

## Sketch of a West Pointer - George Drew



George Drew was born in a house located at 3549 West 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue in 1934. He worked for BC Hydro for 37 years, starting as a meter reader and working his way up to Commercial Rep in the District of North Vancouver until his retirement in 1993.

George started playing golf in 1948 by sneaking onto the practice area at Point Grey GC. His family lived in the last home on Dunbar Street and the practice area at that time was right across the street. George had been given a set of wooden-shafted golf clubs by a customer on his Georgia Street paper route, so he figured he would give golf a try. Through hunting for golf balls and caddying, he became known by the members. One gentleman talked the Directors into letting him join as a junior member. George says, "I will forever be grateful to Point Grey for giving a kid from the East End a chance

to belong to the Club and play the best game in the world." He has played to a low handicap of 3, which allowed him to participate in most tournaments. His best competitive round was a 69 while playing in the PNGA event at Marine Drive.

George has shot his age or better at least 9 times (including twice during 2015); the first occasion was a 75 at the Park Course at Osoyoos Golf Club. He has enjoyed 3 holes-in-one and recalls each one. The first time was in 1975 on the 15<sup>th</sup> hole at the University Golf Course; he still has his score card, but he's not sure if that hole is still the 15<sup>th</sup> due to the course changes over the years. The other two aces occurred at the Kelowna Golf and Country Club and the Park Course at Osoyoos Golf Club. George joined West Point in 2015 and won the Ab Miles Tankard, Parker Shield and the Senior Master Gross competitions in his first year.

In addition to his 69, his most memorable round was at Seymour Golf Club where during a Men's Night round he had two eagles on par 4 holes #13 and #17. George's favourite courses are Point Grey and Seymour (where he was a member, prior to joining West Point in 2015) because they both require accuracy. During his 68 years of golfing, accuracy was, and is, one of his strengths. He fondly remembers Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer as gentlemen who not only played great golf but gave back to their communities.

Hawaii is a favourite vacation spot for its perfect weather for golf, tennis or just walking on the beach. At home he enjoys gardening and because his family has lived in the same house for 52 years, their garden is well-established and a source of great pride.

George would like to tell every member of West Point, "What a pleasure it is to finish out my golfing 'career' with such wonderful new friends."

*Prepared by Lorne Lindsay  
May 2017*