

# Record Fundraising for McDaniel Tournament

Donations totaled RD\$1.4 million for the VII Annual McDaniel Foundation Teaching Tennis Pro Tournament held in Casa de Campo this past March. The record amount was a 9% increase over 2011 when a total of 87 individual donors gave RD\$1.3 million compared to this year's 84 donors.

The Foundation's stated objective is to provide scholarships for the ball boys of the Las Terrazas Tennis Club and of the La Romana Country Club (LRCC). There are currently 24 ball boys in the program starting from 3rd grade until high school graduation. The scholarship covers all school expenses including tuition, books, supplies and uniforms. Ball boys are chosen based on their aptitude both on the courts and at school and they must maintain good grades in order to continue receiving the benefits of the Foundation.

Of the funds raised this year, the Foundation paid out RD\$400,000 in prize money while the scholarships and English lessons cost RD\$650,000. Other Foundation expenses included promotional items before and during the event. The non-profit has no fixed costs and all work is done on a voluntary basis to ensure that the kids are getting the full benefit of the donations.

For the first time this year, in addition to the individual owners, the event also featured 14 corporate sponsors, which it hopes to increase next year. Rick McDaniel, the long-time villa

owner who established the tournament back in 2006 explained, "In the long run we hope to have most, if not all of the 32 Casa de Campo ball boys in school. Once we have full enrollment in the program as they graduate we will look into providing some sort of aid for their university studies." The Foundation also offers free English classes for 60 ball boys and players twice a week.

### Three-Peat for Nolasco

In the final, for the third year in a row, Pedro Nolasco, 20, a teaching pro from Las Terrazas Tennis Center defeated Francisco Concepción, 33, of LRCC with a score of 7-5, 6-3. The championship match was held at the LRCC with a crowd of over 100 villa owners, friends and players. Nolasco, who is ranked fourth in the nation, and is a member of the Dominican Davis Cup Team, matched Concepción's three consecutive titles from 2007 to 2009.

A total of 32 teaching pros took part in the event with prize money distributed to all players. The players eliminated in the first round received RD\$10,000 all the way to the top with Nolasco earning RD\$40,000 for his

winning feat.

New for this event was a doubles match the day before the official opening with a pro set between the top four teaching pros of Casa de Campo. The LRCC representatives won the match with Francisco Concepción and Edwin Guerrero defeating La Terraza Tennis Center's Pedro Nolasco and Miguel Mercedes.

Afterwards the players and donors were treated to a dinner and awards ceremony sponsored by the LRCC. Alfonso Paniagua, VP of LRCC presented the trophies and cash prizes to 2012 champion Nolasco and runner-up Concepción. During the event McDaniel presented Helen Wynne with a plaque as this year's Tournament Honorary Chairman and thanked all the sponsors present for their contributions and efforts in making this year's event a success.



The buffet crew: Wilfredo Polanco, Ignacio Calderón, Allen Morales, Mateo Encarnación, Ramón Severino, Beato de Morla, Francisco Qeten and Bernardo Rosado.



Emilio Vasquez, Rick McDaniel Pablo Green and Adonis Berroa with 2012 Scholarship Awards winners Starlin de la Rosa, Neftali García, Carlos Andujar and Ronald Abreu.



Edwin Guerrero, Pedro Nolasco, Rick McDaniel, Miguel Mercedes, Francisco Concepción and Emilio Vásquez.



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1. Rick McDaniel with tennis staff, teaching pros and ball boys.

2. Adonis Berroa congratulates Pedro Nolasco for winning the match with Francisco Concepción.

3. Francisco Concepción

4. Pedro Nolasco

