



**Directors  
2016**

**President**

Andrew Hobbs

**Secretary**

Doug Blackman

**Treasurer**

Jim Mackie

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Peter Coyle

**Vice-Captains**

Elliott Phillips - Draw

Richard Martin - Scoring

**Membership Director**

John Foster

**Social Director**

Colin Mallet

**Director at Large**

Nick Atkinson

**Past President**

Lorne Lindsay

**Advisors:**

**Webmasters &**

**Divot Dust**

Gary Sinclair

Ed Watson

Wayne Gatley

**Event Registration**

**eSignup & eHandicap**

Nick Atkinson

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST, 2016**

**DOORS OPEN AT 11:15 A.M.**

*Directors' Annual Reports*

*Awards Presentations*

**LUNCHEON & SOCIAL FUNCTION**



*AGM & Luncheon Social Function*



*Awards Presentations*

# **WEST POINT GOLF CLUB**

## **86<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

***Tuesday, November 1st, 2016 – 12:00 noon  
Strathcona Room, Third Floor – **Doors Open 11:15 a.m.**  
Arbutus Club – 2001 Nanton Avenue, Vancouver***

### **BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA**

#### **Sign-in of Members at Door and Collection of Annual Dues (cheques only please)**

- Please bring your cheque (not cash) **payable to West Point Golf Club** and leave it with the Treasurer at the door.  
*(Full Play Membership \$125.00, Associate Membership \$50.00)*

#### **Welcome/ Call to Order by Andrew Hobbs, President**

- General Welcome to Playing, Lifetime and Associate Members; Special Guests
- President's Opening Remarks – Season Overview

#### **Roll Call of Directors**

- Introduction of Directors, noting their Responsibilities

#### **Quorum**

- Count of Voting Members present (only 8 are required for a quorum)

#### **Minutes of the 85th AGM held on October 27, 2015**

- ¥ Published in latest issue of the Divot Dust
- ¥ Call for a proposer and seconder
- ¥ Discussion
- ¥ Question – Motion to accept minutes of 85<sup>th</sup> AGM October 27, 2015

#### **Directors' Reports for 2016 Season – other than Treasurer's Report**

- Published in latest issue of the Divot Dust (attached) and taken as read:

<b>President</b>	Andrew Hobbs
<b>Captain</b>	Peter Coyle
<b>Vice Captain - Draw</b>	Elliott Phillips
<b>Vice Captain - Scoring</b>	Richard Martin
<b>Membership</b>	John Foster
<b>Social</b>	Colin Mallet
<b>Director at Large</b>	Nick Atkinson
<b>Past President</b>	Lorne Lindsay
<b>Communications</b>	Gary Sinclair / Ed Watson / Wayne Gatley
<b>Riverway</b>	Peter Coyle

Call for a proposer and seconder  
Discussion  
Question – Motion to adopt all reports as published

### **Treasurer's Report for 2016 and Budget for 2017**

Report by Jim Mackie, Treasurer  
See two copies on each table  
Call for a proposer and seconder  
Discussion  
Question

### **Election of Directors for 2017**

Nominating Committee Members: Lorne Lindsay (Chair), Colin Mallet, Wayne Ferrey

Slate of Nominating Committee - presented by Lorne Lindsay:

<b>President</b>	<b>Doug Blackman</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Year</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Colin Mallet</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Year</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Jim Mackie</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Year</b>
<b>Captain</b>	<b>Peter Coyle</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Year</b>
<b>Vice Captain - Draw</b>	<b>Elliott Phillips</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Year</b>
<b>Vice Captain - Scoring</b>	<b>Richard Martin</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Year</b>
<b>Membership</b>	<b>John Foster</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Year</b>
<b>Social</b>	<b>Dave Thomas</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Year</b>
<b>Director at Large</b>	<b>Nick Atkinson</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Year</b>

Call for other nominations by Lorne Lindsay  
Call for proposer/seconder to close nominations  
Voting  
Election

### **Executive appointments made by Board of Directors**

#### ***Executive Appointment:***

**Past President**                      **Andrew Hobbs**

#### ***Advisor Appointments:***

**Website Management**              **Ed Watson, Wayne Gatley**  
**Handicaps**                              **Bill Titmuss**

### **Adjournment**

- Call for mover and seconder

**Membership Fee for 2017 season**

**\$125.00**

**Associate Membership Fee \$50.00**

**Please remember to bring *your cheque (not cash)*  
to the November 1st AGM and Awards Luncheon**

*Jim Mackie - Treasurer*

## **Minutes of 2015 West Point Golf Club Annual General Meeting Held at the Arbutus Club, Tuesday, October 27, 2015**

The President, Andrew Hobbs, called the meeting to order at 11:40 am.  
A quorum was declared as there were more than 80 members in attendance.

### **President's Remarks**

Andrew welcomed the members and thanked Peter Coyle, Jim Mackie, Carl Jonsson, and Colin Mallet for managing the door and the financial issues today. He especially welcomed the Lifetime Members in attendance: Hugh Marshall, Roy Moulton and Ray Dujardin, and our Associate Members: Al Williams, Maurice Foisy and David Haddleton.

Andrew commented on the marvelous season of good sunny weather enjoyed by our stalwart members although somewhat detrimental to the courses.

The Club's membership currently stands at a full 100 including 10 new members: Fred Warkentin, David Syme, Brian Montpellier, Sam Lilley, Andy Leekha, Paul Kouri, John Evans, Dan Gleadle, George Drew and Grant Hughes. In addition we have four Lifetime and five Associate Members and a healthy wait list of 13.

Andrew commented on the demographics and handicap statistics outlined in Bill Titmuss's membership report published in the Divot Dust.

