

Sketch of a West Pointer – Neil Watson



Neil Watson was born in Calgary and also lived in Edmonton for a while before arriving in Vancouver. He has worked for the Bank of Montreal (as a teller and on the cash book), Stafford Foods as a shipper and was co-owner of a construction company. Neil and his wife, Denny, have 3 sons - Steve, Scott and Trevor.

Neil started playing golf in 1961. The father of one of his buddies was an avid golfer who took the boys to Gleneagles for a few rounds, and Neil got the golf bug from those experiences. At one point during his golfing career, Neil's handicap was 18. In 2015 he enjoyed the excitement of a hole-in-one on the 11th hole at Riverway but didn't know the ball was in the cup until West Point member Neil Brett-Davies told him! Twice Neil has recorded a score of 79 at Fraserview.

Two of Neil's favourite professional golfers are Arnold Palmer and Phil Mickelson, both classy golfers who thrived on mixing with the crowds. His favourite golf courses are Fraserview, Redwoods in Langley and Langara. Favourite destination vacations are Disneyland and Hawaii. Neil always enjoys golfing in the Palm Springs area, often with a group of friends from the Lower Mainland.

One of Neil's hobbies over the past 30 years involves collecting movie posters, comics and books. His interest began in the 1960s and he purchased his first movie poster in 1973. His favourite movie poster of all time is the 1951 production of "The Day the Earth Stood Still", but he admits that it is out of his price range! Neil enjoys science fiction movies like "Gorgo", a 1961 British-American sci-fi monster film about an ancient large sea monster brought back to London for exploitation. Another favourite is the 1979 edition of "Alien" - a science fiction horror film about a highly aggressive extraterrestrial creature. "Alien" garnered both critical acclaim and box office success, receiving an Academy Award for Best Visual Effects.

Neil joined West Point Golf Club in 2006 and plays with the members regularly on Thursdays, some Tuesdays at Riverway and participates in as many away games as he can.

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