



## 2017 PRGA Junior Match Play Champion – Christian Correa

The Junior Match Play Championship, conducted by the PRGA and hosted at Palmas Athletic Club, was played on the Flamboyant course. This year's tournament brought with it an international flavor as players from the States and Venezuela flew down to Puerto Rico to participate in the tournament.

Fridays stroke-play yielded solid scores with Andres Aranguren posting a 1-under par 71, earning him a Round of 16 bye along with Hector Rivera (73) and Ian Aldarondo (74).

Venezuelan Gustavo Tineo had the highlight of his golf life as he made his first ever hole-in-one. Melvin Morales edged Diego Saavedra in extra holes for the longest match in the round of.

In the Round of 8, Aranguren beat E. Rivera; G. Tineo over M. Morales; Correa edges Aldarondo and H. Rivera loses to Suau.

In the Round of 4, Aranguren faced Tineo while Correa squared up against J. Suau. Aranguren and Suau lost to Tineo and Correa respectively and in the 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up match, Aranguren would finish with a 4&2 victory.

The 18-hole championship match between Correa and Tineo was a seesaw fight. It all came down to the 17<sup>th</sup> hole where Correa made a clutch championship-winning birdie putt.

In a post-round interview, Correa would go on to say that "It was a constant fight and I couldn't give up". Surely enough and congratulations Christian!