



AMERICAN CLUB OF ESTEPONA

FEBRUARY
2013

Foreign Resident's Day April 14th



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Foreign Resident's Day is Estepona's way of celebrating the many diverse nationalities living in our area. It is also a way to meet new friends, and for groups and clubs to make a bit of money. For those of you who haven't been to this day, there are foods from many different countries, entertainment on the stage all day from lots of different cultures. It is held in the Palacia Congresso from 12 until 6 p.m.

We will sell American hot dogs, as we have for a number of years, along with beer, wine and soft drinks.

However, this fun event does not run itself, It takes volunteers like you to work our booth. On the Saturday afternoon after 5 pm, we load up all the drinks, hot dogs and take them in, then decorate our stand with lots of flags, balloons, etc. If you would like to help with this event, we need vans, trucks, etc. to help with this, as well as people with a little inspiration for making our booth really stand out.

On the Sunday, we need volunteers to man the stand and sell the hot dogs and such. There will be a sign up sheet in the club with hours available for volunteers to sign up.

This event is a good way for us to make a little money for our club, but it is also a way for us to have a presence in the community and introduce our club and what we do.

So come along and help if you can. If you can't work. Come and buy a hot dog, enjoy the day and support your club.

Remember.. club dues are due by the end of March. If you choose not to pay dues, It is not fair to use the club without making a contribution, so remember to put your euro in the tin when you come into the club.

February Events

Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 5th -1:00 pm

General Meeting

Saturday, February 9th - 1:30 pm

Come and support your club

Bring finger food if you plan to eat!

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Sewing Classes:

This is an informal group who meet every Tuesday at 2:00 to do quilting, sewing, etc Come along and join the fun for what ever type of sewing you do.

Bridge:

Every Wednesday 3:30-5:30 . This is for long time bridge players to play and for those who want to learn. Cost € 1 per session.

Art Class:

Thursdays at 2:30 with instruction by Ronnie Winder. All are welcome, from accomplished artists to beginner. Charge is 10 euros

Car Rally:

Car rally will be on February 17th devised by Brian and Ronnie Winder. Start at the club at 11:00 am. Sign up for restaurant count.



Chinese New Year Lunch

February 10th

Pat Storey will be preparing a Chinese New Year Luncheon at 2::00 pm for 6 euros. Sign up.

Pan Cake Day February 12th

Come along for the afternoon and enjoy pancakes . Small price for pancakes.

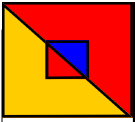


Valentine Party February 15th

Put on your red dress or shirt and come celebrate Valentine's Day with your friends at the club.

There will be a three course meal prepared by members and live music for your listening pleasure and dancing.

Cost is 15 euros and you need to sigh up early.



January Events

New Year's Eve Party:

A small group of members and friends came to the club to celebrate the new year's arrival. It was a very impromptu event but everyone brought great food and we enjoyed watching the new year in all around the world and welcoming the new year in Estepona.



Rabbie Burns' Night

Friday, January 25th

This years Burn's night was the quietest for some years. Mind you, it wasn't as quiet as the one that was cancelled! This one was unique in that there wasn't one Scottish person present! However President Michael Moss promoted every one of the 18 members

and guests to the rank of honorary Scotsman/ Scotswoman so that was OK.

Party goers were treated to the traditional Burn's night supper of cock-a-leekie soup, Haggis with neeps and tatties (all cooked by Sandra) and Atholl Brose dessert drink (prepared by Pat Caldwell) Then after the meal Michael gave a short history of the Scottish Bard, told some atrocious Scottish jokes and led the singing of "My love is like a red, red rose" (Gareth Malone has nothing to worry about)

It was a small but select bunch of Burn' Night-ers, who all professed to enjoying themselves.





HOSPITALITY

Michael Moss

January sales are encouraging so far and hopefully we'll have a good a year as the last one, 2012 was the best year for sales for a long time aided by all the special events that your committee organised through the year.

Staffing the bar has been a struggle to say the least, but I welcome Helen Tinker aboard on Wednesday afternoons and it's good to have Pat Storey back now her back injury has improved.

Let's hope that the bar continues to be a success so that we can continue to make improvements to the club.

