeo Ka Hua, Barry McCormick, Bert Mollica, Jay Parker, Bruce Righton, Bill Robinson, Gary Senez, Mike Speer, Ken Strilesky and Chris Strother. Many thanks to our Membership Coordinator, David McMurdo for all of the work that he did to organize our club membership this year.

Again this past winter we offered tee times during the off season to our members at Langara and Riverway. Many of our members who are not in the sunnier climates took advantage of these times. Thanks to Brian Montpelier for organizing our Langara days and to Chris Murray for our times at Riverway.

Speaking of Riverway times, most of the weeks during the season our 16 tee slots were full. Due to the popularity of these Tuesday times we did change the sign up process during the season to insure that these times were being allocated as equally as possible. Thanks again to our Riverway Coordinator, Chris Murray, for organizing our Riverway times. Chris will be stepping away from these duties. In the past few years Chris has done an outstanding job handling these responsibilities for our club.

We did hold a number of Away Games this season that club members were able to attend at 5 different courses. Attendance did vary at these events and we will again be offering Away Games as part of our Club Schedule next season.

The finances of our club are in a healthy state. In fact, largely due to the income from our increase in full members we ended up with a small surplus this year. Our club's Treasurer, John Evans, has done a terrific job in monitoring our finances and developing a prudent financial plan to insure the club is able to continue to

offer many benefits to our members.

One of the goals of the Executive has been to enhance our Social Events for our members. In that regard, our Social Coordinator, John Maclachlan has organized many events during this season which were well received by our members. John has many other ideas for the 2024 season for our social events. Thanks again to John for his work with our socials.

A “favourite read” of mine are the Character Sketches that one of our Life Time members, Lorne Lindsay, writes about our members throughout the year. The sketches really provide a detailed insight into our members and helps us to get to know the “other lives” of our members away from the golf course. Thanks again to Lorne for his entertaining and informative sketches of our members.

This year a familiar name returned to the Club Champion plaque as Bill Titmuss was this victor. Congratulations to all of our members who won competitions this year. A special congratulations to the President Team members who were victorious in the Fairweather Match Play competition. Sorry, I couldn’t help acknowledging the “Boys in White!”

In closing, I would again like to acknowledge all of the Executive Members for their work this year. The other day a member asked me how has my year as President gone? I replied that I thought it went quite well because of the commitment of the Executive members and their willingness to go the extra mile for our club. In particular I would like to thank David McMurdo for his 3 years of service to our Executive as our Membership Coordinator. David’s attention to detail and thoroughness have insured that the coordination of our membership has been exemplary. Also, I would to thank Basil Quan, for his work as the Vice Captain – Draw these past 3 years. During his tenure Basil helped navigate our club through some changes to the draw process and the weekly draws were always done promptly.

Sincerely,

Ross Cassie



Fraserview 18th from the Clubhouse

Past President's Report



As Past President, I would like to congratulate Ross Cassie and the rest of the Club Executive on their excellent work this past year. We are fortunate to have their dedicated, professional leadership working on behalf of all of us.

This year, Roger Barnes and Geoffrey Howes joined me on the Nominating Committee to propose your new Directors for next year. Basil Quan and David McMurdo will be retiring from the Board, and they deserve thanks from all of us for their longstanding, excellent service to the Club.

Each of the proposed new slate of Directors has agreed to serve, if he is elected. They are:

- Ross Cassie as President (Year 2)
- Bill Titmuss as Captain (Year 2 in this round, but having served as Captain previously in 2018 and 2019)
- Alex Andrews as Vice-Captain Draw (Year 1)
- Jeremy Marr as Vice-Captain Scoring (Year 3)
- Roger Barnes as Membership Director (Year 1)
- John Evans as Treasurer (Year 3)
- John Maclachlan as Social Director (Year 2)
- Mike Fryzuk as Secretary (Year 2)
- John Mathews as Director at Large (Year 1)
- John Dawson as Past President (Year 2)

The Advisors to the Board are:

- Brian Montpellier: Handicap and Technical Advisor;
- Wayne Gatley and Silvano Padovan: Web Advisors and Divot Dust Editors;
- Carl Jonsson: Legal Advisor;

Sincerely,

John Dawson

Membership Fees for 2024 Season:

**Full Membership: \$150.00 minus winnings
Associate and Wait List \$50.00 minus winnings**

Gallery of Candidates nominated to serve as our Board of Directors for 2024

Presenting the members who have agreed to stand for election:



