

## YOUR AUTUMN NEWS AND UPDATES



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Greetings! Did you ever notice John Donatien our Starter/Bag Attendant chipping on the new platinum paspalum chipping green (or short game facility as known in the marketing world). John started working at Provo Golf Club in December of 1994 and naturally knew little about the game of golf for at that point he had yet to hold a golf club. In fact John knew so little that he didn't realize why they called golf "the game of a life time"? (Answer: "because it takes a life time to pay for it").

Now when you study John chipping you quickly observe in action a silent assassin who can surgically remove your cash from your wallet in less than the time it takes to say, "How much do I owe you? John came by his talent in golf and the short game honestly as he was taught by our original starter Tommy Coleman. Tommy was well known both near and far for many things in the Turks and Caicos however he was best recognized as one of the original seven dwarfs, a fantastic golfer, and an even better story teller. Tommy entertained members and guests alike for years as our starter and usually even before they got to the first tee which resulted in returning guests immediately upon arrival asking, "Where is Tommy?"

Fast forward to 1998 when I was off island and it came to my attention originating through the legendary LPGA Hall of Fame member Sandra Post that as young girl in Florida in fact the Big Stud from Boggy Creek (as Tommy liked to call himself) had taught her how to play golf as a teenager. Say what? Really?,,,,, if this was true it would be an invaluable rumour nugget to add to my repertoire that I could taunt Tommy with upon my return to island. You see Tommy couldn't stand secrets and had to know everything as the self-proclaimed gossip monger of the T & C. Tommy was known "just for fun" to make up a rumor or story in the morning to note what he would hear later in the day after it had circulated. Ah what innocent "Tommy Fun" that could morph into!

Each day shortly after 6am during the cart set up ceremony (more of a mating dance really) I would quietly mention to Tommy, "I HAVE A SECRET,,, I HAVE A SECRET",,, in my best 6 year old – mocking voice, and then add, "Oh,,, but um, yah,,, sorry,,, I can't tell you". Well a few days led to a week (seven I think) with me reminding Tommy each morning about this secret.



I had never seen Tommy mad but on the eighth day he looked at me and said, "Son, I may have to kill you". Self-preservation has always been high on my list of things to do and I quickly thought what could be more embarrassing than being killed by a 71 year old, golf hustling, legend (question: can one be embarrassed when you are no longer alive?). So I capitulated and told Tommy the entire story. Directly after finishing Tommy said in his best humble, southern drawl, "Shoooooot,,, Son,,, I didn't really teach her how to play golf, I just taught her how NOT to be hustled by the boys!"

The Turks and Caicos has never been short of interesting personalities and characters; in fact one might argue that we may possibly have a few more than the "normal" situation here. When the game of golf is added a very strange catalyst occurs resulting in great stories. That is what makes golf so great, the Characters!

**Dave Douglas**  
**Director of Golf**

## Hurricane Irma (and Maria) – Can't Stop The Progress

But they sure did try! After the passing of Hurricane's Irma and Maria during September, Provo Golf Club is pleased to report that following a major clean up the back nine fully opened on Friday September, 29th. The greens and fairways are in great condition and the clubhouse held firm, only sustaining some minor damage. Fairways Bar & Grill reopened for food and drinks in the air-conditioned clubhouse a couple of days earlier on Wednesday September, 27th. We lost numerous trees during the storm, which we plan to replace over the next few years, and the bushes and flowers lost many leaves although they are quickly coming back to life. Our staff will be pleased to see you return! Many of the staff were personally affected at their homes similar to most of the residents of The Turks and Caicos. Good luck to everyone as we look forward to the islands bouncing back from the passing of these two major storms as things get better each day.

It was great that the Resorts fared quite well with their modern construction as many have rebounded already and are open while other Resorts are well into their repairs with plans to open soon. Now we need to get that positive word out collectively to all of our future island guests.

[Hurricane Irma Images](#)

PGC management has contacted a number of our major suppliers from North America, and are consolidating clothing and materials to assist those most affected by the storms in the Turks & Caicos Islands. Thank you for your kind wishes these past many weeks and we look forward to welcoming everyone back soon.

