

Meet PRGA's "new" Jr. Champions for 2014



Humacao, PR (Tuesday, April 16th) - After 54 holes of competitive but fun golf amongst the participants of the 2014 PRGA Junior Island Championships hosted by the PRGA at the Palmas Athletic Club - Palm Course, we salute **Yudika Rodriguez and Felipe Colon, Jr.**, as the New Junior Island Champions at the 18&U Division, and all other medalists at the 3-day event, also all other award winning boys and girls of the 2012-2013 Season.

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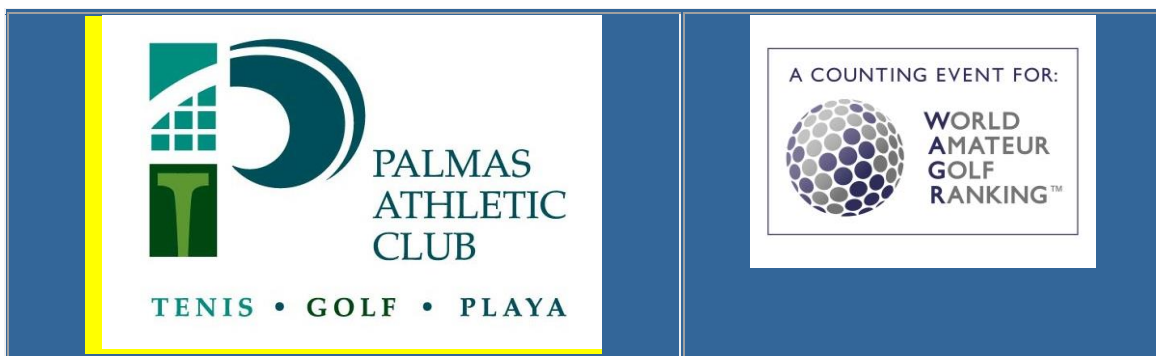


**2014 PUERTO RICO JUNIOR
ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS**
at Palmas Athletic Club - Palm Course
(April 14-16)

**FINAL RESULTS
FINAL COURSE STATS**
(13-18 U. Divisions Only)

Hole-by-Hole Scores
& Course Stats per Category
(Provided by TPP Online Scoring System)

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About the Junior Island Championships:

The Puerto Rico GA Junior Island Championships, is an Official Amateur event, open to Junior Boys & Girls 18 years old & under that is annually organized by the Puerto Rico Golf Association and recognized by the **World Amateur Golf Ranking** (www.wagr.com) as an official points event for the top ranked players on each category. The event also has the recognition of the Puerto Rico Olympic Committee (COPUR) and the Sports and Recreation Department (DRD). Annually hosted at one of the various member clubs of the PRGA, the Jr. Championships with over 35 years of history also recognizes the top junior amateur golfers in the five (5) divisions contested, awarding the Hank James trophy for Boys and the WPRGA trophy for Girls at the 18 & Under Division, and provide with an opportunity for each participant to add additional scores information towards the season-long ranking system prepared by the Junior Golf Committee, and prior to the selection of the Junior Golf National Team which represent Puerto Rico and the PRGA at the Caribbean Amateur Junior Golf Championships. (www.cgagolfnet.com) For more info. please contact US by: email - jsoto@prga.org / phone. (787)392.0772

Only one round left until we meet our New Junior Island Champions (DAY 2)

Humacao, PR (Tuesday, April 15th) - Kristina Ortiz (145) and Felipe Colon, Jr. (141), remain leaders of the 18&U Category in their respective divisions after 36 holes played at the Palmas Athletic Club-Palm Course.

With 2-over par round of 73 strokes on Tuesday added to his cumulative total of 141, Colon (below) leads the boys field by nine strokes over Derek Villareal (150) who is in 2nd place, and Jason Gonzalez and Kenneth Martinez (151) tied for 3rd place.

Meanwhile, Ortiz (left) who shot a 72 on her second round is now only three strokes over the par for the tournament and leads her division by five over Yudika Rodriguez who is in second place, based on the **RESULTS** posted using th TPP Online Scoring System.

Kristina and Felipe, as well as Mitzel Chevres & Sara Posada (15&U) and Melvin Morales & Faviola Gonzalez (13&U), amongst other players in the field including Diego Saavedra (11&U) and Diego Robles (9&U), will be playing in the final round tomorrow before they can earn the coveted title and recognition by both the PRGA and the Sports and Recreation Department of Puerto Rico (DRD) during the Awards Ceremony for the 2014 PRGA Junior Island Championships.