President
Ross Cassie
2nd Year



Secretary
Mike Fryzuk
2nd Year



Treasurer
John Evans
3rd Year



Captain
Bill Titmuss
2nd Year



Past President
John Dawson
2nd Year



VCapt Draw
Alex Andrews
1st Year



VCapt Scoring
Jeremy Marr
3rd Year



Membership
Roger Barnes
1st Year



Social Director
John Maclachlan
3rd Year



Dir@Large
John Mathews
1st Year

FORMER WPGC BOARD MEMBERS

34 currently active members and two Honorary members have served our Club as Directors

Atkinson, Nick
Blackman, Doug
Brett-Davies, Neil
Carter, Mike
Ciccozzi, Brian
Constantinidis, Mike
Coyle, Peter
Dawson, John

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

Kouri, Paul
Lindsay, Lorne
McHattie, John
Mallet, Colin
Martin, Richard
Marshall, Hugh
Montpellier, Brian
McMurdo, David
Quan, Basil

Schmidt, Andy
Selley, Jim
Sinclair, Gary
Stephens, Dave
Thomas, Dave
Thomson, Craig
Titmuss, Bill
Trunkfield, Geof
Wilson, Dave

Captain's Report



Sign up: Each of our events begin with members signing up to play. A big thanks to the patience of our Drawmaster Basil Quan. He patiently dealt with a wide variety of requests from members, the Captain's Table, and from me in my role as Captain. It seems that each week once the draw was announced on Saturday, cancelations would come his way, leaving him to redo the draw. It seems some of us forget we had plans for that week or just forgot we signed up to play.

In a perfect world everyone would check their calendar and sign-up logs every Thursday evening. This would allow members to cancel before the draw is closed on Friday evening.

Captain's Table: Jeremy Marr did a wonderful job as leader of the Captain's Table. He was conscientious, always in good spirits, and completed his work in a very timely manner. You may have noticed that your weekly earnings usually appeared on the leaderboard by midday Friday. This was because Jeremy sent me the information that morning.

Everyone should be grateful that our volunteers at the table donated their time to enter our scores. Thank you, Roger Barnes, Jim Bones, Peter Coyle, John Evans, Jeremy Marr, Richard Martin, David McMurdo, and Michael McSevney.

Riverway: The year started with sign up to a tee time. With only 16 slots available the first five or six slots were always taken by the same members. Chris Murray stepped in; we changed the sign up to a list. Chris did a wonderful job of balancing the sign-up list so that the opportunity to play Riverway was distributed fairly.

2023 Calendar: Starting the season at Langara seemed to be a success. The course played dry in the spring. It was nice to play McCleery during the warm and dry summer months. Everyone has their personal favorite of the three Vancouver public courses. It may be that Langara is the most "Senior Friendly" course that we play. Kim at McCleery has been very supportive of our club. It has been a tradition to play at McCleery for three months. McCleery is where our trophies are housed.

The Club Championship: This takes up lots of time. Its August date seems out of place as many of our members have family obligations that time of year. This year it was very difficult to get our top players to commit to playing all the rounds. I am looking to move this event to July using only three Thursdays and no Tuesdays. To qualify will be simplified. One must play five of the first twelve rounds that we use for determining handicaps. These rounds will be identified on our calendar. The membership will be divided into three equal flights by iCaps. The qualifying players with the top eight iCaps for each flight will be invited to play in the Match Play rounds of the Club Championship. If any of the top eight decline, the invitations move on to the 9th then the 10th player and so on.

Away Games: While not as well attend as in the past, they still seem a very good option for our membership. Money and distance seem to be the main two factors for lack of interest. We still have people willing to coordinate these outings. Myself at Tsawwassen Springs, Gregg Hook at Mayfair Lakes, Craig Thomson at Green Tree Country Club, John Smart at Squamish, and John Mathews and Joe Strasser at Surrey Golf Club or perhaps Redwoods. Thanks to one and all. Of special note, John Mathews and Joe Strasser took the Surrey Golf outing to a new level of fun. While the golf course may not have been great, the camaraderie they created caused quite the buzz.

Handbook: I have been pleasantly surprised to find a few people do refer to the handbook. I know this because I have been made aware of a few errors and anomalies. I will continue to use the handbook as a storage of information. It also provides a brief look at our recent history. The synopsis on the sign-up pages comes directly from the handbook.

