

July 2018

## YOUR SUMMER NEWS AND UPDATES



Greetings!

Provo Golf Club and golf in general has a lot of confusing terms but not near as many as the Turks & Caicos Islands' description of the many seasons. Being from Mars I always thought there were four seasons here on earth especially in the northern hemisphere, but nooooo! *Apparently not soooo in Provoooo!*

Let me start with November if I may, and progress through the year as everything in paradise seems to revolve around something we call "Tourist Season". November is a "Bridge Month Season", not too busy, not too quiet, but starting to look hopeful which is followed by "Holiday Season" the week before "Christmas Season" right through to the New Year's celebration. This is when we are fortunate to be inundated with tourists who think they are on island time but somehow actually still believe there are less than 60 seconds in a New York minute!

Now comes January through Easter which is "Busy Season" and involves no rest for the islands' staff as everyday seems to be busier than the previous day. Busy season coincides with "Flamingo and Lobster Season" (which by the way are both delicious meals) until finally April 1st (my favourite day) arrives and we re-enter a new "Bridge Month Season" which now seems slower paced than its sister season in November.

Soon followed by "Dust Season" for the lack of rain that should colour-coat our roads, cars, and bushes with magical white powdery limestone dust right through to May 20th the day it always rains in the TCI.

"Slow Season" follows as June seems to linger right into "Silly Season" which makes "Slow Season" look speedy.

The real "Hurricane Season" begins in August (unless you watch the weather channel) and hangs around until mid-October just in time for "Rainy Season". At that point we rinse and repeat the cycle like a finely tuned dishwasher with no May-Tag repair man to call in case of emergency after "Hurricane Season" truly ends.

I suspect life in paradise seems to come with a lot of time to invent these seasonal names. At

Provo Golf Club the last 18 months have been “Renovation Season” and we are excited to report that the back nine renovations are progressing beautifully – on the mark for the early November opening. With the target date of Friday, November 2nd we will all give a collective sigh and announce it is “Tim’s Season” after our amazing Golf Course Superintendent Tim Mack (aka TMACK) who is transforming Provo Golf Club and doing it all in house. For me it is less than 100 sleeps away and I can hardly wait as that will be “Opening Season” which leads to “Golf Season” on island that boasts 364 days per year!

I now wonder if I can find some medication for this disease called “Seasonality”. Perhaps; “SIAGRA”!!

**Dave Douglas**  
Director of Golf

## BACK 9 UPDATE



The last four weeks have seen Tim Mack and his team make excellent progress in the re-shaping and preparation of the back 9 for its Platinum Paspalum transformation. “Project P” has involved many changes, in particular to the greens adding excitement to the already superb holes. These improvements will complement the front nine which continues to improve on schedule as the turf matures into great playing conditions.

This summer’s work completes the entire project after this important second stage and is earmarked to open in early November. Tim completed an amazing “in house” renovation last summer and has a few surprises in his “magical bag of fertilizer” for the back nine over the 6 month transformation. Tim’s key team members include shaper Scott Clem, Assistant Superintendent Rich McGhie, Excellent Thelot, Brad Tumolo, and Jared Fulton just to name a few. Naturally all of Tim’s staff members are playing important roles in this huge team effort.

Less than four months to go until “Project P” is wall to wall at Provo Golf Club. We look forward to you joining us to play this fall!



## Brooke Rivers to play in The Junior Open Championship, St. Andrews Scotland



When Captain Mike Eddy said “It never ceases to amaze me, the generosity of people on this island”, it summed up perfectly the big-heartedness of everyone who got together to have a great time while raising funds for Brooke’s July trip to St. Andrews, Scotland. A total of \$7,300 was raised between the entries of the 42 golfers, the silent auction donators and bidders and the cash donations that amazingly came forth for “Brooke’s Cross Country Fundraiser”. In fact,

more donations have arrived since the total was announced! Thank you for making this happen!

