



RBC Cordova Bay
Invitational

SPECIAL GUESTS - OFFICAL STARTERS

We are pleased to welcome these gentlemen who have and continue to represent, develop, and promote the game of golf in Victoria.

Jim Rutledge -

A past Canadian Juvenile and Junior Champion, Jim turned professional in 1978. For the first 20 years of his career, Jim would play on the Asian Tour and European Tours. Jim's best finish on the Asian Tour money list was third in 1994. He has finished third on the Canadian Tour's Order of Merit three times. He is one of the winningest players in Canadian Tour history, winning six times on tour. Jim competed on the Web.com tour from 2001, capturing the 2006 ING New Zealand PGA Championship, which propelled him to finish 14th on the money list, earning him his PGA Tour card for 2007. Since turning 50 on August 26, 2009, Jim has competed on the Champions Tour, with 6 top ten finishes to his credit. Jim still competes periodically on the Champions Tour while being active in local golf.

Rick Gibson -

Rick's career in professional golf began following an All American performance at Brigham Young University. Rick is a multiple tour winner having captured titles on the Canadian Tour, Asian Tour, Japan Golf Tour, and most recently the European Senior Tour 'Bag Ragaz PGA Seniors Open' in 2014. Rick also had the opportunity to represent Canada at the World Cup on 6 occasions and the Dunhill Cup on three occasions, including the 1994 winning team (with Dave Barr and Ray Stewart) that defeated the US Team of Fred Couples, Curtis Strange, and Tom Kite. Rick currently shares his passion and knowledge working with elite junior players to further develop their skills in Manilla, Philippines.

Bob Russell -

Bob Russell was a competitive junior and collegiate golfer who had the benefit of being introduced to the game in one of the best junior programs in the country at that time (a very long time ago). While in university he established the first junior program at what was then his home course (Catarauqui Golf and CC in Kingston, Ontario). And his parents, Art and Alice Russell devoted nearly 20 years to organizing the junior golf program at Nanaimo Golf and Country Club. A former public servant and now an independent businessman, he is very committed to creating opportunities for young people to play the game that has given so much to him.



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