10th USGA State Team Championship



(Wednesday, September 19, 2012) – Puerto Rico is once again present and accounted for at a major amateur golf event, as Roberto Fabelo, Daniel Cabán and Raul Rivera began their participation today at the 10th USGA State Team Championship which is being played at Galloway National Golf Club in New Jersey. The tournament brings together trios from each of the 50 states and Puerto Rico for 54 holes of stroke play, with the best two individual scores from each team counting toward the total score.

Puerto Rico has sent a strong team to this biennial event. Fabelo is a long-time national team member who is returning to action after an injury had kept him away from the course, while Rivera recently had a great showing at the Caribbean Amateur Golf Championships. Meanwhile, Cabán is one of the Island's most promising juniors, and he will surely benefit from from the experience of playing at an event of such high caliber.

Play began today and continues until Friday, when the champion will be crowned. Follow the action through the links below and follow all the updates on www.prga.org.

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PUR wins 56th RBC CAGC Overall Trophy



Puerto Rico wins the Arthur Ziadie Trophy as the Best Overall Team in the Caribbean

by Alberto C. Medina - PRGA Staff Writter FINAL

(Saturday, August 11th 2012) - The Puerto Rican National Team finished with a strong final round at the RBC 56th Caribbean Amateur Golf Championships, and though they're coming home without trophies in any individual category, they affirmed their status as a complete and consistent team by winning the Arthur Ziadie Trophy for the best overall country. (SCROLL DOWN FOR RESULTS PER CATEGORY)



Puerto Rico finished with 141 points in the final standings, far ahead of second-place Trinidad & Tobago, which totaled 117. No Puerto Rican squad finished lower than third at the Championships, with all but the Hoerman Cup team taking second place in their division. Puerto Rico had the best round of the day in the Hoerman Cup at +22, and surged to within nine strokes of first place, but was just too far behind and finished in third place with a total of +59. The OECS took the victory at +50 in an upset over the Dominican Republic (+55), which suffered a stunning collapse after leading from the first day until the final holes.

"It was a difficult week but the team never stopped trying," said former player and now coach Wilfredo Morales about Puerto Rico's performance. "Luck wasn't on our side and there were some holes that were particularly cruel to us, like the 18th; we probably lost every category on the 18th," said Morales about what was indeed, as course statistics showed, one of the thoughest holes at Royal St. Kitts.

Assisted by professional golfer and National Head Coach Dean Spriddle along with Morales as his assistant, there were also some encouraging individual performances among the Hoerman Cup squad, particularly Robert Calvesbert, who finished third in the individual leaderboard at +8, and National Team-newcomer Jerónimo Esteve, who placed sixth with a total score of +15.

"I think Jerónimo Esteve is a player who's going to help us a lot in the future. He's a player who knows his game, knows his swing, he's a gentleman on the course and goes about his business very competitively and seriously," said Morales.



Puerto Rico also had an individual standout in María Torres, who shot a final-round 77 to finishe at +7 for the tournament: by far the best of the female category. Torres led a very young Puerto Rican ladies' squad to a solid second-place, just seven strokes behind defending champion Trinidad & Tobago.

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"María keeps demonstrating that she has the potential to go very far," said Morales about Torres, who will soon begin her NCAA career at the University of Florida.

The Mid-Amateur duo of Raúl Rivera and Felipe 'Pipe' Colón also put together a standout performance all through the tournament. The Puerto Ricans shot +1 on Saturday and finished at -6, which might have been good enough to win on any other week, but it only earned them a second-place tie with Jamaica behind a dominant Dominican Republic tandem that finished at an impressive -12.



Puerto Rico also finished tied for second in the Senior division, the most hotly-contested compeition of the entire Championships, with only eight strokes separating first and seventh place. Mario Carbia and Fernando Díaz shot 77 in the fourth round and finished tied with Barbados and Jamaica at +14, two strokes behind the winners from Bahamas.

Finally, Super Seniors Carlos Matos and Elvin González, Sr., who had seen their 36-stroke lead vanish after a magnificent first round from Trinidad & Tobago, couldn't make up the disadvantage despite having Saturday's best round at +2. The Puerto Ricans finished in second place, three strokes back.

All in all, it was a successful event in which the entire Caribbean came together and demonstrated the high-quality golf being played throughout the region. On another positive note, *Puerto Rico accumulated the largest amount of birdies during the final round* which resulted in a special donation on behalf of the presenting sponsor *RBC Royal Bank* towards a local charity of our choice.

"Every country is really improving," said Morales. "The Dominican Republic has been improving year after year. We have an OECS team that nobody expected this kind of performance from them; they're really improving. And that's good, because it tells us that we can't just stand pat, we have to keep looking and opening doors to new players, practicing more and improving more." - he concluded.

Many Thanks to Cutter & Buck, American Airlines, Titleist, DIAGEO, Compañía Cervecera de Puerto Rico, and the Puerto Rico Open for your contributions and support to help our teams participate from this year's championships.

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PR among the TOP15 teams at USGA Championship

By Julio Soto - Executive Director / PRGA



Savannah, **Ga** (Wednesday, Oct. 5th) - Led by junior golfers Maria Torres and Paola Robles, **TEAM PUERTO RICO** is **tied for 12th place** with Minnesota and Arizona after 36 holes played at the Palmetto Course, in route to making a statement during their debut in this year's USGA Women's State Team Championship. Maryland remains as the leader of the field, with an accumulated score of 296 strokes, while Texas (297) and Tennessee (298) are in second and third place respectively. All three are in the hunt of the Judy Bell Trophy, awarded to the champion team. Winner of the 2009 event, Georgia, is in fourth place at 299.

As described by **David Shefter, senior staff writer from the USGA Media Department**, expectations on behalf of non-playing team captain, Marilina Silén were not clear as to how the team would perform during their first appearance at the biennial women's team championship. But thanks to the performances by Marife and Paola, the PRGA and Puerto Rico is the "Buzz" around the The Landing Club, as the new kid on the block. (Read More)

"The girls, fellow board member Christine Beauchamp and myself, are all enjoying every minute of this experience we are living", - said Marilina, when interviewed and while describing her past five days participating in the championship. "We are en route to setting a great performance by a rookie in the field, so we are naturally all very excited and ready to return in 2013".

