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NEWS & VIEWS

The Newsletter for the International Club of Salobreña

Puy Du Fou

14-16 SEPTEMBER

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SAFE AND SOUND!

We have mentioned before about the review we undertook during the covid confinement months. The opportunity to seek advice on our processes and requirements to ensure we fulfilled our obligations as a formally recognised organisation here in Andalucia.

One part of that review was the requirement to have the assurance of public liability insurance in the name of the ICS for the responsibilities to our members and their guests. This is one more process that slipped away with the passage of time over the years since the club was initially registered with the authorities in 2010. But 12 years later it's back! Of course many of our suppliers have their own PL insurance but we shouldn't simply rely upon that if we are to operate in any professional capacity ourselves. Our new policy protects both you our members and our volunteer committee members too.

One other piece of work recently completed is our first formal Risk Assessment which looks at any potential hazards associated with our meetings, particularly our Annual General Meetings. We are fortunate to have recognised Risk Assessment skills in our new Committee and these have helped ensure we identify any risks and seek to eliminate or mitigate them in any way possible.

From The Chair...

“The Times They Are A Changing”

Welcome, Welcome, Welcome!

As they say on a rollercoaster... “Scream if you want to go faster!” Well that’s how the last few months have felt in the International Club!

We got off to a tricky start when our long awaited AGM had to be postponed owing to the pretty dire covid stats locally. But when we got going... well we really got going!

We have had some great trips already... Verdi’s Nabucco at Palacio De Congresos, Granada. Then La Cañada, Marbella Old Town and a cheeky Fish and Chips at Fuengirola. As I write this we are just days away from our next trip to breathtaking Ronda and Setenil De Las Bodegas too. If that wasn’t enough we have booking open on yet more...

Benalmadena Teleferico, Puerta Marina and Butterfly House on 18 May, for one. I am beyond excited that we are venturing into new ground for many of our committee... a fantastic trip with a couple of nights hotel stay, taking in the incredible historical theme park that only opened recently near Toledo—Puy Du Fou. For me personally this is our most ambitious excursion so far and will help us evaluate how viable further similar trips with overnight stays and a bigger ticket price are. We absolutely rely upon your interest in this one!

We are also only days away from launching another booking opportunity for our highlight approaching our Summer recess... Our summer Lunch on 8 June. Watch out for that one too!

One final message from me... I just want to remind you that we ARE an International Club. Whilst English is our “official” language (sorry, but I can only write in that language to any degree of proficiency) our international status continues to grow. Over one third of our membership is non-British, with members from around the globe. Don’t forget that if English is your SECOND language you can easily select our website in your own language by clicking the box on the top of the landing page!

We would also like to hear from you with any comments, feedback or ideas by email to icsalobrena2016@gmail.com

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in the hotel Salobreña Suites over the coming weeks.

Mark Clifton

Chair (and Presidente), ICS 2022



ICS Committee 2022

Chair	-	Mark Clifton
Secretary	-	Debs Shanley
Treasurer	-	David Barrow
Vocale	-	Yvonne Bautista
Vocale	-	Giles Killick
Vocale	-	Sinikka Castilla
Vocale	-	Mathilde Dresscher
Vocale	-	Phil Grove
Vocale	-	Michael Gimenez



Committee News

We are sad to say that Mathilde who has been with us on committee for a couple of years now has decided that she can't maintain her role for the majority of the remainder of the year and would like to step down until she is able to commit more time to it.

We will of course miss Mathilde's contribution and hope she is undeterred from rejoining committee again in the future if the opportunity arises.

In the meantime we have a vacant place at the table!

If you are interested in joining us on the organising side of the ICS don't be shy!

If you have skills and energy, don't keep them to yourself!

If you would like to find out how YOU could make a difference to the ICS let us know!





Puy Du Fou!

14-16 September 2022

Our Special excursion of 2022 is adventurous! Three days and more importantly, Two Nights near Toledo at the start of our return from Summer Recess in September.

There's lots to enjoy! Half a day in Madrid, the bustling and vibrant capital city with incredible architecture, sights and sounds. Another half day in Toledo with even more history still! Those two great cities sandwich the star attraction Puy Du Fou—the historical theme park located near Toledo filled with stories from 1500 years of Spanish history brought to life with entertainment and realism. The opportunity to personally step back in time!

This is an important trip for us as for quite some time we have received requests to widen our offering of trips to include places further than Andalusia and something that many of our members can't normally access or enjoy in their personal situation. So please try to support this one if at all possible as it will help inform us if these longer trips are viable and valuable!

