

## Inner City Youth Golfers' Incorporated

**Press Release** 

## "ICYG Youth & Parents Continue Growing The Game Of Golf"

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Riviera Beach, FL (USA), September 16, 2009: Inner City Youth Golfers', Inc. hosted its "2009 International Youth Golf Challenge" and "ICYG Scholarship Invitational Golf Tournament" at Bear Lakes Country Club (BLCC), West Palm Beach, FL on September 12, 2009. Prior to the afternoon



tournament, BLCC Golf Professional, Ted Strelec; Assistant Golf Professional Stanley A. Wilson, Jr.; ICYG Golf Director, Clewis Wright, Jr. and James Garvin, Jr., Chairman, Jimmy Garvin Foundation, Washington, DC held one of its "youth/parent golf clinics" for its members to "continue growing the game of golf." Tourist Development Council Executive Director, Roger D. Amidon and Chuck Elderd, Palm Beach County Film Commissioner were given an opportunity to introduce themselves and give our youth a little "green side chit chat." Their message reinforced the importance of the "life skills that they get from learning the game of golf" and encouraged them to "Say No To Drugs – Say Yes To Education, Culture & Golf." BLCC General Manager Bill Wendt encouraged the youth to stay in school and get their education.

All of the players were given an opportunity to review the tournament standards and off to the beautiful "Links Golf Course" they went for their afternoon tournaments. Finally, Coral Glades High School golfer Elliott Cone (11<sup>th</sup> Grade) won the "2009 Int'l Youth Golf Challenge" Boys Division. He dazzled his playing partners with many, many shots. One was a tap in eagle on the 298 yard, par 4, 15<sup>th</sup> hole. Other winners were Ashley Alzate, Royal Palm Beach High School, Royal Palm Beach, FL who won the High School Girls Division; Mahindra B. Lutchman, OCOEE Middle School - 6<sup>th</sup> grade (Middle School Boys), Orlando, FL and David Anderson, Panther Run Elementary – 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Wellington, FL who won the Elementary School Division. Each youth golfer is automatically entered into the "2010 Challenge" to defend their title. The "ICYG Scholarship Invitational Golf Tournament" two-person team scramble winners were: Warcecer Jakes and Anderson Slocombe. Charles Anderson and Tim Wingate won 2<sup>nd</sup> place while Roger D. Amidon and Chuck Elderd won 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Legendary golfer, Arnold Palmer who turned 80 years old on September 10, 2009 should have been there to witness all of the youth and their parents enjoying the game of golf. ICYG was very pleased with the support from Palm Beach County Sheriff, Ric L. Bradshaw; Publix Super Markets Charities; DoubleTree Hotel, Palm Beach Gardens; City of Riviera Beach, FL; Gary Player Foundation; Nicklaus Golf Foundation; Nike; Callaway Golf Company; Holiday Inn Express; Palm Beach County Commissioners Priscilla Taylor, Jess Santamaria and Jeff Koons; Robert D. Critton, Esq.; Holiday Inn Express; Warcecer Jakes Insurance Agency,

Inc.; 2-Up Golf Club of Miami, Inc.; Palm Beach County Sports Commission; Kiwanis Northside of West Palm Beach, FL, Inc.; parents; volunteers and especially the outstanding staff at Bear Lakes Country Club.

Director of Golf, Clewis Wright expressed his hope for 100 youth golfers from all over the country to participate in the 2010 tournaments. Congratulations from ICYG and <u>The Westside Gazette</u> newspaper family to all of the winners!

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Cut Line for Youth group with awards Picture: Youth winners Left to Right: Mahindra, Cone, Anderson and Alzate.