At 6-over par, **Torres** has contributed to the team's scoring on both days with a total of 150 strokes (**72 and 78**) and is tied for 7th place with three other players on the Individual Leaderboard, with one more day to go. She expects to play a solid third round in order to remain among the Top 10 players

in the field of this USGA Championship. **Robles** recovered from a difficult opening round of **84** strokes and shot a **79** in round two, while third player on the team, **Alfond**, saw her game test her patience with rounds of **94 & 97** strokes, respectively. Besides her performance not being up to par with the skills she has shown over the years, Alfond is extremely proud and happy for her younger teammates and for the overall performance of her country in the championship.

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USGA's Women's State Team Championship tees-off



Savannah, Georgia (Tuesday, Oct.4th) - The first round of the **9th USGA's Women State Team Championship** began today, at the Palmetto Course, one of the six 18-holes layouts at **The Landings Golf Club** on Skydaway Island, near Savannah. Today, it also represents the first time for a Women's Team from Puerto Rico to be part of the field where 50 other teams from around the United States look forward to win the Championship Title. The team from Georgia who won back in 2009 is the defending champion, while New Hampshire is the only state that is not participating in this year's **USGA's** Official Championship.

Representing Puerto Rico are two of our best female junior golfers, Maria F. Torres (2011 Junior Amateur Champion) and Paola Robles (2011 Women Amateur Champion) while the third player on the team is Rebekah Alfond (31) who graduated from Brown University and is currently training for a triathlon event. PRGA Board Member and Junior Program Director, Marilina Silén is the team captain.

Click **HERE** to review **TEAM & INDIVIDUAL RESULTS**

Along with the news of Puerto Rico making its debut at this year's Women's State Team Championship, thanks to the support and guidance provided by Southeast Region Director Mrs. Kathy Gordon, there is another first-time opportunity that the championship offers to our association. *Christine Beauchamp*, who was recently appointed to the USGA Regional Affairs Committee, is a Member of the PRGA Board and works with the local Rules Committee will be on the field as a Rules Official for the event. The PRGA is very happy for Christine and extremely excited about the outcome that the establishment of an Official Ladies Program has provided the association and the sport in just a short period of time.

ABOUT THE WOMEN'S STATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

PUR wins Hoerman Cup & Higgs-Higgs trophies

Millennium Golf & CC (08-07-2011) - After four rounds of competitive golf at this year's 55th RBC Caribbean Amateur Championships, organized by the Caribbean Golf Association and hosted by Trinidad & Tobago GA, Puerto Rico's Men Amateur Team recovered the Hoerman Cup while Men's

Super Senior Team captured the **Higgs & Higgs Trophy**.



With three rounds under par, **Erick Morales** earned the low-amateur recognition as he lead the team with a total of 240 strokes (-4), while **Robert Calvesbert** finished on Saturday as the best score of the team at even par and rookie's **Andrew Baez** score of 74 was used towards the team total score.

Christian Rivera and **Alfred Colon** performance was also important and in benefit of PR's win over the Dominican Republic team who was the runner-up team.

"We are glad to bring back to Puerto Rico the Hoerman Cup who is one of the two trophies with the most history at the CGA Championships, as well as the Higgs & Higgs Trophy", said Sidney Wolf, president of the PRGA about the most recent win of the 5-men team. "Although it was a very difficult course who posed a great challenge to all of us, we were able to keep the control and reach our a golf to add another victory for PR's history at the Caribbean Championships", - explained Erick Morales about the performance of his teammates.

Hoerman Cup Final Results



Super Senior Team players Carlos Matos and Elvin Gonzalez, Sr. conquered the Higgs & Higgs Trophy over home team T&T by seven strokes, while slowly improving day-by-day their performance at the 72-hole championship.

Seniors (Cesar Serrano / Mario Carbia) and Ladies (Maria Torres / Paola Robles / Rebekah Alfond) teams earned runner-up recognition at their respective categories behind the locals T&T who also won the Arthur Ziadie Overall Trophy, while the Mid Amateurs Team (Felipe Colon / Elvin Gonzalez, Jr.) finished tied in 4th place with Jamaica behind OECS who came in 3rd place. Coached by Wilfredo Morales and assisted by Francisco Rivera as Team Manager, PUERTO RICO's overall performance at this year's CAGC surpassed all expectations. 2011 CAGC Final Results by Category

Good pace for Puerto Rico at the 2011 CAGC



Millennium GC - Tricity / T&T (Aug 04, 2011) - After 36 holes played at the **55th Caribbean Amateur Golf Championships, PUERTO RICO** is on the lead of two of the five categories contested, while is also the points leader at the Arthur Ziadie Trophy awarded to the Best Overall Team.

Solid play by **Erick Morales** at the **Hoerman Cup - Men's Amateur Championshi**p has tremendously helped PR (to be on the leadership the first two day. Morales opened his participation at this year's event with 3-under par **68**, while he shot a **67** (-4) during today's second round.

The scores by his team partners, *Robert Calvesbert (77,74)*, *Alfred Colon (71,78) and Christian Rivera (77,74)* have been used towards the team's total score during the first two (2) days. Rookie Andrew Baez improved during the second day as he shot a 79, after opening with an 86 on Wednesday.

Local team **TRINIDAD & TOBAGO** improved their play on the second day as they shot a team total score of **288 stroke**s compared to Puerto Rico's score of 293 today, as they are now tied for 1st place. Defending Champion **BARBADOS** marches 17 strokes behind on 3rd place.

Heavy Rain Showers were experienced during the morning round, as the Hoerman Cup, George Teale and Ramon Baez championships were contested.

Defending Champion at the **George Teale Memorial Trophy - Women's Amateur Championship**, PUR is ahead of the locals from Trinidad & Tobago, by the minimum difference of two strokes. **Maria Torres** remains as the *leader of the category*, after she shot a 1-under par 70 today to add to her opening round of 74 strokes. Team member **Paola Robles** is the

best 4th player on the field behid Monifa Sealy and Martine de Gannes, who are on 2nd and 3rd places respectively.