Andrew reported on the close relationship the Club maintains with the Parks Board through meetings with Joan Probert, Supervisor of Business Services, and other Parks Board staff. The Club enjoys a good respectful relationship with the Pro-shop staff at all four courses.

Also referenced were the Director's reports as published in the Divot Dust which recognize members who have tirelessly contributed to the running of the Club. He acknowledged and thanked others who have freely provided their services including:

Carl Jonsson who continues as our legal advisor and ensures we comply with the requirements as a registered society.

Paul Levy who, in addition to organizing the Ab Miles and Vintage Cup events, annually updates the "Journal of Champions" available for perusal today.

Jim Selley who continues to coordinate the collection and engraving of our trophies.

Brian Ciccozzi and his team of master editors who painstakingly publish our Pocket Reference.

Andrew specifically acknowledged and thanked Barry Arnett who, with Nick Atkinson, has made eSignup work so easily and who has tailored an electronic scoring program for West Point which has made the work of the Captain's Table easier and made result reporting more timely. Barry also initiated and ran our newest competition, The Two-Man Challenge which, by all accounts, is a "keeper".

Gary Sinclair, Ed Watson and Wayne Gatley were applauded for the work they donate in designing and maintaining the Club's incredible website.

Andrew referenced the Club's support of youth golf programs at McCleery and Fraserview, both financially and through volunteering.

He then introduced the current Board members, commenting on the roles they have played. He also recognized the significant contribution made by all those who volunteered to run the various Club competitions and away games.

Since the last AGM and luncheon we have mourned the loss of four gentlemen: Tad Yamasaki, Kent Curley, Don Angus and, most recently, Norm Kent. A minute of silent reflection followed.

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the 84<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting had been published in the Divot Dust.

Moved by Doug Blackman/seconded by Lorne Lindsay that the minutes be accepted as published. Motion carried.

### **Directors' Reports**

These had been published in the Divot Dust, posted on the Club's website.

Moved by Chris Murray/ seconded by Dave Stephens that the reports be accepted as published. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Copies of the Treasurer's Report and the Proposed Budget for 2016 were provided at each table.

Jim Mackie spoke to his report. The year ended with a surplus of \$944 as a result of prudent management and some limitation on the purchase of golf balls. The Club's current reserves are approximately \$16,000.

Jim then spoke to the proposed budget, explaining that the Board plans to keep the annual dues steady at \$125/year and run operational deficits for the next 5 years until the reserves are reduced to approximately \$5,000. The Board is also recommending that the donation to Muncie Booth's Inner City Golf Program be increased to \$1,000. The weekly prizes of golf balls will be changed to cash prizes.

Moved by Jim Mackie/seconded by Andy Schmidt that the Treasurer's Report and the Budget for 2016 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

### **Election Board of Directors 2016**

The nominating Committee included Lorne Lindsay, Jim Mackie and Geof Trunkfield.

The Chair of the Committee, Lorne Lindsay, read the list of nominees proposed by the Committee. He then called for further nominations from the floor. There being none, nominations were declared closed.

The following nominees were therefore declared elected:

President	Andrew Hobbs	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year
Secretary	Doug Blackman	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year
Treasurer	Jim Mackie	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year
Captain	Peter Coyle	1 <sup>st</sup> Year
Vice Captain-Draw	Elliott Phillips	1 <sup>st</sup> Year
Vice Captain-Scoring	Chris Allen	1 <sup>st</sup> Year
Membership	John Foster	1 <sup>st</sup> Year
Social	Colin Mallet	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year
Member at Large	Nick Atkinson	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year

Executive Appointment made by the Board:

Past President	Lorne Lindsay
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Advisor Appointments:

Website Management	Gary Sinclair, Ed Watson, Wayne Gatley
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### **Adjournment**

At 12:00 the meeting was adjourned so that members could enjoy lunch. Andrew offered grace.

### **Meeting Resumed**

Andrew reconvened the meeting after lunch. He thanked the Arbutus Club staff for a fine lunch and for their service. He then thanked the three directors leaving the Board: Don McPherson after seven years, the last two as Captain, Dave Thomas for four years, the last two as Vice Captain-Draw, and Bill Titmuss for two years as Membership Chair. He welcomed the new members: Elliott Phillips, John Foster and Chris Allen.

Before proceeding to the presentation of trophies, there were two important awards to bestow:

The first was to Roy Moulton who remains as a Charter Member of the Club since its reorganization in April 1986. Roy is currently involved as a Lifetime Member of the Club although he has not been able to play in recent years. Roy was saluted for his dedicated service and many contributions to the Club and awarded Honorary Membership which still gives all the rights and privileges of membership save voting and holding office, without the payment of fees.

The second was an award of Lifetime Membership. Andrew outlined the requirements for consideration of this award which include at least ten years of active membership, five years service on the Board of Directors, have made outstanding contributions to the betterment of the Club and its members, be an

active member of the Club and have the unanimous support of the Board. The Board was unanimous in its recommendation that Jim Selley be awarded Lifetime Membership.

Jim has served on the Board for eight years, two as Captain, two as Director at Large, two as President and two as Past President. In addition, Jim has made a huge contribution at a strategic level. He played a key role in the Club being named by the Parks Board as a “recognized club” leading to our being awarded block times. This included leading special meetings with members to discuss issues and expectations, which laid the foundation for negotiations with the Parks Board and the move from Friday to Thursday play. He was also a major driver, along with Ray Dujardin, in the initial moves to go digital. He was largely responsible for organizing Tuesday golf at Riverway, again with Ray Dujardin and Peter Coyle, initially as a hedge against the possibility of losing our times at the City courses. The award comes with great appreciation for all Jim has contributed and will continue to contribute to West Point.

Jim then took a moment to address the members, expressing his gratitude for the award.

