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**Puerto Rico has a new Amateur champion, Erick Morales!**

SAN JUAN, PR - What a fantastic final round of competition at all levels. Mother nature looked to ruin the party early on but had second thoughts and sunshine it was!

Erick Morales (71,71,68=210) and Jeronimo Esteve (73,69,71=213) traded shots all day and both entered the 18<sup>th</sup> 5-under. Morales birdied the 18<sup>th</sup> finishing 6-under edging out Jeronimo Esteve by 3 strokes when Esteve's tee shot went into the water on the left side of the 18<sup>th</sup> fairway and finished with a double bogey and in 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

Morales set a new record winning three flights; Amateur, Male Mid Amateur and the Overall.

Professional Edward Figueroa (70,72,78=220) went wire-to-wire and took home the honors in the professional category. Entering the final round with a commanding 10-shot lead, Figueroa had a rough round but did enough to win by six strokes. Miguel Suarez finished in second (75,77,74=226) and rounding out the top three was Gilberto Barrionuevo.

On the Ladies side, Yudika Rodriguez (72,79,77=228) won the title as one of her best friends and TCU commit, Valeria Pacheco (80,76,75=231) came in second. Participating in her first Island, Andrea Balaguer finished third (80,80,78=238).

Valeria Pacheco and Melvin Morales won the inaugural Low Junior Male and Low Junior Female trophies named after Marife Torres and Rafa Campos. For Campos, it was a special treat, first serving as his brother's caddy and second, being able to present the trophy to Melvin Morales.

First Flight Amateur medalist went to another junior, Antonio Conde Ortega (84,78=162) edging out as seasoned Jose "Mickey" Canales (80,83=163) by one stroke.

The Senior Amateur division had Mike Santin (74,76=150) winning back-to-back years beating out Tommy Smith (80,72=152) by two strokes.

Thank you and congratulations to all the participants and we hope we to see you next time out!

To see all the scores, please visit [www.prga.org](http://www.prga.org).