



McCleery/Langara

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### *President's Message*

Well – the start of our Langara stint was certainly a test of our resolve! Although the June rain was excessive, we did manage to complete all of our competitions as scheduled – with the exception of the rainout of Day 1 of the Championship rounds. The transition to Langara was smooth and the introduction of the block times has made the experience even more enjoyable – thanks are in order to our *Captain and his Vice's* for finessing and managing this most convenient arrangement.

Thanks, also, to *Wally Lyle* and his support team of *George Dedrick*, and *Roger Kronquist* for their design and management of the **Putting Jamboree**. The turnout was one of the best in years and it was most gratifying to have five Associate Members in attendance. *Reid Mitchell*, *Harvey Cook*, and *Les MacKenney* participated in the event and *Russ Abraham* and *Ed Angel* (an Honourary Member) attended as observers.

As the middle third of our season progresses, we are looking forward to the crowning of our Club Champions (in all of our categories), the **Parker Shield** competition, the **Langara** version of our TNT play, as well as the ever popular **Palcutta Tournament** as we wind-up our stay at the Langara Course.

The social event of the year is our forthcoming **Palcutta Bid Night**. It promises to be a most entertaining evening as the Auctioneer du Nuit, John Dennison, will be at his eloquent best as he urges us to wager the maximum on the outcome of the pending competition.

Also, from the social perspective, keep in mind that our **Away Games** schedule is an easy and enjoyable way to take advantage of a variety of interesting courses as well as a way of providing another opportunity to build Club camaraderie. If your schedule permits, don't miss the final **Redwoods** (contact David Haddleton) and **Fort Langley** (contact George Sarich) fixtures – you never know, the **Bob Jack Trophy** could be in your future!

Remember September marks our return to **McCleery** and the final third of our season where we set our sights on the **Joe Dwyer** and **Doug LeBlanc Shields** as well as the **Ed Angel Trophy** competitions.

Reviewing the season thus far, it is appropriate to comment on the contribution that the enthusiastic participation of our new members has made to the Club's atmosphere – we have all benefited from your talent and energy.

Finally, I am pleased to inform you that the **Executive** has been working to add the electronic dimension to our intra-club communications. This issue of the **Divot Dust** marks the **first** of two ventures that we have made into the electronic world.

Through the efforts of our DD Editor, *Hans Stausboll*, and our Membership Director, *Ray Dujardin*, we are distributing this newsletter online to those of you who have provided us with your email addresses. Of course, the customary “snail mail” delivery option will be maintained for the few who do not have access to this service.

The **second** venture is our development of a **WPGC Website** which we feel you are going to enjoy and find a useful source of current information regarding our Fixtures, Competitions and Winners, Tee Times, Current Events, and the like. Look for its introduction at the Social.

I hope to see you all at the Palcutta Bid Night.

Cheers!

**Gary Sinclair**

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**CAPTAIN'S REPORT**     ...*Stan Lawson*

After a rainy beginning to the Club Championship the Vice-Captains are administering a very spirited championship. The competition is closely contested and we have close to 50 members participating. An idea that I will be proposing to the Executive and may put forward to the A.G.M. in November is to have the Club Championship completed in a two-week time frame. We would play our usual Fridays and possibly on the following Mondays. There are some drawbacks to this proposal; i.e. no block times on Mondays. However, the shortened time frame would probably enable more of our members an opportunity to participate. Let me know what you think of the proposal.

Don't forget to record ALL of your golf scores on the computer. By doing so we have a very accurate handicap for you and thus no one will receive the “sand bagger” award. If you would like, we can enter your scores in the computer for you. Simply fill out a W.P.G.C. score card and indicate you wish us to complete

the task and it will be done. Remember to provide us with your password if it is something other than WEST.

If you are the Foursome Captain, please fill out a score card each week and include the starting and finishing times of your round. If your round takes longer than 4 hours and 20 minutes you may hear the wrath of the Marshal. Now we don't want that to happen do we!

I hope you are all looking forward to the Palcutta and will be at the Palcutta Bid Night on TUESDAY, AUGUST 16TH at the Arbutus Recreation Center (see competition format on Pages 6 and 7) Our very able auctioneer Sir John of Dennison has assured me that the pot will be at least \$2500 (we have many very wealthy new members). *Ab Miles* is looking forward to a paid holiday to Hawaii this winter so come to the Bid Night and donate to such a worthy case. Right Ab!

Don't forget if you have any concerns or ideas that you feel can improve the administration of our club please call me, e-mail me, or speak to me at the course. If you can't find me then speak to any Executive member as all concerns or ideas receive careful consideration.

*Captain W.P.G.C.*     **Stan Lawson**

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### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE... *Ray Dujardin*

Since the May issue of Divot Dust the membership list has remained fairly stable. Two new members were inducted: *Rex Fortescue* and *Don McIntyre* and no doubt many of the members will already have had the pleasure of playing with them. Don is actually returning after being an active member a couple of years ago. We also welcome *John Santos* as a visiting member to our club for July through September. John is staying with his son and family for the summer and hails from Western Australia where he is a member of the Carramar GC – one very similar to West Point. You can visit the Carramar website at [carramarsocialclub.org.au](http://carramarsocialclub.org.au).

We sadly report the sudden passing of fellow member Charlie MacKay. He will be sorely missed.

We currently have **92** playing members (not including the visiting member) after adding 26 new members since the start of the 2005 season. Non-playing members (honorary and associate members) now number **9** so our total membership is **102**.

