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SOL & SERENA TAKES REPUBLIC BANK CARIBBEAN JUNIOR OPEN GOLF TITLES

Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, April 1, 2016: **Sol Joanni and Serena Mackenie** “putt” their way to victory to earn the titles of **2016 Republic Bank Caribbean Junior Golf Open** champs, at Friday’s (April 1st) closing ceremony which was held at the St. Andrew’s Golf Course, Moka, Maraval.

The tournament which ran for three (3) days saw young golfers from Barbados, Guadeloupe, Jamaica, U.S. Virgin Islands & St. Thomas, come up against their Caribbean counterparts. Serena Mackenzie ended with a total of 258 to win by one stroke from Karina Matabadal in the girls’ age 16-17 category title. While Sol Joanni of Tobago ended his tournament with a score of 236, to claim his 1st title in the tournament. Sol beat Christian Mason of Barbados and Ryan Peters who finished tied 2nd on 248.

Addressing the audience, Republic Bank’s General Manager, Internal Audit, Anthony Subero, said the Bank was honoured to do its part in promoting team work, sportsmanship and the fostering of strong bonds among the nation and the regions, junior golf communities. “It is our belief that we justly reward their efforts and take a more proactive role in shaping of their futures, not only towards positive outcomes, but also be exemplars to other youth”.

Subero added, that the past three days has been a testament to the golfers’ passion and dedication to the sport. This year marks the 15th consecutive year of Republic Bank’s sponsorship of this event.

In other results, Sarah Ramphal was the 1st in the 14-15 girls followed in second by Daniela Chipchase and third place Zoe Correia. Jonathan Jean Noel of Guadeloupe won the boys 14-15 and was followed by 2 Barbadian Juniors Zxavier Wiggins in 2nd and Iz Hustler in 3rd. Pierre Garcia of Guadeloupe was the runnerway winner in the boys 11-13 age group with Zico Correia placed 2nd with Maxime Jalbert of Guadeloupe in 3rd. Emily Odwin of Barbados won the 11-13 girls division with Ye Ji Lee finished 2nd and Samantha Juteram finishing 3rd 3rd

Also in attendance in the closing were Mr. Michael Phillips, Chairman of The Sport Company of Trinidad and Tobago and The President of the TTGA Mr. Clyde Abder.

As part of the Bank's corporate social responsibility, Republic Bank recognise that the game of golf has contributed to the empowerment and development of the young people of Trinidad and Tobago, and thus has found its home as part of our **Power to Make a Difference** programme.

Republic Bank is proud of the young golfers and encourages them to continue to strive for excellence.

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