Early birds players on the **Ramon Baez Trophy for the Mid-Amateur category**, Felipe Colon and Elvin Gonzales, Jr. are tied on the3rd place with locals, Dave Rajkumar and Wayne Baptist (T&T) at 4-under par (138 strokes). The Dominican Republic leads the field at 8-under par, five strokes ahead of the OECS team (-5).

Super Seniors Carlos Matos and Elvin Gonzales, Sr. share the lead with the Bahamas team (Wells & Moore) at 5-over par, 142, while locals Barry Ferdinand and Monty Champan are tied on 3rd place with Jamaicans Dennis Atkinson and Fred Sutherland.

PR participates at the 55th CGA Championships







TRINIDAD WILL HOST THE CHAMPIONSHIPS WHILE LOCAL AMATEURS LOOK FORWARD TO WIN THE HOERMAN CUP

San Juan, PR - With the purpose of having a better performance during this year's competition, the members of the amateur team that will represent Puerto Rico at the 55th Caribbean Amateur Golf Championships (www.cagc2011.com) have been practicing and getting ready for the regional event. Organized by the Caribbean Golf Association (www.cgagolfnet.com) and hosted by the Trinidad & Tobago Golf Association, the championships will take place August 3rd to the 6th at Millennium Lakes Golf Club at Trincity, Trinidad.

The financial support of RBC Royal Bank as the Main Sponsor of the Caribbean Championships in Trinidad, as well as the endorsement of the Ministry of Sports will guarantee the success of this year's event as described by the TTGA President, Mr. Robert Costelloe who looks forward to welcome all amateurs golfers, followers and friends from the Caribbean.

"We anticipate a better performance this year from all five of our teams, since they are pretty strong and competitive. There's no reason why we cannot improve our results from at least the past two (2) years, where we won the George Teale and Arthur Ziadie trophies (Barbados /2010). Our goals are to successfully defend two (2) titles and try to win another to other competitions, including the Hoerman Cup", said PRGA's President Sidney Wolf.

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4th Consecutive Win for PR at the 24th CAJGC

Barbados Golf Club (July 8th, 2011) – The **Puerto Rico Junior Golf Team** won on Friday the **Hank James Trophy** on a 4th consecutive occasion after 54 holes of competition at the 24th Caribbean Amateur Junior Golf Championships, conducted by the CGA and hosted by the BGA. Five out of the six categories contested during the championship were also won by local juniors.



(PR Junior Team and its Manager Marilina Silén along with coach Eduardito Figueroa receives the Hank James Trophy from Ashrap Ali, CGA President)

"Today we celebrate the hard work and efforts that our juniors put in over this past year. We are very excited for the entire team, the Team Manager and PRGA Board Member Marilina Silén and our rookie Coach Eduardito Figueroa. We are particularly pleased to see this year our younger golfers Krissy, Valerie and Daniel perform so well"- commented Sidney Wolf, president of the PRGA.

"We salute the entire team for their tremendous efforts! We also want to congratulate all the participants and thank the Barbados Golf Federation for hosting this years Championships". - he added.

A total of 12 out of the 14 players on the team finished among the Top 3 places in the divisions they played, helping Puerto Rico to guarantee another 55 points during the third round.

PR successfully defended the title earned four years ago, as the "Best Overall Junior Team in the Caribbean" by accumulating a total of 167 points. Trinidad & Tobago came in 2nd place with a total of 133, while the Dominican Republic came in 3rd with 123.

Playing his last Caribbean Junior Championship, 17-year old **José Oscar Rodríguez** (**70**, 74, 76) recorded the lowest total score for the championships with **220** strokes, while teammates **Jorge González** and **Andrew Baez** tied with two other players from T&T and Dom. Republic on 2nd place with a total of **227** strokes. José Oscar and Jorge graduated from High School on May, and now head into college which defines the end of their junior golf careers with a great performance.

Daniel Cabán (72, 75, 75) was the second best player on the team and with a final total

score of **222** strokes and the winner of the low-individual at the Boys 14-15 division. Despite a though 1st round, 2011 Junior Island Champion **Fico Thon** (80, 72, 73) finished three strokes behind Cabán and was the third best player at the entire boys field with a total score of **225**.

Best performance between the girls was accomplished by **Kristina Ortiz** (75, 80, 83) at the 14-15 age group, with a final score of **238** strokes, while **Paola Robles** (79, 81, 81) totaled **241** strokes at the Girls 16-17 ahead of Maria Torres (79,82, 83) by three strokes. Both **Ortiz and Robles**, were the **low-individuals** on their respective categories, along with rookie **Valeria Pacheco** (87, 86, 82) at 11-13 category. Pacheco accumulated a total of 255 strokes.

The two players on the Boys Team at the 11-13 division came within the *TOP 5 places* on their division. **Alberto Firpi** finished in **4th place** with a total of **239** strokes, while **Rubén Rodriguez** tied for **5th place** with Ernesto Gracia from Dom. Republic at **245** strokes.

Enjoy another great performance at this regional competition, by Puerto Rico Junior Team in this **PHOTO ALBUM**.

Click on these LINKS to access the Final **SCORES per Category** / **The Hank James Trophy Team Points**

Weather suspension at the 2nd round leaves PR tied at 11th place with five other countries



Buenos Aires, Argentina - After 24 holes played at this year's Men's World Amateur Team Championship hosted by the AAG, Team PUERTO RICO marches on 11th position tied with 2008 champion team Scotland, Finland, Italy and Norway at +4. Due to the severe weather conditions occurred on Friday and which prevented some teams on the field to be able to start their second round, competition has been reduced to a 54-holes event for the Eisenhower Trophy by the IGF.

With a +1 and +2 score status each, local players Rafael Campos and Robert Calvesbert are in 17th and 35th place respectively at the individual leaderboard. Third player on the team, Jose Oscar Rodriguez is at +5 after the eight holes they have been able to play on round two. Despite that Rodriguez game has been a little bit outside of his expectations, he looks forward to get back in track during the remaining twelve holes and before the final round on Sunday.

"The course was playing tough today, a lot of rain, delays, cold....it truly was a test out there" -commented Campos when asked about his experience on-course. "The wind died a couple of times, but the rain and coldness made it difficult to control the distance and movement of the ball", he added. Despite the amount of rain that made an unexpected appearance at the championship, golf courses have kept playable

conditions with minimum water accumulation. Besides of rain, thunder and lightning have been responsible for the delays.

