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## Scotiabank Expands Sponsorship of Amateur Tennis Championship to Pros

The Scotiabank Amateur Tennis Championship will return to the Liguanea Club for the fifth staging, come June 8-16, 2007. Scotiabank has renewed and expanded its sponsorship of the amateur tournament, which has been a ‘fixture’ at the Liguanea Club since 2002. This year, the Bank has responded to the growing popularity of the event to sponsor a new **top 16 invitational tournament**, which is the first in a series of four (4) professional level tournaments being offered to allow the masters to showcase their talent.

The 2007 renewal of the tournament was officially announced on Tuesday, June 5, 2007 at the Liguanea Club in New Kingston at a cheque presentation ceremony. The weeklong ‘**top 16 invitational tournament**’ is scheduled to begin on Friday June 8, 2007 at 10:00am, while the Amateur leg will officially begin on Monday, June 11, 2007. The entire tournament will culminate on Saturday June 16, 2007.

The Amateur Tournament has attracted wide participation, attracting a new high of over 180 entrants in the respective categories, which include the **Men’s Class 1, 2 and 3 Doubles, the Amateur Open Singles and the Mixed Doubles.**

Llockett McGregor, organizer of the series explained that the tournament has now become a well-known name in the Tennis arena. “This event is now recognized as an opener to the summer season and has attracted several amateurs and masters. The new

masters leg will help us to both unearth talent and expose the amateurs to the advanced skills of the masters, developing their individual proficiency and raising the level of the game across Jamaica.”

Audrey Tugwell Henry, Vice President of Retail and Electronic Banking at the Bank explained the rationale for Scotiabank’s continued support. “ We have renewed our sponsorship for the event as it continues to improve each year and command even more attention. The Bank also sees Tennis as a sport with potential and a strong level of support among youngsters and the more mature. We believe it is a healthy wholesome activity that builds teamwork and can go a far way in developing our people, showcasing them locally and internationally.”

The closing date for entries to both tournaments is Wednesday, June 6, 2007.

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