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Greetings! Provo Golf Club, in its 25th year, is excited to announce plans to re-turf the golf course with Platinum Paspalum grass over the next two summers. The installation will take place in two (4.5 month) stages minimizing disruption while ensuring golfers can play the alternative 9 holes twice for their 18 hole round. The project includes removing the existing turf, shaping, then sprigging the new grass over the fairways, rough, and greens.

Platinum Paspalum is known for its amazing dark green playing surfaces, smooth fast greens and high traffic tolerance. In fact it is used at many courses in the Caribbean, Latin America and Middle East designed by Architects Greg Norman, Tom Fazio and Tiger Woods (amongst others) as the golf industry is now convinced of its benefit in those difficult climates and challenging conditions.

Platinum Paspalum was developed by turf grass expert Dr. Ron R. Duncan who has visited Provo Golf Club a number of times over the past 3 years to monitor the progress of our test areas. Dr. Duncan is positive that the wholesale implementation of Paspalum will result in significant improvement in the quality of the playing surfaces at the same time improving water conservation. Research visits were also made by Provo Golf Club staff to golf courses in the Bahamas (Exuma, Nassau and Abaco) to see firsthand the improvement in the quality of the courses where Paspalum has been implemented, along with a view to understanding the maintenance practices that will be necessary to ensure the turf quality exceeds golfer's expectations.

Golf Course Superintendent, Tim Mack (GCSAA) will naturally be managing the project. Tim's detailed article can be found below in this newsletter and his excitement for this project can be sensed in each word.

Provo Golf Club remains committed to ensuring the golf course continues as one of the top courses in the Caribbean. There is no question that this enhancement will improve and ensure the aesthetics, condition, and playability of the layout for decades to come. On a personal note it is a privilege to work for a Management and Ownership that have the vision to invest in such a positive strategy well into the future.

Thank You Scott - We Will Miss You!



On behalf of Provo Golf Club we would like to thank and congratulate Scott Loosley for his effort, enthusiasm, and many hours of work over the last few years as our Assistant Professional. Scott was best known for his love of teaching and his playing ability; however he also helped in many ways throughout the entire operation. Scott has decided to leave the golf business to pursue other interests and he will be missed by staff, guests, and members alike.

Scott will work at Provo Golf Club through the end of March. All the best Scott, and thank you!

Magic Moments Board

Alan Sackman Hole in One # 8 (six iron) January 14th

Brooke Rivers shoots 70 from the red tees

Bob Reder shoots 76

Mike Flynn shoots career round of 83

Augustina Rebolledo shoots 77

Mike Kenney shoots 73

Paul Coleman shoots 90

The women dominate in Battle of the Sexes Match Play (14 to 7)

Course Update



As most of you probably already know, we are scheduled to undertake a major turf conversion project beginning this summer.

Over the past four years, we have been researching Seashore Paspalum both on-site, and by visiting and speaking with professionals that have managed the turf. By converting the tees, chipping green, and most of our nursery to Paspalum, it has not only benefited our immediate playing conditions, but it has also provided "test plots" throughout the course. This has allowed us to study how the turf tolerates different microenvironments (full sun, shade, wet, dry, etc.) on the course, and how it performs at different mowing heights (green, tee, & rough).

In addition, it has granted us the opportunity to adapt and fine tune our management practices over an extended period time. Our findings overwhelming confirmed that Platinum Paspalum is the best turf for us. It has provided a better playing surface, improved durability (especially during peak season), vibrant aesthetics, superior salt tolerance, and increased water conservation. We are confident that this project will both produce an instantaneous upgrade, and allow us to sustain better consistency over the long term.

