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The first day of the 112th Trinidad & Tobago Open was played at the St Andrews Golf Club in Moka, Maraval in beautiful conditions the golf course considering last years’ wet season and the dry dry season was in great condition.

Trinidad & Tobago’s Chris Richards led the way amongst the professionals with a score of 68(4 under par), in 2ND is last years’ Open winner Canadian Dustin Risdon with 69(3 under). Ben Martin shot 71 to lie in 3rd place, with Talin Rajendranath and Juan Arrazola next on 72. The top 3 players get the chance to play in the Jamaican Classic a Latinoamerican Tour event starting in May.

In the Championship Division Wan Ju Lee leads the way shooting a level par 72, one stroke behind is defending champion Gabriel Vanososte on 73. Ryan Peters and Barbadian Xzavier Wiggins follow on 75, with Jonathan Millen and national junior Chris Richards Jnr on 76.

In the first flight, who played from the Blue tees Luke De Freitas leads a tightly bunched pack shooting 78 to lead by one stroke from Junior Charles, Ryan Gomez and Rodney Phillip all who shot 79. A further one stroke back on 80 are Phillip Subero and Paul Taylor. Canada’s Brian Muir is on 81.

In the second flight playing from the white tees National Junior player Dravid Bhim shooting his best ever score a 73 leads the way. In second place is a teammate of his from last years’ Caribbean Junior Championships, Jean-Marc Chevrotierre who shot a 78. Perennial prize winner Nandlal Ramlakhan is third with 80, a further shot behind is Sepp Koster from Curacao.

The Seniors’ division is led by Richard “Pecos” Camacho who shot 72, followed by Krisha Narine with 76 and Mahendra Rajkumar who shot 77.

The Super Seniors defending Champion Fabien Lee Foon leads the way with an outstanding 75, Ronald Aguilar is in second after shooting an 80, Soorooj Harripersad is a further stroke behind with 81. Barbadian Richie Alleyne who is making his 49th appearance in the Trinidad & Tobago Open shot a competitive 84.

The Presidents Cup is led by Trinidad & Tobago’s pair of Wan Ju Lee 72 and last years’ Amateur winner Gabriel Vanonoste 73 for a 145 total. Barbados is in second place Xzavier Wiggins shot 75 his partner Julian Jordon an 81 for a 156 total.