

EC MEETING.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February

Please find the following report on the issues covered during this Executive Meeting

### **WORKING OBJECTIVES FOR WINTER**

The following is an update of the works carried out during winter season

#### **Sprinklers levelling:**

Holes, 1,5,6,7,9 finished. Green complex finished. Tees finished.

Currently working on hole 2



#### **Pruning hedges.**

Done from 1st to 17th hole. Focusing on the lower side so balls are easily found.



#### **Pruning palms and tree at 5th.**

Palm pruning on its way. This job is done by our own staff.

Arborists were in the course the week of the 10<sup>th</sup> of February. They will come again a second week on March.

During this week dead Fraxinus on 5<sup>th</sup> green was cut down.

Some tensor wires holding Araucaria at 15<sup>th</sup> were removed.



A good number of actions were accomplished. A new way of presenting this action and keeping records were design using Google Earth. It will be sent to members.



### Ornamental grasses cleaning.

This year they will be cleaned lighter to keep its appearance. We should start in March when cleaning hedges is finished.



### New drain at 14.

The drain installation at 14<sup>th</sup> was successfully finished. Not much interruption to players. It will prevent water on the 14<sup>th</sup> fairway from municipal sewage system.



### **Bark refill.**

Cleaning bark areas and refilling with new when needed is almost finished. Only sides on 3,4 and 5 is left.

### **Wall at 5<sup>th</sup> tee.**

The area had a difficult to maintain bougainvillea hedge that was removed exposing an old falling wall. The owner of the house promised to rebuild that wall. The work is finished now, and we are ready to plant new Adelfas.



### **Bird control.**

Beginning of February, a company came to control the bird population. We do have permission from Junta de Andalucia to control Argentinian parrots which are considered one of the most dangerous invasive species in Europe. They are not only a noxious pest but are threatening other local endangered species. This time more than 35 parrots were caught from club house, hole 18, hole 17, hole 15 among others.

## **LAST GREEN COMMITTEE MEETING**

In the last green committee meeting the following issues were discussed

### **Life buoys.**

A member complained about the lack of life buoys along the course. We believe most of the lakes do not really present much danger since they have a soft slope with shallow banks (less than 1 meter deep). Moreover, several life buoys are already placed in the most important areas.

It was decided to send a newsletter with clear information on this issue with maps and pictures.



### **Mowing pattern on fairways.**

It was decided to consider diamond pattern in July after maintenance week and analyze the results in regard to grain control, time needed, and appearance compared with actual longitudinal pattern.

### **Artificial turf at the practice area**

It was decided to change the artificial turf at the short practice tee.

## **VISITS TO THE COURSE**

The second week of February Las Brisas had a visit from a panel of assessors from 100 TOP GOLF COURSES. Even though they have not included their last comments in the web site, they expressed to Paul and me the excellence of the course in terms of maintenance, appearance, service...

The same week a group of people visited us to check the course as an option for the Solheim Cup/Spanish Ladies Open. Two agronomists joined them to audit the state of the course in order to host such an important event. I had the chance to discuss with them all the aspects of maintenance. We could be proud of their answer to what they saw: from the maintenance point of view they had no doubt the course is in great shape and we could easily prepare it for a major tournament in just few weeks.

## **INVESTMENTS**

### **Weather station.**

A new weather station was installed and operational. The old one broke down. This instrument gives an important daily information to the irrigation computer to decide when and how much water should be replaced to each area of the course.