As an Official Counting Event of the WAGR for third consecutive year, the champions of the 18&U Category will receive the corresponding points and inclusion into the World Amateur Golf Ranking (www.wagr.com) for the first time, joining other amateur players from all around the world.

Click on any of the LINKS below to access more information about the event.

COLON, JR. leads the entire field with an outstanding performance (DAY 1)



DORADO, PR
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BIRTHDATE: AUGUST 22, 1996
HIGH SCHOOL: COLEGIO NUESTRA
SEÑORA DEL ROSARIO
GRADUATES: 2014
PLAYS GOLF: RIGHT HANDED
NOTE: MEMBER OF PRGA
JUNIOR PROGRAM




Humacao, PR (Monday, April 14th) - With an impressive 3-under par score of 68 strokes, Felipe Colón, Jr. is the first round leader of the Boys 18&Under Category at this year's Junior Amateur Championships, followed by Derek Villareal (74) and Kenneth Martínez (75).

Playing at his home course and the place where basically acquired all the skills he showcase during play, left-handed player Melvin Morales finished at 1-under par 70 at the Boys 13&U.

Ian Aldarondo (Boys15&U) with a 74 and Kristina Ortiz (Girls 18&U) with a 74 are among other notables scores for Rd.1 at the 2014 PRGA Junior Island Championships, hosted by the Puerto Rico Golf Association at the Palmas Athletic Club - Palm Course (Par71). The second round continues tomorrow with TEE TIMES beginning at 8:00 AM on both tees (#1 and #10) and including the participants of the 11&U and 9&U divisions, who play nine holes every day.

Results for Jrs. Event at Pta Borinquen GC



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COURSE STATS RD1-- RD2 -- FINAL
Hole-by-Hole Scores per player

(Provided by TPP Online Scoring System)
and posted after every round)
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CONGRATULATIONS TO Melvin Morales!!!
 as the player with the final lowest score (149) for the
 2-day event at PBGC during PRGA Jr. Program Event #4.

Other notables scores includes;

- Gabriel Aviles (155) - Boys 15&U
 - Fico Thon (161) - Boys 18&U
 - Pablo Robles (76) B.11&U / Diego Robles (87) B.9&U*
- * 9-Holes Scores per Day**



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2013 Junior Island Amateur Championships



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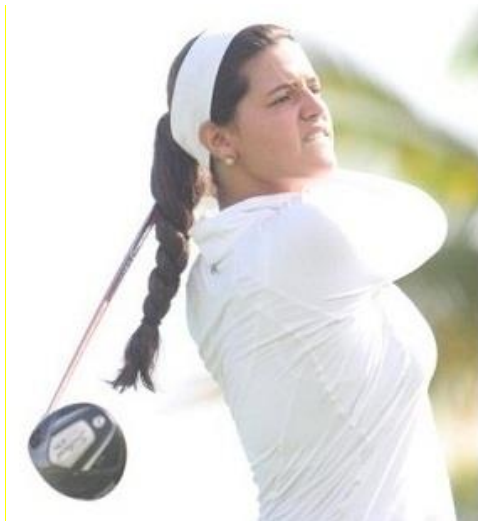
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BOYS 18 & Under // GIRLS 18 & Under

RD. 3 RECAP News Article

Toro & Torres repeat as Junior Champions

By Alberto C. Medina - PRGA Staff Writer



RIO GRANDE, PR (Wednesday, March 27, 2013) - Sebastián Toro closed with the best round of the tournament in the Boys' division, María F. Torres shot the only score under par in the event, and both players defended their titles as Puerto Rico's junior national champions on Wednesday at the conclusion of the PRGA Junior Island Championship.

Toro and Torres both saved their best golf for last, though under very different circumstances. Toro began the final round in second place, just one stroke off the lead, but part of a pack of

players who were very close behind second-round leader José Cardona. Cardona stumbled a bit on Wednesday, shooting a 77 (+6), while Toro carded a 72 to finish at +14 and win the Hank James Trophy for the second consecutive year. Cardona finished second at +18, while 14-year-old Kenneth Martínez, playing with the 'big boys', finished third at +19.

"They were 18 very competitive holes," said the champion. "I really enjoyed it because there were some very tense moments."