### **Awards Ceremony**

The Captain, Don McPherson, then chaired the presentation of trophies, assisted by Dave Thomas and Peter Coyle.

### **Adjournment**

Andrew informed the members that Sam Shalaby had tendered his resignation for family reasons. He then adjourned the meeting at 13:30, wishing members safe travels over the winter.

*Doug Blackman*  
Secretary



## 86th ANNUAL LUNCHEON & AWARDS CEREMONY

12.00 Noon to 12:30 pm: **Cash Bar Open for Social Gathering.**

12.30 pm: Members invited to be seated  
General welcome & announcements (President)  
Special welcome to:  
    Lifetime Members  
    Associate Members  
    Charter Members  
    Guests

Saying of Grace

Buffet Luncheon Begins - during which: Reverse Draw (Carl Jonsson)

Awarding of Trophies: (Peter Coyle, Richard Martin, Elliott Phillips]

1. Bud Brown Eclectic: individual winners in each of 3 handicap divisions
2. Neil McIntyre Trophy: winner with lowest net score
3. Ed Angel Trophy: winning 2-man team
4. TNT (McCleery): "Team Net Total" winning foursome
5. Stroke Play Champion [with keeper]
6. Flight Champions: A,B&C acknowledgement of champions [with keeper]
7. Handicap Champion
8. Senior Master Champion
9. Super Senior Champion
10. Season Match Play - Dave Fairweather Trophy
11. Putting Jamboree: winner with lowest score
12. Joe Dwyer Trophy: winning 2-man team
13. Roli Parker Shield Eclectic: individual winners in each of 4 hdcp divisions
14. Palcutta: acknowledgement of winning team
15. Club Champion – Match Play
16. Flight Champions: B and C winners
17. Ab Miles (McQuarrie Hunter) Tankard: winner with lowest net score
18. Laurie Craddock Vintage Cup – overall winner
19. TNT – (Fraserview): "Team Net Total" winning foursome
20. Doug LeBlanc Shield: individual winners in each of 3 hdcp divisions
21. Bob Jack Trophy: winner with total of lowest best three scores
22. Old Block Trophy: winner - West Point Golf Club
23. Hole-in-One: achiever in 2016 playing in any WPGC fixture
24. Strategic Handicap Management Award - to be announced at the AGM.

***To speed up the process, cash prizes for each of the above winners and all runners-up will be available when you arrive at the AGM and pay your membership dues for 2017***



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Richard Martin- Scoring

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John Foster

**Social Director**

Colin Mallet

**Director at Large**

Nick Atkinson

**Past President**

Lorne Lindsay

**Advisors:**

**Web Masters & Divot Dust**

Gary Sinclair  
Ed Watson  
Wayne Gatley

**eSignup & eHandicap**

Nick Atkinson

## President's Message

It has been my privilege and honour to serve as your President this year. West Point Golf Club has enjoyed another outstanding season of good weather much to the enjoyment of our stalwart members, and for those on our waiting list. I was sorry that my knee operation interfered with my golf season this year, but was most appreciative of my surgeon's ability to allow me to finish the season walking the courses again with friends.



Please join me in thanking our elected Board and its three appointed advisors, who have tirelessly and willingly given countless hours of their time to the seamless running of our organization. We owe them a huge debt of gratitude.

Those leaving their positions this year are: **Lorne Lindsay as Past President and Gary Sinclair as Advisor to the board, Webmaster and Editor.** These two gentlemen have dedicated their time to this Club in an executive capacity for a total of **20** years. They have been outstanding members of our Board and I know that the membership appreciates the dedication and contribution each has given to looking after our golfing needs! Thank you both of you.

The nominating committee has presented an excellent slate of directors for 2017; I look forward to working with them in continuing our West Point traditions.

Our membership currently stands at the cut-off of 110, which includes 19 new members. In addition, we have 4 Lifetime and 5 Associate members. We have a healthy waiting list of 11.

Since our last Annual General Meeting and luncheon, we have mourned the loss of four outstanding gentlemen, each of whom will be sorely missed for their camaraderie, sheer character and contribution to our club: **John Dennison, Chris Allen, Frank Maynard, and Tony Appel.**

Representatives of our Club meet regularly with **Joan Probert**, Supervisor of Business Services for the Vancouver Parks Board, and we maintain good ongoing communication with Park Board staff. The Club also enjoys good relationships with the Pro Shop staff at all four golf courses: McCleery, Langara, Fraserview and Riverway.

Whilst each Director has filed his report in this issue of the ***Divot Dust***, recognizing members who have contributed willingly to running Club events, there are other members who continue to freely give their services and must be acknowledged with our sincere thanks.

**Carl Jonsson** continues as our legal advisor, taking care of the legalities necessary to maintain our status as a registered society.

**Paul Levy**, in addition to organizing the Ab Miles and the Vintage Cup competitions, annually updates his Journal of Champions, which historically is well worth viewing at our AGM this year.

**Jim Selley**, who continues to take care of collecting and engraving all our trophies. **Brian Ciccozzi**, and his team of editors who painstakingly put together our enviable ***Pocket Reference*** book.

In addition to congratulating our board members on a job well done, I must add that our advisors also have continued to contribute hugely. **Gary Sinclair, Ed Watson** and **Wayne Gatley** are again to be applauded for their devotion and huge contribution they donate to us, the Club, in daily updating our awesome website.

Our program of supporting youth golf has been most successful again this year, enthusiastically spearheaded by **Nick Atkinson** and some of our member volunteers.

We donate currently to two programs in Vancouver: the ***Junior Golf Program for Inner City Youth***, coordinated by **Muncie Booth**, Head Golf Professional at McCleery and ***The First Tee of Greater Vancouver***, an initiative led by **Tom Monaghan** of Fraserview through the YMCA. This year we contributed \$1,500 for McCleery and \$500 for Fraserview as well as some revenues from our socials 50/50 draws. The program is apparently working well.

