

# THIRD ANNUAL PRO-AM GOLF TOURNAMENT IN CUBA IS AN UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS

## Tony Jacklin and Les Furber among the Attendees

**Varadero Cuba** - April 2011 – On April 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, Palmares SA, the organization responsible for golf development in Cuba, hosted the second annual **Montecristo Cup** at the Varadero Golf Club in Cuba. [View photo slideshow](#)

The guest of honour this year was **Tony Jacklin CBE**, the most successful British player of his generation and the most successful European Ryder Cup captain ever.

Open to amateurs and professionals, this third annual tournament once again was a huge success in its participation, with **92** players from 15 countries: Germany, Canada, Korea, France, Mexico, Uruguay, Argentina, Spain, United States, Ireland, Aruba, United Kingdom, Bulgaria, Russia and Cuba.

Players enjoyed three days of golf under clear blue skies at this spectacular seaside course located 75 miles east of Havana. The competition included the opportunity to win **The Esencia Cup** and **The Montecristo Cup**, played over two rounds on April 15<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Esencia Group**, who are partnered with **Palmares** to develop a number of golf resorts in Cuba, presented Cuba's **Daniel Batista** with the **Esencia Cup** which was an original painting by renowned Cuban artist **Ernesto Villanueva** and a **Bill Amberg** Weekend Golf Bag.

**Mr Dionisio Garcia Esquivias** won the Montecristo Cup and received a **Cuervo y Sobrinos** fine watch. The runner up was **Ms. Kim of Korea** and third prize went to **Mr. Steve William** from Canada. Both Players and runners up were presented with cigars by **Habanos SA**, the world's leading premium Cigar Company and owner of the world famous Montecristo brand.

The awards were presented at the exclusive Du Pont mansion, **Xanadu**, where all the players enjoyed mojitos, music and dancing as well as a gala dinner on the oceanside terrace courtesy of Palmares. Throughout the weekend, there was a generous supply of **Montecristo Open** cigars, an exclusive range created by Habanos to complement the alfresco weekend event.

**Palmares, Esencia** and **Habanos** would like to thank both sponsors and participants and especially Varadero Golf club and we look forward to confirming the dates for the 2012 event which will take place at the same venue.

### *Editor's Notes:*

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The event was co-managed by **Palmares** and **Esencia Group**, the leading supporter and developer of golf in Cuba. For more information and to see the images

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