PR & DR face to face at Copa de Campeones



Río Grande, PR (Saturday, Sep.1, 2012) - The 6th Copa de Campeones, a "friendly match" between junior golfers from Puerto Rico and the neighboring Dominican Republic, is all set to tee-off today at the scenic 7,014 yard championship course at **Bahia Beach Resort & Golf Club.**

Each of 12-player squads, which include 8 boys and 4 girls on each side, will play two rounds of match play, with the first round scheduled for Saturday featuring two-player teams from each country playing against each other using the team's best ball for each hole. The second round on Sunday will consist of individual matches between players from each team. Puerto Rico's team is mostly made up of the players who earlier this year earned the Caribbean's Best Overall Junior Team title and trophy during the summer CAJGC, conducted by the Caribbean Golf Association and hosted by the Dominican Golf Federation at Guavaberry Golf & Country Club.

The Copa de Campeones was hosted last year by the Dominican Republic at the world-known Casa de Campo Teeth-of-the-Dog, and the host team took the trophy donated by the inaugural tournament organizing team led by a group of parents from the Dominican Republic and the Junior Committee at FEDOGOLF, along with Karen Calvesbert from Puerto Rico.

"It is always a pleasure for me to work towards helping this event to continue developing into a formal competition between the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico, as it fosters the friendship and camaraderie among the junior golfers from both countries who look after the event and opportunity to share with their friends", said Francisco Rivera, Tournament Director for the PRGA and team captain for the 4th year in row. Robert Guerra from the Dominican Republic will be his counterpart for the defending champions of the Cup.

The group of parents of Puerto RIcan juniors, led by Alfredo Firpi, is to be commended and thanked for the fundraising efforts to make the event possible and also opening each of their homes to host visiting team members, which is an important part of the "sports exchange" which was featured last year by Golfing World and IMG Media, one of the world's leading sports production companies.