



African American Golfers Hall of Fame

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Press Release

For Immediate Release

“Palm Beach County Sports Commission Partners With The African American Golfers Hall of Fame - 2012 Legends Celebration & The African American Collegiate & Youth Golfers Hall of Fame”

“YOU ARE INVITED!!!!”

West Palm Beach, Fla. (April 10, 2012) - The “8th Annual African American Golfer’s Hall of Fame Conference, Tournaments, Reception, Dinner, Auction & Awards Celebration” & The “2nd Annual African American Collegiate & Youth Golfer Hall of Fame will be held at The President Country Club, 2300 Presidential Way, West Palm Beach during the period May 24-28, 2012. The Annual AAGHOF Black Tie Optional Reception & Awards Dinner Celebration” will be held on May 27, 2012. “We are excited and very pleased to partner with and have the support of the Palm Beach County Sports Commission this year”, said Malachi Knowles, Founder. “This is a great opportunity to support our premier international organization dedicated to the history of African Americans in the sport of golf” said George Linley, Executive Director, Palm Beach County Sports Commission.

The schedule, registration form, fees and sponsorship information are posted on the above website.

Congratulations to the “Classes of 2012”

AAGHOF 2012 Members: Erellon Benjamin Davis, Detroit, Mich. (100 years old); Richard “Jelly” Hansberry, Washington, D.C.

2012 Humanitarian Awardee: U.S. Congressman John Lewis*, Atlanta, GA

2012 Leadership Awardees: Mitchell J. Landrieu*, New Orleans, LA; Alvin Brown*, Mayor, Jacksonville, FL

2012 Pioneer of the Year: Jesse James Parker, Bethesda, MD

2012 Inaugural Corporate Award: Paul G. Alexander, Boston, Mass. (Liberty Mutual) & Don Butler, Detroit, Mich. (Cadillac)

2012 Legacy Awardee: Herbert Dixon, Bartow, FL & Albert “A. B.” Hill, New Orleans, LA

2012 College Golf Coach of the Year: Marvin E. Green, Jr., FAMU, Tallahassee, FL

2012 Founders Awardees: Dorothy Johnson, Cantonment, FL; Rushern L. Baker, III, Upper Marlboro, MD; Frank Reese, West Palm Beach, FL; Arthur “Art” Shell, Monroe, GA; Driving Force Women’s Golf Club, Montgomery, AL

2012 Inaugural Path Finders: Stanley Alexander Wilson, Lake Worth, FL; Horace Brown, San Diego, CA

“2012 AAGHOF Collegiate & Youth Golfers Hall of Fame”

Pearlissa Harris, Harvey, LA; Norman Fidel Blanco, New Orleans, LA; Matthew McKnight & Kimberly Wong, Bethune Cookman University, Daytona Beach, FL

This celebratory event has institutionalized the true recognition of the historic involvement in “the growth of the game of golf” since the 1800’s. The African-American golfing community is at no loss for stories documenting its struggles, tragedies and ultimate triumphs. Little has been done however to recognize the accomplishments of those who really paved the way for today’s “Black Golfers.” The AAGHOF very strongly believes in its youth! It feels strongly that golf’s future cannot be passed from its “Legends” to our “Youth” unless they are included and honored annually during this event.

Inner City Youth Golfers’, Inc. established the AAGHOF annual event in order to give the African-American Legends of Golf an opportunity to be recognized for their contributions to the sport, to continue being role models to our youth, to network with their peers, to interact and share their own stories about golf “then and now.” The ultimate purpose of the AAGHOF is to honor the legacy and achievements of African Americans in the game of golf and build a permanent place for the world to see their collective contributions. **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!!!**

The “2012 Highlights” are as follows:

1. May 25, 2012, Friday, 9:00AM, Opening Session: Malachi Knowles, Founder, AAGHOF/ICYG; Speaker: George Linley, Executive Director, Palm Beach County Sports Commission, “Golf in Palm Beach County” @ Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites.
2. May 25, 2012, Friday, 12:15PM, AAGHOF/ICYG & Palm Beach County Sports Commission (PalmBeachSports.Com) Scholarship Golf Tournament, Auction & “Skins Game”, The President Country Club followed by an awards dinner dance w/music by “DJ Lady D.”
3. May 26, 2012, Saturday, 8:30AM, Roundtable - 1: “Golf Then, Now & In The Future”
4. May 26, 2012, Saturday, 10:30AM, Roundtable - 2: “How To Prepare For College; College Golf Scholarships; Careers”
5. May 26, 2012, Saturday, 1:30PM, Legends “Say NO To Drugs – Say YES To Education, Culture & Golf” Youth/Parent Golf Orientation, Fun Festival & Clinic featuring Clewis Wright, Jr. & PGA Champions Tour Players: Jim Dent & Calvin Peete, hosted by PalmBeachSports.Com/ICYG @ Palm Beach Gardens Municipal Golf Course (PBGMGC), Palm Beach Gardens, FL.
6. May 27, 2012, Sunday, 7:30AM, Legends Celebrity Invitational Golf Tournament, PBGMGC (PalmBeachSports.Com& GolfForeAnyone.Com).
7. May 27, 2012, Sunday, 5:30PM, AAGHOF Black Tie Optional Reception, Auction, Awards Dinner & Induction Celebration – Master of Ceremony, Scott Walker, Golf Channel.

ALL activities are open to the PUBLIC!!! Don’t forget to visit www.africanamericangolfershalloffame.com to view the entire schedule, the fees, to register and find all of the sponsorship information for the May 24-28, 2012 Celebrations. Call the Holiday Inn Suites, 2485 Metrocentre Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL 1-888-465-4329 for the very special AAGHOF room rate of **\$79.00** per night. Our group code is **ICY Make Your Reservations – Register NOW!! Please Join Us!!!**

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“Celebrating the Accomplishments of Yesterday While Paving the Way for Tomorrow!”