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## Lucky 7 to the Puerto Rico Open

**T**hirty-one players peppered the greens of Costa Caribe Resort in Ponce during the Puerto Rico Open Local Qualifier to try to shoot a total two-day score of 152 or less.

After two days battling the coastal winds, seven lucky golfers secured a spot in the important tournament. Four golf pros and three amateurs, including one junior player, 15-year-old Rafa Campos, the youngest player ever to participate in a Puerto Rico Open, will be on the field March 18 to 21 during the American Express Puerto Rico Open at Costa Caribe Resort.

After some higher scores Feb. 15, Juan Rodriguez, Felipe Colon, Rafa Campos, and Carlos Rosario came on strong Feb. 16 to make the cut score. Juan and

Felipe led the field on the second day with rounds of two-under par 70. Rafa and Carlos both shot even-par 72. Paul Veneziano was consistent with 75 and 73. Lester Rivera and Wilfredo Morales were the leaders in the clubhouse after the two days, with a total of 146. Lester shot rounds of 74 and 72, and Wilfredo 73 and 73. Congratulations to all!

Keep checking the Puerto Rico Golf Association (PRGA) website ([www.prga.org](http://www.prga.org)) for updates on preparations for the American Express Puerto Rico Open. The website will provide live scoring during the open, so visitors can follow players during their rounds. The event is open to the public, and there is no admission fee. For information, call the PRGA offices at (787) 721-7742. ■

### Puerto Rico Open Local Qualifier Leaderboard

Rank/Name	Round 1	Round 2	TOTAL
1 Lester Rivera	74	72	146
2 Wilfredo Morales	73	73	146
3 Paul Veneziano	75	73	148
4 Juan Rodriguez	79	70	149
5 Felipe Colon	81	70	151
6 Rafa Campos	79	72	151
7 Carlos Rosario	80	72	152



Four golf pros and three amateurs, including junior player Rafa Campos (not in photo) qualified for the Puerto Rico Open