

> CAYMANAS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB



> In the foothills of St. Catherine lies the Caymanas Golf & Country Club, a picturesque parkland style course. Designed by Howard Watson of Canadian Golf Landscaping Limited, Caymanas first opened in 1957. Caymanas is rich in vegetation, including imposing cotton and guango trees that stand guard over the fairways. The course features limestone formations, elevated tees and greens, as well as panoramic views of the surrounding parishes.

Tournaments Hosted:
Caribbean Amateur Golf Championships
Caribbean Amateur Junior Golf Championships
Jamaica Open
Red Stripe Invitational
Shell's Wonderful World of Golf

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Tee	Yardage	Course Ratings	Slope Rating
BLUE TEES	6844	71.9	123
WHITE TEES	6223	69.4	118
LADIES			
WHITE TEES	6223	75.4	128
RED TEES	5502	71.3	120

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> THE TRUE FLAVOUR OF GOLF IN JAMAICA

The Caymanas Golf Club is situated in the foothills of the Caymanas Estates in St. Catherine. It has experienced many changes over the last six decades, both in ownership and condition.

Built on the initiative of Mrs. I. B. M. Hamilton on her land and financed by £100 debentures, membership subscription was £25 per annum, a princely sum back then. It was designed by well-known Canadian architect Howard Watson, and completed in 1958. In its early days, Caymanas was the centre for weekend activities and the members were the “who’s who” of Kingston society.

Over the years, the course has hosted numerous important golfing events such as the Caribbean Amateur Golf Championships, Jamaica Open and other international tournaments.

Many of Jamaica’s golfing greats have called Caymanas home.

The club suffered a decline in the seventies, both in members and condition; a clubhouse fire in the early-nineties; a recovery spearheaded by Arthur (Turo) Ziadie; acquisition by the Urban Development Corporation which managed and maintained the property for 19 years; and today, the club is operated by the Caymanas Acquisition Group. They took over operations with the borrowed slogan of “Make Caymanas Great Again” and indeed returning the golf course to its former glory was the number one priority.

The management team acquired new equipment and hired a superintendent, Gerry Hardy; with the help of the old Maestro, Whyllie (Chunky) Lopez, most would agree that the course is now in excellent

condition. New cart paths have been installed through funding from the Tourism Enhancement Fund (TEF), tees are being levelled and creative landscaping is taking place.

Other important priorities were to bring back membership and spruce up the clubhouse. Membership has increased by 30% and the clubhouse is looking good with a few important upgrades still to come.

The future is bright for Caymanas. With increasing membership and tournament activity, the two other growth opportunities are expanded wedding and banqueting facilities and golf tourism. Already attracting over 60 weddings each year, Caymanas is creating a beautiful new space for weddings and events.



The clubhouse exudes rural charm, tranquility, and the grace of old estate Jamaica. There is a beautiful swimming pool, conference room, and banqueting facilities. The restaurant serves the best Jamaican cuisine and guests can sit in the bar and lounge in air-conditioned comfort or dine on one of the patios.

While traditional in style, every aspect of the clubhouse meets the modern expectations of the members and guests. It has full Wifi throughout and multiple big-screen televisions at strategic locations. The clubhouse is the heart of the club—a warm, welcoming and friendly place full of interesting people; whether for a cool drink at the end of a round or a long lunch with new business colleagues or old friends.

The course boasts a beautiful and mature par 72, 18-hole, 6,844-yard test from the blue tees. It features elevated tees and small greens with lush fairways meandering through craggy limestone hillocks.

Cottonwood and Guango trees, huge and intimidating, provide daunting natural hazards that protect the greens from anything but the best approach shots.

The tourism opportunity for this 60-year-old golf club has come with the completion of the North South Highway as Caymanas literally sits at the southern end of the highway. Now tourists in Ocho Rios are just a 45-minute drive away. Coupled with the growth of Kingston’s tourist market, the team believes the golf club is now a viable South Coast tourist attraction.

