

## Sketch of a West Pointer – Paul Levy

Paul Levy was born in Jamaica in 1937 and at age 14, was sent to boarding school in England. After learning all he could there, he returned home in 1955 and became articled in his late father's law firm. He qualified as a solicitor after 5 years of articles (under the old British system). Paul practised law in Jamaica from 1961 to 1976, the year he migrated to Vancouver with his wife (they recently celebrated their 54<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary) and five children. In 1979 he finished re-qualifying as a solicitor and barrister and joined the law firm of McQuarrie Hunter. Paul rose to become a partner of McQuarrie Hunter in 1981 and practised in their Surrey office, specializing in Estate Litigation. He also served on the firm's management committee for over 20 years. After 50 years of being a lawyer, Paul retired a year or two ago.

He has been a keen cricketer all his life. He played with Neil Brett-Davies and this connection ultimately led to an invitation for Paul to join West Point Golf Club. Upon joining in 2004, Paul was struck by the fact that nearly 10% of the members at that time had shot their age. Paul introduced an event to recognize the feat achieved by these members and donated the McQuarrie Hunter Tankard. It was to be competed for by the "age-shooters", in an effort to see that these amazing accomplishments did not go unnoticed. With Paul's blessing, the Board later re-named the trophy in honour of past multiple winner and long-time member, Ab Miles.

Paul also started a Book of Records for the Club in 2005, in which he recorded the history of age-shooters and other items of interest. He continues to maintain this Book of Records and brings it to the Annual General Meeting and luncheon. Members are encouraged to browse through it. Paul reports that we now have 17 members who have shot their age, including the youngest ever, Colin Kelly at age 71, and the oldest ever at 93, Don Angus. Both of these gentlemen achieved the significant milestone in 2014. Paul collaborated with former Captain Laurie Craddock to create the Vintage Cup competition, to be run concurrently with the Ab Miles event. He designed and made the trophy; this event is open to all members not competing in the age-shooter competition. Three unique age categories were created and the winner in each category are those members who come closest to shooting their age that day.

Another of Paul's many contributions is the Sandbagger Award. Paul not only donated the trophy, but has been one of the winners of it, recognized in 2014 for his ability to strategically manage his handicap! Paul volunteered vigorously on the Captain's Table for four years, has won many competitions and scored an ace on the third hole at Fraserview, in October 2015.

Paul is an amateur historian and writer and has had two books published: "River Queen", the biography of Lucille Johnstone, in 2006 by Harbour Publishers; and "The Great Case", a story of an historic lawsuit published in Jamaica in 2014.

In closing, Paul believes that West Point Golf Club is a real gem, which we should all treasure!

*Material provided by Paul  
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