

## The 32<sup>nd</sup> TT Ladies Golf Open Tees off This Week

Yeji Lee will try to make it 3 in a row when she tees off on Saturday 15 February in the 32<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Trinidad and Tobago Ladies Amateur Golf Open, which will be held at the St Andrews Course in Moka, Maraval. It is the premier event for female golfers in the country, creating an atmosphere of both competition and fellowship. Golfers from Curacao, Barbados and old friends from Surinam will also be in the field. The week of golf tees off on Thursday with a Corona Beer sponsored one day 18-hole stableford format, in which all players will compete against each other based on their handicaps.

The Ladies Open event on Saturday and Sunday will be played in 3 handicap flights and accommodates golfers of all skill levels and all ages. This year, Nestle and Caribbean Bottlers T&T have provided much needed sponsorship of the event. Yeji Lee who is still just 16 is now a scratch golfer and this year her main rival will be Sarah Ramphal, who won the Brechin Castle Open golf title in early January. This tournament will count towards rankings for selection on National teams for the Caribbean Championships and other regional and international competitions later in the year.

Other young golfers have made huge improvements over the past year. Among them are Chloe Ajodha, Azariah Joseph and Jada Charles, Chloe now campaigning in the 1<sup>st</sup> flight and Azariah and Jada in 2<sup>nd</sup> flight. The threesome have graduated from the 3<sup>rd</sup> flight and played well in the BC Open as well.

The tournament is played over 2 days and will end on Sunday. The golf course conditions are beginning to dry out after the prolonged wet season, but the weather outlook is mixed for the weekend, not dis-similar to last year's conditions. The greens at Moka as always testing, no matter the weather and will, as usual, test all players and have a big impact on scores. The 1<sup>st</sup> tee- time on Saturday will be 9:30a when the 3<sup>rd</sup> flight set off.

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