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AUDIT 2012

<u>Incomings</u>	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Dues	780	390	210	60	30	150	-	-	60	60	-	600	2340.00
Visitors	22	28	41	44.50	25.70	38.30	45	46.20	47	40.10	20.20	20.50	418.50
Bar	-	500	900	700	800	-	1002	-	-	-	-	700	4602.00
Adverts	37.50	55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50	-	-	142.50
AA	90	-	-	88	-	-	-	90	-	92	-	-	360.00
Heater/Keyboard	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	-	88.00
Events	551	731	566.50	556	584.50	234.30	109.86	-	-	765	731	485	5314.16
Donations	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	500	-	50	-	564.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>1528.50</u>	<u>1704</u>	<u>1717.50</u>	<u>1448.50</u>	<u>1440.50</u>	<u>436.60</u>	<u>1156.86</u>	<u>136.20</u>	<u>607</u>	<u>1007.10</u>	<u>841.20</u>	<u>1805.50</u>	<u>13829.16</u>
<u>Outgoings</u>													
Cleaner	104	112	188	-	72	77	88	-	90.74	96	88	84	999.74
Bank	-	-	375	345	730	-	-	-	530	-	-	-	1980.00
Catering	85.70	135.70	36.77	-	270	50	17	-	-	37.25	508	39	1179.42
Bomberos	689	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	689.00
Electric	118.55	Now DD											118.55
Rent	670	650	650	722	722	722	722	722	722	--from bar--	734	734	7048.00
Repairs/Sundries	13.30	1034.60	49.40	4	-	-	32	-	-	-	-	56.75	1190.05
Music	-	-	-	-	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	150	250.00
Refunds	30	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	15	65.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>1710.55</u>	<u>1947.30</u>	<u>1299.17</u>	<u>1071</u>	<u>1894</u>	<u>849</u>	<u>859</u>	<u>722</u>	<u>620.74</u>	<u>133.25</u>	<u>1335</u>	<u>1078.75</u>	<u>13519.76</u>

Desk profit for 2011-2012 309.40€



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February Birthdays

February 8	Robin Shorter
February 10	Geoff Acland
February 13	Elsa Kjaernes
February 15	Doreen Phelan
February 24	Lou Marshall
February 26	Rosemary Zambra
February 28	Charlotte Barry

Happy Birthday To Everyone!

Email from LEW BORDEAUX in JEDDA says he hopes to see us in March.

Also email from CLAIRE & PETER SAVAGE say they will see us in April.

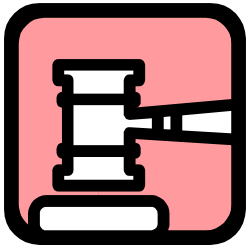
Nice to have PACA BLANCHARD back in Estepona after her month of recuperation from her riding accident.

Our FORREST MAYS has been in the Costa del Sol hospital for a long stay. Hope he will be home soon. Thanks to all of his friends who send their prayers and well wishes.

Always wear clean underwear in public, especially when working under your vehicle.

From the Daily News comes this story of a Leicester couple..... who drove their car to ASDA, only to have their car break down in the car park. The man told his wife to carry on with the shopping while he fixed the car. The wife returned later to see a small group of people near the car. On closer inspection, she saw a pair of hairy legs protruding from under the chassis. Unfortunately, although the man was in shorts, his lack of underpants turned his private parts into glaringly public ones.. Unable to stand the embarrassment, she dutifully stepped forward, quickly put her hand UP his shorts, and tucked everything back into place.

On regaining her feet, she looked across the bonnet and found herself staring at her husband who was standing idly by watching. The AA mechanic, however, had to have three stitches in his forehead



NOTES THE FROM PRESIDENT

MICHAEL MOSS

The American Club seems the in-place to be seen in 2013. We've lots of new members and are also getting many 'day visitors', let's hope this trend continues throughout the rest of the year.

As you will recall, members voted at our December meeting that this year "charity begins at home" so the money raised in our Christmas hamper draw will be used to improve our premises. We are already in the process of modernising and improving the kitchen and are awaiting estimates from several artisans. We are also discussing the pool table, whether we should look to getting a more modern one, keeping the present one or even buying our own. In my view the last option seems best as then all monies generated would come to the club. However, it would mean the club would be responsible for its upkeep. Bearing in mind that for nearly a year the spend on maintaining the present table has been zero, that shouldn't be too much of a problem.