If you are on your own there is a single person supplement but it is only €50 for the two night stay which is pretty competitive. Of course that could be avoided if you come along and share with a good friend!



Another thing to mention is that pretty much all meals are included and also drink with the meal whether it is water, cerveza or wine! The exception is the day of 15th September when we visit the park for most of the day. On that day we make our own arrangements for both lunch and dinner. Our hotel, although not specified is four star.

Obviously this is our “Big Ticket Item” if you are going as a couple at €470 total cost it isn't exactly “Barato”, that's why we have made it a little more flexible than usual when it comes to payment. You can pay per person, so when you receive your email following your booking you will have a link to pay the full price in one go or in two separate payments, say one in April and the other in May. As long as full payment is made by the closing date of 8 June your booking will be fully confirmed.

So please check out our web page for the event. There's also a video trailer from YouTube you can watch to get the feel of the park itself. There's also TripAdvisor reviews which are also very encouraging.

If you have any queries at all please do let us know. It would be great for this one to be huge success!



BENALMADENA!

18 May 2022

This has been on our wish list for a long time thanks to the dreaded Covid!

A fantastic flight up to the top of Mount Calamorro on the Benalmadena Teleferico, enjoying fantastic landscapes and natural beauty at the summit before gliding back down to earth and whizzing off to Chic Puerto Marina to grab a bite of lunch maybe, a bit of shopping or just sit back and people watch with a cocktail!



If we weren't completely satisfied, there's one more stop... La Mariposaria! The Butterfly House! Peaceful, Graceful, Beautiful! Over 1,500 of these exotic creatures!

If you have any concerns about the cable car you can opt out and spend the time allocated for that exploring more of Benalmadena. There will be a discount of €11 on your trip price too!

Itinerary

Check the Trip webpage for full details and booking.

Cost

This one has a concession price for over 65's! You can save €5. For ICS members over 65 it's just €40 with teleferico return ride and Butterfly house entry included. If the teleferico is a little "terrifying-o" the

option to skip that and explore a bit more of Benalmadena instead will save you €11!

To book just [click here](#)! Or follow the link on our website www.icsalobrena.com.



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Summer Lunch 2022!

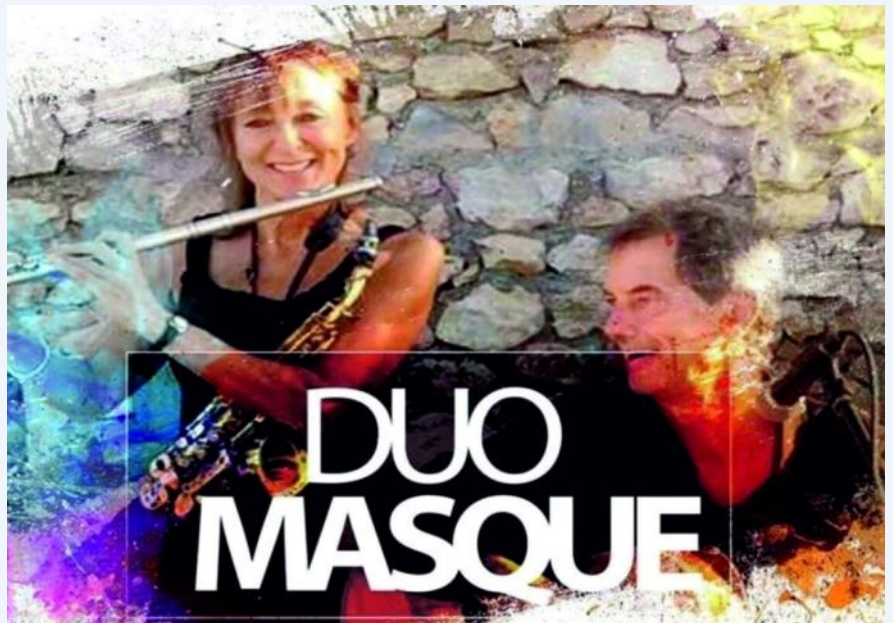
8 June 2022

We want to capitalise on the Summer Vibe this year! What better way than to gather round the Barby!

We are lucky to have Hotel Salobreña as our host for our regular Wednesday weekly meetings and it will be great to be back to enjoy the incredible coastal backdrop for our Summer Lunch once again. Of course by June we will be able to enjoy a dip in the pool if we fancy too!

A selection of grilled goodies served of course with patatas y ensaladas! Followed by refreshing fruits and of course a drink included—this year maybe Sangria!