Work will commence on the front 9 this summer. Our plan is to spray the existing turf with a herbicide to help reduce the chances of Bermuda and weed contamination. Then we will strip and remove all the organic matter (turf & thatch) to prepare a good sprig bed. This will be a time-consuming component of the job, but a very important one. By removing as much organic material as possible, the grow-in rate, firmness, drainage, and salt management will all be improved. Remember this course is almost 25 years old, and even with consistent cultural practices, a lot of organic buildup has occurred over that timeframe. The greens will even be taken a step further by removing the top 4 to 5 inches of existing greens mix, and replacing it with new sand mix. We will bring in an accomplished course shaper to assist with this process. After everything is prepped, we will sprig 3 holes at a time over a 4 to 5 week window. Then the focus will be on growing-in and fine tuning the turf over the next couple of months until it is ready for play. As you can see it will be a busy project, but we are very excited and cannot wait to get started.

Tim Mack
Course Superintendent

23rd Annual Club Championship



Provo Golf Club hosted the Club Championship weekend on November 19th and 20th. The annual two day stroke play event experienced challenging conditions with a field of 36 golfers competing over five men's flights and three ladies flights in what was an extremely competitive Club Championship field.

Fraser Dods shot rounds of 78 and 79 for a two day total of 157 to win the Men's Club Championship by two shots over eleven time champion, Jumhol Srinark, five shots better than Rick Sanmiya with Paul Murray six shots back. Fraser won in impressive style by shooting a one over 37 on the difficult back nine as most of the field fell back on the second day of play. This was Fraser's second Club Championship (2009) and was highlighted by the fact that he had the lowest score on both days.

The Ladies Club Championship was successfully defended by Tammy Glugosh who shot rounds of 86 and 76 to win her third club championship at Provo Golf Club. Tammy pulled away from

her daughter Brooke Rivers for a narrow 2 shot victory. Brooke's Sunday 79 was almost good enough to hold onto her first day (one shot) lead in the competitive ladies section. Rumor has it that Brooke will have to do all of the dishes now for a year with this outcome.

Jumphol Srinark claimed the Senior Club Championship for golfers aged 55 and older for the third year in a row. Ladies flight winners included Carol Brown, Augustina Rebolledo, Brooke Rivers, while "9 year old" Kurt Rivers, Peter Waltz, Mike Kenney, Rick Sanmiya and Jumphol Srinark captured the men's flights. Terry Erskine won the largest second day comeback by bettering his first day score by a slim 28 shots.

Thank you to all of the very supportive members led by our excellent Club Captain Mike Eddy, and to The HAB Group for sponsoring the Club Championship. A great weekend was had by all!

"F Chambers Youth Soccer Scramble" Exceeds Expectations



Mark Fulford of F Chambers Attorneys at Law joined forces with the TCIFA becoming the catalyst to a record \$17,000 raised for the local "Youth Soccer Programs". Credit should be given to the united efforts of F Chambers, The TCIFA, along with the many hole, prize, and silent auction sponsors, as well as the avid golf community which combined for a great day of golf with a field of fifty-two golfers who competed on November 6th at Provo Golf Club.

F Chambers spokesperson, Mark Fulford, was delighted with the success of the golf tournament and in particular of how The TCIFA youth programs have succeeded in the Turks and Caicos.

The champion team of the day was co-captained by Premier Rufus Ewing and Mark Fulford as they guided Terry Kuula and Scott Loosley for a narrow victory over second place with a net score of 54. Second place at a net of 54.38 was the team of Jen and Ryan Blain, Jordan Bolton and Nick Gravel, while third place with a score of 54.88 was Sean Brathwaite, Mervin Cox, Rico Rolle and John Donatien.

The Ladies long drive on the 18th hole was belted by Andrea Todd with Dean Podaima winning the men's long drive. Closest to the pins were won by Andrea Todd, Andrea Todd, Graham Malyan, Simon Dobbs and Rolf Copenrath. (Who is this Andrea Todd?)

The TCIFA would like to thank Headline Sponsor F Chambers Attorneys at Law for their great support as well as the many other sponsors who donated toward the raffle ticket draw, the

silent auction, hole sponsorships, and special events. As well the TCIFA would like to thank their host sponsor of the past ten years, The Provo Golf Club. The event was a huge success!

