



# ***NICO WYND MEN'S GOLF CLUB***

## **Spring General Meeting Minutes 2025**

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**Date:** Thursday, March 6, 2025

**Location:** Nico Wynd Clubhouse – Upper meeting room

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Attendance:** 31 Members present and signed in

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1. The Meeting was called to order at 6:58 PM by Ted Edwards, Club President
  - a. Ted introduced the Executive members attending: Graham Roberts, Peter Taylor, Jim Cornish and Ross Ruddick.
  - b. Ted asked new members to rise and introduce themselves. The membership welcomed them to the club.
2. The Club Secretary, Ralph Boyce, was unable to attend due to holidays. It was, however, noted that the minutes of the October 16, 2024 Fall Annual General Meeting have been posted on the website for review by the members.
3. Saturday Captain, Graham Roberts, gave his report on the winter season and discussed the upcoming summer season.
  - a. There were 277 rounds played in the winter season, and we didn't lose too many scheduled events to snow or atmospheric rivers. The course maintenance was pro-active and, by tarping all the greens and playing temps for part of the season, we are being rewarded with excellent regular greens to start the summer season.
  - b. The winter season low net winners were:
    - i. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Roger Cumming
    - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ted Edwards
    - iii. 1<sup>st</sup> – Andre Lesperance

- c. The winter season low gross winners were:
    - i. 3<sup>rd</sup> – David Morrison
    - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jamie Mills
    - iii. 1<sup>st</sup> – Graham Roberts
  - d. Graham noted some of the season highlights ahead and added that he would try to have three 9 & Dines intended to be non-competitive, fun social events for members and their partners or family members.
  - e. Graham indicated that he would be looking at moving the Bellingham trip to be north of the border this year given strained relations between the U.S. and Canada and the resultant drop in interest from past participants for a U.S. trip this year. Members did express appreciation for the work that Graham puts into this event.
  - f. In a brief question period, a question was asked about potential relief from drainage lines that have sunk below fairway level. If a player takes a tee and depresses it into the turf adjacent to the ball and if, between the surface and 2.5" in depth, the tee hits gravel then free relief is granted. Otherwise any relief would be considered an unplayable lie at the cost of one stroke. Graham noted that a full explanation about relief from sand traps was on our website. It was noted that, should relief be within the sand trap, the ball is to be dropped from knee height and not placed.
- 4. The Treasurer, Blair Smith, was unable to attend the meeting so no financial report was presented.
  - 5. The new Membership Director, Jim Cornish, reviewed the numbers going into the 2025 summer season. There are currently 70 Saturday members so there are still playing opportunities should we receive new applications. The Tuesday (Seniors) Club is at a maximum with a total of 90 members. Jim asked all members to provide emergency contact information so that, should something happen on course, we know who to reach out to.
  - 6. Media Relations Director, Ross Ruddick, indicated to the assembled members that he invites suggestions about things they consider newsworthy. Our club has developed a good relationship with the Peace Arch News and other papers in that family and we generally get five or six news articles per year. He did note (with a photo on his phone) that even comical incidents such as Brian Carrigan's electric cart ending up in a sand trap are worth sending in.

7. Peter Taylor, the Tuesday Seniors Captain, then presented his report on both the winter season and the upcoming summer season.
  - a. The Tuesday winter season differs from Saturdays in that there is a season long chase for points to determine the overall winner. Peter announced that winner to be Andre Lesperance.
  - b. From 2024 to this upcoming 2025 season, we lost ten members for a variety of reasons including health. 7 new members were added from the Saturday Club and 6 new members came in from the waiting list for a net gain over 2024 of three members.
  - c. One and only Tee sheet comes out on Monday morning. Members need to cancel before tee sheet released to avoid entry fees. No shows and cancellations after tee sheet released could be subject to some membership penalties.
  - d. There was some animated discussion among the members about the fact that there are waiting lists and that some long-term members have been unable to secure confirmed bookings. Peter addressed these concerns by noting that, in 2024, very few events were maxed out as members did cancel in advance. He did note that he will be addressing waiting lists by a combination of an occasional shotgun start combined with putting a few groups out as fivesomes instead of foursomes. Having five in a group is not expected to affect playing time significantly. The course has approved the groups of five, but this will be monitored to see if it is a viable solution.
  - e. The large membership size will allow for the creation of five divisions, based on handicap, and this will spread the winnings around.
  - f. Pace of play continues to be a concern and there will be a Marshall roving around the course urging players to keep up the pace. Should a group be behind by 15 minutes or more, there will be penalties or potential disqualification.
8. It was **MOVED** by Graham Roberts and **SECONDED** by Ed Helman to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM. Members were asked to assist in putting away the chairs and invited to remain behind for refreshments and snacks.