

## Sketch of a West Pointer – Phil Joughin

Phil Joughin began playing golf occasionally in his 20s and later played regularly as a member of the men's club at Greenacres. He was a member at Mayfair Lakes for about 6 years before joining West Point Golf Club in 2008. Phil is a steady golfer and has achieved a lowest handicap of 16. He is very powerful off the tee box and consistent through the fairway. At age 80, he currently plays to a 21 handicap.

Phil enjoys golf wherever he travels and particularly likes Chateau Whistler, Bear Mountain and Olympic View on Vancouver Island, and some other great courses in B.C. and Palm Springs.

A native of BC, Phil was born in Vancouver and has lived here all his life, with the exception of two years spent in Germany with the DND, teaching on the base. Phil's career as a secondary school Math and Science teacher spanned many years and obviously involved innumerable students, who were the beneficiaries of his teaching skills and expertise. Phil is one of many educators in our club and he actually worked closely with some of them in the Vancouver school system. During his student years at the University of British Columbia, Phil spent summers working at White Pine Sawmill, a plywood factory and also worked two summers as a compass-man in the bush near Prince George. Phil and his wife Eleanor lived in the same home near the Fraserview Golf Course for 42 years and since December are now making the adjustment to condo living in Burnaby.

Phil lists family members as his brilliant wife Eleanor and two sons Greg and Chris, both graduate engineers. Their favourite vacations include going to Europe, renting a car and touring on their own. They have travelled to most countries in Europe including Russia (in the sixties) and also visited Australia, New Zealand, Africa, Asia and South America. They have travelled behind the Iron Curtain and one summer camped from Calais to Istanbul. A lot more travelling has been undertaken since his retirement, including visits to China, Japan, Alaska, the Maritimes and cruises to Alaska, the Caribbean and South America. I suppose he should have taught some geography, too!

Other than playing golf, Phil enjoys a good game of poker, travelling, some geocaching and watching sports on TV, attending good live theatre, and sitting through a good movie. His favourite golfers are Jason Day, Ernie Els and Phil Mickelson.

Phil answered the call and has been a regular fixture working at the Captain's Table since 2014, providing valuable volunteer time to our members. Phil enjoys getting out on the links with the guys in WPGC and says, "It's a great Club and well run, which makes the outings even more enjoyable."

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