

AGM
Tournament Committee Report

Once again I would like to report another great golfing season. I broke down this report into tournaments that were held throughout the year, such as Medal Plays, Scrambles and Fun Tournaments, St. Maarten Open, ECGA, Concordia Cup, and Challenge Cup.

Monthly Medal Play:

The numbers for the total amount of players that competed in the monthly medal play is slightly lower. This year 190 players participated in the monthly medal, compared to 198 in 2014. However, there were more players this year, who had never competed in medal plays before. There were a total of 64 different players, compared to 52 in the previous year. One big spike in this group comes from the super senior division. There are now 12 players competing in the super seniors compared to just 6 in 2014.....I guess people are getting older.

Scrambles/Fun tournaments:

This year we had a total of 4 fun tournaments so far: Stableford and night golf in March, 2 person scramble in June, and another night golf in September. The total amount of players that competed in our fun events are: 101 players this year compared to 163 the previous year. These figures exclude the 3 person scramble and Christmas scramble. The 3 person scramble will be held on November 21st, and the Christmas Scramble which will be held on December 12th.

St. Maarten Open:

This year's St. Maarten Open was very successful. The winner of this year's Open was Scott Delong from Anguilla. There were 97 players of which 38 were from overseas, compared to 101 players the year before. We had some very generous sponsors that made the Open a total success once more.

E.C.G.A.:

The 2015 Eastern Caribbean Golf Association championships were held here in St. Maarten in October. The Combined team gross prize was won by the team of St. Kitts & Nevis. Team St. Maarten did very well, winning the Combined team net, Men's team net, Seniors team net, and ladies' team net prizes. In the individual prizes, Howard Hobgood took the men's 2nd low gross, Stanley Samuel took the men's 1st low net, Sam Bashir won the Senior's 1st low net, and Keith Graham won the Super Senior's 2nd low net. Great job to all that participated and did their country proud.

Concordia Cup:

The Concordia Cup was won this year by the team from The French Side.....Congratulations Les Tamarins. Well done. The Dutch team put up a fight, but in the end, the French proved to be too strong to overcome. The end result was a score of 21 ½- 14 ½.

Challenge Cup:

This year's Challenge Cup winner was Marc Grenouilleau and the runner up was Yannick Cazemajou.....another French win.

Conclusion:

Under the circumstances we had yet another great golfing season. The number of players are down a bit, but in my opinion that the severe drought we experienced early in the year contributed to this.. I have to commend the management and staff of Mullet Bay for working with the S.M.G.A. to make the course as playable as possible. Howard Hobgood did an incredible job, watering the greens and making them playable for all. Another person that I would like to thank is Gitte Poulsen.....always behind the scenes, but putting in more time and effort than most, to get all that is needed to be done, the right way. Last but not least, I would like to thank the board of the S.M.G.A., for working hard and putting together all the tournaments, so that we can all enjoy. Whether being competitive or just for having fun, I believe that players of all skills should be able to enjoy our yearly golfing calendar schedule.

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