The first day of the 111th Trinidad & Tobago Open was played at the St Andrews Golf Club in Moka, Maraval in beautiful conditions. The golf course was immaculate, even with this there were the usual complaints from some of the golfers about the pin positions on the tricky greens.

Trinidad & Tobago’s Chris Richards led the way amongst the professionals with a score of 74, in 2nd is Canadian Dustin Risdon who 76. Ben Martin shot 77 with Matthew Marquez and Barbadian Bobby Edgehill both shooting 78. The top 3 players get the chance to play in the Jamaican Classic a Latinoamerican Tour event starting on April 30th.

In the Championship division three players share the first day lead, national player Sam Avey, national junior Ryan Peters and Gabriel Vanososte from the USA all three shooting 76 Jonathan Millen follows with 78 and former national footballer Russel Latapy on 79.

There is also a trip to Jamaica for the best Junior in the 16-19 age group in the Championship division, this is currently led by Ryan Peters with 76.

In the first flight, who played from the Blue tees Omesh Dinanath leads the way shooting 78 with last years’ runner up Junior Charles once again in the hunt with a 79.

In the second flight playing from the white tees Eddie Fernandes with an 84 leads the way from Nandlal Ramlakhan, Richard Lutchman and Eun Dae Lee

In the Seniors division Dave Rajkumar is in the lead shooting a fine 75, he leads by one stroke from the defending champion who had a 76 Adrian Sampson.

The Super Seniors has three players tied for the lead with Defending Champion Fabien Lee Foon, John Hale and Barbadian Richie Alleyne who is making his 48th appearance in the Trinidad & Tobago Open all shooting 81.

The Presidents Cup is led by Trinidad & Tobago’s pair of Sam Avey 76 and Richard “Pecos” Camacho 80 for a 156 total. Barbados is in second place with Iz Hustler 79 and Xzavier Wiggins 85 for a 164 total.