

Sketch of a West Pointer - David Dickson

David Dickson was born in Nanaimo and lived up and down Vancouver Island – Nanaimo, Ladysmith, Campbell River, Chemainus – as well as Creston and Penticton, before settling in the Lower Mainland. David began working as a banker, but decided he'd prefer to make money than deal with other people's money. Much of his career was spent in operations and management for Crown Zellerbach Canada and its subsequent owners, at the Vancouver Head Office and their Paper Conversion Plant in Richmond. David has one daughter and a grandson, who reside in Victoria.

The golf bug bit David in 1990, after he met his wife, "Babe", and discovered that she was an avid golfer. That's when he decided that he'd better look into the sport, and is glad that he did. West Point Golf Club welcomed him as a member in 1999. His original foursome consisted of Ab Miles, Bill Donaldson and Ed Gibbon – a fine group of gentlemen. David recalls fondly their games of golf and the socializing away from the golf course. At one time, David's handicap was 18, but he admits it has begun to slip-slide away since.

When asked for a memorable occasion in his golfing history, David responded, "Well, I drove the ball down the middle of the fairway a couple of times!" His wit and sense of humour are well known within the Club. In ranking his favourite golf courses he selected: Hyde Mountain at Mara Lake, particularly the fourth hole with a huge elevation change; Kayak Point in Washington State, also for its changes in elevation; and The Classic Club in Palm Desert, where each hole is like a painting.

One of the golfers whom David admires is Bubba Watson. He marvels at how well he makes his unorthodox swing work for him, especially with all that movement.

David served the WPGC membership as Director at Large in 2001 and as Treasurer for two years, 2002 and 2003. He enjoys his playing association with members of both West Point Golf Club and Men's Mid-Week at University Golf Club.

For getaway vacations, David and his wife enjoy golfing in the Kootenays, traveling in their small motor home, and their extended time in Palm Springs during the winter.

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