No doubt the Committee and the ardent group of pool players will make a decision soon.

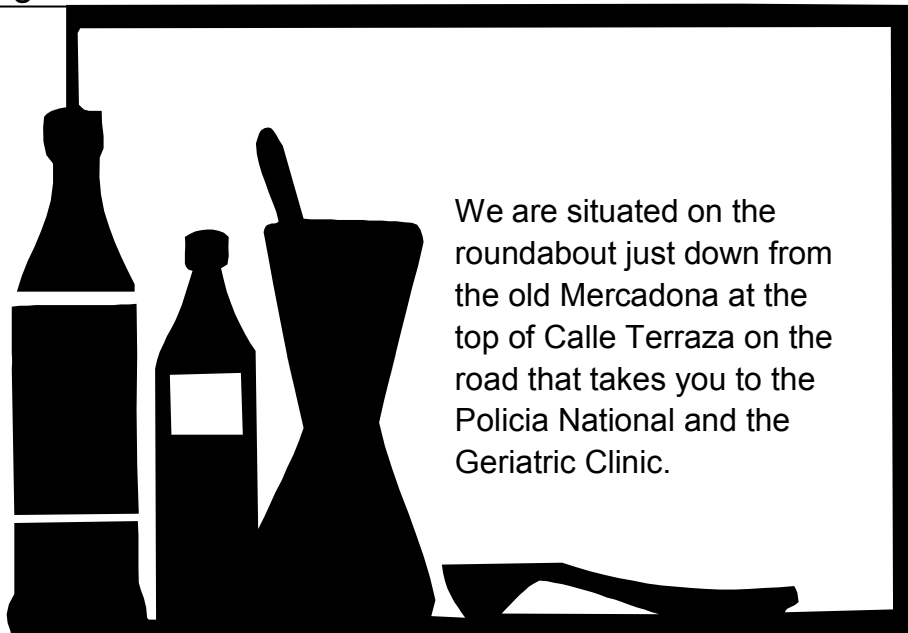
As I've said many times before, spread the word about the club, tell friends and families, holiday makers, people you meet out shopping all about us and let's keep the club going from strength to strength.

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THE KOOKING KORNER

COME FLY WITH ME, by Pat Storey, lazy cook, avid traveller

I am back from my travels and plan to take you around the world with me over the next few months with my Kooking Korner recipes. I wish you all a very happy and healthy 2013 and as the Chinese still have their New Year celebrations to come, I thought I would take you to China first.

Let's start in Beijing, (once known as Peking) - a teeming metropolis, streets crammed with people, mostly on bicycles, although the economic emergence of China over recent years has seen a big increase in car ownership and private consumer spending. We can visit Tien an Men Square, scene of political disturbances and bordering The Forbidden City behind whose walls the Emperor lived his private, closeted life. The Great Wall of China is incredible (they say it can be seen from outer space) and the hewn stone steps are so steep I wonder how the Chinese soldiers managed to run up and down them. A side trip from there will take you to Xian, tomb of the Emperor, a host of terracotta warriors buried alongside to protect him on his last journey (I believe some humans were sent along as well!). Fly to the east coast and you're in Shanghai, an exotic, multi cultural trading port until the Rebellion when China shut itself off from the world. South of there is the Yangtze River with its wondrous Gorges and then on . to Gweilin, a pretty riverside town, surrounded by chocolate meringue mountains. A final stopover in bustling Hong Kong, with a trip on the Star Ferry to the Island and a funicular ride to the top of The Peak. Fill your suitcases with goodies, clothes, shoes, handbags, watches and return home, full of wonder!

We plan to have a Chinese Feast in the Club on Sunday 10th February and it will be goodbye to the Year of the Dragon and welcome to the Year of the Snake. Hope to see you there!!

MENU

Prawn crackers, chili dipping sauce and soy sauce
Sweet and Sour chicken with chow mein noodles
and 3 delights rice
Lychee Ice Cream
Chinese Fortune Cookie

And this is how you make it....

First of all, pay a visit to the local Chinese shop and see what they have to offer, you will certainly get prawn crackers and noodles from there. Morrisons have an excellent selection of world foods, including noodles, bean sprouts and sauces. I am not giving you quantities as it depends if you are cooking for one or six. Add the fluid for the sauces as indicated and if there is too much at the end of the cooking time, drain some off, freeze it and next time, add it to fried pork and vegetables and you will have sweet and sour pork!

