

# PR wins at Copa Campeones



**Río Grande, PR (Tuesday, Sep.4, 2012)**- Playing as the host team at this year's 6th Copa de Campeones, a "friendly match" between local junior golfers and the neighboring Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico led both days of the matches played at **Bahia Beach Resort & Golf Club** in order to bring the cup back home.

The Saturday matches featuring two-player teams from each country playing against each other using the team's best ball for each hole resulted in PR taking the lead with 4.5 points over the Dominican Republic teams, who only won one of the six fourball matches and finished all-square at one other for a total of 1.5 points. Both teams of local girls, **Cidras-Santini / Ortiz - Rodriguez** easily won their matches before having to complete the 18 holes, while on the boys side the DR duo of **Hernandez-Polanco** won the first match of the day over locals **Toro-Arrieta**. Following two matches gave PR the first two points of the day as **Thon-Baez** finished 4up&3 over **Pérez-González** and **Firpi-Cardona** won by the minimum difference at 1up over **Hache-Estevez**. Match No. 4 between **Cabán-Rodríguez & Guerra-Pichardo** was "all-squared" after 18 holes played. On Sunday, individual matches gave Puerto Rico's team a total of 7 points over only 5 accumulated by Dom. Republic, who lost all four girls matches but won 5 out of the 8 boys matches played. Final match between **Kristina Ortiz (PR) and Gabriela Victoria (DR)**, brought suspense and expectation to both teams up until the green on No.18. Ortiz, who was 2up by the Par 3 No. 15. lost her lead in the

next few holes seeing her match go back to all-square on No.17, also a Par 3. She completed the final hole, a challenging Par-4 with a bogey to win at 1up, giving PR the final point of the day. The Copa de Campeones was once again succesfully organized & hosted thanks to the interest, commitment and enthusiasm of Karen Calvesbert, Francisco Rivera, Alfredo Firpi from Puerto Rico who along with DR's team captain Mr. Robert Guerra and Firi Bordas and other parents from the Dominican Republic that ravelled as followers, provided for this " family exchange" between athletes in golf and good friends outside the sport, to materialize. ***A special THANKS goes to the PRGA Rules Officials who officiated on both days, and the PARENTS & SPONSORS who financial supported the event in order to make it possible in all ways.*** Click **HERE** for the Final Results // Browse the **PHOTO GALLERY** on Facebook.