



2022

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, January 29th

2pm

AGENDA

Opening Prayer
Opening of the Meeting
Matters Arising
President's Report
Treasurer's Report
Election Process



OPENING PRAYER

Anthony Hinsey





OPENING OF THE MEETING

Lynford Miller





MATTERS ARISING

Lynford Miller





PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2022

Annual General Meeting
Bahamas Golf Federation

President's Report presented by presiding president Lyford "Neil" Miller





INTRODUCTION

The BGF has values and they matter. They are purposeful, inclusive, respectful, responsive. We like to call it (PIRR) pressure. With enough pressure we will become the brightest and best model in which other organizations seek to become. We can meet this and more with these four pillars in our foundation. Keep these on your lips and at your fingertips, because they will serve us well into our future.

I first want to thank and recognize our VP, Directors, board members, members of Committees, voting delegates, Branch representatives and volunteers of the BGF.

As we move forward into 2022 and beyond it is more important than ever that we continue this upward trend in the growth of our game in The Bahamas. It's been said lately that "It's a New Day". Well, I'd like to say, it's just another day of work for the Bahamas Golf Federation.

This current administration has successfully reached milestones that were not successful in prior regimes. Through a successful partnership and the hard work from Fourteen Clubs Golf Academy, the junior golf program is stronger than ever and the optimism of our future is bright. We've fostered positive relationships with numerous organizations that have lent their support either through financial donations or in kind provision to see the opportunities we have set forth become a reality for our youth.

Introducing the game of golf to thousands of youths and adults has been more rewarding than we could have ever imagined and we feel like we have only scratched the surface. There is so much more on our agenda that needs to be accomplished. Many of our youth golfers who would not have normally been exposed to the game of golf are moving through their collegiate careers because of our efforts. Who would want to stop this kind of growth? Though our current administrations success thus far is nothing short of spectacular we have more work now than ever to sustain our efforts and reach more milestones that we have in place for you.

2019-2021

HIGHLIGHTING SOME OF OUR PAST SUCCESSESS



1. OPEN DIALOGUE

With our members, golf courses,
and governing bodies

10. FURTHER ASSIST WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR HOME FACILITY

Our home facility is growing. We will
continue to do our part to build it.

9. REINTRODUCE A MAJOR FUNDRAISING EVENT

Generate more funds to assist our junior golfers,
and those transitioning to either collegiate or
professional golf

8. REDEFINE THE NATIONAL TEAM AND QUALIFYING PROCESS

One model. One path.

OUR 10 POINT PLAN FOR 2022- 2023



6 & 7.

**DEVELOP LOW HANDICAP GOLFER MINDSET
AND BRIDGE THE BGF AND THE BPGA**
With the growth of this partnership, we can transition
more golfers to collegiate and professional golf.

2 & 3. SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL GOLF PROGRAM AND SUPPORT OF JUNIOR GOLF

Our youth gravitate towards what is around them.
We will continue to expose them to the game of
golf.

4. REINTRODUCE WOMEN'S GOLF

More young women are
gravitating towards the game.

5. PROMOTE ADDITIONAL CLUB GROWTH

Four established clubs in 2022. The goal is to
have eight with a minimum of 50 members
each by end of 2023.



01

CONTINUE THE OPEN DIALOGUE WITH OUR MEMBERS, GOLF COURSES, AND GOVERNING BODIES

We will continue to find ways to keep the membership informed of opportunities and events within The Bahamas. We have used Golf Genius and Facebook as our main communication platforms. The membership base is no longer simply a base of information. We will continue to strengthen the community of members for the growth of the organization. We will add a podcast as our third platform focusing on sharing our history.

We will bring form a research committee to electronically record the information for the BGF administrations for the past 20 years. We need clarity in place for future boards for proper administration. We have experienced an unfortunate level of dishonesty from past administrations in the respect of constitutions and other items related to the management of the federation. If anyone is interested in joining this committee please let us know.

We will continue to strengthen the relationship with our golf courses and governing bodies so that we can be knowledgeable on what is happening so that we can have a voice with all items pertaining to golf in The Bahamas.



02

SUPPORT A SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

The school golf program is flourishing. We will continue to support its growth here in Nassau, Exuma, and Grand Bahama. We will push more focus on Grand Bahama and Long Island as we have willing instructors there to assist with on site program development. Some may say that there are no courses on Long Island, but we will first create the golfers, and in the meantime think about viable solutions for them to play.