I am sure you appreciate **Lorne Lindsay's "Sketches"** of our various members. It adds great colour to our Club. Many thanks Lorne for these and for the caring

“crossing of Tees” you willingly lend our Board in smoothing our way!

Very best wishes to you and your families for a healthy and enjoyable winter season.

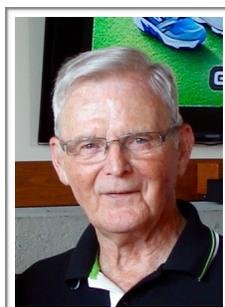
*Andrew Hobbs*

***“The difference between golf and government is that in golf you can’t improve your lie.***

***George Deukmejian***

***“If you think it’s hard to meet new people, try picking up the wrong golf ball”.***  
***Jack Lemmon***

***We appreciate the contribution of the two Board members who have completed their terms and thank them for their dedicated service to the operation of the Club.***



Past President - **Lorne Lindsay** (8 years)  
Webmaster & Editor, - **Gary Sinclair** (12 years)

**FORMER OFFICERS OF WPGC’S BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
*21 currently active members have served our Club as Directors*

**Ed Bobinski  
Mike Carter  
Brian Ciccozzi  
Neil Brett-Davies  
Rob Dickinson  
David Dickson**

**Ray Dujardin  
David Haddleton  
Carl Jonsson  
Hugh Marshall  
John McHattie  
Don McPherson**

**Roy Moulton  
Andy Schmidt  
Jim Selley  
Dave Stephens  
Gary Sinclair  
Craig Thomson**

**Bill Titmuss  
Geof Trunkfield  
Al Williams**

## ***Captain's Message***

Another year of golf has come and gone. Although the weather was more normal for Vancouver, we did not suffer to many inclement days. Our matches for the most part were well attended.



West Point Golf Club could not work without the selfless help of our many volunteers. Thank you to:

-Your board of directors for their stewardship of the club.

- Elliott Phillips for his tireless work preparing the draws.

-Richard Martin and his Captain's Table of Rob Sandhu, Jim Trotter, David McMurdo, Phil Joughin and Jeremy Marr for their good job in scoring our many and varied events. Richard stepped up to fill

the role created by the untimely passing of our good friend Chris Allen.

-Barry Arnett and Nick Atkinson for maintaining our signup, handicap and scoring systems.

- Colin Mallet for organizing all our social functions throughout the year. I'm sure we all appreciated the great food and drink.

- Gary Sinclair, Wayne Gatley and Ed Watson for their maintenance of our wonderful website. It truly is a valuable resource and we are lucky to have it.

-Bill Titmuss for monitoring our handicaps and creating scoring tables for multiple tees.

-All our event and away game coordinators. Without your help these great events would not have happened.

-All our foursome captains for helping pace of play and scoring.

Congratulations to all of our event winners. We had some spirited and well contested events this year.

The club continued the integration of red tees into our competitions with the goal of making our events more competitive for our members who are finding distance a little challenging. Your directors will continue to refine this process and create guidelines which will help our event coordinators and avoid any possible confusion.

I created a new event this year called the Captain's Challenge. It was a PGA FedEx Cup styled event where all event participants earned points based on their flight and finish. Thank you to Ed Watson for his help in maintaining this event. The final for this event was played in conjunction with the LeBlanc Shield. This event was designed to reward our members who played in all our numerous competitions.

It has been a pleasure to serve as your Club Captain this year. I wish you all a great winter and we will see you next year for another challenging year of golf.

### **Event Coordinators**

***Brian Ciccozzi, Brian Boone, Jim Selley, Brian Montpellier,  
Geof Trunkfield, Neil Brett-Davies, John Foster, Colin Mallet,  
Dave Thomas, Chuck Kotzo, Bill Trory, Paul Levy,  
Richard Martin, Barry Arnett, Jim Mackie***

### **Away Game Coordinators**

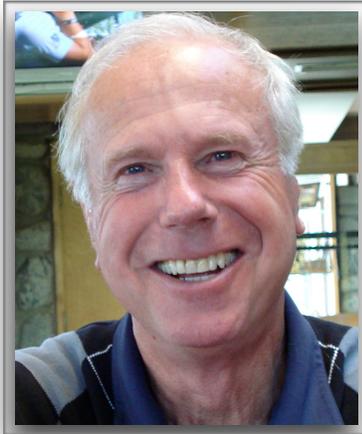
***Robert Wood, Craig Thomson, Doug Blackman, Andrew Hobbs,  
Jim Mackie, Chuck Kotzo***

**WPGCs new “Pace of Play” Monitor’s assistant**

**- on the job!**



## ***Vice-Captain's (Weekly Draw) - Message***



In 2016 the Vancouver Parks Board threw a monkey wrench into the registration and cancellation process. Previously, after the draw was posted, a member could call the course to cancel (when necessary). This year it was made very clear that cancellations required that a) the member be registered with a user id and a password with the VPB website and b) that cancellations required the member to login and cancel the reservation. No telephone cancellations would be accepted. One older member who does not have a computer was given special dispensation to cancel by phone. There were no other exemptions.

As with any new system there were significant growing pains, confusion and VPB programming glitches. However, I am happy to state that once the VPB program sent an email confirmation to each member on Wednesday afternoon, cancellations online became much easier. Telephone cancellations were also later accepted on Thursday, but had to be received 4 hours before the tee time to avoid a \$25 penalty. To my knowledge no one has been assessed this penalty. It seems nonsensical to me since no one is in the pro shop before 6am. Our starting tee times range from 7:21 to 9:00 am.

