

Ángel Cabrera, Latin American hero

As a boy, Ángel Cabrera was introduced to the game of golf as a caddie at Córdoba Golf Club, near his home in Argentina. His long journey to stardom reached its summit on June 17th, 2007, when he won the U.S. Open at Oakmont Country Club. This major victory was a seminal moment for golf in the Latin America region. Later, by winning a Green Jacket at the 2009 Masters at Augusta National, he placed his name among the best golfers in the history of the game as a two-time major winner, and cemented his status as a living legend in his homeland. In a short period of time, “El Pato” went from a caddie to a Latin American sporting hero, and has helped promote golf throughout the entire region along the way.

“I hope my achievements have helped the world to pay more attention to Latin American golf. If so, I am happy of being able to contribute my grain of sand to make it happen,” said Cabrera.

One way Cabrera has seen opportunities expand is the birth of PGA TOUR Latinoamérica three years ago and the founding of the Latin America Amateur Championship, promoted by the **Masters Tournament, The R&A and the United States Golf Association**. Undoubtedly, **Cabrera** has been a great inspiration for everyone involved. In fact, Cabrera himself was invited to the official launch of the LAAC held this year in Argentina.

“The most important institutions came to Argentina to launch the tournament, so I am very proud because they believe and invest in the region,” said “El Pato” last January, at the launching of the Latin America Amateur Championship. ***“This tournament is surprising, a unique opportunity for Latin American golf. This type of opportunity will promote and encourage players to give their best,”*** he added.

In order to accelerate the development of golf in the region, the Latin America Amateur Championship will pave the road to promote future global golf stars from this region, and it constitutes a valuable legacy for all the golfers who dream of reaching the top.

Said Cabrera: “In my time, this type of opportunity was completely out of reach. Every golfer’s dream is to play in Augusta. This championship will promote more competition, more preparation and, as a result, better players. The truth is that this championship is really important.”