The school golf championships will be held March 16-19, 2022. This past year we had 248 players and 23 schools. In 2022, we hope to reach a full field of 300 players and 30 schools represented.

We will continue to develop young coaches with the support of the BPGA, so that we can teach more.



Let's Chat!



03

CONTINUE TO SUPPORT JUNIOR GOLF

There is no other way to put it other than, the junior golfers are the future. If we do not invest in them, we are not doing our job to grow the game. Junior golf in Nassau is almost at a sustainable level. We will move the focus to further supporting Exuma, building out the program in Long Island, and Grand Bahama.

Junior golfers will grow with the mindset of playing good golf...not rushing the process. The operation 36 model has been tested over the past four years, and has culminated into the Playing Ability Tests. Our juniors will learn the mindset of process by only advancing if they are able to successfully play from a short yardage. We will then be on the level of junior golf development in other high performing countries.





04

REINTRODUCE WOMEN'S GOLF

Women's golf is one of our main focus areas for 2022-2023. We have supported the stream upwards to ensure viability, so now we can focus on strengthening the middle. There will be more ladies focused events, and push for more ladies to join clubs. We have many young women transitioning from youth and college golf, along with women who already play golf. We will bridge the gap, and strengthen this so that our women's complement for the CGA competitions are better represented.





05

PROMOTE ADDITIONAL CLUB GROWTH

Over the last number of years, the BGF has allowed clubs to promote golf at all levels of play. The more clubs that are created, the more creative groups we will have that are pushing growth. Our goal is to assist the creation of an additional 10 clubs by end of 2023. We currently have the following clubs in the database:

Poopdeck Eagles
Palmdale Golf Club
Women Who Play Golf 242
Fourteen Clubs Golf Academy

If you are a member of a group of golfers, please let us know so that we can add your group to our list.





06

CHANGE THE MINDSET TO DEVELOPMENT OF LOW HANDICAP GOLFERS

Over the last number of years, the BGF has allowed clubs to promote golf at all levels of play. Over the next two years, our plan is to continue to promote the clubs to do the same, which will allow the BGF to focus on growing the number of low handicap players, and the number of aspiring professional players. The BGF will naturally still host the major events and championships, but will allow the clubs to produce and run their schedules as desired.

This will come through two avenues:

1. The Central Division work with Fred Taylor and Timothy Pinder pushing the value of the Playing Ability Tests (PATs). For too long have we simply allowed the development of the mindset of high scoring based on not playing from the distance per skill set. Fred and Tim will produce a 2022 schedule with seminars and PATs for all serious golfers who aspire to play on the national teams.
2. Once players are able to demonstrate their ability to shoot good scores from tournament distances, Ethelyn will work with the BPGA to provide quality low handicap and professional tournament opportunities. We are bridging the gap between our amateur and professional players. She will ensure that rules clinics are held so that our tournament players are always informed and can perform at their best.



07

STRENGTHEN THE BRIDGE BETWEEN THE BGF AND THE BPGA

For years the BGF and the BPGA have been trying to work together with a seamless process. We feel that with the addition of numerous young coaches and the possibility of an apprentice program, the relationship between the two bodies can thrive.





08

REDEFINE OUR NATIONAL TEAM DEVELOPMENT AND QUALIFYING PROCESS

Our National Teams over the past two terms have been improving in overall performance, outlook, and accountability. We have shown the courses that we can commit to practice schedules, and that our squads are committed to playing good golf, versus free golf.





09

REINTRODUCE A MAJOR FUNDRAISING EVENT

This scholarship fund will be held separately to support junior, collegiate and professional golf. We will create an educational committee to oversee this. We will hold an annual fundraiser for proceeds to build this fund.





10

FURTHER ASSIST WITH DEVELOPMENT OF OUR HOME FACILITY

The BGF is growing. We need sustainability which means another revenue source. This will come from the creation of our home facility. In the next two years, we would have created an additional 5,000 golfers. We need to secure a place for them to play and become lifelong golfers.

Our home facility is growing. We will continue to do our part to facilitate this.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Mark Robinson





ELECTION PROCESS REVIEW

1. Reading of the positions for nomination.
2. Votes or proxies offered for each position noted.
3. Votes will be counted and the official board will be announced on Saturday, February 5th.





END OF AGM

