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CHRIS Jnr & YEJI TAKES REPUBLIC BANK CARIBBEAN JUNIOR OPEN GOLF TITLES

Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, April 11, 2019: **Chris Richards Jnr and Yeji Lee** “play” their way to victory to earn the titles of **2019 Republic Bank Caribbean Junior Golf Open** champs, at Thursday’s (April 11th) 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 Trinidad & Tobago come up against juniors from Antigua Barbados, & St.Lucia, come up against their Caribbean counterparts. Yeji Lee ended with a total of 235 to win by eighteen strokes from country woman Sarah Ramphal Matabadal in the girls’ age 16-17 category. Yeji also won the prize as overall girls champions.. While Xzavier Wiggins of Barbados ended his tournament with a score of 230, to claim the title in the 16-17 age group. Zxavier beat Trinidads Brandon Matabadal into 2nd with Tobago’s Reyaz Rambarran in third position.

Chris Richards Jnr won the 14-15 age group with a 230 total which left him 7 strokes ahead of Zico Correia on 237. In third was Jean-Marc Chevrotierre on 250. Chris Richards Jnr and Zxavier Wiggins both had the same overall score so had a playoff for the overall champion, this was won by Richards with a birdie 3 on the first play off hole.

Republic Bank’s General Manager Anna-Maria Garcia Brooks, 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”.

Garcia-Brooks added, that the past three days has been a testament to the golfers’ passion and dedication to the sport. This year marks the 18th consecutive year of Republic Bank’s sponsorship of this event.

In other results, Emily Odwin of Barbados was the 1st in the 14-15 girls with 247 followed in second by Jada Charles and third place Azariah Joseph.. Ethan Hill was the runner way winner on 258 in the boys 11-13 age group with Barbadian Quinton Heljeneck placing 2nd and Jerseem Boodram in 3rd. Chloe Ajodha won the 11-13 girls division with Faatimah Emamalie finishing second.

In attendance were Mrs Garcia-Brooks of Republic Bank and Mr Chris Aird also of Republic Bank. With Douglas Ammon the President of the TTGA Mr. Clyde Abder immediate past president, Glenn Redhead Vice President, and Mr Selby Brown of NLCB. Mr Mervyn Wattley Treasurer of The Caribbean Golf Association and Mr Trenton Weekes Tournament Coordinator of the CGA..

As part of the Bank’s corporate social responsibility, Republic Bank recognize 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.

The Trinidad & Tobago Golf Association is proud to partner with Republic Bank and are proud of the young golfers and encourages them to continue to strive for excellence.