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TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Kathie G. Brooks, Interim City Manager *Kathie G. Brooks*
DATE: December 17, 2012

SUBJECT: 2012 South Beach International Amateur Golf Tournament

The Administration is pleased to inform you that the City of Miami Beach Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with Professional Golf Management (PCM), the City's golf management company, will be hosting the second "South Beach International Amateur Golf Tournament (SBIA) on Sunday, December 16th through Friday, December 21st, 2012, at the Miami Beach and Normandy Shores Golf Clubs. The Co-Chairmen of this amateur championship will be the world famous golf instructor Jim McLean and Johnny LaPonzinna, past President and Hall of Fame Inductee of the South Florida Professional Golf Association (PGA).

The 2011 South Beach International Amateur became the highest ranked inaugural amateur golf tournament in the history of world tournament rankings (#47 worldwide) and it is projected that, based on the strength of this year's field, the tournament will move into the "Top 30" in the worldwide rankings.

In 2011, the starting field of contestants was comprised of 166 qualified amateurs, including 28 of the "Top 600", from 14 countries. The 2012 starting field will be made up of 198 qualified amateurs with handicaps of three or less, including 50 of the "Top 600" representing 24 countries. It should also be noted that the event had a waiting list of 60 golfers who were not able to participate due to a full field. After the preliminary rounds on Tuesday and Wednesday, the top seventy-two (72) players, plus ties, move on to the final two rounds at the Miami Beach Golf Club. The 2011 SBIA generated over 700 hotel room nights, and it is anticipated this number will exceed 900 this year.

The following is a schedule for this exciting tournament:

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- Sunday December 16th – Practice rounds begin at 10:00 am at both courses.
- Monday, December 17th – Practice rounds at both courses
- Tuesday, December 18th – Round 1 tee times begin at both courses at 7:30 A.M.
- Wednesday, December 19th – Round 2 tee times at both courses at 7:30 A.M.
- Thursday, December 20th – Round 3 tee times at the MBGC, 8:00 A.M.
- Friday, December 21st – Round 4 tee times at MBGC, 8:00 A.M.
- Awards Ceremony at approximately 4:30 P.M. at the MBGC

Please note, beginning Sunday, December 16th through Wednesday, December 19, 2012, both golf courses will be closed for play by the club members and general public. The Normandy Golf Club will reopen on December 20th on a regular schedule, and the Miami Beach Golf Club will reopen for member and public play on Saturday, December 22, 2012.

Please take some time out of your busy schedules to come out to our world class golf courses to view first-hand some of the world class golf played by the future of the PGA!

If you have additional questions please contact Kevin Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation at 6643.