



# NEWSLETTER

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# New Pumping Capacity for the Irrigation

By António Santos



We all know that the best way to keep the golf course alive though the hot months of May to September is by... watering it! And I have great news related to the irrigation at San Lorenzo: during the month of June we acquired a new pump station that enabled us to



recuperate the capacity to sustain the pressure on the sprinklers throughout the whole of the golf course. Being irrigated, since 1986, by horizontal pumps the system has now been converted to vertical submersible pumps with greater functionalities and healthier noise-free environment.

One a more technical note: the irrigation system is composed of 3 main pumps of 50HP each on a combined capacity to flow 360m<sup>3</sup>/hour of water, and an additional smaller pump of 15HP (flow capacity of 30m<sup>3</sup>/hour) to fulfil minor demands of irrigation.



As part of the modernization process, and in order to maintain the constant 8kg pressure throughout the pipes of the whole golf course, the pumps are now controlled by a Variable-Frequency Drive (VFD). The VFD adjusts the rotational speed for the pumps, by controlling the frequency of the electrical power supplied to be motor, in correspondence to the variation on sprinkler consumption over the 42 ha of irrigated area.

I fully believe that this 95 000 € investment is a great contribution to the sustainability and quality of the lawns, as well as an improvement in for the environment and energy saving.

Let's enjoy our game of golf on a better irrigated turf!

## The Easter Cup 01 April.

Our Easter Cup, took place on the 1st April, for the 14th time! This year with a total of 76 participants – might we add it was great to see everyone – the ambience was great. Everyone got to show their golfing skills as well as their social skills during the cocktail, which was great fun. And, we couldn't go without writing this piece and not mention the winner: Sean McKeon. Congratulations! Sean McKeon has now accumulated two Easter Cup Champion titles, having won his first title in 2007. Along with Sean McKeon this tournament now has 3 members that hold 2 winning titles: John Greenwood (2003, 2005) and Mauke Bult (1997, 2002). Will we have a third time winner next year? Or will we someone else be taking the prize in 2011... Let's wait and see.



Sean Mc Koen with with Neil Rombaut and Luis Filipe receiving his tournament trophy. Congratulations, it was without a doubt a great day!

## The Shubotham's Trophy 06 April.

For the 11th consecutive year, the Shubotham's Trophy was a magnificent opportunity for 88 members and their guests to socialize in the slightly competitive environment of the usual golf tournament.

This year's tournament was especially competitive due to the fact that the first four teams finished all with 42 Stableford points; leaving the teams with the four last holes of the course to be the decisive shots, hence making all the difference in final scores!

Curious enough, this event has become quite the emblem, as many guests this year requested for the 2011 tournament to be programmed with a ball-dinner, as well as a tent on site for socializing... something to look forward to next year's event? We will all have to wait and see...



Luis Filipe, Antonio Santos, the winner team David and Lisa Carroll, and David Shubotham



Audience is unquestionably very attentive to David Carroll's speech.



# Buffet Extravaganza At Dona Filipa Hotel

We would like to remind San Lorenzo Golf Members... you don't only have golf benefits of being a Golf Member; you have benefits at Dona Filipa Hotel too!

Compliment your round of golf with one of our exquisite buffet evenings! And to make them even more attractive... you benefit from a 20% discount on you bill! This Newsletter Edition we'd like to tell you a little more on one of our top selling buffet evenings – our Champagne Buffet – every Wednesday evening...

Already recognized as a local attraction and famous for its 35 upscale gourmet dishes, features an extensive assortment of delicious seafood, fish and meat entrees, main courses, desserts and other delights designed to exceed expectations. Now why the name “Champagne Buffet” that's because this evening isn't only an ‘all you can eat’ galore, it's all you can drink too! Guests are able to savour Piper-Heidsieck champagne during dinner at no extra cost. Undoubtedly, a buffet that was made to impress!

For an amazing price of 52 € per person, but for San Lorenzo Members? It is only 41.60 € per person! What better way to top off you game of golf or an evening that you just want to do something special? The Champagne Buffet is the answer!

Make your reservation at the San Lorenzo Golf Desk, or call: 289 357 200 and book directly with the Hotel. Don't forget to visit [www.donafilipahotel.com](http://www.donafilipahotel.com) and see all the information on the dining facilities and services.



## The VI Ladies Cup 03 April.

A special cup at San Lorenzo, giving the ladies the exposure they deserve! After all, some of you are quite the feisty golfer, no doubt on that. With 42 members and their guests, the competition started at 08:04 with all our ladies in their best spirit to win and enjoy themselves. After showing their skills on all of the 18 holes, the ladies certainly had motive to celebrate... a hole in one, accomplished on Hole 2, Denise Butler. Thrilled with



Our Ladies Leigh Hughes and Rosie Sunderland congratulating Chef Morreira, on behalf of all present for the excellent lunch



Lady Captain Leigh Hughes presenting the Prize to Anne Ticker the Best Memberguest scorer

her hole in one, Denise commemorated it with champagne at the clubhouse along with all the tournament



Deneige Butler receives her Hole In One Certificate from Antonio Santos. Once again, great shot Deniege, congratulations!



Lady Captain Leigh Hughes presenting the Cup to Pauline Tarbuck the 2010 Ladies Champion

participants. And if that weren't enough reason to celebrate, the ladies were honoured by our Executive Chef António Morreira with an excellent lunch at the Clubhouse. The prize giving ceremony was filled with enthusiasm, a lot of laughter and joy amongst the ladies.