Brooke sends a special message to her supporters: "I would like to thank everyone that participated in the Cross Country Tournament, as well as the sponsors and donors. I really appreciate all your effort in coming out to support me. I am very excited to be attending St. Andrews this July for the Junior British Open Championship, it will be a fantastic experience. I am so thankful for all your support and help with my journey to the Junior Open. You have all been so nice to me and I really appreciate everyone playing with me. You are all very important to me. Thank you!"

The extra monies raised will be used to send competitors to this year's Junior TCIGA Caribbean Championship in Jamaica.

TCIGA, President Fraser Dods was happy with both the camaraderie and funds raised during the tournament. "The TCIGA has always over-achieved for such a small golfing community and through their efforts has become an important player in the ten country, Caribbean Golf Association (CGA). The funds raised allow the TCIGA to use their existing reserves on other important projects because Brooke's fundraiser helped to offset the already committed funds targeted toward the International Junior Golf Competitions. Well done!"

13 year old Brooke, will play in "The Junior Open Championship" for The Turks & Caicos Islands on the Eden Course, St Andrews, 16-18 July 2018. Good luck Brooke - take it all in, what an experience it will be!

## 18th Annual Jadot Cup Golf Tournament Raises \$21,000 for The Turks & Caicos Aids Awareness Foundation (TCAAF)



**Sunday, June 3rd** - Seventeen teams took part in the TCAAF's 18th Annual Jadot Cup as another great crowd created fun for all in attendance many of whom stayed late into the evening at Fairways Bar & Grill after play.

Jadot Cup Chairman and TCAAF Director Terry Drummey commented "The 18th Annual Jadot Cup was a great tournament resulting in the elite players rising to the top of the leader-board. Again it featured an amazing Friday dinner at OPUS Restaurant and we would like to thank everyone for their continuous support!" Congratulations to the winning team members: Tony & Nick Arata, Francois Hubert, and the teams pressure player, Terry Drummey. Terry added, "An

additional special thank you to all the companies that donated to this worthy cause; The Wine Cellar, Opus, Provo Golf Club, and all their staff who again made this event a huge success.” In particular each year Tony Bell of the Wine Cellar does an unheralded, fantastic job! Yeah, Tony B!!

We also thank our Silent Auction sponsors, for instance, Ocean Club, Vila Del Mar, Provo Golf Club, Rahul Lakhani, Bay Bistro, and The Wine Cellar whose donations inspired wallets to open willingly. In fact, Tim O’Sullivan seemed to have a very thin wallet upon leaving late that evening after developing an itchy armpit that could only be satisfied by raising his arm during the live auction for this great cause. Thank you Tim!

Each year the Jadot weekend helps to raise awareness of the TCAAF and also assists with funds towards its flagship project – the Edward Gartland Youth Centre in Providenciales. The Centre is open to young people ages 10–18 with a registration of 2000. Funds raised by TCAAF assists the Youth Centre with their various extracurricular programs for the many who frequent the Centre. Making a difference in the lives of the youth in the Turks & Caicos Islands through the various programs, including volleyball, basketball, tennis, arts & crafts, computers, and dance is very rewarding. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to our silent auction and hole sponsors at the 2018 Jadot Cup. This combined effort made it a huge success.

## THE MAGIC MOMENT MENTION BOARD

- Jack Sims shoots his age 5 out of 7 rounds in June
- Resort Guest John Strange – Hole in One on 4th hole in May (145 yards with a PW)
- Resort Guest Christina Gray – Hole in One on 4th hole in June with a 5 iron
- Fraser Dods beat Denise Douglas on the 18th hole to win the Spring Singles Match Play
- Brooke and Kurt Rivers both made it to the semi-finals of the Spring Singles Match Play
- Rico Rolle shoots 75 in June
- Christine Dickenson shoots 97 in June
- Paul Murray shoots a 75 in June
- Andrea Todd shoots one over par 73 after starting 5 over par through the first 4 holes
- Kurt Rivers finished 8th in the 13 & Under Caribbean Golf Championship in Jamaica representing the TCIGA
- Brooke Rivers finished 4th in The Ontario Women’s Amateur Championship in a strong field of 60 golfers.
- Brooke Rivers finished *Tied 5th* in The Ontario Junior Under 19 Girls Championship.

