



Clube de Golfe do Levante

# Newsletter

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**Saturday Competition and event roundup, Algarve Interleague update, Update on Knockout competitions**

## 14<sup>th</sup> May Ladies Friendly

We were very pleased to welcome 10 ladies from Vila Sol to play our annual ladies friendly match. We played on Quinta de Cima which was in excellent condition. The match was played in a most congenial manner and a great day was had by all. Levante won the match 3 1/2 - 1 1/2. Well played team!

## 18<sup>th</sup> May Stableford

It was an extremely windy morning this day and Quinta de Cima proved to be very challenging! Only 3 players managed to score more than 30 points. Anna Groot with 31 points and the 2 winners - John Cuthbert with 33 points and Magda Dexter (having a hole-in-one!) with an excellent 37 points.



## Day One

The annual event to celebrate the founding of the Club was held on 25<sup>th</sup> May and was hosted by QDR. In great weather a most enjoyable day was had by the 48 pairs of golfers who took part. A shotgun start ensured everyone got together for the pleasant lunch, which was a barbeque. There were a lot of prizes given out and the overall winners were Thomas Bittner and Kevin Davorn with a great net score of 62!



## Henk's Charity Day



On June 1<sup>st</sup> Henk and Loes once again hosted their famous charity day! A change from the 'String thing' to the 'Portuguese Caddy' format brought a different and interesting tactical challenge for the participants. It was Marc Aston who rose most successfully to that challenge and was declared the winner on the day with 48 points. Dawn Haywood, top lady, recorded a very creditable score of 46 points. Delicious snacks were on the tables for all to enjoy after their game. The golf was important but more significantly Henk and Loes use the day to boost the Club's charity fund. €2850 was raised but, with the hosts traditional generosity, this figure was doubled by them to €5700! Huge thanks are due to Henk and Loes for once again providing such a great day and raising such a marvellous sum to go to good causes.

### Friendly against Guadiana Links

Last November a team of 14 players from Levante travelled to Guadiana Links for a 'Friendly Match'. We were thrashed 6 games to 1.

Guadiana came to play at Ria on June 2nd and we returned the favour with interest by beating them 7-0.

It was all played in a great spirit and the match was followed with a splendid meal on the upper terrace.

We look forward to the next match in November...



### 8<sup>th</sup> June – Monthly Medal

Gary Craig claimed the top spot (also the parking spot, giving him two spaces – he is Captain after all!)

### 9<sup>th</sup> June – Captains' Charity Jazz and Garden Party

Fortunately, the weather forecast turned out to be wrong and all those who attended this event were treated to a perfect evening in George and Jackie's garden, whilst being entertained by the brilliant live jazz band. A very special thank you to Bram for both organising the band, playing his trumpet and singing along with them. They are exceptionally talented musicians, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed listening to them.

There was of course plenty of food and drink on offer which seemed to be very popular, and we also held a raffle which was most generously supported.

The total sum raised from this event is a magnificent €1265 which Ser Igual will use to fund further therapy treatment for a severely autistic little boy. A very big thank you to everyone who so generously donated money and supported this event. Photos below:



## 15<sup>th</sup> June – Modified Better Ball

Winners – Tomas Bittner and Kevin Davorn – 45 points

## 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Stableford

Winner – Jackie Rushgrove, 36 points

## Update on knock-out competitions

The matches in the knockout competitions seem mostly to have been arranged well before the scheduled date, which is great.

Mixed Pairs – Gary/Lesley have played their semi-final and wait for their opponents, either Birgitta/Michael or Lisa/Lars-Goran.

Ladies Pairs – semi-finals, Pia/Lena v Birgitta/Eija and Lena M/Anna v Annika/Maria

Ladies Singles – semi-finals, Marie W v Lena H and Pia who awaits the winner of Lisa H-O and Jackie

Men's Singles – Tim Britt and Chris Weldon are in the semi-finals but still some matches to decided the other semi spots

Men's Pairs – semi-finals Mark Q/Steve D v Bob K/Steve D and David R/Andy E await their opponents





## Match v Praia D'el Rey

Each year since 2005 Levante has held an annual match against Praia D'el Rey. This year was no exception and a team of 16 members made the journey to the Silver Coast to play in this fixture. We played at West Cliffs on 3 June and Praia D'el Rey on 4 June.

