

2018 Couples Fall Golf Classic

The Pompano Beach Club will be hosting its 14th Annual Couples Fall Golf Classic from October 28th - November 3rd, 2018. The event has proven to be very popular, with recent fall season couples tournaments having had the following number of participants: 2011: 48 couples, 2012: 42 couples, 2013: 58 couples, 2014: 44 couples, 2015: 39 couples, 2016: 43 couples and 2017: 38 couples. Tournament slots will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT:

- Participants maximum handicap: ladies 36, gentlemen 24 (team handicap will be half of the two combined handicaps). Proof of handicap index is required upon registration. Handicaps will be used in all four tournament rounds.
- Rules of the Royal and Ancient Club of St. Andrews and the United States Golf Association will apply.
- The event consists of four individual tournament rounds, with golf to take place at three of Bermuda's top courses – Port Royal, Tucker's Point and Belmont Hills.
- All participants will be split into two different flights (the couples with the lowest combined net handicaps will be matched up against each other in one flight, called the "Dark n' Stormy flight" and the other couples will be matched up against each other in the "Rum Swizzle flight"). Both flights are named after two of Bermuda's most popular 19th hole cocktails!
- Tournament round formats: one round will be a two-person scramble format, rounds two and three will be modified best ball formats and the final round will be a best ball format.
- Prizes will be awarded to the overall low gross tournament winners (one couple for the entire tournament – regardless of their flight) and to the low net tournament winners (one couple from each flight), as well as to the low net winners of each tournament round (one couple from each flight).
- A special "seniors competition" will be held for any couples whose combined age is 140 years or older. "Senior" couples will still compete against all the other couples in their respective flights, however, they'll have special "senior tees" that they'll hit off of and their daily net scores will be matched up against fellow senior couples, with one senior couple being declared the overall winner of the special "seniors division" at the end of the tournament.
- Longest drive and closest to the pin contests for the ladies and men in each flight will be held on each of the tournament days.
- The golf tournament will be run by Bermudian golf pro, Anthony Mocklow.
- In the event of a tie for first place overall, USGA tie-breaker rules will determine the winner.

INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT ROUNDS:

- 1) The tournament's first round will have the couples playing a two-person scramble format. The Dark n' Stormy flight will be playing at Tucker's Point Golf Course, while the Rum Swizzle flight will be playing at Port Royal Golf Course. Both players will hit drives from their respective tees. They will choose the better of their two drives and hit their next shots from that particular lie (continuing the same procedure until their balls are holed). Only one score per hole is recorded. The team with the lowest net total score after eighteen holes will be declared the winner of this particular tournament round. Low handicap: 35% and high handicap: 15% - each team will receive 50% of their combined handicap.
- 2) The tournament's second round will have the couples playing a modified best ball format. The Dark n' Stormy flight will be playing at Port Royal Golf Course and the Rum Swizzle flight will be playing at Tucker's Point Course. Both players will hit drives from their respective tees and will choose the better of their two drives to hit their next shots from. They will then play their own shots all the way through. Each couple must use each other's drive on at least two holes on each nine. Also, each player will play their own ball from drive to finish on each of the par threes. Their team score for each hole will be the lower of their two scores on that particular hole. The team with the lowest net total score after eighteen holes will be declared the winner of this particular round. The higher handicap golfer of the two receives 90% and the lower handicap golfer receives 95% of their adjusted handicaps. If a difference of more than eight shots occurs between the two players after the adjustment, an additional 10% will be deducted.
- 3) The tournament's third round will again have the couples playing a modified best ball format. The Dark n' Stormy flight will be playing at Belmont Hills Golf Course and the Rum Swizzle flight will be playing at Port Royal Golf Course. They'll follow the same format rules as outlined above.
- 4) The tournament's final round will have the couples playing a best ball format. The Dark n' Stormy flight will be playing at Port Royal Golf Course and the Run Swizzle flight will be playing at Belmont Hills. Players will each play their own shots for eighteen holes. Their team score for each hole will be the lower of their two scores on that particular hole. The team with the lowest net total score after eighteen holes will be declared the winner of this particular round. Men receive 90% and women receive 95% of their adjusted handicaps. If a difference of more than eight shots occurs between the two players after the adjustment, an additional 10% will be deducted.

