The Cayman Islands Golf Association (CIGA) is pleased to support the R&A’s Women in Golf Charter.

Over its 26 year history CIGA has consistently had women as part of its Executive; serving in the roles of President, Treasurer and Secretary as well as on the General Committee. The current female representation is one woman on the committee of 9 holding the office of Secretary. When we staged the Caribbean Amateur Golf Championship in 2018, our Deputy Tournament Director was female as was the player logistics coordinator and a number of key volunteers.

Junior golf development on the island is strong. Whilst there are significantly more boys than girls in the programme, there are growing numbers of younger girls attending the sessions. We are proud to have two very accomplished girls (aged 14) who are the product of this programme, and who have represented Cayman at junior and senior level. We have also had two girls attend college in the USA on golf scholarships, both of whom had successful college careers, represented Cayman on the international stage and are role models for others.

The North Sound Golf Club was a signatory to Women’s Golf Day in 2017 and not only had an extremely successful event but ran an over subscribed ladies coaching programme in the weeks following.

We intend to show our support for the pledge by working with the two golf clubs on island and other golf tuition providers on the island in the following ways.

1. Working with the existing development programme
   - to increase the number of girls participating from the current approximate ratio of 80 -20 boys to girls.
   - investigating the idea of incorporating tuition for the mothers of juniors to encourage them to engage in the sport not just to support their young golfers but to play the game themselves.
   - continuing to explore opportunities to provide high-level coaching and competitive golf opportunities for the elite female golfers.

2. To advocate for support of the Women’s Golf Day initiative on the island and to assist with any follow-up events tailored to the target demographic.

3. We will continue to actively encourage and support increased female representation and involvement with administration of golf in Cayman through CIGA at executive, subcommittee and volunteer levels.

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