Communications: Compared to when I was Captain four years ago, I have received just over 1,000 emails as of the end of September 2023. In September 2019 I had received over 2,500 emails in the same period. So, either folks are getting the information they need, or they have given up trying. I am hoping the latter is not true.

The new portal page developed by Brain Montpellier gives us an easy way to make information readily available. This is most likely the difference.

The Board: A big thank you to Ross Cassie and the rest of the board for their support this year. While we do have a variety of opinions on various subjects, the members of the board really work well together to figure out what is best for our membership.

Sincerely,

Bill Titmuss

This Season's only Hole-in-One Guy

Congratulations to

Michael McSevney

September 07, 2023,

***13th Hole - Fraserview
G.C.***



Vice-Captain (Weekly Draw)



- This is my final report as Drawmaster and it has been my honour to serve in this role for the last 3 years. This position has given me a deep appreciation of what goes on behind the scenes so that we can all come out and play golf. Things that we take for granted like getting the events planned, scheduled, scores recorded, prizes awarded etc. It takes a community of dedicated volunteers to make things run as smoothly as it does.

- This year we had 20 tee times at Langara, McCleery and Fraserview. We changed the order and started at

Langara, then moved to McCleery and finished off our season at Fraserview and I believe that the order was agreeable to most members.

- The participation at all 3 courses were generally pretty good and at the height of summer towards the end of our stay at McCleery and for the first few weeks at Fraserview, most events were oversubscribed with multiple members on the standby list. However, during that time, there was also a noticeable increase in cancellations after the draw closed.
- On average, we have about 8-10 cancellations weekly between close of sign-up and Tuesday cutoff when the draw sheet is submitted to the pro shop. This excludes direct cancellations with the pro shop which I do not track but theoretically, the Club Captain should be notified of this via email.
- All Bob Jack events seemed to be better subscribed to this year due an increased signup drive by the coordinators.
- The Tuesday Riverway events have reverted back to a sign-up to a list format with the Riverway coordinator assigning players to the 16 spots we have been assigned. On average, all the tee times available to us were used weekly.
- Multi-round events like Bud Brown Eclectic 1,2,3; Neil McIntyre 1&2; Roli Parker Eclectic 1,2,3 are difficult to set up in the software with many manual steps to keep track of. Many questions were received regarding changes in flights over the different weeks, why players were on the standby list when they did not sign up for that week or that they forget that they did not sign up and then questioned why they did not get a tee time.
- The signup format – tee time or list has been working fine. Members who want to play together or who need early tee times have figured out a workable system or have made a special requests in advance of the event. Note that special requests are not ongoing and are handled on a weekly basis.
- Alex Andrews will be the winter golf Drawmaster at Langara and Jim Bones will be replacing Chris Murray as the Riverway coordinator at the end of this regular season. Thanks to Chris for his constant dedication every week and I would like to welcome

Jim to the job. We will have 10 tee times at Langara and 4 tee times at Riverway during the winter.

- I will be available to guide the incoming Drawmaster with the transition process to get up and running.

Sincerely,

Basil Quan

Vice-Captain (Scoring)

The weekly chain of events starts with the assignment of members to the Captain's Table and the request for the appropriate tee times to Basil Quan who always accommodated me and prodded me when I forgot to send the email. His output makes my life much easier.



The members of the Captain's Table (Roger Barnes, Jim Bones, Peter Coyle, Dave Marr, Richard Martin, David McMurdo and Michael McSevney) have done a fabulous job, always willing to accept assignments – recording scores and ensuring that surnames are used and tees played are recorded. Each Team Captains is key here – clocking in, recording scores and adding up totals – a key factor for often, when the computer disagrees, it was a score communication problem. (It always amuses me when, just occasionally, the Team Captain asks me to read the clocked in time on his scorecard because he does not have his glasses – and then proceeds to read out the scores!)

Having mentioned the time clock, thanks to the Board for approving the purchase of a new one. While the old one worked, the backup battery did not and the clock had to be reprogrammed every time it was unplugged – a challenging and arduous task. The time clock is an invaluable tool for ensuring groups keep up with the one in front of them – and it is very successful.

