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T&T's Chris Richards wins US Golf Teachers Cup



Port-of-Spain, Trinidad – 5th November, 2014 - Trinidad and Tobago's Christopher Richards won a thrilling three-way playoff to lift the Open Division of the US Golf Teachers Cup for the second time at Boulder Creek Golf Club, at Boulder City, Nevada.

Richards, the 2010 champion, finished tied at two-under 142 with Americans Cole Golden and Mark Startup to go into a sudden-death playoff.

The Carenage-born golfer sank a 25-foot birdie putt to tie the first extra hole with Golden, who had hit his approach shot to four feet from the hole.

However, Golden bogeyed the second sudden-death hole and Richards got par to take the title. Trinidad and Tobago pro Anthony Benny finished 10th in the Super Seniors Division with scores of 81 and 74.

Richards has enjoyed success at the tournament before.

He won the title in 2010 with a brilliant gate-to-wire run, after runner-up finishes in 2006 and 2009.

In 2007, Richards won the individual championship of the 8th biennial World Golf Teachers Cup, the largest international competition for golf teaching professionals ever held. He led Team Caribbean to the team title that year also at Boulder City, Nevada.

In so doing, Richards set both an 18-hole and 36-hole tournament scoring record, firing an opening round 67 at Boulder Creek Golf Course en route to a two-round total of 138. The United States Golf Teachers Cup is the annual national championship event of the United States Golf Teachers Federation (USGTF).

The tournament has been held at premier golf courses throughout the United States, adding to its popularity.

A full field of 156 or more golfers from all over the world is generally on hand to compete in this most prestigious event.

Divisions of play include Open, Senior (50+), Super Senior (60+), and Ladies.

A purse featuring \$25,000 or more in prize money is one of the many perks of the event.

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