

# Caribbean Golf Association

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## *The Caribbean Cup – Nov 9-14, 2009*

This is an overview of the 2009 Caribbean Cup for the “Cesar Rivera Trophy” to be held at the Ocean Club Golf Course, Paradise Island, Nassau, Bahamas in November. The competition is a Ryder Cup format featuring the West Caribbean (Bahamas, Cayman Islands, Jamaica, Dominican Republic and the Turks and Caicos Islands) against the East Caribbean (Barbados, Puerto Rico, O.E.C.S., Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands).

The West Caribbean were the winners of the first Caribbean Cup held in Puerto Rico in 2007. The captains of the first Caribbean Cup were Vernon Wells (West Caribbean) and Robert Grell (East Caribbean).

The Caribbean Golf Association Council choose Robert “Bob” Slatter to captain the West Caribbean Team and Sidney Wolf to captain the East Caribbean Team for 2009. Bob will be supported by Vernon Wells and Craig Flowers and Sidney will be supported by Birchmore Griffith and Julio Soto.

The Bahamas Golf Federation will host the event and the organizing committee is as follows:

Glen Archer - BGF President and Co-Chairman  
Ambrose Gouthro – BGF Director and IPP Caribbean Golf Association and Co-Chairman  
Craig Flowers – B.G.F. Vice – President  
James Gomez – BGF Treasurer  
Dudley Martinbourough – BGF Secretary  
Rory Higgs – BGF Director

### **Uniforms:**

It has been suggested that the Players and Captains bring with them Black and Khaki pants/shorts and wear them on opposite days that is, when East is wearing black west would wear khaki. Playing golf shirts and hats will be provided by the Caribbean Golf Association. The suggestion has also been made to order a supply of golf shirts and caps for sale.

### **Assistant Captains:**

This year it was also suggested that the captains invite a maximum of two assistants. They will be required to pay their own expenses. The captains will be supplied with three radios or

telephones in which to communicate with the assistants whose duties will be to supply information to the captain on the course and any other duty the captain may bestow upon them. They will also be supplied with team shirts and hats.

### **Gifts:**

Another suggestion is that a momentum of the Caribbean Cup be selected and enough purchased by the CGA for distribution to the players and officials and sold to the public as a form of fund raising to defray the CGA's cost. Further to this it might add to the event to have the players bring a special gift from their country to exchange with another player he is playing against on the last days' singles matches.

### **Golf Tees:**

Suitable golf tees with the words "Caribbean Cup 2009 – Ocean Club will be available.

### **Schedule of Events:**

Monday November 9 <sup>th</sup>	Arrivals Evening Free
Tuesday November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Official Practice Round 6:30pm – Players Draw – Venue TBA 7:00pm- Congratulatory Dinner – Venue TBA
Wednesday Nov 11 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am - 18-hole foursomes matches (5) 1:00pm - 9-hole four-ball matches (5) Evening - TBA
Thursday Nov 12 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am 18-hole foursomes matches (5) 1:00pm 9-hole four-ball matches (5) Evening TBA
Friday Nov 13 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am 18-hole singles matches (12) 7:30pm Farewell Dinner
Saturday Nov 14 <sup>th</sup>	All Day Departures

### **Fred Higgs Classic:**

On Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 the annual Fred Higgs Classic will be held at the Ocean Club. Craig Flowers and Ambrose Gouthro in conversation and with input from Fred agreed to a golf

event in his name and along with Fred's suggestion that it be in support of young Bahamian golfers.

This event became a Bahamas Golf Federation major fund raiser to support junior golfers in the Bahamas.

The Committee invites all who are attending the Caribbean Cup to come a day earlier and participate in the "Fred Higgs Classic" in memory of one of the founders of the Caribbean Golf Association. Details of the event will be e-mailed to the captains and CGA officials by August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

**Accommodations:**

Room Rates are \$150.00 plus taxes single or double occupancy at the Royal Towers, Paradise Island. Transportation from the Hotel to the Golf Course provided as well as transfers from the Airport-Hotel-Airport at no charge to the participants.

**Closing Remarks:**

Like all events organized by the Caribbean Golf Association, "The Caribbean Cup" adds new dimensions and standards for golfers in the Caribbean. We encourage all to read this carefully and make any suggestions to the CGA Council or the Committee to consider. We are all dedicated to the success of this event and the Bahamas Golf Federation, President Glen and his committee look forward to hosting this prestigious event.

CGA President, Asraph Ali and the CGA Council wish the Bahamas Golf Federation success in hosting the Caribbean Cup and stand ready to support and advise where necessary.

The Committee