We received a very warm welcome from our friends at Praia D'el Rey. The weather was perfect with just a light breeze and both courses looked magnificent. The courses which are part links, part parkland and with many undulations and very fast greens are extremely challenging. Unfortunately we only came away with 1 1/2 points after the 2 days and the trophy therefore remained at Praia D'el Rey! In spite of the score it was a great couple of days and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves playing these wonderful golf courses and enjoying the hospitality of their team. The return fixture is on 13/14 October when, with the 'home' advantage, we hope to reverse the score!

## Algarve Interleague

DIVISION 3		Home					Away						Overall							
Rank	Team	Plyd	Won	Lost	Drw	Pts	Plyd	Won	Lost	Drw	Pts	Bonus Pts	Total Pts	Plyd	Won	Lost	Drw	Pts	Bonus Pts	Total Pts
1	Levante	5	3	2	0	31	4	2	1	1	23	2	25	9	5	3	1	54	2	56
2	Laranjal	4	2	1	1	26	5	1	3	1	18	1	19	9	3	4	2	44	1	45
3	Margado	4	1	0	3	23	6	1	5	0	19	1	20	10	2	5	3	42	1	43
4	Salgados	3	3	0	0	22	4	1	2	1	15	1	16	7	4	2	1	37	1	38
5	Carvoeiro	4	3	1	0	26	2	1	1	0	10	1	11	6	4	2	0	36	1	37
6	Quinta do Vale	5	4	1	0	29	1	0	0	1	5	0	5	6	4	1	1	34	0	34
7	Castro Marim	2	0	2	0	7	5	1	4	0	16	1	17	7	1	6	0	23	1	24

In the last month Levante have played 4 inter league matches, with mixed success. They started extremely well with a great away win at Carvoeiro gaining another invaluable bonus point. We then had 3 home games to look forward to, but some difficult matches saw us win one (Carvoeiro again) but unfortunately losing twice, initially to Salgados and most recently to Laranjal. Our great start to the league has therefore faltered a bit and 3 or 4 other Clubs are now all back in with a chance of gaining the two elusive promotion spots.

Most Clubs now take a summer break with the majority of the remaining matches being played in September and October. We start again early September with a must-win at home to Quinta do Vale before finishing off with 2 very difficult away matches at Laranjal and finally Salgados. It could come down to these two away fixtures to determine the eventual winners.

## Liga de Clubes DHM

Twice a year the 4 golf clubs owned by DHM (QDR, QDV, Campo Real and Montado) meet up and play against each other. In May the 4 Clubs met up and played over two days at Campo Real and then Montado. Both enjoyable and challenging courses and both in good condition and worth a visit. Each day 3 pairs from each Club played greensomes matchplay and the other 3 pairs played 4 ball matchplay. The next day each pair played the other format.

Meeting up with members of the other 3 Clubs was also great fun and although competitive it was very enjoyable and played in good spirit. We were well represented by Gary Craig and Lesley Reynolds, Bram and Jennifer Bearcroft, Jan Anderson and Cicki Lindqvist, Jan and Lena Heinz, Mats Borgstrom and Lena Melinder and Gerard Zivy and Fraser Craig.

Points were awarded for each match and Day 1 winners were QDR with 3.5 points from the 6 matches. At the lovely buffet dinner the first evening our team was presented with the silver salver and a rather large and delicious bottle of red wine (which we shared with everyone). The second day at Montado was followed by a nice BBQ and again our team produced the goods and won 5 of our 6 matches to win another large bottle of wine and the overall event. The 3 litre bottle of wine wasn't opened as we all had to drive home but we all agreed to auction it off at Henk's charity day and I'm pleased to report it achieved €150 for our Club charity so well done team and to Mike and Jan Smith for their generous offer.

This is another great few days away and very good value. The golf is complimentary from DHM and we only had to pay for the overnight stay and our food. A lovely few days away with friends. Some photos below of our successful trip.



