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The 2011 NATWEST ISLAND GAMES are being held in the Isle of Wight from June 25th to July 1st. Over 25 islands will compete in 14 sports over 7 days. Some of the sports are golf, swimming, bowling, track and field, archery, tennis, badminton and more.

In 2009, the Bermuda Men's and Ladies golf team both won gold medals in the team event. Individual honors went to Jarryd Dillas winning gold and Daniel Augustus winning bronze.

The 2011 teams boast Bermuda's talent, and the BGA are confident the team will successfully defend their titles. The team reflects the Bermuda Golf Association's commitment to developing golf on the island through all ages.

The Men's team consists of Captain - Camiko Smith, Ryan Benevides, Alex Osborne and Damian Palanyandi with Ryan Roberts as the alternate. Captain- Laura Robinson, Ebonie Burgess, Katrin Burnie and Elizabeth Parsons round out the Ladies team. Team Management consists of Nick Mansell and Scott Roy.

The Bermuda Golf Association would like to wish all participants representing Bermuda at the Island Games the utmost success in the Isle of Wight.

The team will be flying out with the rest of the competitors on June 23rd and returning July 2nd.

“The **NatWest Island Games** were born in the Isle of Man in 1985, with the intention of bringing together a number of small islands from different parts of the world in friendly competition as part of the Isle of Man's Year of Sport.

Athletes came from as far a field as Iceland and Scandinavia in the northern hemisphere, the British Isles, the Mediterranean, down to St. Helena in the South Atlantic. In total 15 islands took part.

In many ways, sporting competition is only one aspect of the success of this event. As important are the opportunities it affords to share thoughts and experiences relating to our unique island stories. With that in mind, the theme for our advertising has been NatWest – bringing islands together.

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The Festival was such a
continue it every other year,
1987. The Games have
Islands, Aland, Isle of Wight, Gibraltar, Jersey, Gotland in 1999 (the first Games of
NatWest off shore's sponsorship), Isle of Man, Guernsey, and Shetland.

success that it was agreed to
with Guernsey hosting the Games in
subsequently been held in the Faroe

The number of Islands participating has grown substantially, and now 25 Islands are
members of the International Island Games Association."

Above quote from, Island Games Association Website.