The 17-year-old Toro shared that he understands the importance of winning the national championship on multiple occasions, like Eduardito Figueroa, Wilfredo Morales and Rafael Campos did before him. "It means a lot to me and to my family, that has always supported me," he said. "It means a lot to me to have my name on that trophy, along with the names (of other players) I admire."

On the other hand, Torres enjoyed a 12-stroke lead after the first two days of play and only widened her margin of victory by shooting a final-round 70 (-1). Torres won the event at +2; Yudika Rodríguez and Gabriela Santini both shot 83 on Wednesday to take second and third place with total scores of +27 and +28, respectively.

With this win, Torres becomes the first Puerto Rican golfer, male or female, to win the Junior Island Championship on four occasions, thus wrapping up an extraordinary 'career' with the PRGA's Junior Program.

"For me, having this record is a real accomplishment," said Torres. "It was a real thrill to win the Island (Championship) for a fourth time and finish my time as a PRGA junior with a win."

Torres, a talented player with vast international experience, will be off to play at the University of Florida's prestigious golf program later this year. She credits tournaments like this and the Junior Program in general with helping her get this far.

"It has meant a lot. It has allowed me to develop in this sport, which is what I love," she said. "I hope the girls who are staying will keep on going."

Though Toro and Torres become junior national champions by virtue of winning the 18 & under categories, there was plenty of exciting action in the other age divisions.

Among the 15 & under boys, Leslie Rivera shot a closing-round 79 to finish at +26 and take home first place. He beat out Josaphet Durán (+31) and José Pedraza (+33). The Boys 13 & under division had the only sudden death action of the tournament; after Melvin Morales and Ian Aldarondo finished tied at +25, Morales won the one-hole playoff on the 18th hole.

Diego Saavedra took first place among the 11 & under boys, while Fabián Colón did the same in the 9 & under division.

Among the girls, Diana Vélez closed with a 76 on Wednesday to complete a solid performance in the 15 & under category with a total of +14. Her sister, Alexandra, finished second. Valeria Pacheco was the only Girls 13 & under participant, but she had the second-best total score of the entire tournament after finishing with a 78, for a total of +13.



Camila Robles beat out Valeria Jiménez in the 11 & under group, while Darianys Guzmán was unchallenged in 9 & under.

Cidras Signs Letter of Intent

Though she finished in sixth and last place in her division at the tournament, Gabriela Cidras still had a good day on Wednesday after signing a letter of intent to play college golf at St. Andrews University in North Carolina.

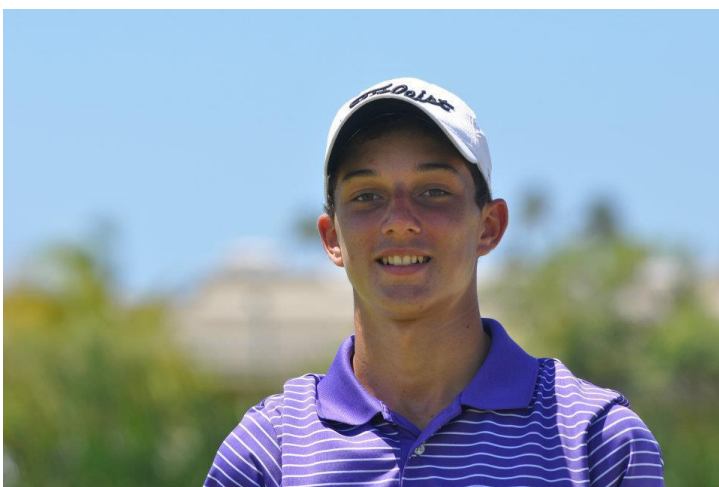
St. Andrews recruiter Randy Hernández was on hand to formally offer Cidras a spot on the team and a substantial scholarship for her university studies. "We had been following her for a while; we saw she had good scores, a good attitude on the course, and her teammates like her," he said. "I think she's going to do very well with us, both on the course and in school."

Francisco Rivera, the PRGA's Tournament Director who also works trying to find opportunities for local young golfers in American colleges, was also key in helping Cidras receive this opportunity.

RD. 2 RECAP News Article

Exciting Battle for the 2013 Junior Island Champion Title

By Alberto C. Medina - PRGA Staff Writer



(Tuesday, March 26, 2013) The battle to take home the Hank James Memorial Trophy and become Puerto Rico's new junior national champion got even tighter on Tuesday, thanks to an exciting second day of play that saw José Cardona take the lead while a handful of competitors are close behind, heading into the third and final round of the PRGA Junior Island Championship.