We were provided 20 tee times at all 3 courses each Thursday for our 110 active members and 13 waitlisted individuals. Statistically, we filled on average of 19 tee times at MCCleery (April, May and June), 19 at Langara but only 16 at Fraserview (to Sept. 29).

Although there are 19 regular foursomes, and 80 positions to fill, this would infer that there are only 4 empty slots for the remaining 34 members and 13 waitlist. In fact, owing to the absence of members of the regular foursomes (for a myriad of reasons) between April and November, it has not been a problem to accommodate all who wish to play. There have been perhaps 1 or 2 occasions during the entire season where a member was late to register and the draw was full.

Between 8pm on Friday evening and Tuesday draw post time, there are usually 2-3 cancellations and/or requests to play from members who had forgotten to register. As the courses require that the number of tee times for the following Thursday be provided on Saturday, this has presented a problem when tee times have been given away and members then request to play.

Once the draw has been posted and provided to the club, there has been an average of 3 cancellations to upwards of 10 on the day of play. Two very rainy days resulted in 8 and 10 cancellations respectively.

I am pleased to state that my request to email me cancellations or requests to play prior to the posting of the draw has made the draw formulation much easier.

The membership should be aware of the effort that the coordinators put in to the pairings, and posting of the results for our many tournaments. The time required is substantial and exacting. As Vice Captain Draw, I am very appreciative.

I am looking forward to next year and to the smooth running of the draw process.

Thank you to the membership for their cooperation and the executive for their guidance and support.

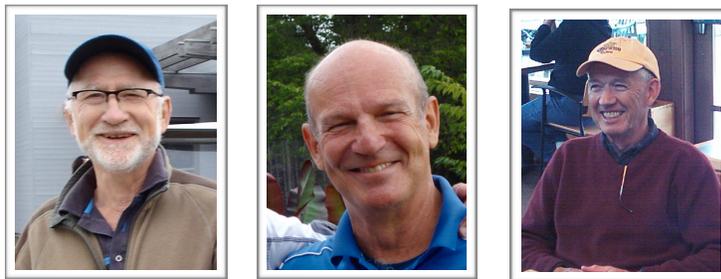
A special thank you to Dave Thomas for the excellent prep provided and to Barry Arnett for our e signup format.

*Elliott Phillips*

## **Thanks to the Members of our Captains' Table**



*Phil Joughin, Jeremy Marr David McMurdo, Rob Sandhu*



*Dave Thomas, Bill Titmuss Jim Trotter*

## ***Vice-Captain's (Scoring) - Message***



As another season is coming to an end I would like to thank the members and the foursome captains for their ongoing support of the Captain's Table.

The electronic scoring system created by Barry Arnett is a great help to the Table in the eSignup and the tabulation of results at the end of day. Also the lists of gross, net and par points of all players for posting on the web site. Barry modifies his program each week to accommodate our many tournaments and the handicapping is downloaded from the lists that Bill Titmuss monitors and studiously updates each week.

It has been a learning experience for me this season on assuming Chris Allen's position on the board. The introduction of the alternate red tees has made things interesting and it took a while to work through some of the hiccups. However, overall it has been very successful in making the game competitive and fun for many of our more 'experienced' players.

I would like to especially thank those who served at the Captain's Table. Rob Sandhu, Jim Trotter, Phil Joughin, Jeremy Marr and David McMurdo were all regulars at the table, sometimes doing double shifts. Thanks to Dave Thomas and Bill Titmuss for their help in coordinating the Table whilst I was away on holiday, Peter Coyle for his advice and guidance and Barry Arnett for helping me fill out the score sheets after the end of play.

Thank you to Elliott Phillips for accommodating my requests for appropriate tee times and my appreciation to Ed Watson, Gary Sinclair and Wayne Gatley who are the Gurus who update our website each week using, in part, the score sheet from the Table. Also, Lorne Lindsay (the nice guy) who monitors the gap times recorded at the Table.

There are many who help our club to run smoothly.

I have enjoyed the opportunity of being at the Captain's Table this year and contributing to the club. It has enabled me to meet and get to know many of our members.

Have a great winter and I look forward to seeing you next spring.

*Richard Martin*

## **Membership Director's Message**



With the 20 tee times provided by the VPB, the Board decided to increase regular membership from 100 to 110 to ensure we meet the 20 tee time commitment for the 2016 season. Total playing membership is now 120 made up of 110 regular, 1 honorary, 4 lifetime, and 5 associate members. Current wait list membership is 13. 87% of wait list members are by regular player referral.

The average age of our membership is 75.5 years with the youngest at 59 years and the oldest at 92 years.

### **New Members**

Alex Andrews, Jack Burak, Tom Carefoot, Ross Cassie, Chris Chatten, Bob Crawford, John Dawson, John Evans, Reg Gates, John Hale, Dennis Houle, Grant Hughes, Stan Joughin, Bruce Kennedy, Terry Maunder, Errol McKinstry, Peter Reid, Phillip Tannahill, Tim Van Ostrand and Leo Verlaan.

### **Honorary Member**

Ray Moulton (2009) Charter Member

### **Lifetime Members**

Hugh Marshall (2010), Gary Sinclair (2011), Ray Dujardin (2012), Jim Selley (2015)  
*One more name will be added to this list before the end of the 2016 season.*

### **Associate Members**

Terry Collette, Dan Gleadle, David Haddleton, Don McPherson, Alan Williams

### **Members and former members that passed on in 2016**

Chris Allen, Tony Appel, John Dennison, Frank Maynard

The assistance of Bill Titmuss in handing over the membership function and Barry Arnett for getting wait list members entered into eSignup and eHandicap is appreciated.

*John Foster*

## AGM & Awards Luncheon - November 1st

### ***Social Director's Message***



The Annual General Meeting marks the end of another successful season. We didn't get the heat of some previous years, but the weather was excellent for golf.

