

Sketch of a West Pointer: George Doiron

George Doiron was born in Saskatoon in 1924. He travelled to Vancouver in 1938 and worked in logging camps and various jobs until 1943 when he joined the Canadian Navy. He spent time doing mid-Atlantic convoy duty and his last trip was to Scotland to pick up a new destroyer. George recalls being in London on VE Day. With the war over, he crewed on the destroyer through the Panama Canal, bringing it to Vancouver. When George got off in Vancouver, the destroyer and the rest of the crew continued on to Japan. It was December 1945 when he demobilized.

George learned log scaling through the Department of Veteran Affairs and joined the BC Log Scalers Association in 1948. He spent 35 wonderful years working in logging camps and sawmills up and down the BC coast, as far north as Prince Rupert, enjoying every minute of it, until retiring in June 1983.

In 1965 George took up golf and has played in Spain, Portugal, Scotland, Australia, Hawaii, Thailand and the US. His favourite golf destination is Thailand, and he has visited there at least 8 times. He travelled with groups of 8 to 14 fellow golfers, staying 4 to 6 weeks at a time and played as many courses as possible. He also visited Nepal, Vietnam, Cambodia and other neighbouring countries. In golf, his most memorable experience was during a game at Twin Lakes Golf Course near Penticton when he had a hole-in-one.

George didn't become a member of West Point until 2006. He has the distinction of being our oldest regular member, recently celebrating his 91st birthday. George won the Bud Brown Eclectic competition for his handicap division in 2007, at age 83.

George and his wife, Betty, are enjoying their second marriages and are surrounded by a big family. George has 4 children and 8 grandchildren; Betty has 4 children, 4 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. When not playing golf, George enjoys time in the garden.

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