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109th Trinidad and Tobago Open Amateur Golf Championship & President’s Cup

Trinidad & Tobago, Port of Spain: 109 years ago…..yes a very long time! The Trinidad and Tobago Open was first played and won by Mr. E C. Wilson. He defended his title in 1908 and 1910. To think that this prestigious tournament was once held at our Queen’s Park Savannah then moved and stayed at the St. Andrew’s Golf Club, Moka, Maraval.

Through the years….there have been many winners and their names have been etched in the books, the likes of Peter Arrindell, Cliff Hinds, John Sellier, Robert ‘Teddy’, Damian Hale, Stephen Ames, Robert Charlotte, Anthony Gill, Carlos ‘Sexy’ Baynes, Brian Grell. Ben Martin held the title for quite some time of the youngest player to have ever won the Open until 2014 when fifteen year old Sachin Kumar won at the same age.

There were other notable inclusions to this elite event, last year commenced the Ladies Championship category won by Antiguan Ms. Kimesha Anthony and the youngest ever junior golfer to participate 10 year old Zico Correia who played in the Second Flight.

We welcome the many golfers participating from various countries i.e. Canada, England, USA, Ireland, Australia and many of our regional comrades.

Unfortunately, the defending champion and President’s Cup winner James Johnson from Barbados would not be taking part this year, which leaves the other hopefuls Sol Joanni, Clint Alfred, Liam Bryden, Deryck Gonzales, Sachin Kumar and Antiguan Omorry James to mention a few for a chance of becoming the new Champ.

The winner of the First flight Sherisse Rampersad is now amongst the players in the Championship flight leaving the title up for grabs. The winners Robert Ottley 2nd Flight, Dave Rajkumar Seniors division & Louis De Meillac Super Seniors would be defending their titles.

Once again Angostura Limited has stepped forward to sponsor the anticipated ‘Hole in One’ prize of $160,000.00 TT, which was won last year by Thomas Peebles from Scotland.
Sponsorship of this event is critical and the need to thank the corporate entities is mandatory. Special thanks to The Caribbean Bottlers (Trinidad & Tobago) Limited, Yamaha, First Citizens Bank Limited, Pan American, JZ Energy.