# Magic Moments Board

Jack Sims shoots age (again) with a 73 in August  
Louis Dickenson shoots 79 in August  
Brooke Rivers shoots 4 under par 32 on front nine of 3rd round at World Jr. USKIDS  
Championship  
Mary Eddy shoots 81 in August  
Keith Burant shoots 83 in October  
Adrian Corr actually played twice this August netting his membership average rate down  
dramatically  
Kurt Rivers shoots 1st round 2 under par 70 at World Jr. USKIDS Championship  
Jo Pretorius shoots 95, best score in over two years at PGC  
Matt Neff shoots 79 in August with “no gimmies”  
Silly Season continues (just wanted to see if you read this far, thank you!)

## Course Update October 2017



Our “Super” Superintendent Tim Mack and his team have put in tremendous effort and expertise during the renovation and regrassing of the front nine with Platinum Paspalum sprigs. We like to call it, “PROJECT P” for fun and so far PROJECT P is living up to its expectations. The sprigs quickly turned into new platinum paspalum turf grass in only a short 5 week period after planting began. Tim has accomplished the timelines while juggling two category five hurricanes and the future looks to be heading towards a very successful outcome. The expected opening date is now towards the end of November due to the storm. The process began with killing off the old Bermuda grass and then stripping the dead turf to allow reshaping and preparation of the greens, rough, and fairways. Virtually the entire front nine is getting attention for a complete wall to wall outcome. After the greens were exposed their old soil was cored out and replaced with a proper sand and soil makeup and then rough shaped and fined graded over time. Fairways were smoothed out and all areas were prepared for the new arrival of sprigs which came in 3 shipment stages in refrigerated forty foot containers. Yes, the Platinum Paspalum Golf Course arrived in cardboard boxes packed in six forty foot refrigerators. I like to call it “a golf course in a box”; only this box wasn’t delivered by Amazon. Holes 1, 2, & 3 were planted first then two weeks later holes 7 through 9 were completed for the second stage. On the back of the second stage only one week later holes 4 through 6 were planted to complete the 3 wave project. Needless to say huge amounts of irrigation, skill, and attention are involved in the first 8 weeks of the re-grassing period and that process has taken all of the staff’s time since the implementation. On a going forward basis the grow in effort will concentrate on more timely irrigation, regular cutting of playing areas, strategic verticutting and aerating (which has already begun) with regular fertilizing intervals of the turf. Congratulations to all of Tim’s staff and in particular to the extra special efforts of Rich McGhie, Jared Fulton, Scott Clem, Brad Tumolo, Excellent Thelot, and Somyos Thonglium who have been there day in and day out. Well done to Tim and all of his Team. Provo Golf Club is very fortunate to have such talented employees!

For a much better description of the process so far view it in pictures [REGRASSING](#)

(Courtesy of Dave Douglas)

# Brooke & Kurt Rivers Have an Amazing 2017

“World Championships” are an honour to play in and that privilege belongs to a rare club whose entrance can only be earned. Perhaps we should ask Brooke Rivers who just finished 2nd (by only one shot) at the USKIDS Junior Golf World Championship in the 12 year old girls division held on the fabled Pinehurst No. 5 layout Saturday, August 5th. Brooke and her United States rival Cindy Song from North Carolina dominated the international field of 114 junior phenomes in their age group by separating from the highly talented field. Brooke had an amazing tournament with rounds of 69, 72, and a final day 69 for a 6 under tournament total in the 54-hole championship all the while flying under the flag of Canada. Oh Canada! Oh Brooke!!

Each year since 2005, Pinehurst and the surrounding community have played host to hundreds of junior golfers from across the globe. The weeklong experience includes a Parent/Child Tournament, Team Challenge, Parade of Nations, Honda Skills Challenge, three rounds of championship play and the Closing Ceremony. This year over 1500 junior golfers participated. Following the three-day championship (August 3rd thru the 5th) The World Van Horn Cup – a one-day best ball tournament featuring the top twelve-year-olds from the United States squaring off against the best twelve-year-olds of the rest of the world – is contested on the famous Pinehurst No. 2 course. Brooke lead her team when teeing it up Sunday, August 6th as the top six United States girls compete against the top six from the rest of the world! International Captain Rivers has a nice ring to it. The Turks and Caicos Islands, TCIGA, and Provo Golf Club are very proud of Brooke’s accomplishments as well her brother Kurt with his results listed below.



