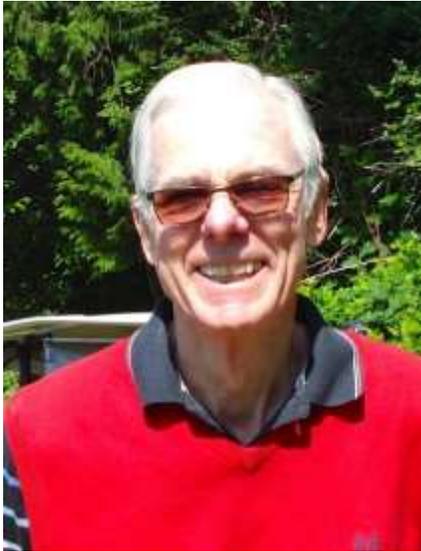


Sketch of a West Pointer – Dave Marr



Dave is a local boy who was born in North Vancouver in 1940 and spent his early years in Lynn Valley. His mother's family, the Frommes, were well-known pioneers and Lynn Valley was a very small community then; everybody knew everybody. Both his parents loved sports and encouraged Dave to participate; he played soccer, Little League Baseball, softball and tennis. He received his schooling at Lynn Valley Elementary, Sutherland Junior High and North Van High School. One outstanding memory is when he represented his school in 1951 at a Brockton Point event when he was in grade 6. He was introduced to Princess Elizabeth and Prince Phillip who were touring Canada on their Royal Visit. Dave's father was killed in the Second World War while serving in the Royal Canadian Navy. Dave wore his Memorial Cross when he was presented to the Royals and that prompted a short conversation. What a thrill for an 11 year-old!

Following high school graduation in 1958 Dave joined the Canadian Navy as an Officer Cadet in the Venture Plan. The purpose of the program was to train pilots for the Navy. He got a taste of flying, soloing in small, single engine planes but was not sold on Navy life and was discharged in his second year. In 1960 Dave was hired by BC Tel as a lowly Construction Clerk in Vancouver, making about eight dollars a day. It wasn't all bad though, as he met a wonderful girl named Joanne and married her in 1962. Prince George was their first move, in the middle of winter, when Dave took his first management position as an Administrative Assistant to the Northern Division Manager. Many different management jobs followed in Vancouver, Nanaimo and finally Vernon, where he became the District Customer Service Manager in 1980. He really enjoyed his time in Vernon, where he was active in Rotary Club, a member of the Vernon Golf Club and the Village Green Tennis Club.

Retirement from BC Tel came in 1992 and Dave and Joanne decided to explore Mexico in depth. They drove around the country for 6 months checking out the beaches, Mayan ruins, historical sites, museums, major cities and remote rural areas. Three years later they put their plan into action, purchasing a house in Melaque on the west coast, south of Puerto Vallarta. After major improvements were made to the house, they decided to open a Bed & Breakfast business and operated it during our winter months for seven years. They really enjoyed the experience and loved having guests from Canada, Mexico and the U.S. It's no longer a B & B, but they still spend some time there.

Dave and Joanne enjoy travelling both by land and by sea. Last year they completed a 60 day cruise around the North Pacific visiting Alaska, Japan, China, Vietnam, South Korea, Philippines, Guam and Hawaii. They have two daughters. Lisa lives in Los Angeles and travels the world teaching film-making; Julie is a chef and lives in Vancouver and Italy. A grandson, Max, is in grade 12 in Vancouver.

In his late teens, Dave played a few games of golf but didn't start playing on a weekly basis until he was 26, while living in Prince George. In 1975 he joined the West Point Golf Club, which at the time played at the University GC, but had to drop his membership 3 years later when his employment took him to Nanaimo. While playing golf in Vernon, Dave achieved his lowest handicap of 15. Dave re-joined West Point Golf Club in 2014. One memorable occasion occurred two years ago when he eagled the first hole at Fraserview during

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a West Point competition. The sad part was that no one in his foursome saw the ball go in the hole due to a very thick ground fog that day. When a search around the green didn't result in finding his ball, it was eventually discovered in the cup!

Two golfers who Dave admires are Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson. Tiger because he is an amazing golfer, so determined and focused. Phil is a great golfer and a magician with his wedges. Dave also appreciates that Phil always acknowledges the fans. Dave's favourite golf course is Indian Canyon in Spokane which has great views of the surrounding area, tree-lined fairways and a good variety of challenging holes. It's very well maintained and the price is right! Hangman's Valley, also in Spokane, has nice wide fairways and is accommodating to Dave's slice. Christina Lake is another favourite.

Dave has played tennis most of his life and particularly likes to play on the clay courts available in Mexico. He also enjoys playing Duplicate Bridge but says that it is still a work in progress. For the past several years Dave has been a very active volunteer, assisting with weekly duties at the Captain's Table. He likes to participate and his time is appreciated by the members.

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