



# CARIBBEAN AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

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## Opening Ceremony Officially Inaugurates the Championships

**St. Kitts (Aug. 7, 2012)** – The 56<sup>th</sup> RBC Caribbean Amateur Golf Championships officially began on Tuesday evening with a splendid Opening Ceremony at the Marriott St. Kitts Resort, adjacent the Royal St. Kitts Golf Club.

The ceremony, which began with each participating country's players marching behind their nation's flag, brought together the region's best golfers and golf organizers to celebrate the sport. Under the watchful eye of Governor-General Sir Cuthbert Sebastian, who graced the ceremony with his presence and had a front-row seat for the proceedings, the Caribbean Golf Association welcomed one and all to its marquee event.

Outgoing CGA president Asraph Ali remarked on how the tournament represents the best that the game has to offer. "The successes of exciting young players are key for developing the sport and attracting players of all ages and from different walks of life. These championships are a shining example of that," said Ali. "I'm confident that our Championship this year will be exciting, competitive and enjoyable. The golf course is in excellent condition and we have the highest caliber of amateur golfers in the region," he added.

Ali also thanked RBC for its title sponsorship and support of the Birdies for Charity program, which will potentially bring thousands of dollars to each participating nation's designated charitable organization.

For his part, RBC representative Anthony Shaw highlighted his company's commitment to golf and to this event. "On behalf of RBC, I'd like to say that we look forward to the next few days and we extend our best wishes to the organizing committee for a successful tournament," he said.



*James Teale addresses the crowd at the Opening Ceremony.*

## Teale, others, inducted into Hall of Fame

Tuesday's event also included the induction ceremony for the inaugural class of the Caribbean Golf Association Hall of Fame. While valued contributors to the game of golf, such as Erik Hoerman, Peter Hale, and Robert Grell were inducted posthumously or in absentia, the CGA was proud to personally honor James Teale, founder of the Puerto Rico Golf Association.

"I'm very honored, I'm very proud and I'm very happy to be here with you," said Teale. "The golf I know is people like you, learning the game, enjoying the game, playing the game and making friends. And that to me, and I'm sure to Dr. Hoerman, is a thing that warms our hearts."

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