



ALMERIA LAWN BOWLS CLUB

St Patricks Day Tuesday 17th March 2015

The weather started dull but turned into a sunny and pleasant day which matched the occasion when our members attending the annual **St Patricks Day** celebrations. It was once again tremendous to see all those members enthusiastically in fancy dress, the Irish way. This year as usual it commenced with a Spider followed by a game of bowls. In order that all those attending were able to play our Captain, John Fitzgerald arranged games of fours with some members playing half a game. On completion of the games it was our own fancy dress prize giving time. The finalists are listed below. We were required to finish in a relaxed time to ensure we were ready for the buffet and music by our very talented camp entertainment team.

Siobhan Herrity, our little leprechaun was magnificent organising everything. She was however supported well by our fellow Irish members, John and Eileen Phoenix together with Catherine and Graham Patrick, Sandra Brown and other members all helping to make the day so successful.

As you are aware all monies raised on this day go to a charity. This year it will be our pleasure to present it to **Asprodalba**. Thank you to everyone who helped with achieving the superb record amount after a recount, the total was € 930. This was achieved by a club raffle where members donated prizes, a fabulous tombola organised by Margaret and Bob Bulmer-Kirby where contributions were collected throughout the Campsite and Leisure. Siobhan donated a bottle of Whiskey for the annual 'Spider' when bowlers deliver a bowl in the opposite hand to try and get nearest to a jack centred in the middle of the green. This was then released from the winner!!!! Joe Sibley, It was then played for again, when all members of the campsite and bowlers compete by tossing Euros along the deck towards the bottle, the nearest resting euro to the bottle is the winner. Graham Patrick did his usual great job in ensuring the charity funds was increased which went well with Clive Pritchard winning and then kindly donating the bottle back for next year's event. An extra event this year was the 'conker challenge' Preparation started with the French contingent, Perigord, supplying 140 plus conkers which Graham and Catherine Patrick patiently holed and threaded. These were then distributed by Graham collecting small contributions!!! And adding more funds for the charity. The winner was Jim Pike.

As mentioned above the winners of Bowls competition between ladies and men were the Ladies. The best Fancy Dress was **Ladies:** Pat Deacon, followed by Catherine Patrick and Maureen Sherriff. **Men:** -Bryan Hughes, John Burgess and Joe Sibley. The campsite Fancy Dress winner was Margaret Bulmer-Kirby, second, Irish Sue and third, Daisy Fecker.

Before we all assembled in the Miraflores Patio, John Fitzgerald thanked everyone for making the day successful and the effort that members had made in achieving this. The fancy dress prizes then followed. I am sure all those that attended the music and buffet will agree with me that this was another marvellous occasion. The management, catering and restaurant staff was excellent. Our entertainment manager, John Lodge did his normal excellent job together with the guest singer, 'Rod Stewart tribute, Steve Fisher, entertaining and presenting throughout the afternoon. A super day had by all. This report and photographs of the occasion will be found on our web site, www.bowlingalmeria.com

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