Young is Clearly Better!

Captain Mike Eddy's Cup in early February saw the top 24 men golfers divided by age pitting the defending champion Oldsters against the continual runner-up Youngsters over three serious rounds of match play. After five straight years of depressing defeat the Youngsters have finally broken through to shatter the jinx and win their first Captain's Cup by the huge margin of 18.5 to 5.5. Seriously (I repeat) the youngsters have won, the youngsters have won!! ,,,,the jinx is over!

The Saturday morning four ball format resulted in a large 4.5 to 1.5 point lead for the "youthful" side with both teams displaying some great golf. The afternoon alternate shot format was equally as lopsided with the energetic Youngsters dominating by winning 5 of 6 matches as they were seen sprinting between shots. The Saturday outcome gave them a huge 9.5 to 2.5 first day lead. Surely the five time defending champion Oldsters would have a good night's sleep, regroup and mount a furious Sunday comeback? Well as Donald Trump would say leaning over a debate microphone, "WRONG".

Sunday's singles matches came and went with no such retaliation as the emboldened Youngsters again thrashed the Oldsters by a lopsided 9 to 3 Sunday result. Luckily the medics on hand were not pressed into action even though when the dust settled the Youngsters had won by 13 points for the largest victory in the "History of Golf" (I just made that up actually, hope nobody calls me on this FAKE NEWS...).

Special mention to the youngsters who returned all three points by winning each of their three matches; Peter Waltz, Gregg Rivers, Dale Hodgkins, Paul Murray, Kevin McIntosh, and Josh Germain as well to the lone undefeated Oldster, Terry Erskine, who hung on stubbornly by accumulating 2.5 points by playing excellent golf over the weekend.

The Cup was hotly contested, included good sportsmanship and exciting match play with many close matches. Thank you and congratulations to our Men's Club Captain Mike Eddy for this excellent event. We look forward to Mike's upcoming schedule.

The Youngsters have finally won and "young is clearly better"!

2017 President's Championship



The President's Championship started the 2017 tournament schedule with the PGC annual, favourite, stableford format. The final January weekend saw members and special guests compete in the flighted two day event. Kevin McIntosh won the men's championship with a weekend total of 77 points amazingly off his low 7 handicap by playing brilliant golf. Denise Douglas captured the ladies championship in fine fashion also with 77 points.

Ladies first flight was won by Brooke Rivers while Carol Brown was the Ladies second flight champion. Men's first through fourth flights in order were won by Jumhol Srinark, Rico Rolle, Kurt Rivers, and Fred Herbrand with all of the flights extremely close as every point factored.

The prize table was its usual fantastic collection of gifts and the meal served by Fairways Bar and Grill was thoroughly enjoyed by all competitors. Thank you to all golfers for supporting Provo Golf Club throughout the entire year. The happy trophy champions are pictured below!

\$20,000 Raised! 3rd Annual Corporate Charity Challenge



On Sunday December 11th Provo Golf Club hosted the 3rd Annual “Corporate Charity Challenge” known as a fun weekend of golf and camaraderie among the business community of Providenciales.

Approximately \$ 18,000 will go towards improving the Culinary Arts Program at the Grand Turk Campus (T & C Community College) with \$2,000 being donated to the Provo Children’s Home by the eventual winning team.

The opening party on Friday night set the stage for a fun weekend. Students of the Provo Community College were involved in the catering of this event as the participants had an enjoyable evening preparing for the tournament.

Sunday morning then saw 14 teams participate in a competitive and at times unusual, net scramble format. Upon conclusion a playoff was needed to declare the champions between Turks & Caicos Water Company and COXCO Construction. As darkness and poor weather set in a closest to the flag, “golf ball throw off”, from the balcony to the practice putting green helped to resolve Turks and Caicos Water Company as the 2016 Champion Team. COXCO Construction placed second, third place went to the 2015 champions, Carlisle Supplies Team, right through to the most honest Team this year from PriceWaterhouseCoopers. Individual prizes were donated by Gilley’s Enterprises and Casablanca Casino for closest to the pin shots and longest drives.