Interesting to note (one might even argue) that Brooke could also fly under the Turks & Caicos flag as she is a naturalized citizen of the “Beautiful by Nature” Nation. “Eh” vs TCI, “Eh” vs TCI, “Canada-Eh” vs TCI, which flag will she wave in the future? Her father (part-time caddy and her

full time UBER driver) Gregg has the answer; New Zealand, yes perhaps the KIWI flag. Gregg and Tammy (Brooke's Mom with the great golf game), will no doubt debate the "flag future" topic soon. Stay tuned to find out as I think Brooke's next championship is on Mars, apparently the ball carries well there and the chosen flag will continuously flutter in its atmosphere!

### **Kurt Rivers Amazes at the USKIDS World Championship**

Kurt Rivers competed against a field of 173 ten year old junior boys in the 2017 World Championships held at Pinehurst, North Carolina. Kurt's division played the Legacy Golf Links located just minutes outside the Village of Pinehurst. With rounds of 70, 73, & 76 Kurt finished 3 over par over for the 54-hole competition for a solid 31st place finish. Congratulations Kurt, well done!

### **All Updates From The Brooke & Kurt Summer Tour**

Brooke and Kurt have been busy this summer with many local Ontario junior invitationals and larger Ontario junior championships. Their progress has been remarkable. Most of the results posted below.

#### **Kurt Rivers 10 Years Old**

- MJT U13 Osprey Valley Tournament – 3rd Place 87–84 (Maple Junior Tour events all 5400 yd. courses)
- MJT U13 Galt Tournament – 2nd Place 70–65 (only 15 holes due to weather)
- MJT U13 Lionhead Tournament – 2nd Place 86–80
- Worlds Golf Championship in Pinehurst NC – T31 Place 70–73–76 (5200 yd. course)
- Kurt placed 10th – Under 14 flight at The Caribbean Junior Championship held in Trinidad with rounds of 88, 93, & 92. (6000 yd. course) At 10 years old his future in the Caribbean Championship is bright.
- Kurt finished 3rd only one shot off a playoff in the USKIDS Canadian Invitational held at Royal Niagara Golf Club in Niagara Falls. Kurt in the ten year old division shot rounds of 85 and 74 to come from well back to almost win on the final day.
- Kurt won the under 13 Jr. Championship at Brampton Golf Club defending his previous victory in 2016

#### **Brooke Rivers 12 Years Old**

- Maple Junior Tour events (MJT) Under 15 all played at 5400 yards
- MJT U15 Osprey Valley Tournament – 1st Place 75–77
- MJT U15 Galt Tournament – 1st Place 62–69 (only 15 holes due to weather)
- MJT U15 Lionhead Tournament – 1st Place 78–73
- Worlds Golf Championship in Pinehurst NC – 2nd Place 69–72–69 (5400 yds.)
- Brooke won the Under 14 flight for girls at The Caribbean Junior Championship in Trinidad shooting 84, 81, & 77 (5400 yds.). The victory (13 shots ahead of 2nd place) successfully defended her 2016 title in fine fashion.
- Brooke was invited to compete in the Under 19 Ontario Girls Match Play as one of only 16 golfers. Easily the youngest player Brooke won her first two matches before narrowly losing 2 & 1 in the semi-finals to the eventual champion. (5900 yds.)
- Brooke competed and placed 4th out of 33 in The Ontario Bantam Under 15 Girls Championship at Loyalist Golf Club in Bath Ontario with rounds of 79 and 74. The final round 74 featured a final back nine of 3 under par with a score of 34 as Brooke charged to within only 5 shots off the lead.
- Brooke competed in The Ontario Junior Under 17 Girls Championship held at Sawmill Creek Golf Club in Camalachie Ontario (5900 yds.) and finished 7th in the large field with rounds of 78, 72, and 81. Again Brooke was the youngest in the field.
- Brooke was the youngest competitor in the Women's Ontario Championship held at Galt C. C. in Ontario Canada (6100 yds.). Rounds of 86, 79, 77, & 83 led Brooke in making the cut and placing a strong 46th in the talented ladies field.
- In September Brooke narrowly lost The Brampton Golf Club Ladies Club Championship match play finals to the defending champion. The final match was 36 holes with the sides tied after 27 holes.
- October 2017: MJT Girls U15 Player of the Year: Brooke Rivers (Brampton, Ontario)

Now that they have returned to Provo Golf Club members can challenge them to a match on the signature back nine. You know the layout that we know intimately now – full handicap difference however as we may need the shots. Great results "Junior Team Rivers"!

