TTGA JUNIORS SKILLS CHALLENGE

The TTGA in conjunction with St Andrews Golf Club ran the first ever Junior Skills Challenge today Monday 14th December. The event started at 9:30 at the St Andrews Golf Course with 32 juniors taking part.

The juniors were divided into teams of 4; these teams were made as equal as possible with the best players being the captains. The remaining juniors were divided into three categories according to ability and one from each was added to each team.

The skills included putting where each player from a team hits a putt and the total distance from the hole is added together. The individual putting champion was Serena Mackenzie and the Eagles team made up of Ryan Peters, Justin KUBLASINGH, Cloe ADJODHA and JL CHEVROTIERE were the best team, the team with the lowest total wins the skill. The same was done from the bunker and the individual winner Karina Matabadal and the winning team was the Scarlet Ibis team Serena Mackenzie, Arion Young, Akelon Ray and Fionnula Mike.

The long drive entailed each player hitting a tee shot, with the team with the longest total distance being the winner. The drive must have finished in the designated landing area the individual winner was Serena Mackenzie and the Humming Birds team of Justin LLanos Samantha Juteram, J. Genisis Boordram and Adam Lum Hee gained the most distance.

The finale was the Relay race; team strategy played a big part in this. As each member of the team was allowed one club, one hit the tee shot, the second player hit the second shot from where the tee shot finished with the third and fourth players doing the same. The team with the lowest score in the fastest time will be the winner and this turned out to be the Scarlet Ibis team who finished with a score of 7 shots in a time of 1 minute and 44 seconds. A lot of fun was had by all the players in this event because as no team finished the hole with a par 4 all had to hit at least 2 shots and putt with their drivers etc. This was the first event of this kind to be held in Trinidad & Tobago and the TTGA expects it become a very popular addition to the golfing calendar.
Players finishing relay
The winning Scarlet Ibis team
Competitors waiting to tee off