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AND THE WINNERS ARE



Challenging but an amazing experience was the verdict of the majority of the 80 golfers who took part on Saturday 29th August in our Charity Golf Tournament at the prestigious Monte Rei Golf and Country Club Course in the Eastern Algarve, near Santa Rosa.

After a continental breakfast, golfers were escorted to their respective starting holes and the siren signalled a shotgun start at 9.30 am. Some four and a half hours later, some elated (as well as some chastened) golfers, filtered back to the Clubhouse in preparation for an excellent BBQ lunch, drinks and to hear the results.

In a tightly fought contest amongst some excellent ladies players Regine Petit triumphed with 38 points and was duly awarded the Ladies Plate by this years RCEPI President Robin Wilson.

In the men's competition some high scoring resulted in a win for Hassan Dahabiyeh with Jacques Bonneval a close second. Hassan was presented

with the RCEPI jug for his performance.

Monte Rei Golf and Country Club did its usual outstanding job of organising the tournament, food and drink, and also in ensuring that guest golfers were treated to the kind of service that befits this high quality venue. Our thanks go to Golf Director David Shepherd and his outstanding team, who made sure everyone enjoyed the special Monte Rei experience.

The proceeds of the day's golf and raffle, which raised over 7000 euros, will go towards a number of different charity projects supported by our Club, including Estoi Casa do Povo, the sponsoring of of one young



person from an underprivileged background to study at Faro University and, of course, our ongoing major effort to provide a mobile breast screening unit to the Algarve Oncology Association. A number of players both male and female turned up in pink outfits to support the cause.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR MIGUEL MENDES VISIT TO OUR CLUB

RCEPI were delighted to receive Rotary District 1960 Governor Miguel Mendes who visited the Club on Tuesday 22nd September. President Robin and other Club members accompanied the Governor on a visit to Estoi Casa Do Povo where he was shown around by the administrative team there Sandra and Odete. He discussed the work which Casa do Povo and RCEPI do in the local community and was informed of the latest number of families benefitting from our monthly milk supplies.



Governor Miguel was accompanied by incoming District Governor Abilio Lopes and Abilio's wife Isabel, both members of Rotary Club Tavira. The group then moved on to the Pousada do Estoi, where they joined the Club's regular lunch meeting.

The Governor gave a short speech expressing his support for the work done by our Club locally as well as our cooperation with other clubs in the region.



The Governor kindly inducted our latest member, Mina Correia and stressed that membership growth was a priority for his year as DG.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome our second new member of the 2015-2016 Rotary



Mina Correira Portuguese Citizen receives her pin from DG Miguel Mendes

DG Miguel Mendes was pleased to be able to welcome our latest member, Mina Correira into our Club.

The induction process began with Mina's sponsor, Daniel Silva reminding us all of the Objectives of Rotary and after Mina received her pin, our Membership Committee Chairman, Manuela Robinson gave Mina her Rotary information pack and membership certificate. Mina will be working with the Club Service committee and assisting with translation work during this year.

FLAG EXCHANGE

Our member Christine Fay visited the French Rotary Club of Vannes and received their flag which she handed over to President Robin on her return. We are looking into the opportunity of twinning with this Club in the future.



MEMBERSHIP PIN

President Robin was pleased to present Kent with his Members Introduction pin following the induction of **Uwe Jens Jonsson** at the beginning Of the new Rotary Year.



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

UK based gospel choir “The Callington Singers” will be giving a concert on 10th October at the theatre in São Bras in aid of the AOA Breast Screening Project. Bar opens at 18.00 curtain up at 19.30. Only 12 euros per ticket to enjoy this great entertainment. Howard Parkin and the Algarve Ukulele Band will also be performing on the night. Contact 916 175 259 for further information and tickets.



SUMMER CAMP

Campo dos Indios in Tamera, Alentejo offers underprivileged children the chance to spend time “in the wild”, learn some basic survival skills etc. Two boys were nominated for this by Estoi Casa do Povo from families registered with the Banco Alimentar (Food Bank). With donations from RCEPI members our Youth Service Chair, Natacha, arranged for Gonzalo and Vitorino to go and have the time of their lives. The Casa do Povo management team were delighted that we were able to help them with this project and we will be helping out again next year.



RCEPI SPREADING THE WORD IN SÃO BRAS

RCEPI in partnership with 3 other organizations, Shankara Therapy, MAE Mobility and JNC Jovens e Natureza is opening an office in São Bras to promote Rotary International in the area. It will be an information point for those interested in joining Rotary and learning more about what we do.

Brochures and staff will be available to answer questions about Rotary, Interact and Rotaract.

RCEPI is planning to develop both Interact and Rotaract Clubs in the area using the office as a meeting point.

Interact is a club for young people ages 12-18 who want to join together to tackle the issues in their community that they care most about. Through Interact, they can:

Carry out hands-on service projects

Make international connections

Develop leadership skills

Have fun!

Rotaract is a club for adults aged 18-30 that meets twice a month to exchange ideas, plan activities and projects, and socialize. Rotaract gives young adults the chance to participate in

Hands-on service projects

Fun networking and social activities

Professional development opportunities

An international network of young leaders

The official opening will be on the 14th of October. At 18.00 Please come along and visit us at **Rua dos Bombeiros Voluntarios, Lote I r/c 81500 São Bras de Alportel**

This initiative is being spearheaded by our Chairman of Youth Service Natacha Nowak



FIRST INTERACT MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND ROTARY FOUNDATION SEMINAR HELD IN SEPTEMBER AT FARO UNIVERSITY PENHA CAMPUS WITH RC TAVIRA INTERACT CLUB GIVING A PRESENTATION



Upcoming Events

October to December

6th October	RCEPI Weekly Meeting 13:00—Speaker Alexandra Brito on “Refood” Project
10th October	Concert at Sao Bras Theatre
13th October	RCEPI Weekly Meeting 13:00—Committee Reports
20th October	RCEPI Weekly Meeting 13:00—To be confirmed
27th October	RCEPI Weekly Meeting 13:00—Speaker Lydia Pereeira on “Prosecuting Criminals in the Algarve”
3rd November	RCEPI Weekly Meeting 13:00—Speaker Sra. Alexandra on “Casa das Rapazes”
10th November	RCEPI Weekly Meeting 13:00—Committee Reports
17th November	RCEPI Weekly Meeting 13:00—Committee Meetings
24th November	RCEPI Weekly Meeting 13:00—Speaker Shirley Dunne on “The Rotary Foundation”
1st December	RCEPI AGM 13:00—
8th December	Public Holiday— No Meeting
15th December	RCEPI Weekly Meeting 13:00—Christmas Lunch
22nd December	No Meeting
29th December	No Meeting
5th January	RCEPI Weekly Meeting 13:00—Speaker to be confirmed

As event scheduling can change at the last minute. Please always check with our MOC

For anyone wanting to know more about any of our events or to register for participation, please contact via e-mail the Secretary at SECRETARY@ROTARYESTOIPALACE.ORG

If you wish to attend one of our meetings please let our Master of Ceremonies know by sending an e-mail