



## THE REPUBLIC BANK CARIBBEAN JUNIOR OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017

Hosted at: ST ANDREWS GOLF CLUB, MOKA, MARAVAL

### MEDIA RELEASE

The 8<sup>th</sup> Republic Bank Caribbean Junior Open came to a close today on the beautiful St Andrews Golf Course in Moka, Maraval. The 101 juniors who played all had a great time and thanks must go to Republic Bank for their continued sponsorship of this championship and St Andrews Golf Club for the loan of their Golf Club & Course.

The story of the day today was the scintillating play of Sam Avey who today shot the only subpar round of the tournament a brilliant 69 for a total of 226 today to overhaul the overnight leader Jonathan Jean-Noel of Guadeloupe 229. In third place was Barbadian Iz Hustler on 242.

Serena Mackenzie the defending Champion in the girls 16-17 age group defended her title with aplomb winning by 17 strokes from Karina Marabadal 245 strokes to 262.

In the boys 14 to 15 age group pre-tournament favorite Barbadian Xavier Wiggins led from start to finish shooting a total of 234 (77,77,80). Fellow Barbadian Oziah Layne followed in second place with a total of 246.

The girl's 14-15 age Yeji Lee had the best score by any girl today shooting a fine 76. Yeji's total of 244 beat second placed Zoe Correia by 16 strokes 260.

The 11-13 boys had a lot of excitement with a ding dong tussle between Chris Richards Jnr and Zico Correia. Richards led by two strokes going into the final round, but shot 82 to tie Zico who had an 80 today. Zico actually had a chance to win on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole but 3 putted so went into a sudden death playoff with Chris Jnr. Zico had a 5 on the first playoff hole to a six by Chris so Zico was crowned the under 13 champion.

The girls 13 and under Barbadian Emily Odwin continued to dominate shooting a total score of 263. She beat fellow Barbadian Eryn Blakely whom finished on a total of 272.. Augustina Rebolledo from the Turks & Caicos finished in third place with a score of 286.

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