This year's AGM event will start promptly at midday on Tuesday, November 1, at the Arbutus Club. Registration will be from 11.00 a.m., and the AGM will be followed immediately by the lunch, which will include the presentation of awards.

We started the pre-season with a get together for new members, captains and the Board, to clarify for everyone the Club's plans and customs (partially rules and partially local variations) The Opening Social was then held very successfully at Langara on 20 April, later than usual to allow late returnees from down South to attend. This was the opportunity for existing members to meet many of the influx of 20 new members, as we expanded the membership this year.

Thanks to Dave Thomas, the Putting Jamboree again went off well on 21 June, attended by a very select group of members. Although there are 'Pots of Gold' and trophies to be won, this is very much a social event, so please think about participating next year, to try to defeat Langara's greens.

The Palcutta was again expertly organized by Bill Trory, on 4 Aug, with the event Social on the preceding Tuesday. Norm Thiessen took over the demanding job of Auctioneer, and managed to considerably reduce the weight of people's pockets. As usual, we managed to get the books to balance, thanks to the stellar efforts of Jim Mackie and Brian Ciccozzi.

I would like to acknowledge in particular Jim's support of my work as Social Director, since I manage to spend much of the Club's money, and he still manages to keep the paperwork and the books straight.

Finally, I know that we would all like to thank both Krista and her team at Langara, and Leatt and her team here at the Arbutus Club, for the quality of the food and service that they provide.

*Colin Mallet*

# ***Director at Large's Report***



## **Definition of the Position:**

The Member at Large does just about any job that no one else on the Board wants to undertake.

This year's tasks:

### **1. Maintain and Update the online Events Calendar**

Although the online roster is not visible to members, each club member is assigned a unique identifier, additionally the online events calendar causes a unique identifier for each club event. Together these two systems allow members to access and use the efficient sign-up system.

### **2. Shirts, Hats and Towels**

Order and sell club merchandise. Shirts, hats and towels are great identifiers of the club and its members. This year the Club offered choices of colours of hats and also sold various colour polo shirts. The program was successful as half of the membership chose to buy a new hat and shirt and display the club name. I understand the other half are waiting for the 2017 seasons product.

### **3. Member of the Handicap Committee**

Together with the members of the Handicap Committee review and analyze data from club events and correlate with the WPGC handicap system. Use the data to determine the reliability of a member's handicap and suggest ways to improve team selection.

### **4. Co-ordinate Club Involvement in the McCleery Inner City Youth Golf Program**

In addition to a donation the club makes to the program, the club also provided volunteers to assist with the program management. This year the Club donated over \$1500.00 to the youth program. Thanks once again to the volunteers who helped Kim and McCleery Golf by marshalling the kids.

*Nick Atkinson*

***Pain and suffering are inevitable in golf  
but misery is a choice.***

## **Handicap Committee Report 2016**

*Most of our competitions are played using our reported handicaps. The handicap committee was formed to insure our membership is correctly following our handicap procedures. The handicap committee's mandate is to be informative and to help our membership enjoy the game of golf.*

### **Tee Box Policy for Handicap Events**

When play started at McCleery, emotions ran high regarding players using the forward tees. Some thought it was impossible to compete from the Red Tees as a player had to give up too many strokes. Others thought it would be too easy for a player using the Red Tees. The data from McCleery showed that the RCGA handicap system works and players do play fairly using the prescribed handicap adjustments.

It seemed as a club, we were getting comfortable with players using the Red Tees. Then we moved onto Langara. Our two months at Langara provided little data. Most events were stroke play, thus had to be played from the white tees. Even the TNT, although a handicap event, was played from the white tees. As per our policy, all handicap events should allow players to choose the tee box of their choice.

There are members of our club who would benefit from playing the Red Tees. There still seems to be an undercurrent of peer pressure to push players away from the Red Tees. Red tee foursome and twosomes seems to help.

One issue that remains unresolved is KP prizes. We do not have enough data to see if players using the Red Tees win more than their fair share of the prizes. A more substantial concern is our calendar. If we are to encourage play from the forward tees we need to take a look at how our calendar impacts this issue.

Please see page 2 for suggestions.

### **The Rewards for Playing from the Forward Tees**

Many of our members who used the forward tees spoke of how the game was fun again. Players can reach many more greens in regulation if they chose the forward tees. They get to use a wider range of clubs. Their drives are closer to the rest of their foursome members. This allows for more players to get ready for their second shot at the same time. The foursome feels more like a group. This does help with pace of play.

### **Record Scores Online**

We seem to have seen an improvement from past years. Our members have been doing well inputting their scores in a timely manner. Many are properly adjusting their scores. Barry Arnett provides a running tabulation of all Thursday scores. This has allowed us to verify that at least the Thursday rounds have been inputted properly.

## Away Games

All away games were provided with charts for regular and forward tees. Hopefully this will help a player better understand how his Index is used to calculate a Course Handicap.

*Bill Titmuss, Nick Atkinson*

## ***This Season's only Hole-in-One Guy***

***Congratulations to***



***Jeremy Marr***

***September 1, 2016,***

***8th Hole - Langara G.C.***

***122 Yards***



**One more time:**

***Membership Fee for 2017 season***

***\$125.00***

***Associate Membership Fee \$50.00***

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*Jim Mackie - Treasurer*

## ***Past President's Report***



Having served on the West Point Board as Vice Captain (Draw and Scoring), Membership Chair, President and the last two years as Past President, this AGM brings me to the end of a very fulfilling eight years. There have been many changes along the way, and I have always been impressed with the calibre and strength of our membership. All members of the 2016 Board brought vitality and energy to their roles and have worked together as a very efficient team. I commend **Andrew Hobbs** for his leadership during the past two years, including the time he was hobbled with knee surgery!

