

# LATIN AMERICA AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP 2016

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**LUGAR:** Teeth of the Dog, Casa de Campo, Dominican Republic

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## Casa de Campo, the Caribbean Jewel that Will Host the 2016 LAAC

Thursday, January 15, 2015 was a far from ordinary day in the rich history of Casa de Campo, the stunning resort located at La Romana, Dominican Republic. On that day, the Founding Partners of the Latin America Amateur Championship (LAAC) announced to the golfing world that the second edition of this prestigious championship would be played on January 14-17, 2016 at Teeth of the Dog, one of the four golf courses at one of the most important resorts in the Caribbean. Casa de Campo is a hotel, a resort, a residential community located along 7000 acres on the southeast coast of the Dominican Republic. It's a jewel in the midst of the Caribbean according to the IAGTO (International Association of Golf Tour Operators) which considered this resort the number one in the world.

Designed by Pete Dye, who is widely regarded as one of the best golf architects in the world, Teeth of the Dog is deemed to be the best golf course in the Caribbean and Top 50 amid the best golf courses in the world. "The opportunity to build this golf course from the start is a once-in-a-lifetime experience," said Dye, who, together with his wife Alice, also designed Dye Fore and The Links, golf courses that are the pride of Casa de Campo as well (the fourth golf course is called Romana Country Club). Amateur golfers will find a high end golf course surrounded by amazing landscapes with exceptional views, especially those holes by the Atlantic Ocean. One of them is the par-3, 5th hole, the most photographed hole, and worth mentioning is the tee box of the fourth hole, located on a small peninsula. The greens and tee boxes were seeded with Paspalum, while the fairways have 419 Bermudagrass. In this layout, each hole is different and features a unique intimidation factor. Of course you need to take the weather into account, mainly the wind and the humidity. All these traits make this site a very special one, and the playing field should take them into account when preparing for the championship. This will be, without a doubt, a real challenge which will showcase the great level of the futures golf heroes.

Founded by the Masters Tournament, The R&A and the USGA, the LAAC was created to help grow the sport in South and Central America, Mexico and the Caribbean. Every year, the championship offers the winner the opportunity to play in the Masters Tournament. In addition, the winner and the runner(s)-up will gain places in The Open Qualifying Series and in sectional qualifying for the U.S. Open Championship. Finally, the champion receives exemptions into The Amateur Championship, U.S. Amateur Championship and any other USGA amateur championship for which he is eligible. These benefits have been enjoyed the Chilean Matias Dominguez (champion of the first edition of the LAAC) and the Argentine Alejandro Tosti

(runner-up at the LAAC).

### **Cazaubon knows how to win at Casa de Campo**

To get a feel of what could happen during the week of competition at Casa de Campo, a good measure is to review the performances on the PGA TOUR Latinoamérica when Mexico's Rodolfo Cazaubon won the Dominican Republic Open. The tournament was played at Teeth of the Dog and the winning score was 278 strokes (-10), a score that could be a benchmark for the players at the 2016 LAAC. Of course it will all depend on the wind, a key factor when judging the difficulty of a golf course, especially on the final holes next to the Caribbean Sea.

After his victory in June, Cazaubon, 25, a University of North Texas graduate, climbed to the top of the Order of Merit on the PGA TOUR Latinoamérica at what happens to be the last tournament of the first half of the tour schedule. *"You have to respect that golf course; it's not easy to play under par, even more so during tournament days with all the pressure. For sure winning at a Pete Dye layout is something to be proud of,"* said the man from Mexico.

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The R&A is committed to working for golf and supports the growth of the game internationally and the development and management of sustainable golf facilities. The R&A operates with the consent of 152 organizations from the amateur and professional game and on behalf of over thirty million golfers in 138 countries.

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The USGA conducts the U.S. Open, U.S. Women's Open and U.S. Senior Open, as well as 10 national amateur championships, two state team championships and international matches, attracting players and fans from more than 160 countries. Together with The R&A, the USGA governs the game worldwide, jointly administering the Rules of Golf, Rules of Amateur Status, equipment standards and World Amateur Golf Rankings. The USGA's reach is global with a working jurisdiction in the United States, its territories and Mexico, serving more than 25 million golfers and actively engaging 150 golf associations.

The USGA is one of the world's foremost authorities on research, development and support of sustainable golf course management practices. It serves as a primary steward for the game's history and invests in the development of the game through the delivery of its services and its ongoing "For the Good of the Game" grants program. Additionally, the USGA's Course Rating and Handicap systems are used on six continents in more than 50 countries.

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