



## USA and Cuba crowned in Boca Chica Beach Volleyball

BOCA CHICA, Dominican Republic, March 23, 2008.- Americans Ed Ratledge-David Fischer and Cubans Ion Canet-Nirian Sinal were crowned as the champions of the Boca Chica Beach Volleyball Tournament sponsored by Presidente Light with a total prize money of US\$10,000.

Ratledge-Fischer came from behind to edge the Puerto Rican (2) pair of Orlando Irrizarry-Roberto Rodriguez in an emotional match by score of 18-21, 21-13, 17-15. Meanwhile, Canet-Sinal beat the Costa Rican duo of Ingrid Morales-Natalia Alfaro by score of 21-14, 21-16.

In the matches for the bronze medals the women of Puerto Rico beat Trinidad & Tobago 21-16, 21-19, and in the men's side Jamaica defeated Puerto Rico 1 by score of 21-15, 24-22.

The American tandem entered the final contest following an easy 21-11, 21-14 triumph over the Jamaica pair of Mark Lewis-Dany Wilson.

The Puerto Ricans reached the gold medal match with a well fought three-set victory over their fellow countrymen

of Puerto Rico 1 (Abdell Otero-Juan Carlos Rivera) by score of 16-21, 21-15, 15-12.

The Cubans took a semi final victory over Trinidad & Tobago 21-10, 21-16 while the Costa Ricans had to play hard to beat Puerto Ricans Sheila Lopez-Maria Teresa Ramos by score of 21-18, 16-21, 15-6.

In other men's matches, Barbados defeated St. Kitts & Nevis 21-18, 21-13 for the ninth place, and Costa Rica 2 edged Guatemala 21-12, 15-21, 15-10 for the eleventh place.

### Results of Sunday:

Men: USA d. JAM (21-11, 21-14), PUR 2 d. PUR 1 (16-21, 21-15, 15-12). Position's round: BAR d. SKN (21-18, 21-13), CRC 2 d. GUA (21-12, 15-21, 15-10). Bronze Medal: JAM d. PUR 1 (21-15, 24-22). Gold Medal: USA d. PUR 2 (18-21, 21-13, 17-15). Women: CRC d. PUR (21-18, 16-21, 15-6), CUB d. TTO (21-10, 21-16). Bronze Medal: PUR d. TTO (21-16, 21-19). Gold Medal: CUB d. CRC (21-14, 21-16).

Men's Final positions: 1. USA, 2. PUR 2, 3. JAM, 4. PUR 2, 5. CUB, 6. CRC 1, 7. DOM 2, 8. DOM 1, 9. SKN, 10. BAR, 11. CRC 2, 12. GUA.

Women's Final positions: 1. CUB, 2. CRC, 3. PUR, 4. TTO, 5. DOM 2, 6. BAR, 7. GUA, 8. DOM 1.