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STEWART HARRIS - CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Dear Fellow Owners,

The hot summer is nearly over, but one thing is for sure, La Manga Club has been a haven during the coronavirus pandemic. Indeed, through the summer months, owners and holidaymakers alike chose to holiday at the resort because they felt safe and secure within the La Manga Club bubble.

Everyone, from owners to

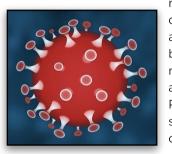
security, doctors, businesses, etc., is working hard to keep it this way going forward. Indeed, as we head into autumn, people may feel more secure at the resort, than places with dense populations, which make co-existing with the coronavirus more dangerous and stressful. So, our message to all owners who have a choice regarding where they may spend time this autumn and winter is to join us on the lovely, sunny Costa Calida.

In this context, the Owners Clubhouse has always been a

home from home for LMC owners and provided a warm welcome to returning owners. More true than ever at this time of year when our snowbird population returns. They may be sure that right now, owner well-being is paramount. So, please be assured that the

Clubhouse will implement mandatory COVID regulations at all times.

Currently, this means the following, a 75% limit of the total capacity, no more than six people per table, a distance of 1.5



metres between the backs of chairs, waiter service, payment at tables only, face masks being worn at all times when moving around the Clubhouse and no bar service of any kind. Plus, in certain situations, the supply of track and trace contact information will apply.



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In terms of catering, we are discussing with Joaquin the possibility of introducing a new value for money Club Brunch menu (similar to a Menu del Dia) from Monday through



Saturday to 7.00 pm. It will offer a selection of delicious favourites, such as the Club's English cooked breakfast, asparagus and scrambled eggs, porridge and fruit, eggs Benedict, plus a glass of wine, all for a fixed price. In the evening, from 7.00 pm onwards, a Club Gastro Menu will offer a choice of tempting dishes, such as steaks, the

Club Gourmet burger, delicious frsh made pies, fresh fish,

the Club Chicken Caesar salad, plus a selection of A la Carte specials.

A word on Inmogolf (owned by the Arum Group, not Hesperia, who bought La Manga Club SL in summer of 2019) and their notice of the 7th September to the General





Community about the Clubhouse lease As the holder's of the head lease the General Community have responded in the strongest possible terms rejecting Inmogolf's accusations. Subject to legal constraints, updates will be circulated as and when there are



developments of substance to report. to owners.

We look forward to seeing as many owners as possible through autumn and winter. Please help us to help you by supporting the Owners Clubhouse and other resort businesses, by complying with mandatory COVID-19 regulations.

Best wishes.

Stewart Harris, Chairman, LMC Owners Clubhouse



THE CLUBHOUSE - STAYING POSITIVE IN CHALLENGING TIMES

La Manga Club has met and overcome many challenges

in its forty-eight-year history as one of the World's leading sport and leisure resorts. However, as Stewart Harris mentioned in his introduction. none compare to the current COVID-19 pandemic and the impact it has had on life around the resort..

This situation presents particular problems for Gill Schofield and Joaquin Valencia at the Clubhouse, as clearly they have to be mindful of coronavirus regulations while reconciling them with the need for people to come together for the sake of their social and mental well-being. Nonetheless, they and

the committee are working hard to try and ensure there is still plenty of COVID compliant activities going on through the autumn and winter months.

Golfers have always been an important part of life at the Clubhouse and Joaquin assures us that he will continue to provide a warm welcome, whether for a drink and snacks after a round or later in the day for an evening meal.

In recent years, the Clubhouse's Welcome Back night for returning 'snowbird' owners have been very popular and well attended. However, for obvious reasons, the cocktail party format is not appropriate for this year.

On a more positive note, the Clubhouse will be open for

Christmas Lunch and the New Years Eve Dinner, provided COVID-19 rules don't change in the meantime.

Through the autumn. BREXIT will re-emerge as a topical issue and we are working hard to find ways of providing owners with updates on the consequences of decisions taken by the United Kingdom and European Union administrations. More on this later in the year.

Lastly, we appreciate that for those non-resident owners who work and cannot risk going into quarantine on return to their respective countries, travelling to the Club is difficult. But, for non-resident owners who are retired and hence for whom guarantine is less of an issue or for



resident owners who are relatively unaffected by quarantine restrictions, the Clubhouse and other bars, restaurants and businesses on the resort need your support thoughout the autumn and winter. So, please come to the resort and help them to be there for you in the future.





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RUTA DE TAPAS. LA MANGA CLUB - 18 TO 27 SEPTEMBER



The Owners Clubhouse is delighted to be partnering with other restaurants and bars at La Manga Club in the launch of the resort's Ruta de Tapas (Tapas Route),



which will run from Friday, 18th to Sunday, 27th September.

The literal meaning for the word "tapa" is "cover or "coaster." According to popular stories and old

legends, in Castilla, Spain, the land of Don Quixote, men frequented taverns where the most popular drink was red wine. However, the wine attracted flies and other pests. So, covering a glass of wine with a tapa

on the poster and for just $3.50 \in$ you will be able to try a delicious tapas and beer at every one.