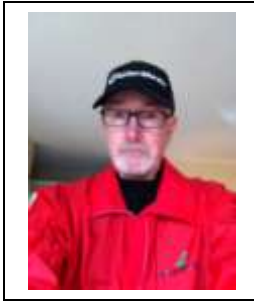
Then, the report writing – the software makes it easy and, thanks to Brian Montpellier, it is getting easier as he cajoles the golf software people into addressing improvements.

Finally, my Captain, Bill Titmuss, who looks after everything except, as my title says, Vice. Thank you for correcting all my errors and putting up with my beefs. I will not repeat them here for they are, in the greater scheme of things, quite minor (except, of course, to me!). Thanks, Bill.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Marr

Thanks to the Members of our Captain's Table



Michael McSevney



Roger Barnes



David McMurdo



Peter Coyle



Dave Marr



Richard Martin



Jim Bones

'Golf is a game whose aim is to hit a very small ball into an even smaller hole, with weapons ill-suited for the purpose.' Winston Churchill



Hickory clubs used on #5 par 3, McCleery, during the 90th Extravaganza.

Membership Report



The strong interest in our club experienced in recent years continued, with prompt renewal by members last fall, few retirements, and enthusiastic applications for membership once the Wait List was opened in January. The Board decision to increase membership to 120 was achieved by drawdown and replenishment of the Wait List. Comparative figures for season end membership categories are shown below.

	2022	2023
Members	109	119
Associates	6	10
Life	4	4
Honorary	2	2
Med Leave	2	3
Wait List	17	8
Total	140	146

Only five members retired from West Point at the end of 2022, Allan Harris, Dennis Houle, Terry Malysh, Gordon Rogers (deceased), and Leo Verlaan, along with Associate Jim La Fontaine, and from the Wait List Robin Hicks and Bill Munro. A further five members elected associate membership, John Foster, Peter Kidd, Andy Leekha, Jim Trotter and Ed Watson. More recently Keith Beglau resigned from membership and Dave Turner from the Wait List.

Membership admissions at twenty-two were the highest since 2012 (twenty-three). We welcomed Raymond Andersen, Bill Bishop, Fred Box, Sunil Chun, Mark Griggs, Barry McCormack, Bert Mollica, Jay Parker, Bruce Righton and Mike Speer last December, and James Ahmoye, Kah-Hua Yeo, Walter Brennen, Bob Burnie, Scott Douglas, Geoff Flamank, Tom Grieve, Chris Gunning, Ken Strilesky, Chris Strother, Bill Robinson and Gary Senez in the May – July period.

Following the procedure introduced in 2022, the Wait List was opened at a well publicised and strictly enforced date and time in early January. Some fourteen applicants were admitted immediately and a further two before closure in February.

Several applications received since closure have been declined. Most candidates have participated in club events.

Present plans call for a limited opening of the Wait List in January which will be advertised well in advance, so watch the web site for that notice and let your friends know. A change for next year will see participation in club events by Wait List candidates take precedence over application seniority.

My tenure as Membership Director is coming to an end; I would like to thank all members for their interest and support over the last three years. Thank you.

Sincerely,

David McMurdo

THE FOLLOWING MEMBER PASSED AWAY THIS SEASON.



Roger Jung
(New Member 2012)

WPGC Senior Master gross champion
in 2016

*The first Chinese Junior member of
Marine Drive golf Club, at the age of 12.*

Social Director Report



2023 was our 91st year, and while we did nothing specifically to celebrate 91 years we did have events to build our social net starting with the opening social on March 21st. Just over 60 showed up at Fraserview Golf Course for a lasagna buffet feast. Notably the golf course offered us Gluten- Free, and vegetarian as well as the regular meat options. Way to go Fraserview.

Bill Titmuss our captain gave us a good review of the upcoming year and Roger Barnes showed us samples of the bling (Shirts and Hats) that were being offered for sale.

In July a small but enthusiastic group of putters showed up at the BC Golf House for an evening of appies, drinks and a putting contest using vintage hickory putters and mesh golf balls. All very much like things were 91 years ago. A good time was had by all, and Mike Riste of BC Golf House proved to be a wonderful host, entertaining all of us with his knowledge of golf history particularly in our region

Also in mid-July we had a celebration for our Senior Seniors...specifically those 90 and over. Hugh Marshall was celebrating his 95th at the time! A large, yummy cake, and balloons made for a festive day at McCleery. The cake was cut into 90+ pieces and very few were left over!

