

2016 Latin America Amateur Championship

2016 LATIN AMERICA AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS Special Coverage (*by Kreativo Sports News & Management*)
On stage this week (June 14-17) at Casa de



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Campo in the Dominican Republic, the *Latin America Amateur Championship* (www.laacgolf.com) hosted by the USGA (www.usga.org), the R&A (www.randa.org) and The Masters (www.masters.com) showcases a total of four (4) amateur golfers representing Puerto Rico on the field of 107 amateurs representing a total of 27 countries invited to test their skills at the famed Teeth-of-the-Dog, and were the winners earn a spot into the 2016 Masters. Including 2015 PRGA Amateur Champion, *Robert "Robi" Calvesbert*, four players currently ranked at the World Amateur Golf Ranking, (www.wagr.com), including *Erick Juan Morales*, *Jerónimo Esteve* and *José O. Rodríguez*, are enjoying for the second time in a row from the unique experience that the #LAAC2016 and its organizers and host has to offer while #creatingheroes. The inaugural event of @Laac_golf was played at Pilar Golf Club in Argentina, while next year's event was announced to be hosted by Club de Golf de Panamá in 2017.

Summary of Puerto Rico's final round at #LAAC2016 / Costa

Rica's Paul Chaplet wins at Casa de Campo



Round 4 Recap - Casa de Campo, DR - After four rounds and 72 holes of golf at the Latin America Amateur Championship, Jerónimo Esteve emerged as the amateur player from Puerto Rico with a final score of 296 strokes (+8). Esteve who teed-off today from No. 10 and recorded an even par 72 as his best score of the week, played along with Erick Morales (+11) after both were tied 37th before the final round at Casa de Campo.

Central America took the spotlight at the LAAC this year as 16-year old **Paul Chaplet (-3)**, (pictured below) youngest player on the field, kept his game fine tuned twhile who playing among the leaders during the final round to emerge as the winner and earn the Champion Title on Sunday.



As one of the four (4) players invited from his native country Costa Rica, Paul managed the pressure of being among the final groups on Sunday. As he recovered from a rough finish on the previous day Chaplet truly enjoyed the opportunity of having his well-known friend Alvaro Russi as his caddie on the bag to offer advice and keep him focused. By winning the 2016 edition of the The Latin America Amateur Championship, (www.laacgolf.com) as an elite WAGR (www.wagr.com) event organized and hosted by the United States Golf Association (www.usga.org), the Royal & Ancient Golf Club (www.randa.org) and The Masters (www.masters.com), Chaplet receives an invitation to play at the 2016 Masters Championship. Jorge García (-2) from Venezuela, a teammate of Argentina's and favorite Alejandro Tosti (-1), missed a putt on No.18 that could send him off along with Chaplet into a play-off. Despite of not winning the coveted title, García received an important distinction as the runner-up along with various special invitations into the qualifying events for the most important amateur championships of the world; the US and the British Amateur. Third local player on the field "Robi" Calvesbert, move down the leaderboard as he finished with a 5-over par 77 during the last round, which unfortunately included 5 bogeys. Despite of a "rough finish", PR's Amateur Champion Calvesbert was thrilled about the experience to once again represent his country and enjoy the experience of playing the championship at Casa de Campo's along with his caddie Michelle Ortega. For more info. and Final Results: www.laacgolf.com

Morales and Esteve tied at +8 after third round / Argentina's Bertinotti tops leaderboard

Round 3 Recap - Casa de Campo, DR – *While Jerónimo Esteve kept a steady pace with rounds of 74,75,74 strokes for an accumulated total of 224, Erick Morales saw a third round score soar to a 79, (+7) which along his opening 69 and a 76 on the second day, earning both players a tie on 37th place with Jaime López Rivarola from Argentina.*



On moving day Saturday, it was Venezuela's Jorge García (-4) a winner of the AJGA's 2013 PR Junior Open that granted him a PGA TOUR start and that's year Puerto Rico Open who slowly climbed to the top of the leaderboard and now sits only one stroke behind third round leader Gaston Bertinotti from Argentina, who finished at -5 under par going into final round on Sunday. Third place belongs to Alejandro

Tosti (-3) who's being a favorite candidate to win this since the inaugural edition at Pilar Golf Club in his home country in 2015. Robert "Robi" Calvesbert, who manage to make the cut of the field of latinamerican amateur players participating from the #LAAC2016, added a 75 (+3) today to his accumulated total of 225 strokes with 54 holes of championship golf played at Casa de Campo. The Latin America Amateur Championship, (www.laacgolf.com) an elite regional championship organized and hosted by the United States Golf Association (www.usga.org), the Royal & Ancient Golf Club (www.randa.org) and The Masters (www.masters.com), became in only one year and based on the happenings at the Dominican Republic over the last few days, in a sports media trending topic with over 30 media outlets and some 140+'s countries around the world enjoying the live coverage and amazing views of this year's host site. There are 18 more holes to go before we get to know who will join Chile's Matías Domínguez in the historical record of LAAC's Champions, and the one who will receive an invitation into the 2016 Masters. Final round will be on Sunday, Jan.17 and the Awards Presentation is scheduled to take place on the 18th green at Casa de Campo Resort. For more info. and Official Results: www.laacgolf.com

