



Historical Overview  
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## HOW IT ALL BEGAN

The Ross "Blackie" Talbot Charity Classic (RBTCC) had its beginnings in 1993, Ross "Blackie" Talbot's son Clement Talbot wanted to mark the occasion of his father's (a famous Bermudian musician) 75<sup>th</sup> birthday with a special event. When a friend suggested organising a social golf outing, it was an easy task to assemble a group of Ross's old friends and colleagues, many from the hotel and hospitality industry, to participate in the match and celebrate Ross's birthday.

Thirty-eight participants joined in the first Tournament at the Castle Harbour Golf Club (now Tucker's Point) and later attended a private party at Clement's home. In honour of their friend "Blackie," who to many exemplified the Bermudian spirit, the celebrants generously donated funds in addition to their green fees and \$500 was collected for charity.

The day was deemed such a success that it was decided to hold the event again the following year, this time with the express purpose of raising money for charity. Since the surprise 75<sup>th</sup> birthday Golf Tournament, 18 years ago the RBTCC has been able to donate in excess of \$2.8 million to 65 Bermuda Charities.

Sadly, "Blackie" passed away on November 23rd, 2000 and Bermuda lost one of its truly great gentlemen. Beside Clement in Bermuda, "Blackie" left Melvyn and Bryan and five grandchildren who reside in Canada, and one daughter Sherry Talbot who resides in Bermuda, and most importantly, he left the mother of his children and a very dear partner Mrs. Marguerite Talbot.

The RBTCC has become one of Bermuda's largest and most respected Charity Events, with over 500 participants.

Based on the success of the Ross 'Blackie' Talbot Charity Classic and the generous support of the community for one of Bermuda's most successful golfing events each year, the RBTCC introduced a Junior Pro Am as part of the Charity Classic. The Junior Pro Am was so popular that the RBTCC to expand the junior event further and make it into a stand alone tournament in its own right and the Ross 'Blackie' Talbot Junior International Classic was born as a 54 hole international event with the first tournament being held in 2006. The RBTCC managed the event for the first 4 years with the support of the Bemuda Junior Golf Association ("BJGA") . In 2010, the BJGA assumed responsibility for managing and running the tournament with the ongoing support of the RBTCC that has remained as one of the tournaments major sponsors. Proven over the years to be a wonderful experience for junior golfers from around the world, we are now hosting the 6<sup>th</sup> annual event again at the Mid Ocean Club, Tucker's Point Club and Port Royal Golf Course in Bermuda.

## HISTORY OF ROSS “BLACKIE” TALBOT

The history of the Ross “Blackie” Talbot Memorial Charity Golf Tournament (re-named Ross “Blackie” Talbot Charity Classic) began long before the first Ross Blackie Talbot Charity Golf Tournament in 1993.

In 1941 Ross “Blackie” Talbot and his brothers formed an extraordinarily successful Bermudian Calypso band, The Talbot Brothers. The band appeared at such international venues as the London Palladium and the Ed Sullivan Show, entertaining celebrities including Bing Cosby, Winston Churchill, John Wayne, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Babe Ruth, Mary Martin and many others.

In 1993, “Blackie’s” son, Clement, organised a social golf outing to celebrate his fathers 75<sup>th</sup> birthday and to honour him as a goodwill ambassador and humanitarian. In keeping with the spirit of Ross’ personal generosity, all of the players donated funds to charity in his name. That initial celebration was such a success that it became an annual event for the express purpose of raising funds for Bermuda charities. Hence, the Ross “Blackie” Talbot Charity Classic was born. To date more that \$2,800,000 has been donated to 65 local charities.

Sadly, “Blackie” passed away on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2000 and Bermuda lost one of its truly great gentlemen. His legacy of caring and community spirit lives on in the Ross “Blackie” Talbot Charity Classic where the Tournament Executive Committee and its many volunteers have pledged to continue the charitable work and proud history of this event.

The Bermuda Junior Golf Association is honoured to have assumed responsibility for the Ross ‘Blackie’ Talbot Junior International Classic and is grateful for the continued support and involvement of the Ross ‘Blackie’ Talbot Charity Classic in running this wonderful event for junior golfers.

## **RBT JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL CLASSIC**

*Sponsored by the Ross 'Blackie' Talbot Charity Classic and the Bermuda Department of Tourism*

2006 saw the introduction of the all-new Ross "Blackie" Talbot Junior International Classic with over 60 participants from Bermuda, Europe and the United States. The success of the tournament has now secured it on our golfing calendar with many of last year's parents and participants all promising to return and to bring their friends.

The main goal of the RBT Junior International Classic is to provide opportunity for local golfers to develop their skills through participation in an international event where they can compete against junior golfers from around the globe without travelling to other destinations. Over the years we have hosted participants from all over the US, Switzerland, Colombia, France, England, Italy and Germany.

## 2011 RBT JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL CLASSIC DETAILS

We look forward to welcoming all participants and parents to the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Ross "Blackie" Talbot Junior International Classic that will be held in August 2011 at the Mid Ocean Club, Tucker's Point Club and Port Royal Golf Course, Bermuda. More details will be available on our web site [www.juniorgolf.bm/ross\\_blackie\\_talbot\\_jr/](http://www.juniorgolf.bm/ross_blackie_talbot_jr/).

Our Tournament hotel is once again the prestigious Grotto Bay Beach Resort.

2011 details are shown below.

### AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup> 2011

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

7:00 pm -

Practice Rounds available at Mid Ocean Club or Tucker's Point  
Tournament Registration - Grotto Bay Hotel Lobby  
Welcome Reception, held and sponsored by Grotto Bay Beach Resort  
BBQ Grotto Bay Beach Club  
(Free for participants, \$30 per adult, \$15 child 12 & under, cash bar)

### AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2011

8:00 am – 9:30 am

9:00 am – 10:30 am

8:00 am – 3:00 pm

2:00 - 4:00pm

#### MID OCEAN CLUB

Transportation to Golf Course (for Grotto Bay Guests)  
(leaves hotel approximately every 30 minutes)  
First Round Tee Times for all age groups (Mid Ocean Club)  
(Box lunches provided for participants)  
Registration/Information desk Mid Ocean Club  
Transportation Back to Grotto Bay

### AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup> 2011

11:30 am – 1:00pm

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

11:00 am – 4:00 pm

5:00 pm

6:30 pm

7:00 pm

8:00pm – 9:00 pm

#### ROSEWOOD TUCKER'S POINT CLUB

Transportation to Rosewood Tucker's Point Golf Course  
(Leaves Grotto Bay Hotel approximately every 30 minutes)  
Second Round for all age groups - Rosewood Tucker's Point Club  
(Note: NO box lunches for players this day due to late start. Food will be available for purchase in the Grill Room at Tucker's Point or on the courtesy cart on the course)  
Information desk  
Players Skill Challenge Qualifier Round (after completion of round)  
Players Skill Challenge Finals (Tuckers Point Driving Range)  
BBQ Tucker's Point Club  
(Free for participants, \$20 per adult, \$10 child 12 & under, cash bar)  
Transportation to Grotto Bay Hotel & Beach Resort

### AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2011

7:30 am

9:00 am – 10:30 am

8:00 am – 11:00 am

4:00 pm

4:30 pm

#### PORT ROYAL GOLF COURSE

Transportation to Port Royal Golf Course  
(Note: only one run to Port Royal due to distance from Grotto Bay)  
Final Round for all age groups – Port Royal Golf Course  
(Box lunches provided for participants)  
Information desk  
Reception and Prize Presentation  
Transportation to Grotto Bay

## **TUCKER'S POINT GOLF CLUB**

At Tucker's Point Golf Club you will enjoy a convenient location just minutes from the event hotel, Grotto Bay Beach Resort and other attractions.

Tucker's Point (formerly Castle Harbour Golf Course) is a dramatically re-designed championship golf course, crafted by Roger Rulewich, former senior designer for Robert Trent Jones and chief designer of the Port Royal course.

There are newly designed holes and greens boasting dramatic views and re-contoured fairways and bunkers. A new practice facility, including a driving range, 10,000-sq.-ft. short game practice facility, is also featured. Participants will be able to sharpen their game at this facility, which includes a practice putting, chipping and bunker area, plus a new driving range. All greens have been rebuilt with TifEagle, an imported hybrid Bermuda grass providing a faster, truer putting surface.

The 20,000-sq.-ft. golf clubhouse, with majestic views of Castle Harbour and the Atlantic Ocean, features a grillroom and bar with covered terrace, pro shop and locker rooms.

## **MID OCEAN CLUB**

Originally designed in 1921 by Charles Blair Macdonald, receiving its final touches of perfection in 1953 by architect Robert Trent Jones, The Mid Ocean Club, is a private club, located in an exclusive area known as Tucker's Town. The signature hole is undoubtedly the 5th; a monstrous 433 yard par 4. It was here that Babe Ruth was said to have lost a dozen balls in Mangrove Lake in his vain attempts to drive the green.

Steve Pike, senior writer for PGA.com, says that Bermuda's Mid Ocean Club 'rightfully ranks among the world's best'. And don't just take his word for it. Dwight Eisenhower, Winston Churchill, George Bush and Babe Ruth have all walked the fairways of this spectacular Bermuda golf course.

## **PORT ROYAL GOLF COURSE**

O Port Royal Golf Course, Southampton Parish. Our most popular course provides breathtaking views and challenging golf. Famous golf architect Robert Trent Jones combined our undulating terrain, lush greenery and dramatic ocean side cliffs to create a sporting experience you will not soon forget. The course recently experienced a \$14 million renovation, and hosted the 2009 and 2010 PGA Grand Slam of Golf Championship. And we are pleased to advise the PGA Grand Slam of Golf Championship will once again be held at Port Royal for 2011 (October 17, 18, 19) and again in 2012. The course has a driving range, pro shop and on site dining.

## **GROTTO BAY**

Grotto Bay Beach Resort is nestled amid 21 acres of beautifully landscaped, oceanfront grounds. Our lush, manicured property features 3 private beaches and some of Bermuda's most protected ocean waters. Unique to Bermuda's resorts, we also offer two 500,000 year-old underground caves for your exploration and swimming pleasure!

## **THE BERMUDA JUNIOR GOLF ASSOCIATION**

In 1975 the Bermuda Golf Association (BGA) formed the Golf Development Committee, which forged the basic development for junior golf in Bermuda. As the junior program evolved, it was deemed necessary to bring overseas players to the Island to provide competition for the local juniors. The first annual Atlantic International Junior Golf Championships took place at Port Royal Golf Course in August 1977. This major championship provided excellent exposure through the press and with the young players. The junior program gathered considerable momentum as a consequence, with more and more members joining. An overall increase in the standard of play followed.

The junior golf program eventually required a more sophisticated administration and its own identity. As a result the Bermuda Junior Golf Association (BJGA) evolved as an affiliate of the BGA, with the first meeting of the BJGA held on December 28, 1983. Until the BJGA was incorporated in 1997, it operated as an association under a Constitution with the aims of providing the young golfers of Bermuda the best 'development and tournament' program possible.

The BJGA was incorporated August 29, 1997 as a limited company for charitable purposes with the objects of the company being "to promote the sport of golf among the young people of these Islands."

Each year the BJGA sends and co-funds many junior golfers to golf schools and overseas tournaments in the USA and Canada.