The promotion is already proving very popular, with owners sampling the delicious tapas on offer from seventeen different bars and restaurants around the resort.

became a necessity to solve this problem and

we now know as tapas -

small Spanish savoury

dishes, typically served

The idea behind Ruta de Tapas is very simple,

go into any of the bars

and restaurants listed

with a cold drink.

gave the world what

The promotion finishes next Sunday and the winning tapa will be announced on Monday, 28th September. Don't forget to vote for your favourite before then.

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CLUB TV BACKS THE 3 PEAKS CHALLENGE

PEAKS CHALLENGE

Keeping fit during the COVID-19 pandemic is essential, so with this in mind, why not try La Manga Club's very own 3 Peaks Challenge. All three ascents start from the resort and as you climb you will get to see fabulous views from the summits across to the Mar Menor, the blue

Mediterranean, and the surrounding countryside.

To prove you made it to the top of each peak or the guns, take a photograph of yourself, which will enable you to treat yourself to a 3 Peaks T-shirt (5 \in). Facebook page and Wikiloc routes can assist with your choice of walks.

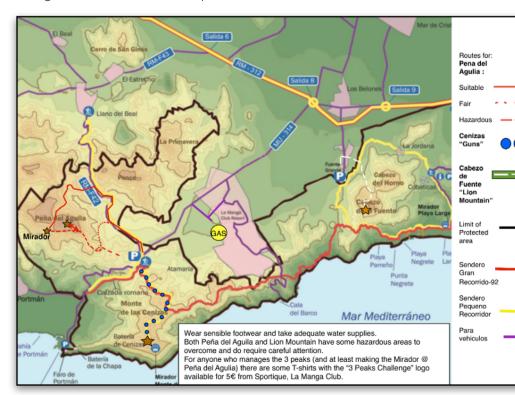
The Guns - Cañones de Cenizas

This walk is the easiest of the three. There is a wide track to the top and a large open area overlooking the Mediterranean sea, Portman and back toward La Manga Club. There are two impressive, Sheffield built,

Vickers-Armstrong guns (together with munitions stores), whose 18.6m long barrels were capable of firing shells up to 35km; while anti-aircraft guns protected the site at the Negrete Battery.



The entrance to the pathway up to the guns is off the RM 314 on the left, take a right at the Llano del Beal



sign to find parking. From the car park return to the main road and walk toward Portman, the entrance to the path is 200 metres on the left.

Lion's Head Mountain -Cabezo de la Fuente

At 336 metres, Lion Head Mountain, the second-highest of the peaks, is located to the east of the La Manga Club, close to Los Belones and Las Barracas. Its official name is Cabezo de la Fuente and it is part of the range of volcanic hills which lie behind Calablanque beach.



There are a couple of exits from the Club, which will allow you to walk towards Las Barracas through the Park Natural. Alternatively, drive to nearby Los Belones and turn right into the Barracas road, immediately after the two banks opposite the Paras Indian restaurant, follow the road by Ross Motor and over the bridge. A further kilometre on you will find a parking area near the Fuente beach.

There are multiple routes up the mountain, but the most straightforward from the resort is to take the road left at the dustbins and then follow the markers. These being yellow/white initially and red nearer to the mountain.

Aguila Rock - Peña del Aguila

The highest of the three peaks at 386m, Aguila Rock lies along the RM 314 traveling from the Club in the direction of Portman.

There is the parking area just past the Llano del Beal sign, (the same as for the guns). From there continue along the road for 1,500 metres, where you will find a sign on the left and a path going downhill. A further 0.9 metres on there is a sign directing you to take the left hand route and follow it to the viewing point. The route to the peak runs from the next corner and around the hillside, follow the





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cairns and white marks.

The walk is relatively hazardous, and you will need sensible footwear and to be reasonably able-bodied. This hike is the most challenging part of all the three walks.

Alternatively, follow a route through the car park and ascend the first hill. From the top, you will see the ridge by which you can go all the way to the top. However, be aware this is also hazardous, which is what makes it a challenge!





HELPING ST TERESA'S CHURCH IN ITS HOUR OF NEED

The COVID-19 pandemic has an impact on everyone's lives and times are hard for many people. Not least, charities and other non-income generating organisations, who are finding it hard to survive.

So, when we heard that St Teresa's Church, who hold services at La Manga Club, were having a problem finding a venue for their upcoming visit by the head of their Spanish Anglican Church, we instinctively knew LMC owners would want the Clubhouse committee to reach out and help.



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Therefore, we offered to host next Sunday's service, which as the Clubhouse is closed that day, will not impact on owners enjoyment of the Clubhouse or any of it's many facilities.



Maggie Dew, the church's local representative, said, "Many LMC owners and businesses will know

> members of the church, and our Minister, the Rev Andrew Rea, from the Clubhouse's popular Christmas Carol Service; plus our participation in the Act of Remembrance on Armistice Day.

> Needless to say, we are very grateful that the Owners Clubhouse committee has offered to host this special occasion and because of their generosity we are delighted that Bishop Carlos Lopez Lozanois is coming to formally welcome our Church into the Anglican Church of Spain (Iglesia Espanola Reformada Episcopal). The Bishop's visit is a great honour for us and, as far as we know, is the first time a Bishop has visited La Manga Club.

