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Puerto Rico's first island green opens at Costa Caribe

Puerto Rico's first island green opened Aug. 30 at the new Costa Caribe Golf & Country Club in Ponce. The new routing of the course will make the green hole 13. "The island green will present a new challenge to those who've already played the course, as well as to those who have yet to play our great facility," said Roberto E. Horta, general manager of Costa Caribe Golf & Country Club.

Costa Caribe Golf & Country Club's temporary entrance is in the Los Caobos area. The connecting bridge from the Hilton Ponce & Casino is to open on Oct. 24.

According to a press release, the 32,000-square-foot clubhouse with ocean views is expected to open in spring 2004. Public guest fees are \$65 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays and \$75 on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. "We are eager to show Puerto Rico and the world what Puerto Rico has to offer in golf," said Alberto Torruella, president of Serralles Hotel Inc., owner of Costa Caribe.

Costa Caribe Golf & Country Club is part of the Costa Caribe Resort, which includes the Hilton Ponce & Casino, Costa Caribe Villas, and the 27-hole championship golf course designed by Bruce A. Besse Jr. of Willowbend Golf & Land Design. For more information, visit www.costacaribe-resort.com.