

Moka Blog

NEWSLETTER

Discussions held in July 2020

The upcoming development next to the 18th tee box creates concern with the amount of water passing through the golf club. It is in excess of the capacity our drainage was designed for. The area across hole 1 and 9 remains wet for our members.

Host as many tournaments as possible to generate revenue.....
Need Membership's full support at this time.

Non-members will be allowed to come for corporate tournaments still adhering to the COVID- 19 guidelines. Must follow all protocol & procedures as all members of SAGC.....

- William Agard is assisting with the underground drainage for the 3 parties- Home Solutions, The Orchard and SAGC....
- Kitchen needs renovations as well as new equipment and an entire exhaust system....
- Safety is our priority, I.R.P. Fire and Safety Ltd is presently implementing safety procedures and equipment....
- Pension Plan approved and finalised with CIC....

- Training has started with all Greens Keepers in the newly designed, improved Conference Room....
- Pre-Emergent Herbicide chemical that kills the weed seeds before the start of germination, is unavailable until registration of shipment....
- Zoysia encroachment is under control from collar to green going to #17th
- Mr. Ames is assisting the Maintenance Department, thank you....

Need to budget for the 9th hole Quebrada, an estimated TT\$500,000.
Member's involvement is needed.

The WHS (World Handicap System) is underway at St. Andrew Golf Club.

Handicap can now be checked in the ProShop as well as online via the link below.

<http://www.ehandicap.net/?SysCID=sagc&ACTION=Go>

Golfers can click the link above and view their last 20 scores entered as well as their new WHS index and handicap. An updated index conversion sheet will be present at the starter's booth to determine the Course Handicap for each player from their respective tees. ALL manual adjustments have been removed.

We wish to honour members dear to us...thank you for your service and dedication to the Club.



**"The Boss"
Fitzroy "Roy" Rudder
1908 - 1984
The first St. Andrews Golf Club Professional**

This short article is about a man who spent all of his adult life working in the game of golf.

He began his career in the sport in 1921, when with a hickory-shafted mid-iron, he started as a caddy and then as a player on a course which ran along the perimeter of the Savannah, A gentleman who was teaching his daughter to play golf, became interested in Roy's ability and dedication and began to teach him the rudiments of the game- while Roy continued to work as a caddy.

His hard work and dedication paid off and in the 1930's he was given the job as the first St. Andrews Club Professional. He later became officially recognized when he became a member of the British PGA, after World War II.

This kind man, who spent so many years in the game of golf and taught so many of Trinidad's leading amateur and professional golfers, saw the club move three (3) times – from the Savannah to St. James, from St. James to La Seiva, Maraval and from Maraval to the present course at Moka. At all of these, his dedication to duty and respect for his profession grew. It is this man to whom the major credit goes for the construction of the first 18-hole course at La Seiva. With many trials, tribulations and financial setbacks, the course was finally completed and able to be enjoyed by so many for so many years.

He represented Trinidad and Tobago in Jamaica and in Columbia. He travelled to the United States where he played and witnessed many of the World's International Tournaments. The boss was a teacher and advisor of Golf.

For his dedication to the game and particularly to St. Andrews Golf Club, he will always remain an Honorary Member of the Club where his picture hangs in the Pro Shop. He was none other than Trinidad's oldest and most highly respected Golf Professional, Mr. Roy "The Boss" Rudder.

Written by "Red Man"

When teeing off on the 1st hole, look out for Roy's Samaan Tree he planted in an effort to give shade to fellow golfers.

Quiz Question

Which Ladies Member has won the most Club Championships with 10 victories?

- a. Joanne Bryden
- b. Jackie Niles
- c. Maria Nunes

Jeansie...well on the road to recovery

Jean de Meillac, fondly known as “Jeansie”, has been a member of Moka since 1977 and was Club Captain for several years. He was the main organizer of many T&T Open tournaments and, with the help of Bruce Davidson and Roger Henderson, often ran the BP Charity tournament. He also started the St Andrew’s Junior Golf program which he ran successfully, mainly with the help of Bernard Benny who still manages the program today.