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Bishop Carlos' will visit is on Sunday, 27th September, starting at 6.00 pm. Rev. Andrew and Bishop Carlos will conduct a COVID compliant Service of Holy Communion to include popular readings from the bible and prayers. At the end of the service, Bishop Carlos will formally license Rev. Helene Ohman, from the Lutheran Church of Sweden into the Anglican Church in Spain, which will allow Rev. Andrew and her to conduct services in St Teresa's. We are delighted







that Helene has offered her services to us. After communion service there will be a chance to have an informal chat.

We want owners at La Manga Club to feel part of this occasion, whether they are Church-goers or not. Our Church is here for everyone in the good times and bad, plus all the bits in between. We can offer our services for happy times, such as marriage, blessings,

wedding vow renewals and baptisms, as well as the sad times, such as funerals and memorials for loved ones.

Please remember, the maximum number who may attend the service is 30, including the Bishop and church representatives. So,



please confirm your attendance in advance to Joaquin, so be sure of being in the congregation.





KINGS COLLEGE MURCIA - BEST EVER EXAM RESULTS



Pupils from King's College, the British School of Murcia, have excelled in their A-Level, Parte Especi-fica and (I)GCSE exams, with graduates setting new records for the school and securing places in top higher education institutions in the UK and Spain, as well as other European cities.

> This year has seen an increase in results, with 49% of A Level entries awarded - A grades.

> King's College Murcia also impressed with their outstanding (I)GCSE results, with 53% of entries awarded A^* -A grades and three pupils achieving all (10) A^* grades (9-8).

> The A-Level results have led to offers from the world's best universities, such as the University of Glasgow and the University of York.

> Similarly, students went on to secure places in highly regarded Spanish universities, such as the University of Alicante, as well as others located in Europe, including the University of Rotterdam.



Students from King's College, are celebrating a memorable A-Level & (I)GCSE results day. With an impressive percentage of entries, 49%, awarded A* - A grades and an even more remarkable 27% top A^{*} grades. The school's students have set new records this academic year, including an incredible 76% of entries awarded A* - B.

A similar success story emerged from those students who undertook their 'Parte Especí-fica' examinations in conjunction with their A-Levels. A highlight of which was the achievement of student Sophie W F. She scored 9.5 in her "Quimica Específica", together with A-Level successes in



Spanish, Maths and Biology, all with A* - C. grades, which gained her a place to study biology at the well respected University of Alicante.

Year 13 graduates have subsequently received offers from some of the world's best universities. One student, Kate R, attaining a place at the prestigious University of Glasgow to study Psychology, while Catherine K gained a place at the highly regarded University of York to study Biomedical Science. Both of these universities form part of the UK's Russell Group (Top 24 UK institutions), as well as being in the Top 150 of the *QS "World's Best Universities" Rankings 2020. Other students went on to secure places in European cities, such as Anastasia G at the well-known University of Rotterdam to study Economics.

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The grade success story was repeated by Year 11 students, who took their (I)GCSEs this year. An incredible 36% of students awarded A* (9-8), 53% A* - A (9-7) and 99% A* - C. Three pupils achieved all (10) A* grades (9-8) throughout their subject mix: Marco M M, Marta C del C and Sofia Q were the top performers in their year group and enter the school's Sixth Form in September 2020.

Mr Stefan Rumistrzewicz, Headteacher at King's College Murcia, remarked, "These difficult times have seen unprecedented results for pupils in Years 11 and 13. Despite the hardships faced by our older students, they have achieved some of the best results in our young school's history. This success is a testament to the tenacity of our pupils here at Kings College and the excellent teaching they receive. Well done to everyone!"



The results themselves are even more impressive considering the turbulent academic year that all schools across the globe faced due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Thanks to an innovative online, live and continuous e-learning system, coupled with the remarkable resilience of students, inspirational education and strong support of their teachers, they have been able to continue with their studies and have been greatly rewarded.

Working hard behind the scenes was the leading premium schools group Inspired Education, of which King's College Murcia is a member. Back in March, with escalating temporary school closures taking place across the globe, the leading education group leveraged its technology and e-learning capabilities and prepared 'virtual' schools, ready





to continue delivering education to more than 45,000 students across its global network of more than 64 educational institutions in Europe. Asia. Latin America and Africa.

Mrs Jennifer O'Brien, Head of Sixth Form, guoted "This year we have seen truly outstanding achievement from our pupils taking GCSE, A-Level and Parte Especi-fica qualifications. In a year where we have overcome an unprecedented challenge, it is clear that such great achievement does not happen in examinations, but in the years of determined effort grounded in high-quality education striving for academic excellence and personal development. Whether our pupils are celebrating their grades due to achieving passes in all subjects, or the highest possible grades, I am proud of every student for what they have achieved. The motivation, resilience and adaptability shown throughout the months in virtual learning embodied the spirit of the learning community. It demonstrated the lifelong skills our pupils grow during their years at our school. I believe it is no coincidence that the students attaining the highest grades are those who have been at King's for many years."







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