DENMARK's team which was able to complete two rounds of play is now the leader at -6, with a team score of 280 strokes. CANADA has moved ahead of first's round leader FRANCE, to a second place on the leaderboard at -5, while the french players are two strokes behind. Both of these teams are scheduled to complete their second round on Saturday. Canadian players have only played three holes as a team, while France has as much as nine holes with scores.

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PUR, among the TOP 10 countries on the Leaderboard for the Eisenhower Trophy



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Buenos Aires, Argentina - First round of the 2010 Men's World Amateur Team Championship left PUERTO RICO tied in 9th place with USA, Netherlands and the People's Republic of China with a team score 145 strokes (+1). Rafael Campos finished at even par after 18 holes played at Buenos Aires Golf Club, while Robert Calvesbert was the second best score of the day at +1, 73. Team Rookie and junior golfer José Oscar

Rodriguez finished with an 81 (+9), but he aims to a better second round and overall performance at the world championship. France was the first round leader, while Canada marches in second place. Sweden, Denmark and England were tied on third place.

"Being among the top golfing countries of the world is a great feeling, and very special since we are such as small country in size compared to all of them", describe team captain, Sidney Wolf after describing the performance of the team at round one. "We could be small in size, but for sure all three players have a big heart and will play and use their skills in golf to represent their country the best they can in front of rest of the world" - he added.

Round two for our team is scheduled at Los Olivos Golf Club, where yesterday scoring for the best teams on the field seemed to be a bit difficult due to the course lay-out. Possible severe weather and cold temperatures are expected. "Despite of what the conditions could be, Rafa, Robi and Jose Oscar are focused to play shot by shot and most important enjoy their rounds as much as they can", - added Wilfredo Morales, team coach.

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Record attendance at the Men's World Amateur Team Championship / Early Tee-off times for PUR



Buenos Aires, ARG - After a few days of practice and participation in the Opening Ceremony for the Men's WATC, where a record-number of 70 countries are expected to be on the field, TEAM PUERTO RICO as well as all other WATC activities are taking a mandatory day-off as the entire country is shut down for national census purposes.

Rafael Campos, Robert Calvesbert and juvenile Jose Oscar Rodriguez are set to play in their first round together with fellow competitors from the Netherlands and Philippines between 7:30 and 7:53 AM (Tee Times), at Buenos Aires Golf Club. During round two, PUR will be playing with Pakistan and Austria at Los Olivos Golf Club.

Past participant of the championship, Wilfredo Morales (Chile/1998) will be their coach this week, while Sidney Wolf, president of the association is the appointed captain of the team. For Robi and Jose Oscar, this year's

event will be their first appearance at a World Amateur event, while it will be Campos third appearance, as he remains an amateur.

Stay tuned to PRGA's **WEBSITE** for more information and updates.

Among the World's Best 20 Women Golf Teams

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Buenos Aires, Argentina - With a final team score of 583 strokes (+7), PUERTO RICO has achieved the best performance ever at the 2010 Women's World Amateur Team Championship. Maria Fernanda, Kyle and

Patricia, combined their skills, knowledge and love for the game, to perform in an outstanding manner to produce some history for the future of golf back home and the High Performance Program.

Best performance of the day was posted by "Mari Fe" as she played a great round at Los Olivos Golf Club where she shot at 2-under par 70, while Kyle Roig was the other counting score for the day with a 74. Roig, was the overall low player on the team with a four day total score of 291(+3) strokes, followed by Torres at 297 (+9). Third player on the team Patricia Garcia finished with a total score of +19. Girls' team captain Marilina Silén, was key in the support and leadership of team. Puerto Rico finished tied with the Netherlands and Chinese Taipei.

Team KOREA dominated the field with a record winning score of -30 (250), while USA who lead the field the first day, came in second place 13 strokes behind at 265. Sweden, France and South finished tied on third place at -4 with 572 strokes.

Recently launched by the PRGA and supported by the Sports and Recreation Department, the HPP relies on the support, knowledge and expertise of Dean Spriddle as its Director and Head National Coach.

Moving Day for Puerto Rico at the second round of the WATC



Buenos Aires, Argentina - Led by Kyle Roig at 2-under par 70 and second best score of the day for PUERTO RICO registered by Patricia Garcia, at 1-under par 71, our ladies team moved up a total of seven spots from 26th to 19th position with 290 strokes, and only 17 strokes away from team KOREA (273), who fired a record -setting 16-under par 128 to surge into the lead by one stroke over USA (274). Third player on the team Maria Fernanda Torres improved today with a respectable 75, while our ladies team played their first competitive round at Los Olivos Golf Club. Led by Marilina Silen and Dean Spriddle as their technical & coaching staff, all three juvenile golfers have enjoyed every minute of the practice round and now the official competition by giving their best on every shot they have played so far.

"It is a great day for women's golf in Puerto Rico" commented Sidney Wolf, president of the PRGA who is attending the WATC also as one of the official delegates for PR and member of the Executive Committee for

the IGF. "Leadership, Focus and Desire seemed to be the "new names" of our three players on the course, as they are all focused on having success during this year's Women's World Amateur Team Championship for the Espirito Santo trophy", - he added.

Also on the field, there is one other who is well representing Puerto Rico, but in her case as a Rules Official. Christine Beauchamp, a member of the Board of Directors and who has earned a leadership role in the development of new referees and growth of the knowledge of the Rules of Golf back home, is working alongside other IGF officials to provide guidance and advice in the proper use of the rules to all competitors.

Third round will be played by Puerto Rico at Buenos Aires Golf Club, hoping that the experience from the first round and the great performance can carry over and bring even better results towards a strong finish at this year's event. The Men's team led by Wilfredo Morales as the non-playing captain and showcasing Rafael Campos, Robert Calvesbert and Jose O. Rodriguez as the players who will represent us is expected to arrive into Argentina tomorrow.

Women's Teams Overall Ranking and Results can be seen by clicking HERE...

