

“CORALES is aesthetically beautiful and competitively challenging, without a blade of grass out of place.” —BILL CALFEE, PRESIDENT, WEB.COM TOUR



The 18th hole, Corales Course

## Walking In Their Footsteps

### THE CORALES PUNTACANA RESORT & CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RETURNS IN MAY

PUNTA CANA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: “Our family has continued to reinvest in our country for generations,” proudly stated Frank Elias Rainieri, principal at Grupo Puntacana. “What started as a dream by my father in 1970 has transformed Punta Cana into one of the premier destinations in the world. The Web.com tournament allows us to showcase Puntacana Resort & Club and our two oceanfront golf courses—Corales and La Cana.

“The Tom Fazio designed Corales Course features six oceanfront holes and the final stretch has become known as Devil’s Elbow. The striking 18th hole requires a dramat-

ic forced carry over the cliff-lined Bay of Corales,” described Rainieri. “The use of paspalum supreme grass and the largest irrigation system in the Caribbean [with over 3,300 sprinkler heads] ensures the course is in tournament caliber conditioning year-round.”

The Web.com Tour is a snapshot of the best young guns in golf. The Tour awards 50 PGA TOUR cards—considered the golden ticket—for the following year. Competition is stiff. The NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) estimates 148,000+ students play high school golf with only 2 percent making the cut to a

PUNTACANA RESORT & CLUB sponsors Emiliano Grillo, the 2016 PGA Rookie of the Year.

“PUNTACANA RESORT & CLUB is absolutely spectacular and Corales is a well-designed golf course.” — JIM DUNCAN, VP, RULES, COMPETITION & ADMINISTRATION, PGA TOUR



Tortuga Bay



Frank Elias Rainieri, Principal, Grupo Puntacana

NCAA Division 1 college. That 2 percent then only stands a fraction of a percent to compete on the Web.com Tour.

Puntacana Resort & Club is known as *the* island golf destination. In addition to 45 holes of Tom Fazio and P.B. Dye golf, guests have access to Tortuga Bay (the only AAA Five Diamond awarded hotel in The Dominican Republic), The Westin Puntacana Resort & Club, and a three-mile powdery sand beach.

The Punta Cana International Airport (PUJ) handles flights from 28 countries and 96 cities, has 28 nonstop flights and 6.5 million passengers each year.

“Our beaches, selection of resorts, warm hospitality, and convenient airlift make us a compelling choice for your vacation dollars,” said Rainieri. “I am excited to



The Westin Puntacana Resort & Club overview

report that United States Customs and Immigration will open U.S. preclearance in May, making a trip to Punta Cana even more convenient and stress free.” ■

For more information on Pro-Am packages to the Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship on May 4-7, please visit [Puntacana.com/CoralesChampionship](http://Puntacana.com/CoralesChampionship).