

Press Release

For Immediate Release

“Gordon Brown Inducted Into the African American Golfers Hall of Fame”

Inner City Youth Golfers’ presented its “Inaugural African American Golfers Hall of Fame Golf Tournament, Auction & Celebration” during the period May 26-30, 2005 at the Bonaventure Resort in Weston, FL. The purpose of the “AAGHOF” is to celebrate and honor the history and achievements of African Americans in the game of golf.

The networking started as persons arrived from the airport when seeing their friends and meeting new ones. The educational workshop topics: Protecting, Financing & Marketing Your Invention or Product; International Trade, Tourism & Development and African American Women in Golf were very provocative and meaningful. The women’s roundtable touched on just the right topics which are frequently not discussed. It is the intent of the AAGHOF to give the ladies a platform that will enable them to grow.

Amidst all of the early daytime work and evening fun, we met new persons and made lots of great friends, corporate types, politicians, bankers, inventors, professional golfers, administrators, philosophers and poets. There were impromptu parties at anytime by the pool and in the lounge. Folk went to South Beach and other nearby places.

The team of John Booth, William J. Arvan, Patrick Carroll and Jim Riley won the two day golf tournament. The team of Gordon Brown, Avis Brown, Gary Branch and J. Johnson exemplified themselves in second place. The real winners however were our youth J. Johnson and Jeffery Cunningham who tried their best to carry their teams.

And yes, we culminated the event by celebrating the induction of the inaugural hall of fame class at our “Black Tie Reception, Auction & Dinner”: Gordon Brown, Sr.; Pete Brown; Arthur L. “Tut” Davis; Renee Fluker; Selina Johnson and William Powell. Posthumously honored for their contributions were Althea Gibson; Dr. George F. Grant and Herman “Mitch” Mitchell. Daughter Peggy Rhodes received on behalf of Teddy Rhodes and Thurman Simmons received on behalf of John Shippen. The first “Humanitarian Award” recipients were Gary Player; Richard F. Sebastian and Dr. Julius Taylor. Join us in Arizona for our second celebration. Special thanks to all of our “Friends and Supporters” but especially “Dodge.Chrysler.Jeep.”

“Celebrating the accomplishments of yesterday while paving the way for tomorrow.”