CHICKEN AND SWEETCORN NOODLE SOUP.

Scraps of chicken left from cutting the main course chicken into bite size pieces. Packet of chicken soup with fideos (angel hair pasta).

Tin of sweetcorn

½ finely sliced onion

Sauté the onion and scraps of chicken, make up the packet of soup according to the directions, add the tin of sweet corn and season to taste.

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Library Reviews

Brian Winder

Two new to the library books arrived in January – whoopee! Come on people, need more! There are only a couple of books in the library I haven't read or picked up to look at and discarded, so do your duty people! Pleeeeze.

THE SACRED VAULT by Andy McDermott

Michaelangelo's David is stolen from Florence (and that's a big statue), a few weeks later the same robbers go for the Taloner Codex in an even more audacious raid. The Codex is the key to finding the location of the vault of Shiva, the Hindu god of destruction. Grand adventure story which contains some fascinating details of a much misunderstood religion.

THE TEMPLAR'S SECRET by C.M.Palov

More historical fantasy commences with the death of a pope which triggers off the conspiracy involving a satanic cult searching for a lost gospel which holds a devastating truth about the Christian faith.

They intend to blackmail the Vatican with its contents. Fascinating characters blend in with India to Spain and finally Paris in the race to get to the secret first.

KILLING HOUR by Andrew Gross

A young man's suicide, an old woman's murder and a conspiracy stretching back decades form the backdrop to a really good story from

Gross often collaborates with James Patterson and well deserves his reputation as one of the best writers in the genre!

THE NIGHT GARDENER by George Pelecanos

As one of the great American crime writers, George Pelecanos rates a "must pick and read" feeling every time his books hit the stands! This is a very well written serial killer novel with many deft extras.

The only link between three victims seemed to be their names, all reading the same back to front – Otto, Ava and Eve. That was twenty years ago and the two detectives originally involved are due to cross paths again. A boy named Asa is gunned down in a public park... here we go again!





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SWEET AND SOUR CHICKEN

Small chicken breast per person, cut in bite -size strips,(keep scraps for soup

Spring onions, thinly sliced, keep green and white parts separate

2 carrots, thinly sliced lengthways

Small piece fresh root ginger

Small can pineapple chunks in natural juice (cut into small pieces)

Chicken stock cube in ½ litre hot water

bean sprouts

mange tout, thinly sliced

Tablespoon cornflour

Tablespoon tomato puree

2 tablespoons caster sugar

2 tablespoons soy sauce

2 tablespoons malt vinegar

Saute chicken, add white sliced spring onions, carrots and grated ginger and cook for five minutes Stir in the pineapple pieces and juice and the stock. In a small bowl, mix to a paste the soy sauce, vinegar, cornflour, tomato puree and sugar. Add this to the frying pan and simmer for 10 minutes, then add the green spring onion, bean sprouts and mange tout and cook for a further 3 or 4 minutes until vegetables are just tender.

THREE DELIGHTS RICE

Buy a packet in the freezer section of Mercadona or Lidl's and cook according to instructions or if you MUST, cook some rice and peas, Add chopped ham, onion and scrambled egg.

CHOW MEIN NOODLES

Packet of noodles

Chicken stock cube

Finely sliced onion

Soy sauce, grated garlic and ginger (to taste)

Bamboo shoots

Cook the noodles, having added chicken stock cube to the water

Sautee the onions, add ginger, garlic, bamboo shoots, noodles and soy sauce

CHINESE FORTUNE COOKIES

I don't know how to make these yet but I will let you know on the day!! SEE YOU ON THE 10TH. FEB!!



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February 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4	5 Ex. Comm 1:00 pm	6 Bridge 3:30 pm	7 Art Class 2:30 pm	8	9 General Meeting 1:30 pm
10 Chinese Lunch 2:00 pm	11	12 Pancake Day 2:00	13 Bridge 3:30 pm	14 Art Class 2:30 pm	15 Valentine Party 7:30	16
17 Car Rally 11:00 am	18	19	20 Bridge 3:30 pm	21 Art Class 2:30 pm	22	23
24	25	26	27 Bridge 3:30 pm	28 Art Class 2:30 pm		

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