Cardona, who had the best round of the day among the Boys, shooting a 75 (+4) on the Ocean Course at Wyndham Río Mar Golf Club. Cardona, who was in fourth place after the first round, took over the top spot and is now at +12. Close behind are the defending champ, Sebastián Toro (+13); first-round leader, Daniel Cabán (+14); and Kenneth Martínez (+15), who at just 14 years old is competing for the junior national championship by playing in the 18 & under division.

Meanwhile, on the Girls' side, two-time defending champion María Torres had the best round of any competitor on Tuesday with a 72 (+1), and now has a seemingly insurmountable lead. The talented and experience 18-year-old golfer now has a total of +3; her closest rivals, Yudika Rodríguez and Gabriela Santini, both shot a second-round 78 and are at +15 and +16, respectively.

In the Boys' 15 & under, leader Leslie Rivera (+18) is trying to hold off Josaphet Durán (+22) and José Pedraza (+25). Ian Aldarondo leads the 13 & under boys with a +16, while Melvin Morales (+18) is close behind in second place.

In the Boys 11 & under category, Diego Saavedra shot an outstanding 38 (+3) over nine holes, while Fabián Colón leads the 9 & under group at +5.

Among the girls, Diana Vélez had the second-best round of any player on the course with a 74, and now has a total of +10 and a sizable lead in the 15 & under division. Talented 13-year-old Valeria Pacheco, the only competitor in her category, kept showing off her skills with a second-round 75 that placed her total at +6. Camila Robles leads the duo of 11 & under girls with a 48 (+13) over nine holes, while young Darianys Guzmán (9 & under) shot a 57.

The action wraps up on Wednesday, when the youngest golfers will play their final nine holes, while the rest of the field will play their third and final round to decide the winner of each category and crown the new junior national champions.

RD. 1 RECAP News Article

Cabán and Torres holds First-Round Lead

By Alberto C. Medina - PRGA Staff Writer



(Monday, March 24, 2013) On a sunny Easter-week Monday, 16-year old Daniel Cabán shot a 75 (+4) on Monday at Wyndham Río Mar's Ocean Course to take the lead after the first round of the Boys 18 & under category at the PRGA Junior Island Championship.

On a tough day for the young golfers that produced a lot of high scores, Cabán managed a solid round to take a two-stroke lead after the first of three days of play. Andrew Báez shot a 77 and is currently in second place, while defending champion Sebastián Toro is in third after carding a 78.

In the 18 & under Girls division, two-time defending champ María F. Torres began her quest for a third straight trophy with a 73 (+2). Torres was on her way to having an even better round after consecutive birdies to start the back nine, but a double-bogey on 16 cost her a chance at an even par round. Paola Díaz and Yudika Rodríguez are in second and third place after carding 78 and 79, respectively.

The winners of these 18 & under categories will be Puerto Rico's junior national champions.

One of the big surprises of the day was Valeria Pacheco, who at just 13 years old, matched Torres' round of 73. Pacheco, who lives in South Florida and has been hailed as one of the top players in her age group in that area, also took advantage of the back nine, where she had three birdies against just one bogey.

Diana Vélez (77) leads the trio of girls competing in the 15 & under division.

Among the boys, Leslie Rivera also shot 77 to take the lead in that same age group, followed by José Pedraza (81). Among the 13 & under boys, Ian Aldarondo carded a 79 (+8) and has a one shot lead over Melvin Morales, who shot 80.

The second of three rounds for these categories will begin early Tuesday, when the 9 & under and 13 & under boys and girls will also tee it up for the first of their two rounds.

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PREVIEW

ANNUAL JUNIOR ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIP to tee-off at Rio Mar

By Alberto C. Medina - PRGA Staff Writer

(Saturday, March 23, 2013) The PRGA Junior Island Championship, which will crown Puerto Rico's junior national champs, begins Monday at the Wyndham Río Mar Golf Club - Ocean Course, in Río Grande.



Over 60 young golfers will compete in a total of 12 categories, divided by age and gender. The 13 & under, 15 & under, and 18 & under players will compete throughout 54 holes between Monday and Wednesday, while the youngest players (9 & under and 11 & under) will go 36 holes on the final two days.