## TEAM TURKS AND CAICOS AT THE CARIBBEAN GOLF CLASSIC



Team Turks and Caicos fared very well at the 2018 Caribbean Golf Classic held at Casa De Campo in the Dominican Republic this past May. Emer O'Sullivan won her Ladies 4th Flight with consistent excellent play over the three round event while fellow women's teammate Andrea Todd finished a close second in her Ladies 2nd Flight. Other notable results were found in the men's flights as Fraser Dods placed 2nd, Tim O'Sullivan also placed 2nd, Marc Fulford 3rd and Simon Dobbs 4th in their respective flights. The T & C Team easily won the coveted "Crazy/Fun Team Award" for the 7th straight year setting a new standard in party golf.

## 5TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CANCER SOCIETY SCRAMBLE



The National Cancer Society Scramble 'Teeing 'fore' a Cure' celebrated an outstanding fifth year and also raised \$15,000 for the great cause. Monies raised support cancer patients and families (provide some financial support for treatment and/or provision of medical equipment and supplies) as well as education on prevention, screening, treatment, and emotional support



Committee members, Marc Rawlins, Mike Flynn, and Paul Mitchell spearheaded, organized, and directed the casual tournament that emphasizes fun and participation resulting in a strong field on Sunday, May 6th at Provo Golf Club. This committee's hard work and effort was again well received by sponsors with Connolly KIA, Stanbrooks Law, and Royal West Indies headlining the event. Other generous donations came from the business community

in the form of hole sponsorship's, silent auction donations and participation. An excellent effort by the committee with a heartfelt "Thank You" to the many sponsors who combined for this great result!

Don Gardiner captained his team of Chuck Musgrove, Caesar Campbell, and Michael Williams to the championship winning score of 62.50. A great result from a team that supports many of the charity golf events each year. The second place team which was just a fraction off the winning score consisted of resort guests David Booth and Victor Bourdeau, who teamed up with Rico Rolle and Ollie Stubbs. Third place was captured by Gaston Levac, Martin Dawtry, Terry Kuula, and Don Wilson at 63.13. Marc Fulford, Stephanie Fitzgerald, Kevin Darling and Craig James finished a close fourth with closest to the pins won by Agustina Rebolledo, Ollie Stubbs, and Andrea Todd with no one claiming the hole in one prize on the 8th hole generously sponsored by Connolly Kia for the beautiful new KIA SPORTAGE. Long drive champs for the day were Craig James and Andrea Todd with soul destroying, monstrous, "boo-scary" long drives that somehow found the fairway.

Fun was had by most in this uniquely entertaining format! The TCI National Cancer Society was grateful for the excellent participation, the many sponsors, generous silent auction bidders, and the wonderful \$15,000 outcome. Well done to the committee of Marc Rawlins – Chair Organizing Committee, Paul Mitchell– Tournament Director, Mike Flynn – Member, Lester Forman – Member, Gervin Simmons – Member, Rosemary Jolly – President NCS and Don Gardiner – Member. Next year's 'Teeing fore a Cure' tournament is once again scheduled in May.

## "The One Tee Challenge"



In an effort to reduce waste, keep the tee-off areas tidy and add an element of conservation to Provo Golf Club we are outfitting each cart with the Epoch Tee. On a typical round the long

wooden tees will break an average 9.5 times during 18 holes. The Epoch tee is more expensive, but is obviously more long-lasting. We are hoping for a reduction in debris around our tees and a substantial saving in operating funds by switching from the 120,000 wooden tees to the Epoch (Yes I know that is a large number as I have to count them at each year-end inventory). Please keep this in mind when re-using your new, "Lucky Epoch Tee" over and over again.