In August we had a very social Away Game held at Surrey Golf Course. Most of the 40 plus golfers stayed late and enjoyed the food and beer offered by the course. John Matthews and Joe Strasser co-ordinated this event which featured several door prizes given out while we were socializing. Many of us stayed long enough to miss the afternoon rush on the roads. Thanks to both for their efforts.

The AGM is scheduled for November 7th, once again at the Arbutus Club. We will have an Italian buffet with a no host bar to start. We are expecting 70 members to attend.

Submitted by John Maclachlan



Director at Large Report

The Director at Large position's main responsibilities include clubwear and trophies, plus some other issues as assigned. As a position traditionally held by a first-year Board member, the position also involves learning the ways of the Board.



Club Wear

2023 Clubwear sales were completed in March to May. All clubwear sales were on a pre-order, pre-paid basis, the club holding no inventory. Promotional material was distributed to members by email and was available with samples at the Captain's Table and at the Opening Social.

29 shirts and 16 caps were sold and distributed to 31 members. Items were all full-colour embroidered with the West Point club logo. Golf towels were also offered, but this item was cancelled as insufficient orders to meet the supplier minimum were placed.

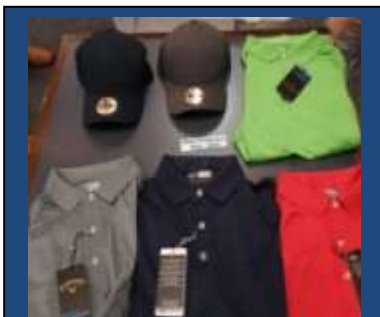
Sales to members were completed on a "cost recovery" basis, with an allowance built in to cover the one-time cost of the logo digitization. Total sales were \$2,197. There was a surplus over the supplier costs of \$7 which was forwarded to the Treasurer. As the logo digitization is now fully paid for, it can be used in later years at no charge.

Trophies

The club has 19 trophies and plaques which are engraved annually with winners' names. This year, trophies were repaired and cleaned and are currently at the engravers to have the 2023 winners added in preparation for awarding at the AGM. After winners are awarded their trophy and photographs are taken, members have the choice of taking the trophy home for the next 12 months or leaving them with the club. The club now has display space in a trophy case at the McCleery clubhouse, in between the pro shop and restaurant. Last year only four members took their trophy home, so the great majority are on display at McCleery for most of the year.

Sincerely,

Roger Barnes



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Handicap Report

Handicaps were reviewed periodically during the season. A few problems arose mainly for users of the Golf Canada system which uses extra adjustments, albeit rarely, compared to our software. We also removed a fair number of duplicate scores, mainly for members who forgot the Captain's Table does the posting for us.



Some tournaments, played over multiple weekends, caused some distress in posting scores to the handicap system – there were double postings and incorrect dates. The GolfSoftware Help Desk was useful in suggesting how best to post multi week tournaments in future to avoid errors.

Remember that posting scores for games played in B.C. is suspended between November 15 and February 29 (yes, 2024 is a leap year). However, if you are wintering where the sun shines all day (Arizona, California, Hawaii, Mexico) you must post your golf scores into our system at wp.golfclub.net.

Sincerely,

Brian Montpellier



Sandbagger

West Point Golf at Riverway G.C. 2023



As in 2022, WPGC has had 4 tee times reserved each Tuesday at Riverway.

Members, and prospective members, have made good use of these with most tee times being fully utilized each week. They were fully utilized during the summer months. During the rest of the year there have been occasions when members of the public joined our members as we could not fill all 4 tee times.

Unfortunately we have been notified by the pro shop when members have failed to show and also failed to inform them in advance that they would not be playing. We must avoid having this happen and members should carefully monitor dates they have signed up to play at Riverway.

This winter we again have 4 tee times and it is hoped that members will continue to use them to the full.

Sincerely,

Chris Murray

Ball: A sphere made of rubber bands wound up half as tensely as the man trying to hit it.

Course: A mirage that looks smooth, lush and grassy, but is actually home to sand and the five great lakes.

Fairway: The well-kept and seldom-used portion of a golf course.

Flag: A beacon to a rallying point where members of a foursome meet every 20 minutes and exchange alibis.

Hazard: Man-made difficulties, consisting of equal parts sand, water, profanity and ulcers.

Hook: An unexplained detour.

Par: Mathematical perfection, usually attained with a soft pencil and a not-so-soft conscience.