More information: 2010 World Amateur Team Championships

Puerto Rico Ladies Teams teeoff at the 2010 WATC



Being the youngest team ever to represent Puerto Rico at the World Amateur Team Championship for the Espirito Santo trophy, Kyle Roig, Maria Fernanda Torres and Patricia Garcia, began this morning to compete against the world's best female amateur golfers.

Coached by Golf Professional Dean Spriddle, who has a lot of experience in preparing and leading golfers and teams at this high level of competition, all three juvenile golfers were excited to play for their country and enjoy being part of such an important event in the amateur golf scenario. PRGA Board Member and leader of the Junior Golf Program in Puerto Rico, Marilina Silen, is also part of the team as the non-playing captain in her third appointment to this honorary title.

Knowing these young ladies for such a long time and being a witness of their development and growth towards becoming high-level athletes will definitively be a plus to Silen's experience as a leader of the team and alongside Spriddle in favor of team PUERTO RICO.

Organized by the International Golf Federation (IGF) a member of IOC, and hosted by the AAG (Asociacion Argentina de Golf), which is very close "friend" of the PRGA and Puerto Rico, this year's Women Championship showcase a record participation of 52 countries from around the world.

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Puerto Rico TEAM ready to travel and compete at the 2010 WATC



The ladies' team from Puerto Rico, composed by junior golfers Patricia Garcia, Kyle Roig and Maria F. Torres is scheduled to begin their travel tonight alongside Team Captain Marilina Silen. Ladies competition for the Espirito Santo trophy will take place Oct. 20th through the 23rd. The city of Buenos Aires in Argentina will be the host of this year's World Amateur Team Championships, organized by the IGF in conjunction with the AAG.

A week later Rafael Campos, Robert Calvesbert, and Jose O. Rodriguez who compose the Men's Team, will compete for the Eisenhower trophy (Oct.28-31), while Wilfredo Morales who is a past WATC participant (1998 / Chile) will be their captain. At one given point all six players will be part of our delegation in Argentina, together with Marilina, Sidney Wolf - PRGA President and with Dean Spriddle, National Golf Coach. Rules of Golf Official and PRGA Board Member, Christine Beauchamp will be working at the event and will also serve as a delegate to the Biennial meeting of the IGF.

Expecting the best participation ever by a PUR team in the history of the championships, both Spriddle and Morales as coaches of the recently

established High Performance Program look forward to provide each team with the necessary coaching and advice in order to enjoy from a respectable and if possible, award-winning performance at this year's World Amateur.

Stay tuned for Updates for each of the Championship weeks.

WATC Team members meet with Sports & Recreation Dept. Secretary



Prior to their departure in October to the **2010 World Amateur Team Championships** in Buenos Aires, Argentina, members of the PRGA Men & Women Teams visited the **Sports & Recreation Department**Headquarters and met with its Secretary, Lcdo. Henry Neumann.

Escorted by National Coaches, Dean Spriddle and Wilfredo Morales and PRGA representatives Marilina Silen and Julio Soto, a group of four players which included junior golfers Kyle Roig, Maria Fernanda Torres, Patricia García and Jose O. Rodriguez. A group of three parents were also in attendance to this special meeting.

"It's very special for us as golfers and athletes to know we have your support and back up to improve in our sport. We are grateful to the Sports and Recreation Department and to you because with can see a better future for us and other up and coming juvenile golfers", said Patricia García upon handling to the secretary, a very special plaque prepared for him to decorate the walls in his office.

The framed picture showcased the Junior National Team that won for third straight year the Hank James trophy during the summer in the Bahamas. Robert Birtel (not pictured), Golf Director at **The Plantation at Dorado Beach** has being their coach during all three victories.

Competitive and International Championship Experience for local players



Last week some of our amateur golfers with competitive skills put them to a test as they participated from two important amateur golf events where our association and PUERTO RICO was invited.

A three-man team attended the 2010 USGA State Team Championship hosted by the Mayakama Golf & Country Club in Santa Ana, California also site to the estate of the "Peanuts" comic strips creator Charles M. Schulz.

Representing Puerto Rico where Erick J. Morales and Elvin Gonzalez, Jr., who were the only players on the field who have played on a World Amateur Team Championships; while third player on the team was Roberto Fabelo. All three players faced a very difficult test having to play under championship conditions on the course and also battling the cold weather and suspension of play because of fog.

Best rounds for team Puerto Rico where registered by Erick and Roberto, who enjoyed from a better playing conditions and signed their cards with a 73 and 74 respectively. Despite a better opportunity for scoring during the

second round, the final position of the team remained at 48th place. Perhaps the final results, all players agreed it was a great experience to sharpen their skills and be ready to their next "USGA Championship" opportunity.

One of the 13th of the USGA Championships on schedule the State Team gathered 52 teams of the different states and associations who are members of the USGA, and where the state of Kansas won the championship title this year.

Final RESULTS can be reviewed by clicking HERE

Puerto Rico to compete at the 2010 USGA State-Team Championship



A three-player team composed by Roberto Fabelo, Elvin Gonzalez, Jr. and Erick Morales, will be representing Puerto Rico and the PRGA during

this year's USGA StateTeam Championship to be played at the Mayacama Golf Club in Santa Rosa California.

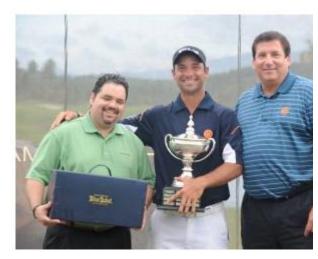
One of the fourteen (14) Championships run by the USGA, and where amateurs players from all 50 state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico participates, the Men's State Team Championship will be contested September 14-16.

"Our team this year showcases somehow an array, of experience, youth and competitiveness among all three players representing Puerto Rico", said John Allen, Member of the Board of Director who will serve as the Team Non-Playing Captain. "Being a Mid-Amateur age oriented championship, I believed we have three players, that if they can combine good scoring all three day of competition, we can finish in respectable place on a field of high-level, very competitive golfers and associations", - he added.

All three male golfers have been members of the teams that have represented Puerto Rico in the past at the Caribbean Amateur Golf Championships, organized by the CGA.