The winners, male and female, of the 18 & under category will be Puerto Rico's new junior national champions. Sebastián Toro and María F. Torres will be on hand to defend their trophies; in fact, Torres will be looking for her third-consecutive victory in this event.

The Junior Island Championship has been held since 1985 for boys and 1994 for girls. The best Puerto Rican golfers of the last few decades have won this event: from Miguel Suárez, Wilfredo Morales, and Rafael Campos, to Janice Olivencia, Kyle Roig, and Torres, who at 18 is already the top female golfer on the Island.
(View Records - Boys // Girls)

Beyond its historic value, the tournament holds great importance for the participating players and for the PRGA, since it's the main and final event of its Junior Program. *"The junior season ends with this event,"* said PRGA Executive Director Julio Soto. *"Then we start picking our national teams because the international events begin."*

According to Soto, while the PRGA takes into account other factors, it assigns great value to this national championship when it comes to picking players who will represent Puerto Rico. *"The Championship definitely has a lot of weight because it's the premier event of our season and it's an open, so anyone can come play,"* he said. *"That makes the field more competitive, and we take that into account and make the course pretty difficult."* Back in 2004 and while hosting its 50th anniversary, the PRGA along with Río Mar courses hosted the world's best amateurs during the World Amateur Team Championships organized by the International Golf Federation (IGF).

Indeed, this year's Championship will host two talented young players from outside Puerto Rico who will bring their high level of play to Río Mar. Charlie Denvir, a promising Irish golfer whose mother is Puerto Rican, will play in the boys' 13 & under division. Among the girls, in that same age group, Florida-based Valeria Pacheco will tee it up. Pacheco has recently won numerous tournaments and recognition as one of South Florida's top golfers in her age group.

Because of its quality and level of competitiveness, the Junior Island Championship is recognized by none other than the R&A, which maintains the official amateur rankings. *"The World Amateur Golf Ranking assigns points based on a player's performance in this event,"* said Soto. *"The fact that the event enjoys recognition from a worldwide organization also gives it great importance."*

The action begins early Monday morning in Río Mar.

2012 PRGA Junior Island Championship



Open to all Boys and Girls ages 18 & Under (*Not in College*).

Registration Closed.

To download the 2012 PRGA Junior Island Fact Sheet & Entry Form Click [HERE...](#)

FINAL RESULTS

Dorado, PR (Apr. 4, 2012) - After 54 holes of competitive golf at this year's Junior Amateur Championship, 16-year old **Sebastian Toro (224)** emerged as the **2012 Junior Amateur Champion and winner of the Hank James Trophy**. Presented by **SEARS** and hosted by **Dorado Beach Resort & Golf Club**, this year's championship was the 27th edition for the Boys Championship and the 18th year for the Girl's Championship organized by the Puerto Rico Golf Association.

With a 1-under par final score of 71 strokes, Toro led the field at 18 & Under Boys category by seven strokes over fellow competitor, **Andrew Baez (231)** who was the runner-up. Third place was accomplished by **Joito Cardona (235)**, who played in this category for the first time. Three strokes behind finished 2011 defending champion, **Fico Thon (238)** who came in fourth after struggling with his game thru all three rounds.

Maria Torres repeated as the Girls Junior Amateur Champion for third consecutive year with a 54-hole score of 227 strokes, over **Paola Robles** who was the runner-up at 231 and **Gabriela Santini** (251) who came in third place. Marife joined Kyle Roig and Sasha Medina as the only three female golfers who have won the Junior Amateur Championship title three consecutive years. For Robles it was her last event and farewell to the PRGA Junior Program as she will be entering college in the fall.

The PRGA also congratulates the CHAMPIONS (below) & other Winners of the various categories contested:

	15 & Under	13 & Under	11 & Under*	9 & Under*
Boys	Daniel Caban (226)	Kenneth Martínez (234)	Antonio Morales (73)	Diego Saavedra (78)
Girls	Yudika Rodríguez (224)	Valeria Pacheco (238)	Camila Robles (111)	Valeria Jimenez (113)

***(The 11 & Under & 9 & Under Categories play 9 holes each day of competition.)**

Thanks to all SPONSORS (including **CRISTALIA, Powerade, Coca-Cola, Neutrogena**), Volunteers, Staff Members at the Host Club, PRGA Board Directors and Parents for helping make possible another succesful Junior Golf Championship for the history of golf in Puerto Rico.

Past Junior Island Amateur Champions (**BOYS / GIRLS**)

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