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Teeth of the Dog: Pete Dye stamped his
prestigious seal on Casa De Campo

“The ardent golfer would play Mount Everest if somebody would put a flagstick on top. Golf

is not a fair game, so ... why build a course fair?" That's one of the answers Pete Dye uses most when asked about the difficulty of his designs. And if you review some of the wonders that this American born in Urbana, Ohio, on December 29, 1925, created which became established among the world golf elite, that quote begins to make sense.

Casa de Campo, where the future Latin America Amateur Championship (LAAC) will be played from January 14-17, 2016 in Dominican Republic, proudly showcases its four golf courses, three of them designed by Dye. Teeth of the Dog is the layout that will welcome the best amateur players of the region in a championship conducted by the Masters Tournament, The R&A and the USGA. But two other jewels shine at Casa de Campo: Dye Fore and The Links.

Dye was an outstanding amateur golfer, so much so that at age 38 he played the The Amateur Championship in 1963 at the Old Course in St Andrews. Ever since then he began visiting several golf links in Scotland some of which became an inspiration for his later designs.

The first golf course he developed as an architect, always with his wife Alice by his side (a key element in his creations), was El Dorado, in Indianapolis in 1961. However, his first big success came with the well-known Harbour Town at Hilton Head, where one of the oldest events on the PGA Tour is played, The Heritage, won by the Argentinean José Cóceres in 2001.

It would be a lengthy task to try to review each and every one of Dye's designs but it's interesting to pinpoint some of the ideas he takes into account when designing a golf course, highlighted on his website:

1- Golf courses must be designed bearing in mind all kinds of players, from a 36-handicap golfer to a professional golfer. It's important to draw new players to the course and challenge those with great skills.

2- The player must remember every hole after playing the course. His experience should be unmatched.

3- Fairways must be wide: "Narrow fairways and long grass are bad remedies for a poor design," says Dye.

4- Generously sized greens reduce stress from intense player traffic. This also reduces the need for maintenance products, which lowers costs and enhances the care for the environment.

These are some of the concepts that Pete Dye calls his "Design Philosophy" and which are reflected on some of his most famous creations such as Whistling Straits (host of the 2015 PGA Championship and 2007 U.S. Senior Open), the Ocean Course at Kiawah Island (host of the Ryder Cup and the 2012 PGA Championship), Mission Hills in China and, obviously, TPC Sawgrass, site of the "Fifth Major," The Players Championship.

January 14, 2016 will not be just another day for Pete Dye: the LAAC will be played on a golf course that bears his signature and one of the sport's most well-known architects will feel an unrivalled pride. At Teeth of the Dog, Chilean Matias Dominguez will defend the title he won in the maiden event and Argentina's Alejandro Tosti (runner-up) will aim to go one better in the Dominican Republic. But the other 108 players in the field share this dream and will set

out to become the next generation of 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. This championship grants the winner the opportunity to play the 2016 Masters Tournament. In addition, the winner and the runner(s)-up will be exempt into The Open Qualifying Series for The 145th Open at Royal Troon and into sectional qualifying for the U.S. Open Championship at Oakmont Country Club next year. Finally, the champion will receive full exemptions into The Amateur Championship in 2016, the 2016 U.S. Amateur Championship and any other USGA amateur championship for which he is eligible.

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For more information, visit www.masters.com.

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Based in St Andrews, The R&A organizes The Open, major amateur events and international matches. Together with the United States Golf Association, The R&A governs the game worldwide, jointly administering the Rules of Golf, Rules of Amateur Status, Equipment Standards and World Amateur Golf Rankings. The R&A's working jurisdiction is global, excluding the United States and Mexico.

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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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.

For more information about the USGA, visit www.usga.org.

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