Teams for the 2010 World Amateur Team Championships are now complete





José O. Rodriguez

Robert Calvesbert

Rafael Campos
After the women's team for the 2010 WATC was recommended by the
PRGA Selection Committee and announced by the Board of Directors,
another decision was to be made to complete the six (6) player's squad
that will wear the PRGA uniforms that will represent PUERTO RICO in
Argentina.

"We are extremely confident of the performance of our team in the 2010 WATC, and this is based on the individual performance, commitment and recent results and accomplishments by each of the three players selected", -commented Sidney Wolf, president of the PRGA and also a member of the IGF Executive Committee. "They will join the women's team for the 2010 IGF' Gala, where the inclusion of golf into the Olympics will be celebrated by all countries who are member of the international federation and the world golf community", -Wolf mentioned, while speaking about the news made public last October, that this was possible after an important amount of work and lobbying that was done by administrators, and past players of the WATC who are now important professional golfers. All this on behalf of golf that will become an Olimpyc sport, to be played in Rio de Janeiro in 2016.

By Thursday last week, all final decisions were made and male players in the team have confirmed their availability to participate in this year's Men's World Amateur Team Championships for the Eisenhower Trophy. Rafael Campos (2010 Amateur Champion), José Oscar Rodriguez (2010 Jr. Amateur Champion) and Robert P. Calvesbert (MSU-Bulldogs / NCAA), are the three players, that alongside of PRGA's High Performance Program coach Wilfredo Morales will be traveling to Argentina in October looking for the best performance in history of the PR's participation at this world event. Erick Morales, has been selected as the alternate player of our team. During this week, he will be representing Puerto Rico at the 2010 USGA State Team Championships, in California. Back in 2004, Morales was one of the three players who represented our country among the other 65 teams from around the world who visited Rio Mar Golf Club during the Men's WATC for the Eisenhower Trophy.

Contested by many of today's golf professionals on tour, the WATC organized by the International Golf Federation, (formerly the World Amateur Golf Council) will be hosted by the Argentinian Golf Association, www.aag.org.ar and played over the Buenos Aires and Olivos Golf Clubs, in the capital of Argentina.

For more information about the 2010 World Amateur Golf Championships, please click HERE.

Information about the IGF can be reviewed **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.**

Puerto Rico Wins the 4th Copa de Campeones



The 4th Copa de Campeones was played at Trump International Golf Club this past weekend. Twelve junior players from Dominican Republic competed against twelve local players in match play competition over 2 days. The event format is fourball and individual match play.

The two Team Captains, Alex Berezowski from Dominican Republic and Francisco Rivera from Puerto Rico, put together their best strategies to try and win the cup. Puerto Rico finished with 4 points and the Dominican Republic finished with 2 points in the fourball format. In the individual match play format team Dominican Republic finished with 4 points and team Puerto Rico finished with 8 points putting them in as the 2010 Champions with a final score of 12 to 6. Puerto Rico won the cup for the third time in the 4 years.

The event not only promoted the competition amongst our junior golfers, but most importantly promoted and highlighted the camaraderie, friendships, and strong bonds that resulted from this exchange. All this was accomplished as the visiting players stayed in the homes with the local players and their families. This is usually not the norm in regular junior tournaments. All the players and their families came together not just on the golf course, but before and after play.

Congratulations to team Puerto Rico and all the families for a very

successful event!

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Copa de Campeones



The 4th Copa de Campeones will begin on Saturday, September 4 at Trump International Golf Club. Twelve junior players from Dominican Republic will compete against twelve local players in match play competition over 2 days. It's a mini Ryder Cup between the **TWO** reighboring islands.

The two Team Captains, Alex Berezowski from Dominican Republic and Francisco Rivera from Puerto Rico, will be putting together their best strategies to try and win the cup. Puerto Rico has won two, in 2007 and 2008. In 2009 the cup was shared as both countries tied with the same amount of points. So this year there is a lot of enthusiasm and emotion to see if PR wins a third title or if the Dominican team gets one on the board.

Team Puerto Rico

José O. Rodríguez, Jorge González, Fico Thon, Miguel Álvarez, Sebastián Toro, Daniel Caban, José Cardona, Andrew Báez, Patricia García, Paola Robles, María F. Torres, and Gabriela Cidras.

Team Dominican Republic

José Hernández, Alex Berezowski, Gerardo Aponte, Jin Shin, Luis Betances, Gustavo Polanco, Jean Hache, Ramón Bordas, Patricia Peña, Gabriela Victoria, Bona Kim, and María del Mar Rodríguez.

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The event is rotated every year between the **TWO** countries. This weekend, Puerto Rico has the pleasure of welcoming the Dominican Republic team!

PRGA escoge Equipo Femenino para el CAMPEONATO MUNDIAL AFICIONADO POR EQUIPOS en Argentina

La Puerto Rico Golf Association, su Junta de Directores y el personal administrativo a cargo del Programa de Alto Rendimiento para Golfistas en Puerto Rico, anunció hoy los nombres de las golfistas que estarían representando a Puerto Rico durante la 23^{ra} edición del Campeonato

Mundial Aficionado por Equipos de golf femenino por el trofeo Espirito Santo, y el cual tendrá como sede, la ciudad de Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Con motivo de la reciente estructuración de una nueva iniciativa de enfoque al golfista como atleta de alto rendimiento, la PRGA y su presidente el Sr. Sidney Wolf, han tomado importantes decisiones a favor del mejor desarrollo posible de los participantes del programa. Gracias al apoyo económico del Departamento de Recreación y Deportes y el Lcdo. Henry Neumann, la PRGA ha podido contratar los servicios del golfista profesional, entrenador y mentor de atletas de Canadá, el Sr. Dean Spriddle.

"Nos motiva ver a nuestras jugadoras juveniles tener una actuación de tan alto nivel en eventos recientes, lo que ha dado paso a que sean seleccionadas para representar a Puerto Rico en un evento de categoría mundial tan importante. Pensamos que será la mejor participación en la historia de una representación oficial de Puerto Rico en un evento mundial, basado en la confianza, preparación mental y actitud competitiva de este equipo", - comentó Wolf, presidente de la PRGA.

Junto al compromiso y entusiasmo del también golfista profesional local Wilfredo Morales, quien cuenta con una vasta experiencia competitiva en eventos, competencias y campeonatos a nivel mundial, la PRGA se ha enfocado en mejorar notablemente los resultados que la organización espera tener en la recién venidera competencia.