With elected members working alongside the innumerable volunteers, West Point Golf Club has been compared to a well-oiled machine. Our Club can only be as good as its members and volunteers. Appreciation is extended to everyone who has offered time and assistance. Thanks very much to those who have helped out in the past, and if you haven't had the opportunity yet, please make an effort to become more involved in your Club.

In addition to the elected Board members, we are extremely fortunate to have the services of our communication team of advisors. **Gary Sinclair, Ed Watson** and **Wayne Gatley** are pivotal to the success of our esteemed website and continue to spend countless hours updating it. In particular, Gary has shared so much of his time, expertise and knowledge with the Board and membership over the past 12 years; his presence and contributions will be missed tremendously.

Unfortunately, health issues have prevented some of our members from fully participating this past season: **Don Abel, Don Clancy, Alan Collier, Rob Dickinson** and **Peter Morse**. We wish them well.

Thanks to **Colin Mallet** and Wayne **Ferrey** for serving with me in establishing the proposed slate of directors for 2017. The report from the Nominating Committee appears elsewhere in this edition of Divot Dust.

The "Sketch of a West Pointer" project continues to share a glimpse into the background of our members; in 2016 it focused on **Ray Dujardin, Phil Joughin, Paul Levy, Jim Trotter** and **Al Williams**.

The Vancouver Park Board appreciates our efforts in maintaining a good pace of play and we continue to be relatively successful. However, there are occasional big gaps between finishing foursomes, and the Club's goal as always is to keep those to a minimum. Thank you for your support. I extend best wishes to you and your family for a healthy and happy winter season! I look forward to seeing you in the spring!

# Nomination of Directors for 2017

With special thanks to *Colin Mallet* and *Wayne Ferrey*, the Nominating Committee has concluded their due diligence and is pleased to present the following slate for membership approval as the Board of Directors for 2017:

<b>President</b>	Doug Blackman	1 <sup>st</sup> year
<b>Secretary</b>	Colin Mallet	1 <sup>st</sup> year
<b>Treasurer</b>	Jim Mackie	3 <sup>rd</sup> year
<b>Captain</b>	Peter Coyle	2 <sup>nd</sup> year
<b>Vice Captain Draw</b>	Elliott Phillips	2 <sup>nd</sup> year
<b>Vice Captain Scoring</b>	Richard Martin	2 <sup>nd</sup> year
<b>Membership</b>	John Foster	2 <sup>nd</sup> year
<b>Social Director</b>	Dave Thomas	1 <sup>st</sup> year
<b>Director at Large</b>	Nick Atkinson	3 <sup>rd</sup> year

## Executive Appointment made by the Board of Directors:

**Past President**                      Andrew Hobbs

## Advisor Appointments:

**Website Management:**              Ed Watson, Wayne Gatley

**Handicap:**                              Bill Titmuss

*Lorne Lindsay*  
Chair of Nominating Committee

## The “Sketch of a West Pointer” Project

**Gary Sinclair** is stepping down from his responsibilities as the website management team leader and Divot Dust editor. Gary took on these duties many years ago, initiating a project to develop a website for our Club. He had no formal training in this regard but certainly learned a great deal as he went along. **Ed Watson** joined Gary in 2009 and has been instrumental with Gary in getting our website to where it is today. **Wayne Gatley** came on board in 2015. Gary has indicated that this is his final edition of the Divot Dust and we hope that another member will take up the challenge and become the editor.

I say this as a preamble to this section as I have been asking Gary to provide some background information to me for some time and I hope to have a Sketch of him soon. Gary, the Divot Dust editor, asked me to provide information about the motivation and rationale behind the “Sketch of a West Pointer” project, an initiative to help “know your fellow members.”

When I was a Captain’s Table volunteer early in my WPGC membership, I was able to meet all the members, and in particular the new ones. It was interesting to chat and learn a little bit about them. During my time as Vice Captain, I enjoyed much more direct contact with all members, especially as that was prior to electronic sign-up, and a time when weekly commitments to play had to be confirmed orally so the draw could be created. As Membership Chair, once again I had a lot of contact with members and an idea that had been simmering, finally came to a boil when the Sketch project was launched in 2012. It began as an attempt to get beyond the superficiality and learn a bit more about the background and golf history of West Point members. The first Sketches were of **Michael Alms, Ed Bobinski and Jim Appleby**. The following year the focus was on **Joe Hurley, David Dickson, Chris Allen, Don Clancy, Art Roberts and Hugh Marshall**. Seventeen more Sketches have been published since then, bringing the current total to 26. You can read the sketches by going to the website Galleries/Members and clicking on More under the photos.

I have appreciated the willingness of members to share some of their background and personal information with the Club membership. A template is provided as a guide, but members can include any details they feel might be of interest; all articles are approved by the member prior to publication. Hopefully, we will be able to include as many members as possible.

In addition to those listed above, the following members have also generously shared a bit of their golfing history with us: **Neil Brett-Davies, David Cooke, George Doiron, Ray Dujardin, Wayne Ferrey, David Haddleton, Carl Jonsson, Phil Joughin, Peter Kidd, Paul Levy, Gordie MacCulloch, John McHattie, Don Rotherham, Lloyd Shippam, Norm Thiessen, Jim Trotter and Al Williams**.

*Lorne Lindsay*  
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# Club Communications



We are pleased to be able to report that all appears to be well with the Website and thank our club members who have become dedicated volunteers/game coordinators who manage the events, prepare the “news” and deliver it to us for posting on the website. This almost seamless, weekly provision and delivery of detail is a tribute to the teamwork that exists within the Club and the dedicated work done by all involved.

