

11th PYA Golf Tournament – Friday 3rd June. The Grande Bastide Golf Club, Opio



The 11th Annual PYA Golf Tournament, sponsored by International Paints was held at La Grande Bastide Golf Course, Opio on Friday 2nd June. Following big storms all week and a bad forecast for the day itself, we was nervous. We were overbooked but were expecting the usual last minute cancellations and after all the preparations, we couldn't bear the thought of having to cancel the much-anticipated event.



Seventy six golfers gathered in the Club House for breakfast before proceeding to their tees for the shot gun start and armed with their 'grub bags' offered by Shore Solutions for when the hunger struck. Despite a drizzly start, luck was on our side, as it did dry up as the morning progressed. Due to the damp conditions the use of buggies was restricted but that didn't stop the team from Riviera Yacht Support and Dovaston Crew circulating as best they could to distribute liquid refreshment and snacks. This year MHG Insurance Brokers

introduced us the Smatt's rum – yet another delicious Caribbean rum without which no golf tournament would be complete!



On their return to the Club House, tired but exuberant, everyone was treated to wine and champagne kindly donated and served by Corkers Fine Wines. This was followed by a wonderful lunch and the prize giving in the Club House. A big thank you to International Technic Marine for sponsoring the golfers' lunches once again. Norma Trease did the honours as Master of Ceremonies with many of the sponsors presenting their own prize.

The Crystal Perpetual Trophy, presented by International Paints, was won this year by Tim Oldcroft who also won an HTC Desire S GSM Android telephone donated by H.E.M. Terry Allen and Mike Dunlop were in 2nd and 3rd places. Gina Gillman won the Yacht Chandlers Ladies trophy and an immediate entry to a Ladies Amateur Golf tournament in St Tropez, with Sandrine Moldova as runner up. The team prize was awarded to M/Y Big D.



As a new venture this year, we offered certain holes for individual sponsorship so the 'longest drive' for men was sponsored by Salamanca Marine and was won by Nick Cuttelle. The 'longest drive' for ladies was sponsored by Burger Boats and won by Sandrine Moldova and 'nearest to the pin' sponsored by Varador 2000, went to Igmar Grip.

Our usual infringements system was imposed for swearing, use of mobile phones, lost balls etc. and believe me, there was some swearing! Four hundred Euros was raised and this year we decided to donate the money to local life boat association which does such invaluable work.



We had some fabulous prizes this year including a trip to Montenegro for two people offered by Porto Montenegro, a new supporter of the tournament and this was awarded to the best (Officer) newcomer, Captain Lee Mann.

All in all, it was a marvellous day with delicious food, lots of fun stories and really fabulous prizes. We would like to say a big thank you to all the companies and sponsors who donated so generously and to all the individuals who helped make such a wonderful day possible.

A full list of prizes, sponsors and winners is available on our website

Provisional date for 2012 is Friday 1st June – Hope to see you all there.