"Será una gran experiencia para todos nosotros envueltos en esta nueva iniciativa en el desarrollo competitivo de nuestros golfistas. Como parte del equipo de entrenadores para nuestros equipos, puedo confirmar que nuestras expectativas son bastante altas con motivo de la competitividad y habilidades de nuestras jugadoras, incluyendo la que ocupa la posición alterna", aportó Morales al confirmar las expresiones hechas por el presidente.

Luego de un proceso de evaluación y estudio en cuanto a resultados, participación en eventos locales, regionales e internacionales, y el escrutinio del desarrollo de las habilidades de las aspirantes a los tres espacios disponibles para el equipo oficial, la PRGA ha seleccionado las siguientes golfistas juveniles para representar a nuestro país:



KYLE ROIG / Mayo 19, 1993 – 17 AÑOS

- Experiencia previa en dos eventos mundiales (2006-Sur Africa / 2008 Australia)
- Posición en el Ranking Juvenil en los Estados Unidos
- Recientes victorias en importantes eventos juveniles para aficionadas en Estados Unidos
- Importantes reseñas como jugadora juvenil por parte de Golfweek / USGA, etc.
- Sub-Campeona del Campeonato Nacional Juvenil de Puerto Rico / Categoría 18 años ó menos
- Miembro del Equipo de Puerto Rico / Campeón en el 2010 del George Teale Memorial Trophy / CAGC



MARIA FERNANDA TORRES / Diciembre 15, 1994 – 15 AÑOS

- 1ra Posición en el Ranking Juvenil en Puerto Rico
- Reciente participación sobresaliente en eventos Juveniles en Estados Unidos
- Campeona de la Categoría 18 años ó menos durante el Campeonato Nacional Juvenil de Puerto Rico / 2010
- Miembro del Equipo de Puerto Rico / Campeón en el 2010 del George Teale Memorial Trophy / CAGC
- Campeona Individual Categoría 14-15 a nivel del Caribe / CAJGC
- Participación en el 2010 San Diego Junior World Golf Championships



PATRICIA GARCIA / Marzo 16, 1993 – 17 AÑOS

- Experiencia previa en dos eventos mundiales (2006-Sur Africa / 2008 Australia)
- Miembro del Equipo de Puerto Rico / Campeón en el 2009 del George Teale Memorial Trophy / CAGC
- Campeona Individual Categoría 16-17 a nivel del Caribe / CAJGC
- Ganadora del WPRGA Championship en el 2010
- Participación en el 2010 San Diego Junior World Golf Championships
- Invitada Especial del 2010 Duke of York Young Champions Trophy

Como jugadora alterna, fue seleccionada la también jugadora juvenil Paola Robles, quien luego de varios años en el Programa Juvenil de la PRGA, recientemente ha tenido un gran desempeño en el golf a nivel aficionado.

PAOLA ROBLES / Abril 26, 1994 – 16 AÑOS

- Ganadora de la Categoría Femenina en el PRGA Championship (2010)
- Miembro del Equipo de Puerto Rico / Campeón en el 2010 del George Teale Memorial Trophy / CAGC
- Participante del Equipo Nacional Juvenil de Puerto Rico Equipo Campeón a nivel del Caribe
- Participación en el 2010 Optimist International Junior Golf Championship

Por otro lado, la Sra. Marilina Silén, miembro de la Junta Directiva de la PRGA y quien ha colaborado por los pasados 12 años de forma voluntaria con el Programa Juvenil de la Asociación, fue nombrada capitana del equipo femenino por tercera ocasión. Previamente, Silén estuvo al frente de la delegación de Puerto Rico en Malaysia (2002) y en Puerto Rico (2004), cuando los Campeonatos Mundiales Aficionados por Equipo, fueron celebrados en la Isla, sede del evento, siendo Rio Mar Golf Club el campo de golf anfitrión.

"Me siento sumamente orgullosa de haber sido nombrada a esta

posición tan importante para con el equipo que nos representará próximamente en el Mundial de Argentina en Octubre. Estoy bien motivada y muy comprometida en poder ayudar y poner mi granito a favor de que nuestras jugadoras juveniles tengan una buena actuación, ya que es un grupo de jovencitas con mucho talento, bien comprometidas y con un gran potencial", - mencionó Silén al confirmar su disponibilidad para estar al frente de la delegación femenina. "Me siento muy confiada de que este equipo logrará hacer un buen papel, lo que será motivo de orgullo para la PRGA y para Puerto Rico", -finalizó.

Como entrenador de jugadores de alto rendimiento a nivel internacional, Dean Spriddle hizo el siguiente comentario: "Me siento confiado y sumamente entusiasmado de que nuestro equipo femenino tenga la oportunidad de competir en el Mundial Aficionado en la misma competencia con las mejores jugadoras del mundo. Gracias a que han tenido un buen año, están bien enfocadas en sus metas y juego, se encuentran en buena condición física para competir. Puerto Rico estará muy orgulloso de su equipo femenino este año."

Acerca de la PUERTO RICO GOLF ASSOCIATION

La asociación de golf fue fundada en 1954 con el fin de promover, desarrollar y velar por el deporte de golf aficionado en PUERTO RICO y ha sido responsable por el crecimiento y participación de jugadores locales en eventos internacionales y a nivel colegial en los Estados Unidos, al igual que de la celebración de eventos regionales e internacionales en la isla, durante los pasados siete (7) años, incluyendo el Puerto Rico Open, evento oficial de la gira del PGA TOUR en Puerto Rico.

Web: www.prga.org

Acerca del INTERNATIONAL GOLF FEDERATION

Responsable por el recién logrado triunfo de que el golf haya sido incluido como disciplina olímpica en el 2016, el IGF fue organizado con el propósito de agrupar a las organizaciones y organismos alrededor del mundo que son responsables por el golf aficionado en sus respectivos territorios.

En el 2004, el IGF compartió junto a la PRGA la responsabilidad de ser los anfitriones del mundo en el deporte de golf, siendo Puerto Rico la sede del Campeonato Aficionado por Equipos. El mismo fué celebrado durante el mes de octubre en el Rio Mar Country Club, donde tanto la IGF como la PRGA lograron su misión, siendo ésta el promover la amistad y el espíritu deportivo a través del golf.