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Sketch of a West Pointer



It has been a delight this past year working with nine individuals who answered the call to participate in the “Sketch of a West Pointer” project. Each of them provided a wealth of information regarding their personal history and viewpoints on various aspects of golf. Immense thanks to: **Alex Andrews, Jim Bones, Ross Cassie, Chris Chatten, John Dawson, John Evans, Paul Kouri, Errol McKinstry** and **Jeremy Marr**.

We have now published 76 Sketches; 49 of them are active Regular, Life or Honorary Members. You can read previous sketches on our website by going to “Galleries/Members” and clicking on [Sketch](#) under the photo and accomplishments.

The willingness of members to share their background and personal information with the Club membership has been very much appreciated. A template is always provided as a guide to getting started but members may include any details they feel might be of interest. All articles are approved by the member prior to publication.

During my 8 years on the Board in various roles, I had lots of contact with members. An idea that had been percolating for a long time came to a boil in 2012 when the Sketch Project was launched. The focus has been on long-time and senior members. All those who joined West Point from 1989 to 2016 have been invited to participate. Some have preferred not to be included and others are still working on their first draft! We will soon approach some of our newer members in an effort to learn more about their backgrounds.

*We are extremely fortunate that **Wayne Gatley** stepped forward at the end of the 2016 season to succeed former Life Member and current Honorary Member, **Gary Sinclair**, as editor of our prestigious **Divot Dust**. Kudos to Wayne and his previous website partner, **Ed Watson**, for taking the torch from Gary. Thanks to Wayne for all his efforts with this edition of **Divot Dust**. We now welcome **Silvano Padovan** to the website team.*

Sincerely,

Lorne Lindsay

Club Communications



Gary Sinclair 2005-2016 Emeritus	Ed Watson 2011-2021	Wayne Gatley 2015-	Ron Pound 2021-2023	Alex Andrews 2023
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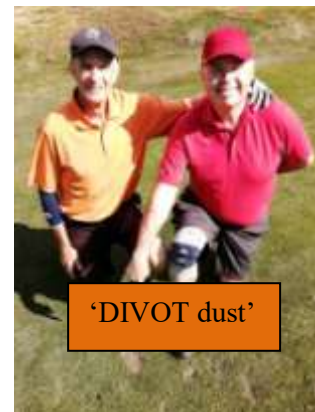
The West Point Golf Club Web site has been up and running since 2005 when Gary Sinclair initiated the site. Without Gary’s initiative the information now easily available to members would be very difficult to access. Ed Watson joined Gary in 2011 and Wayne Gatley in 2015. Ron Pound assisted in 2021-2023 and Alex Andrews this past year. Many thanks to Gary, Ed and Ron for their work in the past and to Alex for his assistance this year.

The site is run by Dreamweaver software that is now 18 years old. We will be upgrading in 2024 and expect to see improvements to the already exceptional displays of WPGC events, results and history in the coming season.

From 2005 - 2010, Divot Dust was composed of up to 4 editions. Members may not realize that these editions are available in the Divot Dust Archive under the Admin menu. They include such fascinating items as the following ‘rules.’

Rule #4 If a putt passes over a hole without dropping in, it's deemed to have dropped. The law of gravity supersedes the law of golf. Rule #5 Putts that stop close enough to the cup that they can be blown in may be blown in. This does not apply to balls more than three inches from the hole. No one wants to make a travesty of the game.

Much of the current information that is recorded on the Web Site is provided by Jeremy Marr - tournament results, David Johannson -Away Game results, David McMurdo - Membership and Lorne Lindsay - Sketches. Brian Montpellier - Leaderboard. I’m sure we all appreciate their work in keeping members informed of weekly results and special accomplishments such as Holes-in-one, Shot their age etc. Don’t forget to check out past editions of Divot Dust on wintery days when courses are closed and your appetite for golf goes unfilled. It’s a good read!



Sincerely,

Wayne Gatley



Winter Golf starts in November.
Here's 2021 12 30

20 cm snow at Fraserview
Left: 13th T marker.
Right: 12th fairway and green.

SEE YOU ALL NEXT SPRING

Membership Fees for 2024 Season:

*Please bring your cheque for dues (payable to **West Point Golf Club**) or etransfer to jevans1@shaw.ca for an amount of **\$150** (\$50 for Associate Members) less the amount of your winnings for the year **now available on the Portal on the Season Leaderboard***

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