This year's proud winner of the VI Ladies Cup was Pauline Tarbuck (spouse of our honorary member Jimmy Tarbuck), congratulations for taking this year's prize.

### FUTURE MEMBER EVENTS

## MS Tournament 10 November.

The previously known Stember Tournament, exclusive to members, their guests and staff members, the tournament has now been renamed... MS Tournament (Member & Staff Tournament). An excellent opportunity to play a great game of golf, but in a friendly and fun-filled environment, after all you'll be playing with and or against... our staff members! What better way to get to know them a little better? On and off the golf course, because followed by the tournament, we'll be having the prize giving dinner at 19:30 hours, at the Dom Camilo.

The MS Tournament (9 hole Stableford 2 players Team Texas Scramble) takes place on the 10 November 2010, after 14:00 hours. Playing off ¼ of combined handicap.

**Entrance fee: 20 €**

## Future Tournaments @ San Lorenzo

### November 2010

- 01-03 South Region Pro-Am
- 08-12 Gala Week Tournament
- 14 Kika Charity Tournament
- 16 Kika Charity Tournament
- 21-26 X International Amateur Golf Tournament

### December 2010

- 04 Michael Appleton Charity Tournament

### January 2011

- 14-16 Golfbreaks Pro-Am
- 17-22 Yorkshire Pro-Am
- 24-25 Dream Flight Charity Tournament
- 28 Dream Flight Charity Tournament

### February 2011

- 13 Jimmy Tarbuck Charity Tournament
- 15 Jimmy Tarbuck Charity Tournament
- 17-18 Jimmy Tarbuck Charity Tournament
- 26-27 Steve Smith Tournament



## The Ria Formosa... Voted one of the 7 Natural Wonders of Portugal

By Luis Filipe

Competing with another 323 locations across the country, the Ria Formosa Estuary and Natural Park was recently elected as one of the 7 Natural Wonder of Portugal. The sotavento (eastern Algarve) ecosystem obtained the most votes in the category of Marine Areas. This recognition will most certainly reinforce the potential market of nature tourism in the Algarve; such as bird watching.

The President of the Algarve Tourism Board, Nuno Aires states: “This distinction reveals the great esteem that the Portuguese – and we share – for this the natural landscape. I truly believe that the election will give a new impulse to the nature tourism in the Algarve, a product that we have worked on the last few years, and that will help the Ria’s preservation”.

San Lorenzo can only express content and pride in sharing this prize... as we all know we benefit from the breath-taking and marvel of the Ria Formosa every single day.



## Dona Filipa & San Lorenzo Golf Resort – Nominated for 2 Prestigious World Awards

By Andrea Trigo

The World Travel Awards – Separating the good from the outstanding!

The World Travel Awards was launched in 1993 to acknowledge and recognise excellence in the world’s travel and tourism industry. Now celebrating its 17th Anniversary,



the awards are regarded as the very highest achievement that a travel product could ever hope to receive.

This year, Dona Filipa & San Lorenzo Golf Resort was nominated for 2 of the World Travel Awards:

- Europe’s Leading Golf Resort 2010
- Portugal’s Leading Golf Resort 2010

World Travel Awards is the most prestigious, comprehensive and sought after award programme in the global travel and tourism industry. To be voted a World Travel Award by a process involving 183,000 travel tourism and hospitality professional across the globe is the highest accolade a company can receive.

To all that nominated Dona Filipa & San Lorenzo Golf Resort for these 2 prestigious awards... we thank you for recognizing our Resort as one of the leaders in the golf leisure world – we are most honoured to have been nominated.



## Get To Know Our Staff Member – Albano Rodrigues

Did you know...

Albano Rodrigues has been a Golf Professional at San Lorenzo Golf Course for nineteen years, and has seen complete families play at San Lorenzo: the parents, their children and now, their grand-children.

Born in Quarteira, Albano Rodrigues’ passion for golf arose at the tender age of 16, when he started as Peter McGuiness’ (Golf Professional) Assistant, in Vale do Lobo. He speaks fluent English and French; and can carry a golf conversation in both German and Italian.



In December of 1978, he took the Golf Professional examination, being judged by Dick Greenway, Sid Collins and Rey Cox, Albano Rodrigues passed his exam with distinction! Before dedicating himself to teaching golf, Albano Rodrigues participated in a few Portugal Opens.

Asking Albano Rodrigues his opinion on his pupils and the notion of having taught numerous celebrities the game of golf, he cheerfully states:

“I convey the same passion to all my pupils, yes, it’s true – I have taught quite a few international celebrities in my time, but I’d rather not name them. Personally, I consider all my pupils a celebrity!” He steadily defends that, to be a good golfer – “golf must become a passion first, then you must like learning and be prepared to train a lot!”

## A Tip From The Pro By Albano Rodrigues

A Good Grip – A Good Game! The most important parts of your body to play golf? Your hands! Why? Because it’s the only part of your body that comes into contact with the golf club. As any golf professional will tell you: your grip is the foundation to an excellent swing, hence to an excellent game. Whereas, bad grips will always lead you to many slice shots. Remember the only purpose of the grip is to hold onto the club! And doing this well, is the secret! Check with your local professional to see if you have the right grip. A quick tip: hold your club tight enough to feel the club head – this is very important because the distance of your golf shot will come from speed that you give to that weight. Good luck and keep practicing!





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