Web: www.internationalgolffederation.org

Acerca del ESPIRITO SANTO TROPHY – Women's World Amateur Team Championship

La competencia de golf aficionado por equipos para mujeres fue por primera vez jugada en 1964 en Saint Germaine en Francia con la participación de 25 equipos. A través de los años, ha sido el escenario en donde un sin número de jugadoras internacionales han competido en representación de sus respectivos países, previo a su salto al profesionalismo.

En el 2004, el evento bienal celebrado en Puerto Rico compartió con el campeonato celebrado en Australia cuatro años más tarde, la mayor cantidad de equipos registrados, siendo 48 delegaciones para formar parte del record permanente de la IGF.

Acerca del PRGA HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

Con tan sólo ocho meses de iniciado, la inversión tanto de la PUERTO RICO GOLF ASSOCIATION como del Departamento de Recreación y

Deportes, ha logrado que juveniles y aficionados del patio puedan tener la oportunidad de mejorar sus destrezas y habilidades en el deporte de golf a nivel competitivo al tener acceso a entrenamiento avanzado por parte de profesionales de golf con vasta experiencia en el deporte tanto a nivel de enseñanza, estrategia y técnica como desarrollo mental a nivel deportivo y/o competitivo.

Las expectativas de este programa han crecido gracias al compromiso ofrecido por el Sr. Dean Spriddle, instructor y entrenador profesional con residencia permanente en Canadá y los profesionales locales Wilfredo Morales y Robert Birtel.

Repite Puerto Rico como equipo campeon del Caribe, por 3er ano consecutivo



De un total de 60 puntos disponibles para las mejores rondas por categoría, el equipo juvenil de golf de PUERTO RICO se adjudicó un total de 58 de esos puntos y así culminó el tercer día de competencia, coronándose por tercer año consecutivo, como el mejor combinado de golfistas aficionados del Caribe.

Nuevamente, el juego de las "boricuas" le aseguró un total de 30 puntos

al equipo, gracias al excelente desempeño de María Fernanda Torres, (14-15 años), quien acumuló el mejor total (225 golpes) entre las seis jovencitas que nos representaron. Patricia García (16-17 años) quien totalizó 229 golpes, firmó un 78 para su ronda final para así adjudicarse los 10 puntos en su división, mientras que Yudika Rodríguez (11-13 años) cerró con un 75 y un total agregado de 239 golpes, logrando también el 1er puesto en su categoría.

El desempeño masculino, tuvo como protagonista al capitán del equipo, el talentoso José O. Rodríguez, natural de Guayama/Salinas y quien a pesar de no ganar su división por tan solo tres golpes, registró la mejor ronda total para el combinado boricua con un total acumulado de 222 golpes. José Oscar, terminó en 2do lugar en la categoría de varones entre 16 y 17 años de edad, detrás de lan Facey de Jamaica y con quien se mantuvo en constante competencia. Solo la segunda ronda, de 75 golpes, privó a Rodríguez de ganar el trofeo individual en esa división y obtener así otro triunfo para su resume como golfista competitivo.

Las duplas de José Cardona / Daniel Cabán & Yudika Rodríguez / Krissy Ortiz, quienes fuesen nuestra representación en la categoría de 11 - 13 años, mantuvieron su paso y se adjudicaron el 1er y 2do puesto respectivamente. Rodríguez y Ortiz, poco a poco lograron mejorar su puntuación inicial hasta tomar control de su división. "Joito" ganó por un margen de 10 golpes de diferencia sobre su compañero Danny Cabán, logrando una significativa ventaja para PR.

Como parte de la competencia, hubo una cualificación interna entre los países del Caribe para un espacio a la cualificación regional del Junior World Team Championship, la cual nuestros jugadores varones ganaran al registrar la mejor puntuación agregada en las categorías 16-17 & 14-15. El evento regional será celebrado en Canadá, próximamente. (MAS DETALLES serán divulgados próximamente).

El total de la puntuación por equipos, colocó a PUERTO RICO (169 pts.) en 1er lugar, con una diferencia de 46 puntos al frente de la Rep.

Dominicana (123 pts.) en 2do. lugar y de Trinidad & Tobago (121 pts) en 3er puesto. Jamaica quedó en 4ta posición con 111 puntos, mientras que el equipo anfitrión BAHAMAS finalizó en 5to. puesto con 104. (ver archivo adjunto para el desglose de cada equipo)

El Cuerpo Técnico, compuesto por Marilina Silén, Robert Birtel y el Coach Nacional, Dean Spriddle se mostraron sumamente complacidos y contentos con el desenlace del torneo y la participación y esfuerzo de nuestra delegación. Padres y familiares que además le acompañaran, se unieron a la celebración del triunfo de proporciones históricas, el cual habrá de quedar registrado en los archivos de la Caribbean Golf Association, con motivo del 23er Campeonato Juvenil de Golf Aficionado por equipos del Caribe con las islas BAHAMAS y su federación de golf como anfitriones.

Puerto Rico Inicia con el pie derecho en el CAJCG



La delegación nacional de golfistas juveniles que participa del 24to Campeonato de Golf Juvenil por Equipos organizado por la Caribbean Golf Association, tuvo un excelente primer día de competencia colocando en el primer lugar de la misma con un total de 55 puntos, al frente del equipo de Trinidad & Tobago quien se coloca en segunda posición con 44 puntos.

Con un total de 9 equipos participando en el evento regional, el cuerpo técnico de la asociación se muestra sumamente positivo en relación al desempeño de los golfistas "boricuas" que contó con un total de tres diez (10) por parte de las féminas que nos representan.

El total de golpes más bajo registrado por uno de los nuestros, correspondió a la ronda presentada por JOSE O. RODRIGUEZ en su tarjeta oficial con un total de 74. RODRIGUEZ nos representa en la categoría de varones entre las edades de 16 y 17 años, mientras que PATRICIA GARCIA (75) y MARIA F. TORRES (77) y Yudika Rodríguez (83) ocuparon el primer lugar de sus respectivas categorías.