Three out of four local amateurs makes LAAC2016 cut and will play during the weekend

Round 2 Recap - Casa de Campo, DR - Despite a bumpy second round were early morning bogeys broke in on Friday, Erick Morales (+1) finished with a total of 76 strokes managing to remain among the Top20 scores of the Leaderboard and the best place within the group of local amateur participating from the #LAAC2016.



Out of the 27 countries represented, Colombia, Argentina and Bolivia *respectively* represented by Nicolas Echavarria (-7), Alejandro Tosti (-4) and José Luis Montaña (-3), are currently into the fight for the first place and the coveted championship title that guarantee to the winner, an invitation into the 2016 Masters championship in Augusta, GA. Meanwhile, Jero Esteve (+5) who admitted to be unable to putt the ball in his favor finished tied in 43rd place while Robi Calvesbert (+6) pulled off consecutive pars on the last few holes in order to make the cut established by the Tournament Committee. Fourth player José O. Rodríguez didn't have the same luck as his puertorrican teammates, due to a number of bad breaks and unexpected bounces on the fairway despite of hitting the ball very well from the tee. He finished with an accumulated total of 158 strokes, after adding an 81 to his first's round 77. Third official round of the Latin America Amateur Championship is on schedule for Saturday, Jan.16. The players who failed to make the cut have been invited to a golf outing at the also reknown Dye Fore, another of the great golf courses at Casa de Campo Resort. For more info. and Official Results: www.laacgolf.com

Erick Morales fires a 3-Under par 69 on Rd.1 and puts PUR at the Leaderboard

Round 1 Recap - Casa de Campo, DR – Without any doubt, there was no fear at all in the game of Morales while playing the inaugural round of the Latin America Amateur Championship (www.laacgolf.com) being contested this week Jan. 14-17, at the Dominican Republic's novel Casa de Campo.

Erick J. Morales, a leader in the optical busines in Puerto Rico managed himself to play for the last two days with a somehow disturbing eye

irritation that could-off being a reason to worry but that he handled pretty well in order to finish with a 3-under par 69 today an a tie for 3rd place at the LAAC2016. Alvaro Ortiz and Jose A. Miranda are tied on 1st.



“No matter what happens this week, I will enjoy every single second of this experience because nothing compares to playing at this level and under the unbelievable conditions that The R&A, the USGA and The Masters along with the Casa de Campo staff have managed to host this magnificent event for all the latinamerican amateurs invited”, - commented Erick once he was back at the clubhouse to enjoy and relax. His quote is an echo of what all the players and guests have to say of the look & feel of probably one if not the best, “Amateur’s Major #creatingheroes”.

Morales recorded a total of seven (7) birdies in his scorecard to earn a Top5 finish, but he also registered a bogey on the third hole he played today (Par 4 /No.12) as he began playing on the back nine and a triple-bogey on No.1 when he went out-bounds as his driver slipped from his hands due to the light rain shower that for few moments became part of the round. Other than incident, Morales was on “cruise control” mode throughout the run, enjoying every single shot and developing a great bonding with his newest friend and caddie.



Puerto Rico's Amateur Champion, ***Robert "Robi" Calvesbert*** earned the second best score for a local player on the field as he signed his scorecard with a 73 (+1). He was -2 under par throughout most of his round. Along with his caddie and girlfriend Michelle Ortega, they teed-off at 8:10AM on Thursday morning to enjoy from the "perfect" golf course conditions set-up by the tournament committee and grounds maintenance crew. ***"Three great birdies unfortunately got cancelled out by four bogeys that pushed me few spots down the leaderboard. Perhaps my spirit and upbeat attitude will be there again at the course during the second round to "fight" my way back to the top"***, -he shared upon being approached about his first round.

During various speeches at the Opening Ceremony hosted by Casa de Campo's owners, the Fanjul family, representatives of the host organizations of the LAAC, USGA (www.usga.org) , R&A (www.randa.org) and The Masters (www.masters.com), publicly renewed their commitment with regards the their partnership on behalf of the championship being played in Panamá in 2017.

LAAC's second round is scheduled to tee-off on Friday at 7:15AM with a reverse order of the groups paired for today. Stay tuned to www.prga.org for more information about the event. Also follow PRGA on its various Social Media outlets. Read More...