We wish to congratulate and thank the various participants in helping to raise such a significant amount for these worthy local causes. Generous sponsors and team entries included; The Turks and Caicos Water Company, COXCO Construction, Miller Simons O’Sullivan, Gilley’s Enterprises, Scotia Bank, HAB Group, Carlisle Supplies, Waterloo Investments, Casablanca Casino, Coast Architects, Grace Bay Club, Seven Stars Resort, PriceWaterhouseCoopers, Dickenson Insurance, Guardian Insurance, Beaches Resort, KPMG, Fairways Bar & Grill, Royal Bank of Canada, Sotheby’s International Realty and the Ports of Call Resort.

These donations take the amount raised for The T & C Community College Culinary Arts Program to over \$60,000 in the first 3 years. Congratulations!

7th Annual Wine Cellar Golf & Fishing Tournament



The 7th Annual Wine Cellar Golf & Fishing Tournament (WCGFT) took place Thursday March 9th through Sunday the 12th and was a rousing success! Thursday saw the tournament kick off with the Calcutta at Tiki Hut where captains entered a friendly bidding war for the rights of their respective vessels.

The next two mornings witnessed 20 boats push off from Leeward Cut (Blue Haven Marina) in a mad dash to get to their favourite fishing spots. The lucky captains returned with their heads held high and their catch was weighed and recorded. The fish auction followed as restaurateurs received the opportunity to purchase fresh tuna, Mahi Mahi, and wahoo at phenomenal prices.

At the presentation ceremony the excited winners of this year's competition celebrated with their fellow anglers as trophies were hoisted, checks received, and champagne popped then sprayed. The fun continued into the night with great music, dancing and of course fish tales about the "one that got away".

Sunday afternoon's Golf Tournament was the highlight of the week for all golf enthusiasts. A challenging round of 18 holes with 2 person scramble pairs competing on 4 person teams. After a day on the links, fellow golfers gathered in the club house for the presentation ceremony where the top players were awarded prizes that ranged from trophies and bicycles to fine champagne and Wine Cellar gift certificates.

This year's triumphant team – Fraser Dods, Christine Pretorius, Brooke Rivers and Kevin McIntosh, with a score of 134.36, and in second by Lesley Stevenson, Madelaine Erskine, Andrea Todd and Simon Dobbs.

The WCGFT would like to make a special acknowledgement of appreciation to Hon. Premiere Robinson and her cabinet who attended the event on Friday evening. Also a special recognition

to Hon. Delroy Williams who has supported this tournament since its inception and a thank you to former Premiere Hon. Dr Ewing who again participated in this golf fundraiser.

Thank you to our host sponsors, namely Tiki Hut, Blue Haven Marina & Provo Golf Club as well as a special note of gratitude to all our sponsors who once again demonstrated unwavering support and generosity making this event a continual yearly success. This year's monies raised will go to The Ed Gartland Youth Centre and Swim & Surf TCI to benefit the youth of the Turks and Caicos. (Submitted by Desmond Williams)

Fairways Bar & Grill



Thank you for another great season, and congratulations to Joan & Bentley for winning our lobster roll contest ... well done! We would also like to take a moment to thank Mr. Peter Boyce for all he has done helping around the clubhouse (Thanks Peter).

We would also like to thank you for supporting the beverage cart, our staff has been really trying very hard to make this work, and it will continue to be on the course every day during busy season & Friday, Saturday & Sunday during the slow season.

New to Fairways, our [Take-Out/To-Go Menu](#) including our kids menu ... order on the turn, and enjoy at home! As an added bonus, please see voucher below ... print out, bring in and save!

Remember our beautiful clubhouse is a fantastic space to hold a private function, call us for details on rates. Not only is it unique with both AC and exterior space, but we provide full catering as well. We will make sure that an event held at Fairways is both special and memorable.

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