To make it even more special we have lined up popular and talented local musicians and singers, Chrissy and Russell, better known as Duo Masque. They have an eclectic and mesmerising mix of latin and oriental rhythms.



Cost = 25€ per ICS Member, 5€ supplement for non member guests.

Bookings will open very soon.

If you have anything that you would like to contribute towards for our next newsletter please do let us know. Photos, stories, articles are invited from our members.

Email to icsalobrena2016@gmail.com



Events Calendar

ICS Activity Calendar

Day	Date	Activity	Contact
Wed	02/03/2022	Book Swap & Name Badge Draw	Mathilde/Yvonne
Tue	08/03/2022	Trip - Nabucco Granada	Mark
Wed	09/03/2022	Quiz	Giles
Wed	16/03/2022	Introduction to ICS Whist Drive!	Mark
Wed	23/03/2022	ICS Whist Drive!	Mark
Wed	30/03/2022	Trip - La Cañada Shopping & Fuengirola	Phil
Wed	06/04/2022	Book Swap & Name Badge Draw	Debs / Yvonne
Wed	13/04/2022	Kitty Cake Bake Sale	Debs
Wed	20/04/2022	Trip - Ronda & Setenil De Las Bodegas	Debs / Yvonne
Wed	27/04/2022	Quiz	Giles
Wed	04/05/2022	Book Swap & Name Badge Draw	Phil/Yvonne
Wed	11/05/2022	Whist Drive	Mark
Wed	18/05/2022	Trip - Benalmadena Teleferico, Marina & Butterfly Park	Yvonne
Wed	25/05/2022	Quiz	Giles
Wed	01/06/2022	Book Swap & Name Badge Draw	Michael/Sinikka
Wed	08/06/2022	Summer Lunch	David/Yvonne
Wed	15/06/2022	Quiz	Giles
SUMMER RECESS			
Wed	07/09/2022	Book Swap & Name Badge Draw	TBA
Wed	14/09/2022	Trip - Madrid, Toledo & Puy De Fou?	TBA
Wed	21/09/2022	Horse Racing	Mark +
Wed	28/09/2022	Quiz	Giles
Wed	05/10/2022	Book Swap & Name Badge Draw	TBA
Sun	09/10/2022	Romeria Del Sur, Salobreña Playa	Mark +
Wed	12/10/2022	Trip - Almeria Western Town	Michael
Wed	19/10/2022	Talk - Terry Everett	Debs
Wed	26/10/2022	Quiz	Giles
Wed	02/11/2022	Book Swap & Name Badge Draw	TBA
Wed	09/11/2022	Whist Drive	Mark +
Wed	16/11/2022	International BINGO!	Mark +
Wed	23/11/2022	Quiz	Giles
Wed	30/11/2022	Trip - Malaga Lights	TBA
Wed	07/12/2022	Winter Lunch	David/Yvonne
Wed	14/12/2022	Christmas Concert	Mark
Thu	29/12/2022	Ballet - The Nutcracker, Granada	Mark
WINTER RECESS			

Membership News

2022 saw a return to some normality. Part of that was a return to charging our membership fee! At our AGM we agreed to maintain it at €15 and we (the committee) genuinely feel it has never been better value for money!

We have made important changes to our operation with appointment of a professional gestor to manage our official documents required by the Junta De Andalucia and Tax office. We have reintroduced our Public Liability Insurance to give peace of mind to our members and committee!

Our mini clubs have been growing in popularity and provide easy opportunities for members to meet others and something to do on days other than the regular Wednesday meeting. We have activities on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday!

Over two thirds of our existing members have already renewed and paid their 2022 membership subscription. Our online renewal and payment offer makes it so much quicker and more convenient.

If you haven't yet renewed your membership then please do so. Of course if you have decided not to renew, just let us know so we can update our records. That's so important to fulfil our GDPR obligations.



Mini Clubs Update...

Hotel Salobreña Suites has reopened it's doors full time following the Easter break. They have invited us to return with some of our activities so in the next couple of weeks we will be able to offer our mini clubs from the Hotel.

This will include our popular Art Group with Lesley, Chess with David and Backgammon with Shawky. There's also some interest in a regular whist drive now we have got the hang of it!

We also hope to have news of our Petanca initiative very soon! Unfortunately George and Rose aren't around to put us through our Tai Chi Kung moves until later in the year, but they promise to do so as soon as they can!



Puzzle Page Wordsearch

All things connected to ICS... How many can you find? Play online! [ICS Trips 2022 Word Search](https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/3553440/)
(thewordsearch.com)

ICS Trips 2022

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