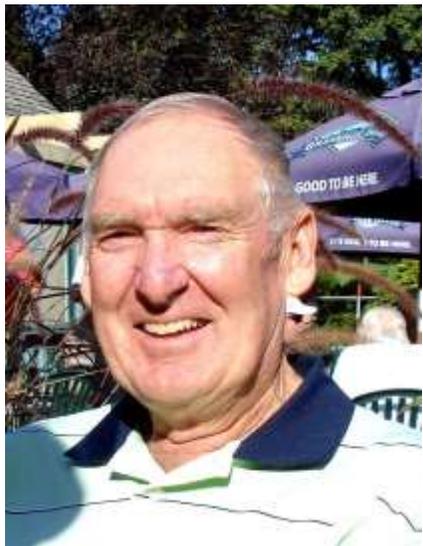


Sketch of a West Pointer – Bill Trory



I like to refer to Bill Trory as The Renaissance Man. He is such a creative fellow and a man of the arts who enjoys attending reading workshops and savouring fine wine! He talks about his hobbies of water colour painting, strumming his ukulele and wood carving. He also likes to hike, fish and travel. Bill joined West Point in 2008 and played in a foursome for many years with Sim Leong, Wing Mar and Lorne Lindsay. His current group includes George Drew, Chris Murray and Lorne - but due to many travels, etc. the group does not get to play as a foursome very frequently. Bill's golf index has been as low as 15.6. When asked the question, "Have you ever shot your age?" Bill retorts that he is not old enough yet and will have to live well into his 90's.

Bill was born in Toronto more than three-quarters of a century ago and has lived in Scarborough, Ontario, and North and West Vancouver.

Bill and his fabulous wife, Marie, have been together for the past 55 years – and, he reports, no kids YET! They have shared many fascinating vacations to all corners of the world, including 3 weeks in northern India in December 2019. That year they also completed a 103-mile hike in the Cotswolds in England before travelling to France for a 7-day experience on a barge. It was a trip recommended by Lorne and Audrey; two couples sharing a barge on the Burgundy Canal, cruising along each day and stopping every night for a delectable 5-star meal onboard, or one night, in an old castle. The owners and hosts of "Wine and Water" (Max and Bea) are extremely knowledgeable and hospitable and always serve excellent wine to accompany the chef's dinner. Their attention to detail ensured a most memorable vacation. When asked for a favourite vacation, Bill replied, "The very next one! Which I'm sure will be cancelled, due to Covid-19." He later reported that it had been postponed.

His working background saw him begin in eastern Canada as an electrician for 8 years and then as an electrical estimator job coordinator for 10 years. Upon moving to Vancouver, he established his own businesses with his brother, Jim. They built and successfully managed Trory construction specialties, subtrade contractor and separate Richform concrete accessories supply company for more than 30 years. I knew Bill had done some work on the Port Mann Bridge, so I asked him about it. He agreed that their company provided some products for the Port Mann Bridge but more significantly, they supplied the cable bearings for the top of the Alex Fraser Bridge towers. Once in place, these required inspections and Bill is thankful that his brother took care of that part of the business! Other significant projects completed by their waterproofing and roofing business include: the waterproofing below the GM Place ice surface and the surrounding exterior decks, Richmond Oval below the ice surface, the green roof on the Vancouver Central Library, a good portion of the green roof for the Vancouver Convention Centre, exterior decks of Canada Place, all green roofing and decks of the Waterfront Centre, green roof over the underground UBC Central Library, and waterproofing the below-grade Seymour Water Reservoir (10 acres in size), which was the largest waterproofing project ever done in Vancouver. For the layman, waterproofing involves the sealing of a substrate to prevent the ingress of water. Their applications were done with a hot liquid rubber and asphalt heated in large industrial kettles and then applied by squeegee onto the clean, dry substrate, in most cases, concrete.

Bill was prompted to take up golf in 1990 when a couple of his suppliers took him to Abbotsford's Ledgeview Golf Course, now known as the home of Adam Hadwin and Nick Taylor. [Ed. note: Ledgeview was lovingly constructed by my softball coach in the early 1960's.] One of Bill's memorable rounds occurred while playing at Roxborough Golf and Country Club in Scotland. He recalls the lashing of rain as the group cowered in their cart buried in a clump of bushes, as they tried to stop the wind and rain blowing through it. Among Bill's

favourite courses are: The Lakes Golf and Country Club, Palm Desert, where he and Marie spend their winters; Frasersview because of its variety of holes, the walkability and city setting; and Ledgeview (although he hadn't been back until last year), because that's where he began his interest in golf. We asked about golfers he admires, and his initial response, Phil Mickelson. When asked why, he replied, "Have you ever tried swinging a golf club left-handed?" He also admires Freddy Couples, for his mild manner and tenacity to continue golfing despite all his back problems. Bill is still a big fan of Tiger, too.

Bill has not scored any holes-in-one yet but has achieved two holes-in-three! One was during a memorable West Point away game at Riverway. On the 6th hole, his first shot hit a rock and ended up in the water; his second shot gave him a hole in 3! Amazing! As his former foursome (Sim, Wing and Lorne) often said to each other, "You should always hit your second shot first." Bill's second hole-in-three happened somewhere in the Interior of BC. Although Bill said earlier that he likes Frasersview GC, he hates the 18th hole, even though he fondly remembers scoring an eagle one day, from 147 yards out.

Bill has made many contributions to West Point Golf Club. In 2010 he answered the call and volunteered to take charge of our prestigious Palcutta event, doing a fantastic job for 8 years. He created the white board that is still in use for the Draw and Social evening; he was always meticulous when entering the data for the event. When asked to provide some information for this Sketch, Bill commented that these are remarkably interesting times we are going through, and he hoped that all his fellow West Point members were safe and healthy. He looks forward to being able to hit the links sometime soon as he enjoys golfing with West Point members.

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