The introduction of so many new members this season has certainly had a very positive effect on our club in many ways. Although we are well past the halfway mark of the season members are still urged to sponsor likely new candidates for membership. Late-joiners will pay a pro-rated annual fee based on the months remaining of the season and with many events still remaining such as the Palcutta there is still a lot of fun to be had!

We try to keep in touch with members having health problems that prevent them from participating in club activities, however we need your help. If you hear of members going through a rough patch because of illness please let any of your executive members know so that we can follow up in some way.

Members might be interested in the following table which shows the distribution of ages (based on age attained in 2005) for our Playing Membership

Age Group	Members	Percent of Total
Nineties	2	2%
Eighties	21	23%
Seventies	39	42%
Sixties	27	29%
Fifties	3	3%
Total	92	

Those with a statistical frame of mind will see immediately that the numbers would fit a classic distribution curve with no skewing (bias either side of peak) and a median in or about 75.

*Membership Director*      **Ray Dujardin**

### **New Tournament ... *Neil Brett-Davies***

One of the more remarkable sporting achievements is the round of golf in which the player equals or betters his age. West Point Golf Club currently is favoured with at least seven who have achieved this sporting apogee.

The Executive Committee has decided to recognize such achievements in two ways:

- 1) A register will be maintained by the Club Secretary to record the names of those who shoot their age in a West Point game.

- 2) A competition will be played annually amongst those members who have shot their age. Handicaps will be the age that the eligible player reaches in that calendar year. Low net will receive the *McQuarrie Hunter Tankard* which, together with a suitable record book has been presented by Paul Levy (who does not yet threaten to shoot his age!)

We intend to play the competition on the same day as the LeBlanc Shield (for Monthly Medal winners). This year that will be Friday, October 14th at McCleery. Currently eligible players, to our knowledge include: *Bruce Groom, Gil Jones, Jack Jones, Norm Kent, Wally Lyle, Ab Miles, Bus Phillips* and *Doug Symonds*. Their names will be inscribed in the register and they can enter the tournament by submitting an individual card, suitably attested and marked "Tankard"

If any other members are eligible to join this select group, please submit names and some evidence of the accomplishment, to the Captain's Committee.

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On July 22 at Langara, these members shot their age or better:  
Gil Jones, Ab Miles, Doug Symonds

*Vice-Captain*      Neil Brett-

Davies

and another contribution from Neil...



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## PALCUTTA TOURNAMENT



## PALCUTTA AUCTION

Tuesday, August 16 at Arbutus Recreation Center – 7 pm



## TOURNAMENT PLAY

Friday, August 26 at Langara Course

## ENTRIES

- a) \$7 per player. Entry fee goes into the TEAM POOL (\$5) and (\$2) into the HONEY POT. The Team entry fee must be paid on bid night (4 X \$7=\$28)
- b) This tournament is open to all members. However a maximum of 30 is the limit for individual handicap
- c) The sign-up sheet will be removed from the notice board at 9 am on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. The team draw will be made at that time

## TEAM COMPOSITION

- a) The total entry list will be divided into 4 divisions from the lowest to the highest handicap. One player from each division will be selected to make up the team
- b) All efforts will be made to make certain that the team composition will be unique—different from last year
- c) The team total of handicaps will be similar
- d) Any scratches after the team composition is posted (Saturday at 1 pm) results in individual forfeiture of the \$7 entry fee

## SCORING

- a) The team total score is the combined total of the points accumulated by 3 out of 4 players on the team: QUOTA POINTS + HANDICAPS x 3 = TEAM TOTAL
- b) Each of the 3 players submits his total of quota points plus his handicap  
The QUOTA SCORING SYSTEM is as follows

1 point	bogie
2 points	par
3 points	birdie
4 points	eagle
5 points	You wish!

- d) To the total of Quota Points each player adds his handicap (maximum 30)
- e) Each team score card (2 score cards per team) must be checked and signed by all players
- f) Incorrect or incomplete score cards will result in disqualification

#### TEAM POOL (4-man teams)

- a) \$5 from each individual entry fee makes up the Team Pool
- b) Team prize distribution is as follows: 45%, 25%, 15%, 10%, 5%
- c) Tie breaker rules – see below

#### HONEY POT (Individual)

- a) \$2 from each individual entry fee makes up the Honey Pot
- b) Scoring – 18 holes net score (maximum handicap is 30)
- c) The team score card may be used if the net score is properly indicated
- d) Prize distribution: 50%, 30%, 20%

#### AUCTION FORMAT

- a) All bidding is at the option of the individual members and is in no way the concern of the Club, Tournament Committee or Auctioneer
- b) No team or team member can bid to buy their team either directly or indirectly
- c) Bid money is payable by cheque/cash at the close of each team auction. The successful bidder must be prepared to sell 50% of the bid to the Team. This option must be exercised prior to the start of the tournament
- d) Minimum bid or raise must be in increments of \$5 or more

#### SCRATCHES

If a team is scratched for any reason the auction money will be refunded to the bidder

#### AUCTION POOL MONEY ALLOCATION

- a) Auction pool distribution will be: 45%, 25%, 15%, 10%, 5%
- b) PAYMENT will be made to the BIDDER who will be responsible for any distribution to Team Members who have bought in

#### TIE BREAKING RULE

In the event of a tie for any position in the Team Pool or the Auction Pool, the monies will be shared equally by totaling the monies in the place positions and divided equally.

REMEMBER!  
ALL PUTTS MUST DROP!



Got all that?  
Your "Dust" editor Hans  
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