

Bumper year for Pinmar golf tournament

The momentum of the Pinmar Golf Tournament saw no sign of abating this year from previous, highly successful competitions. In fact, it was so well subscribed that organisers had to bring play forward by a day to Wednesday 12 October in order to allow everyone a chance to get around the 56-hectare Son Gual course, peppered with 66 bunkers, over 1,000 olive trees and numerous bodies of water ready to provide a challenging round. **Esther Barney** reports.



This year 372 players – 20 more than in 2010 – made it round the 18 holes (not without a degree of ‘encouragement’ on the part of the patient but coercive marshalls on their zippy buggies) in an effort to be crowned at the gala dinner. This staunch favourite in the Mediterranean yachting calendar has had to expand, with its popularity growing from a less formal day around the course among a comparatively diminutive group to a gargantuan task of military precision on behalf of the dozens of course marshalls and volunteers manning the course bars and club house, and of course the organising Pinmar team run by indefatigable company secretary Nick Entwisle. Over 100 companies contribute to the organisation and sponsorship of the Pinmar Golf Tournament in all.

Of particular note was the third – and sadly last – appearance of occasional sisters Roger Horner of e3 Systems and Richard Gardiner of Global Services, in their fancy dress attire. For the last three years they have donned feminine clothing and taken to a

highly customised buggy, complete with sprinkler system and warning bell to announce their arrival. Players are then pressed into donating money to the charitable causes by way of purchasing beverages, both pleasant (a curative Bloody Mary does wonders) and less so (the fake medicine administered by the ‘nurses’ last year). This year the cross-dressing gentlemen – dolled up as the Ugly Sisters – were joined by Amanda

Butler of Savills, Mallorca, as Sin-derella, and no one was able to escape their glittery embraces followed by a drink and donation.

“Both Roger and I would like to thank the competitors, captains and crew for their generosity, good humour and fantastic sense of fun. We are delighted with the money raised – it makes the wigs and corsets worthwhile!” commented Gardiner.





ABOVE (CLOCKWISE): THE UGLY SISTERS' (ROGER HORNER OF E3 & RICHARD GARDINER OF GLOBAL SERVICES) LAST APPEARANCE ON THE PINMAR GOLF COURSE; ROB TOBIN ADMIRES HIS APPROACH SHOT; JOHN THEED OF STURGE PLAYING OUT OF THE ROUGH; SIN-DERELLA USED HER GLITTER AND CHARMS TO HELP RAISE THE BAR FOR THE UGLY SISTERS' FUNDRAISING TOTAL. BELOW (L TO R): RUPERT NELSON OF BURGESS, THEA CHENEY AND ROLAND ARCHDALL OF THE SUPERYACHT GROUP & IAN HORNSBY OF TECHMAN.

In 2010, the duo raised a total of €3,290, and the year before they brought in €2,000. This year – with Butler's assistance – they blew previous totals out of the water, at over €17,000 – which adds up to over €22,300 for all the years combined. This included the €6,000 purchase of the notorious buggy – and consequently the passing on of the 'Ugly Sisters baton' – by Lee McGuire of LM Marine and David Ireland of Deckers, who next year will take on the fundraising challenge. They have also each pledged to donate a further €3,000 per year to the fundraising pot.

"Deckers are looking forward to the challenge of raising money for the charity together with LM Marine over the coming years. Both Lee and I agree that there will need to be some serious brainstorming to follow the fantastic achievements Richard and Roger have made during their time as the Ugly Sisters, but we are ready to rise to the challenge and looking forward to it. Watch this space..." said Ireland.

The highest donation to the Ugly Sisters and Sin-derella for the two days came from Captain Richard Hutchinson of M/Y *Rasselas*, who generously paid over £1,500 (€1,741) for a small Coca Cola, with Neil Sherman from Sensory

International, Rob Tobin from Döhle Yachts, John Masters from *Le Mirage* and Derik Wagner from MTN also donating substantial sums. Captain Hutchinson won an iPad as part of the competition, but donated it to one of the local charities that benefits from the Pinmar fundraising.

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The gala dinner and prize giving at the Gran Casino Theatre – including the spectacular Come Fly With Me show –

on Saturday 15 October was attended by over 900, once again. See pictures from the night below and the side bar opposite for the prize winners.

As *Beaugeste* did not make it to the gala dinner, a bidding war ensued between several very committed groups looking to put their name on the Cup, including the Ugly Sisters themselves (this time in black tie) and the MTN team with Derik Wagner and Kerry Pettitt. Perhaps Wagner was still keen to relieve himself of some cash after losing out to Hutchinson on the priciest drink competition, as they dug very deep indeed and put forward a sizeable donation of €10,200 for the 'Best Yacht Nett' award.



DAVID IRELAND & LUCY DECKERS OF DECKERS UNIFORMS, WHO WILL BE PARTLY RUNNING THE CHARITY BUGGY NEXT YEAR. HELICOPTER RIDES ALSO RAISED FUNDS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE €67,000 TOTAL.

There was also the annual, generous donation of €10,000 from principal sponsor Awlgrip, presented by Ken Hickling to Pinmar's Managing Director, Remy Millot. Following the prize giving and Come Fly With Me show, everyone made their way through to the dancing until the very wee hours. It was surely a bumper year of giving for this year's Pinmar Golf, with a total of €67,000 being raised (visit superyachtnews.com/pinmargolf2011). All the proceeds of the tournament and fundraising go to the Pinmar charities, including Great Ormond Street, OK Prosthetics, Joves Navegantes, Allen Graham Charity 4 Kidz, Tyume Valley Schools, Mamalana, and the Fund for Ellie and Charlie. ■

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PRIZE WINNERS

Nearest to the pin (simulator): Ian Callahan

Longest Drive on the 12th: Gentlemen – Ryan Jackson; Ladies – Lyndsey Morton

Longest Drive on the 6th: Gentlemen – Mark Cameron; Ladies – Serita Campina

Nearest the Pin: Hole 9 – Martin Newlan; Hole 5 – Tom Sell

3rd Yacht Nett: *Limitless*

2nd Yacht Nett: *Cheetah Moon B*

2nd Industry Gross: Pinmar 1

Best Ladies Nett: The Master Birdies

Best Ladies Gross: St Pinmars Ladies Academy – Yacht Chandlers

Superyacht Industry Gross: K & M Maritime

Best Yacht Gross: *Mystère*

Best Non-Yacht Nett: Asterillos de Mallorca

Best Non-Yacht Gross: The Au Fait Yacht Joiners

Best Yacht Nett (The Pinmar Perpetual Cup): *Beaugeste*

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