



# TOBAGO HOSPITALITY & TOURISM INSTITUTE

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### **3rd Annual THTI Taste of Tobago Golf Classic Delivers Unmatched Golfing and Hospitality Experience**

**MT. ST. GEORGE, TOBAGO, April 5, 2022:** Mt. St. George, Tobago April 5, 2022 – The Tobago Hospitality & Tourism Institute (THTI) hosted golfers, corporate partners and guests at the Magdalena Grand Beach and Golf Resort for the 3rd Annual Taste of Tobago Golf Classic on April 2nd and 3rd for a weekend of superb golfing and hospitality experience.

From inception in 2018, this event has remained extremely popular among the national golfing fraternity. This year's event was fully subscribed with 82 golfers playing in teams of 2 (two) as well as a waiting list.

A spectacular showcase of culinary and hospitality was delivered throughout the weekend, with golfers and guests being presented an array of a fusion of indigenous and traditional Tobagonian delicacies and designs prepared by Chefs Dense Stewart and Sonia Phillip of the Tobago Hospitality and Tourism Institute and THTI Alumni Chefs Danielle Stewart of Frontline Flavours and Sade Baird of Sade's Dessert Garden. A perennial feature of every edition of the Taste of Tobago Golf Classic is the creation of a Signature Cocktail in honour of the Headline Sponsor. For 2022, the honour fell to Headline Sponsor Digicel Business. Former THTI Food & Beverage lecturer and owner of "Just Wines" Errol Thomas, in collaboration with students created a one-of-a-kind Campari and coconut rum cocktail, which was served "Shaken or Stirred" throughout the weekend.

On the golf course, the golfers from across the country enjoyed 2 days of hot but breezy golfing. The top scoring female team went to Jacqueline Crawford and Vindra Dhanraj. The team of David Sebastien and James Mathlin took 1st place, father and son team Samuel and Lorenzo Kent were 2nd while Terrence Kalloo and Ahamad Ali secured 3rd place. Best youth golfer was 13-year old Daron Dhanraj who played alongside his father Rajindra Dhanraj.

The event also included a Junior Golf Development Programme which kicked the weekend off on Friday April 1st 2022 in partnership with the Ricky Campbell Golf Academy. This entailed a



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5-hole competition for the older children as well as a drive, chip and putt demonstration for the youngest participants. Altogether, 47 Tobago youngsters participated in the Friday programme while proud parents and guardians looked on. THTI's commitment to this cause extends beyond the event since some of the proceeds of the tournament will be directed to support the continued efforts of the Ricky Campbell Junior Golf Academy throughout the year.

The prize-giving ceremony on Sunday April 3rd, 2022 was equally rewarding to the players, with lucrative prizes from the 2022 Taste of Tobago Golf Classic Sponsors - Headline Sponsor: Digicel Business; Gold Sponsor: National Lotteries Control Board (NLCB); Silver Sponsors: China Jiangsu International, Republic Bank Ltd, Office of the Prime Minister Sport and Culture Fund, Carib Brewery and our Corporate Sponsors: QCD Construction, House of Angostura and AMCO.

Altogether 9 team and individual prizes were awarded, ranging from hotel weekend stays, complimentary entries to upcoming tournaments, to premium rum hampers and personal golf accessories. Presenting the prizes from Digicel Business: Mr. Jerren Lewis (Head of Sales Marketing at Digicel Business) Mr. Shakka Subero (Head of Government, Digicel Business) Georgina Peterkin Sales Manager as well as Ms. Susan Worrell Marketing Manager for NLCB

At the prize-giving ceremony the CEO, Dr. Stephen Sheppard recognized and thanked the many volunteers, staff, companies and associations who came out to support this event.

The THTI Taste of Tobago Golf Classic is an annual event designed to raise the profile of Tobago's hospitality and tourism industry while generating funds to strengthen THTI's capacity to deliver programmes which support the industry. The event also creates an opportunity for tourism and hospitality students to showcase their talents on a grand stage, shining a light on the career opportunities in the industry.

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### **ABOUT THTI**

The Tobago Hospitality and Tourism Institute (THTI) is Tobago's premier tertiary education institution that develops human capital for the economy's hospitality, tourism, and related sectors. THTI was founded in 1997 to address the need for trained professionals to compete in a globally competitive market alongside other Caribbean islands. In 2009, THTI became the first indigenous Tobago institution to be registered with the Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago (ACTT). THTI attained ACTT Institutional Accreditation status in 2014 and again in 2019. Located on a 100-acre estate of pristine forest lands overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, THTI's sprawling campus is nestled within farming and fishing communities of Mount St. George, Tobago. The Institute offers many short courses in Tourism; Culinary Arts, Hospitality and Food & Beverage alongside its accredited Associate Degree Programmes.



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