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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **African American Women Golfers Celebrate Their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** *The Browns Mill Women's Golf Association 20<sup>th</sup> Myrtle Beach Golf Tournament*



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*Myrtle Beach, North Carolina, June 9, 2018*----More than 275 African American women gathered from around the country on the sunny golf courses and languid lakes of Myrtle Beach, North Carolina. They came together to enjoy connecting with other women and to play in the 20<sup>th</sup> Browns Mills Women's Golf Tournament. From beginners to competitive players, tournament players are here to provide a women-friendly environment to encourage Black women to become more knowledgeable about the game of golf.

But, don't let the convivial atmosphere and well-dressed crowd fool you. There are some very serious and competitive players stepping onto the links at Sea Trails Golf Resort for the 2018 Browns Mill Women's Golf Association's (BMWGA) tournament. The women hail from 24 states including the District of Columbia. They are architects, physicians, attorneys, real estate developers, ministers, retirees, mothers and grandmothers. Each drawn to the BMWGA to fellowship with other women golfers, improve their game and trade secrets about living well and enjoying life.

The Tournament draws African American women golf associations from around the country, with such as the first African American women's golf club, the Wake-Robins Golf Club, which formed in 1937 to the newest club, Pearls and Pars from Washington, DC. Many have unique

names such as Sistahs Swinging Clubs, Lady Smashers, Women on the Green. Many sported their club colors, dressing in similar outfits, adding festive enjoyment to the three-day event.

At the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary BMWGA Gala, president, Felecia Dawson said, ‘the BMWGA Myrtle Beach Golf Tournament is the ultimate destination for African American women who love to play golf. We are thrilled to have nearly 300 golfers with us and welcome the more than 80 new tournament attendees, who have joined us this year. On the occasion of our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we are pleased to honor the Wake-Robins for their 80 years of helping African American Women to enter the game of golf.’”

“This tournament allows golfers to share information, improve their game, seek input, and suggest areas, which might benefit our entire golf community. We look forward to the ever-growing interest and influence of African American women golfers.”

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### **Media Availabilities**

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*The Browns Mill Women's Golf Association was founded in September 1996 in Atlanta, Georgia by a group of African American women interested in learning more about the game of golf. These eight women included Mattie Peterson, Beulah Moore, Robin Simmons, Mary Allen, Kim McLean, Evelyn Cummings, Yvonne Garrett, and Gloria Walker. The women sought the help of William Lewis, course manager and head pro at Browns Mill Golf Course, who, along with other instructors got the women started.*

*The League has continually expanded and welcomes new and experienced women golfers. Activities of the League include regular monthly play, weekly 9-hole play (Thurs), and frequent ad-hoc outings.*

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**Partial List of African American Women's Golf Clubs:**

*Wake Robins - Washington, DC*

*Browns Mill Women's Golf Association - Atlanta, GA*

*Pearls and Pars - Washington, DC*

*Sugar Creek Women's Golf Association - Atlanta, GA*

*South Shore Ladies - Chicago, IL*

*Ted Rhodes Ladies Golf Association - Tennessee*

*Sisters Who Swing*

*Sisters Across America*

*Top Lady Clubbers - Virginia*

*Ladies of Golf - Houston, TX*

*Ebony Ladies - Chicago, IL*

*Triangle Women in Golf - Raleigh / Durham, NC*

*Chicks with Sticks - Detroit, MI*

*Black Women Loving Golf*