Jean organized many golf tournaments at the Club and won several, including seven Monthly Medals, many B-class championships and has had three hole-in-ones.

In January 2019, he had a serious accident playing golf at Millennium, with his left ankle crushed in several places by a golf cart running over it. Jean had major surgery at Medical Associates by Doctor Kumar to save the foot from amputation and spent a month in hospital. Two other surgeries followed, one in T&T and the other at the University of Miami. Healing and progress has been painful and slow whilst also mentally taxing – not being able to work or play the game he loves. However, with the support of his wife Lisa and many great friends, Jean seems to be winning this fight.

Jean says he has not had many bad periods in his life but this last year has been the most trying with so many doctor’s visits, different medications and lots of physiotherapy. Being unable to walk, or even move properly for a year, has been extremely difficult and he almost took up playing Bridge as an option. Now at last, his ankle seems to be improving as he can walk again with little pain, even able to hit some golf balls on the range.

Golf is in the air again but he will have to use a golf cart in future. Although his doctor is optimistic, there is still a chance of further surgery, an Ankle Fusion – but let’s hope not. In the meantime, his old golf pals still include him in their golf e-mails and limes so he hopes to join them again soon!

And, yes, Tom Watson is still his favorite golfer for his eight majors and, at age 59, leading the British Open for 71 holes at Royal Troon. According to Jeansie, Tom was just one putt short of setting another world record and exclaims, “What a golfer!”

**From left Jean, wife Lisa and son
Christian, circa 2000**





First Citizens

Results of First Citizens Monthly Medal – Saturday, 11th July

		Front	Back	Gross	Net
1st	Anthony Smart (yellows)	47	46	93	63
2nd	Rasheed Ali (yellows)	39	43	83	63
3rd	Dushant Sookram (whites)	36	39	75	64

Medal Prizes

1st \$800, 2nd \$600, 3rd \$500, 4th \$450, 5th \$400, 6th \$350, 7th \$300, 8th \$200

Frontenac: 1st \$650, 2nd \$350

Gross: A Class \$250, B Class \$250, C Class \$200, D Class \$200, Over 70 \$200

In addition to the 1st place voucher, the winner also gets the Medal Winner Parking Spot for that month plus a Pewter Mug (English Tankard) valued at \$450.

Vouchers can be used at the Pro Shop or Café / Members Bar

Upcoming Tournaments

We need all members full support

- Saturday 8th August – First Citizens August Monthly Medal
- Saturday 15th August – Ladies Restoration Project Phase 2, part 1
- Friday 31st August – Independence Cup Tournament

Ladies Tournament

This tournament is to raise funds for the repair of the severe erosion damage on the 9th fairway. The erosion is estimated to be 500 feet long with an estimated cost of \$1,000 per foot.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic economic downturn, we will be hosting smaller tournaments for remedial works on the course. We are asking you, our members for your support!

The fund derived from the Phase 1. Ladies Riverbank Restoration Project enabled us to build the wall along the 18th greens as well as construct a weir and steps. We look forward to your participation in this Phase 2 Project.

Unfortunately, there will not be a prize giving function due to COVID-19 regulations. Results will be posted online. See details on the notice board.

Happy Golfing

Golf strong, go long!

St. Andrews Golf Club
LADIES SECTION
SUPPORTS
RIVERBANK RESTORATION PROJECT
PHASE 2, PART 1

SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST 2020
\$1000 Per Team

FORMAT

- Full handicap stableford
- Teams of 2
- Choose your tee time and group
- Men - White tees; Men 70+ - Gold tees (less 3 shots); Ladies - Red tees (Ladies get 2 extra shots)

ASKING FOR THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP LOVE OF THE PLACE!

Fun Day With Eats & Drinks On The Course!
Exciting Prizes!

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