BTW: One of the greatest golf ball strikers "ever" was Moe Norman. Moe was so good that he used the same wooden tee for just over 7 years before he broke it. Now that is a golf record that will never be broken!! Amazing! No wonder Tiger Woods once said, "Moe Norman and Ben Hogan were the only two golfers to ever truly own their swing". I wonder if Moe's tee was actually a "Skilled Epoch Tee". Therefore, when we issue you your official "Lucky Epoch Tee" you are expected to keep it for seven years! (ha-ha ,,just kiddin). Thank you for taking the one tee challenge and helping us in our conservation efforts.

## TCI TENNIS ACADEMY



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.

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## FAIRWAYS BAR AND GRILL WELCOMES YOU!



Now is the time to order refreshing cool cocktails from our Island Oasis Drink's Menu.

Enjoy a frozen **Rum Runner** with Bambarra Silver & Black Rum, Strawberry & Banana.

Try the **Loaded Strawberry Lemonade**, with Absolute Vodka, Or the tasty Passion Fruit, Banana or Mango Frozen Daiquiri with Bambarra . The Patron Margaritas are also available for your enjoyment.

An additional improvement to our F&B service is Golfers can now order food during their round from the EZ-GO golf-cart on holes #8 & #9!



**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

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We thank you in advance for your support!

Cheers: Ron Larkin

Food and Beverage Manager

Please remember our clubhouse is Air Conditioned and can be used for private functions of any size!

## ENJOY EXCELLENT GREEN FEE RATES DURING OUR SUMMER REFURBISHMENT

### GREEN FEE RATES

Effective Through October 31st, 2018

18 HOLE GREEN FEE : \$140.00

9 HOLE GREEN FEE : \$95.00

5 ROUND PLAY PASS : \$550.00

2 WEEK UNLIMITED PLAY : \$850.00

MONTHLY UNLIMITED PLAY : \$1100.00

\*Each round includes use of a shared golf cart. Prices are per person and not transferable.

\*Unlimited Play Passes include Club Storage for the duration of your pass.

### "FEHER-TWILIGHT" AFTERNOON SPECIAL (After 11.30am)

Includes 18 holes green fee, Titleist club-retals, 1 sleeve golf balls & \$20 F&B Fairways Voucher

Titleist CLUB RENTALS (18 Holes includes 2 sleeves of Titleist DT Golf Balls): \$65.00

Titleist CLUB RENTALS (9 Holes/Super Twilight includes 1 sleeve of Titleist DT Golf Balls): \$40.00

CLUB STORAGE (DAILY OR WEEKLY): \$3.00 to \$15.00

## WHAT'S NEW AT PROVO GOLF CLUB



Provo Golf Club has partnered with Titleist to provide the newest offerings to our guests. The new 917 series in Drivers and Fairway woods, 818 series in Hybrids and the 718 series of AP1 and AP3 irons are available as club rentals with prices starting at \$40 for 9 holes. All sets include Vokey Spin Milled 6 wedges and Scotty Cameron putter. Each set comes with Titleist DT Trusoft Golf Balls. Available in Right and Left Hand and in all shaft flexes.



**EZ-GO GOLF CARTS:** Our new golf-carts are the latest innovation in the golf-cart market and use less energy to charge the lithium ion batteries while providing a great riding cart. Another feature on the new fleet we are excited about is the GPS system which will provide yardages and a great playing experience for our guests.



Other new accessories on the cart include dual USB ports so you can charge your electrical devices (please bring your charging cable with you), a rain cover for your clubs and a cooler to help keep your beverages from Fairway's Bar & Grill ice cold.



As we continually strive to improve and enhance the guest experience at Provo Golf Club we hope you enjoy the new golf cart fleet and rental clubs as we believe they help get us closer to achieving our goal of being one of the best golf courses in the Caribbean!

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