Hopefully, you have noticed that all information relevant to our schedule of *Fixtures* and *Competition Formats* (see **Golf**) as well as to the descriptions of all categories of Club membership are available (see **Galleries**). We have also ensured that critical linkages to *eSignup* and the *eHandicap Network* for recording our scores and determining our handicaps (see **Golf**) are available.

All Galleries are up to date. We invite you to check the **Galleries** menu and click on the *Members*, *New Members*, *Lifetime*, *Associate*, *Honorary*, *Retired* and *Remembrance* categories to get acquainted with the various present and past groups that make up our Club. For a most informative read, be sure to browse the *Members* Gallery, that provides a listing of each member’s volunteer activities as well as winning performances during his stay with the Club. Those who have participated in the **Sketches** project are designated with the “**More**” alert tag.

For those of you who have an interest in the early establishment and subsequent development of our Club you will find it nicely outlined within the **Admin** menu (see *Executive History*).

Our *Awards & Winners* list for 2016 (see **Golf**) has been completed for your viewing and will soon be archived (2005 through 2016) and available for access by those who wish to revisit past glory. Along these lines, the *AGM minutes* and *Directors’ Reports*,

We are proud of our efforts and feel that the site is both looking good and is performing well. Please take a look at the entries that catch your interest and let us know of any inaccuracies, errors or omissions that you may spot.



*Gary Sinclair, Ed Watson & Wayne Gatley*

### **Stepping Down:**

*Historically, our main source of Club information and news has always been our newsletter, the Divot Dust, that was initially distributed on a quarterly basis every season (March, May, August and October). In the early days, the DD was produced by the editor using the mimeographing process and delivered by Canada Post after it had been prepared, printed, collated, stapled, and stuffed into envelopes that had to be addressed, stamped and then taken to the post office for mailing. In 2004 our communication efforts started to move into the electronic age when we began to replace telephone calls and “snail mail” with email messaging to those who had email capability. In 2005 we extended our electronic horizons to undertake the creation of a website - modest as it was - and it proved to be effective as in 2006 our website became fully operational. It grew in scope as the operations of the club expanded and it morphed into its present form with its drop down menu features in 2011.*

*In 2011, Ed Watson’s acceptance of my invitation to join and form the Website “Team” secured a creatively skilled, talented and invaluable partner and now leader, of the club’s continuing Communications development and management initiative. Recently, in 2015, Wayne Gatley was invited join Team Web, to share the expanding coverage and workload, and he has demonstrated that the Team is in excellent hands.*

*Over the years, I am proud of what we have managed to produce and maintain and I am extremely proud of the leadership role that I have been able to provide over this time. However, there is a time for all things and the time has come for me to step down from the most enjoyable, satisfying and rewarding commitment, as a volunteer, that I have ever experienced. I treasure the friendships and acquaintances that I have been able to form and am looking forward to joining you as a regular playing member in 2017.*

*It’s been a slice!*

*Gary*

## **West Point Golf at Riverway G.C. - 2016**

2016 was another successful year for the West Pointers playing Tuesdays at Riverway. We have block times allocated on every second Tuesday of the month , playing from January through to December.



As in previous years, each date involves team competition or individual play tournaments. KP's are also awarded. This provides spirited competition for the field. All communication regarding play dates, sign-up, draw time and competition format are handled electronically and works extremely well.

The sign up is via the eSignUp process on the West Point website. Note that play is restricted to 24

members (the maximum tee times Riverway will allocate) so sign up early to avoid disappointment at being placed on a wait list.

The Pro Shop staff is exceptionally friendly and co-operative and our relationship with them is excellent. The condition of the golf course has been excellent all year. As a result of the drainage project Riverway undertook a few years ago, spring conditions are much drier than most lower mainland courses and also permits good conditions for winter play.

I encourage all West Point members to take advantage of this opportunity.

*Peter Coyle*

*Golf can best be defined as an  
endless series of tragedies  
obscured by the occasional miracle,*

*followed by a good bottle of beer.*

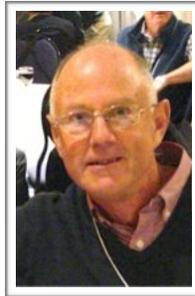


## Gallery of Candidates nominated to serve as our Board of Directors for 2017

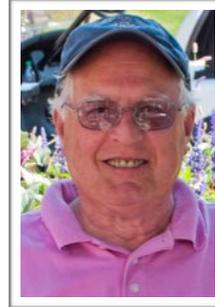
*Presenting the members who have agreed to stand for election:*



**President**  
*Doug Blackman*  
1st Year



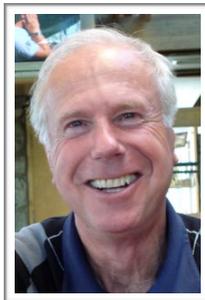
**Secretary**  
*Colin Mallett*  
1st Year



**Treasurer**  
*Jim Mackie*  
3rd Year



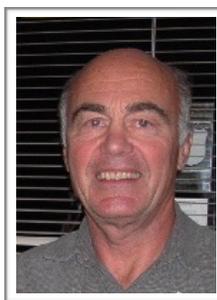
**Captain**  
*Peter Coyle*  
2nd Year



**VCapt Draw**  
*Elliott Phillips*  
2nd Year



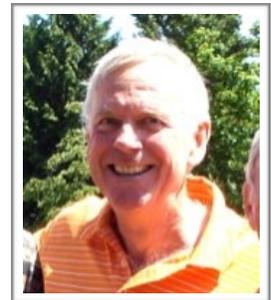
**VCapt Scoring**  
*Richard Martin*  
2nd Year



**Membership**  
*John Foster*  
2nd Year



**Social Director**  
*Dave Thomas*  
1st Year



**Dir@Large**  
*Nick Atkinson*  
3rd Year

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