# 2017 PGC Tournament Schedule Re-Shuffles

With the hurricane delayed early November opening of the renovated front nine there has been a change in tournament scheduling for the remainder of the year. The 25th Annual Ryder Cup sponsored by Turks and Caicos Sotheby's International Realty will move to December 2nd & 3rd. Sotheby's International Realty has been the sponsor now for 5 straight years however this is their first year to see the International Team trying to recapture the cup from North America which finally ended the four year drought last year with a convincing win.

The Club Championship will domino into mid-January reminding us of years gone by when bad weather forced the Club Championship into the next year. It will still be called the 2017 Club Championship but you can't take the trophies home until 2018. Captain Mike Eddy's recent addition of Net Singles Match Play which started in September kicks off a busy fall schedule that will see the successful 2nd Annual TCHTA Scramble on October 22nd, followed by the popular F Chambers 11th Annual Youth Soccer Scramble later in November. In December the 4th Annual Corporate Charity Challenge rounds out a great 2017 as we head towards Santa Clause's arrival and the year end. HO! HO! HO! No rest for the tournament players. Thank you for supporting these great causes and annual club events!

For a detailed look please visit our [Calendar of events](#).

## TCI Tennis Adademy Program Continues



The School Program offered by TCI Tennis Academy at Provo Golf Club is the development program officially sanctioned by the ITF (International Tennis Federation). It uses modified courts, racquets and balls to keep activities fun and easy. The program is based on a 'learning through play' philosophy where children progress through stages (red, orange and green) to develop technically and tactically in an environment that is fun and exciting.

The upcoming program will run from Tuesday September 26th, 2017 and ending on Monday 11th of December, 2017. The tennis program will be On during the mid-term break to making 11 weeks.

For more information contact Reinaldo Garcia, TCI tennis Academy  
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Attached [Registration form](#) and Parents Ethic [tennis code](#).

## Fairways Bar & Grill



Fairways Bar & Grill is really excited for the upcoming season. With all the golf course improvements taking place we know it is going to be another fun filled year.

Here are just a few reminders.

1. The Air-Conditioned Clubhouse is OPEN EVERY DAY & available for private parties or special events.
2. Fairways has To-Go Menus call in advance we will have your meal ready 649-946-5833 – see your voucher below.
3. Check out our new kids Menu (see attached)
4. The Kitchen remains open late on the weekends till 8:00PM (Let us do the cooking)



#### Fairways Opening Hours:-

Bar Hours: 7.00am to close

Restaurant Opening Hours

Monday to Thursday 7.00am – 4.00pm

Friday to Sunday 7.00am – 8.00pm

Sunday Brunch 7.00am – 3.00pm

For more information please call +1 (649) 946 5833 or email

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We thank you in advance for your support!

Cheers: Ron Larkin

Food and Beverage Manager



#### OCTOBER DRINKS SPECIALS

We will run a Drink Special every month (October) is Local Bambarra Rum Punch month!

#### NOVEMBER DRINKS SPECIALS

Patron Margaritas: Original, Strawberry AND Mango



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your take-out order for October  
and November**

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# ENJOY EXCELLENT GREEN FEE RATES DURING OUR REFURBISHMENT

## GREEN FEE RATES

### Effective Starting June 19th, 2017

This summer from June 19th golfers will be playing the “excellent back nine layout that is in great condition” twice for their 18 hole rounds. You will really enjoy our signature back nine! This is in effect until early November as we begin an exciting Platinum Paspalum re-grassing renovation to the front nine to make it even better while adding cost effective and environmental improvements to the course!

18 HOLE GREEN FEE.....	\$120.00
9 HOLE GREEN FEE.....	\$80.00
WEEKLY UNLIMITED PLAY.....	\$500.00
2 WEEK UNLIMITED PLAY.....	\$750.00
MONTHLY UNLIMITED PLAY.....	\$950.00

**“FEHERTWILIGHT SPECIAL” (AFTER 11:30 AM)..... \$125.00**

Includes: 18 Hole Green Fee with Cart, Club Rentals, 1 Sleeve TM Golf Balls and a \$20 Food & Beverage Voucher

**“SUPER TWILIGHT” (AFTER 4:00 PM).....\$60.00**