

CARIBBEAN GOLF ASSOCIATION

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OCEAN CLUB GOLF COURSE
PARADISE ISLAND
NEW PROVIDENCE
BAHAMAS

THE 2009 CARIBBEAN CUP IS ABOUT TO BEGIN AS PLAYERS FROM TEN MEMBER COUNTRIES ARRIVED YESTERDAY TO COMPETE FOR THE COVETED CESAR RIVERA CUP. BOB SLATTER AND SIDNEY WOLF ARE CONFIDENT THAT THEIR RESPECTIVE TEAMS ARE READY AND THAT THE COMPETITION WILL BE HOTLY CONTESTED.

AT THE WELCOME COCKTAIL PARTY AT THE FATHOMS RESTAURANT ON PARADISE ISLAND LAST NIGHT DAVID JOHNSON, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND AVIATION, DELIVERED REMARKS OF WELCOME TO THE PLAYERS AND GUESTS INDICATING HIS MINISTRY'S COMMITMENT AND SUPPORT FOR SPORTS TOURISM IN THE BAHAMAS. HE ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF TYRONE SAWYER AS THE MINISTERS POINT PERSON IN THIS IMPORTANT AREA OF TOURISM.

THE PAIRINGS FOR THE FIRST EIGHTEEN HOLE FOUR-BALL MATCHES WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE "OFFICIAL" DRAW DINNER TONIGHT AT THE OCEAN CLUB GOLF COURSE. THE MINISTER OF YOUTH, SPORTS AND CULTURE, THE HONOURABLE DESMOND BANNISTER, WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE TO GIVE REMARKS.

ASRAPH ALI, PRESIDENT OF THE CARIBBEAN GOLF ASSOCIATION, STATED THAT HE WAS WELL PLEASED WITH THE ORGANIZATION OF THE EVENT HEADED BY THE BAHAMAS GOLF FEDERATION UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF PRESIDENT GLEN PRATT. MR. ALI ALSO POINTED THE SUPPORT FROM THE FOLLOWING MAJOR SPONSORS WAS SPECIALLY APPRECIATED: J.M. DISTUBITORS LTD (PREMIER AUTO-NASSAU AND FREEPORT JET WASH-FREEPORT DISTRIBUTORS OF LANDROVER AND JAGUAR VEHICLES IN THE BAHAMAS) AND MANAGING DIRECTOR JAMES MCGRATH, THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA AND CEO BARRY MALCOLM AND FML GROUP OF COMPANIES AND CEO CRAIG FLOWERS.

THE WESTERN TEAM, CAPTAINED BY BOB SLATTER, FROM THE CAYMAN ISLANDS IS THE DEFENDING CUP HOLDERS. THE WESTERN TEAM CONSISTS OF TWELVE PLAYERS FROM THE BAHAMAS, CAYMAN ISLANDS, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, JAMAICA AND TURKS AND CAICOS. THE EASTERN TEAM IS MADE UP OF TWELVE PLAYERS FROM BARBADOS, ORGANIZATION OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES, PUERTO RICO, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AND THE US VIRGIN ISLANDS.

PLAY BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY MORNING WITH FIVE EIGHTEEN-HOLE FOUR-BALL MATCHES FOLLOWED BY FIVE NINE-HOLE FOURSOME MATCHES IN THE AFTERNOON. ON THURSDAY THE FORMAT IS REVERSED WITH FIVE EIGHTEEN- HOLE FOURSOME MATCHES IN THE MORNING AND FIVE NINE-HOLE FOUR-BALL MATCHES IN THE AFTERNOON. THE FINAL DAY, FRIDAY, WILL SEE TWELVE EIGHTEEN-HOLE SINGLES MATCHES BEGINNING AT 7:00AM AND CUP PRESENTATION AT 2:00PM.

GLEN ARCHER, BGF PRESIDENT, ENCOURAGES GOLFERS IN NEW PROVIDENCE AND THE BAHAMAS TO COME TO PARADISE ISLAND AND GIVE THE PLAYERS ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT. HE FURTHER STATED THAT THIS RYDER CUP FORMAT WILL BRING THE BEST OUT OF THE PLAYERS AND WILL MAKE FOR A PERFORMANCE BY THE BEST AMATEURS IN THE CARIBBEAN COMPETITIVE AND EXCITING.