TOURNAMENT ITINERARY:

- Sunday October 28th - opening night Rum Swizzle party at the Pompano Beach Club (6:30 – 7:30pm), followed by a private couples tournament barbecue dinner in the Cedar Room restaurant
- Monday October 29th - tournament first round play (two-person scramble format)
Dark n' Stormy flight at Tucker's Point Golf Course
Rum Swizzle flight at Port Royal Golf Course
- morning tee times at both courses
- Tuesday October 30th - tournament second round play (modified best ball format)
Dark n' Stormy flight at Port Royal Golf Course
Rum Swizzle flight at Tucker's Point Golf Course
- morning tee times at both courses
- Wednesday October 31st - "free day" (will be used to make up a previous tournament round if any one of them should be rained out)
- Thursday November 1st - tournament third round play (modified best ball format)
Dark n' Stormy flight at Belmont Hills Golf Course
Rum Swizzle flight at Port Royal Golf Course
- morning tee times at both courses
- Friday November 2nd - tournament final round play (best ball format)
Dark n' Stormy flight at Port Royal Golf Course
Rum Swizzle flight at Belmont Hills Golf Course
- 8:30am shotgun start at both courses
- buffet lunch for both flights upon return from Port Royal and Belmont Hills golf courses
- final night cocktail party (6:00 – 7:00pm) on the pool deck, followed by a private tournament farewell dinner and prize ceremony in the Cedar Room restaurant

TOURNAMENT PACKAGES:

Choice of accommodations (based upon space availability):

- \$1,915 for an oceanview superior room
- \$1,946 for an oceanview one-bedroom suite
- \$2,070 for an oceanfront deluxe room

NOTE: the above rates are per person, based upon double occupancy

Extra night rates (which are available both before and after the tournament dates), inclusive of breakfast & dinner daily, the resort's nightly service charge and the Bermuda government's daily occupancy tax, are as follows:

- superior room: \$451/night/couple
- one-bedroom suite: \$461/night/couple
- deluxe room: \$499/night/couple

Tournament packages include:

- six night stay at the Pompano Beach Club in an oceanview room
- full breakfast & five-course dinner daily at the Pompano Beach Club
- 11 ¾% Bermuda government occupancy tax
- 10% nightly resort service charge
- one round of golf (green fee & golf cart included) at Tucker's Point Golf Course
- one round of golf (green fee & golf cart included) at Belmont Hills Golf Course
- two rounds of golf (green fee & golf cart included) at Port Royal Golf Course
- opening night Rum Swizzle party (with complimentary drinks & hors d'oeuvres), followed by a private barbecue dinner in the resort's Cedar Room restaurant
- final night cocktail party (with complimentary drinks and hors d'oeuvres), followed by a private dinner and prize ceremony in the Cedar Room restaurant
- one buffet lunch at the Pompano Beach Club (following the final golf round)
- transfers to/from all golf courses for all tournament rounds

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Participants must stay at the Pompano Beach Club in order to play in the tournament. Accommodations are subject to space availability. Call the resort's U.S. sales office toll-free (from the U.S. and Canada) at 1-800-343-4155 to reserve accommodations. A \$960 per couple advance deposit is required to reserve accommodations and a place in the tournament. Deposits are payable by credit card or check (made payable to the "Pompano Beach Club"). The resort accepts Visa, MasterCard and American Express credit cards. Entry forms (which can be found inside the tournament brochure) should be faxed (508-358-7711) or mailed to the resort's Boston area sales office, c/o Bermuda Hotel Representatives, 231 Boston Post Road, Wayland, MA 01778 (telephone:1-800-343-4155 or 508-358-7737). Advance deposits are non-refundable if a cancellation is received within twenty-one days of the scheduled arrival date.