

# The Front Desk

June 2005



Dear Clients,

Hard to believe that we are already hitting the 6<sup>th</sup> month of the year.

## No Smoke Without Fire

We have had a report that an insurance company refused to pay compensation following a fire in a foreign-owned home, because the owner did not have a smoke detector or fire extinguisher installed. I have checked with San Pedro Insurances Services and they tell me that owners insured through them have nothing to fear. Other owners may want to check with their own insurance companies to ensure that they are not at risk. Clearly, providing this equipment makes good practical sense. Please let me know if you would like me to make enquiries for you.

## Missing Motors



One day recently Guillermo left his house only to find that his car was missing. Reporting the disappearance to the local police, he was amazed to find out that the car had been removed by the boys in blue – it had been parked illegally. “But I have been parking it there (illegally) for years,” protested Guillermo. “Well, last night was your unlucky night,” came the helpful response! You have been warned!

## Flying Doctor

Have you thought about joining Helicopteros Sanitarios? They will deal with anything from minor ailments to major incidents, either in their clinic or by call out. Their clinic is near El Corte Inglés. The annual rates are 115 € (individual), 225 € (couple), 260 € (family) – I am not an agent for them, by the way, but am a member as are Jamie, Michael and Felicity. Payment is by direct debit from your Spanish Bank account. Call Sonia on 952 66 72 11.

## False Alarm

Residents of La Finca will have seen a reference in their newsletter to a legal requirement to have any active alarm system connected to a central monitoring station. I have checked this with a couple of alarm companies who say this is not correct. For example, Cosegur say that a correct interpretation of the law is that legally residents are not obliged to be connected to a monitoring station, but that if an alarm is ringing for over 4 minutes, and it causes a nuisance to others, the other residents can press charges against the property owner.

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## Kamikaze Crossers

There was a time when Spanish pedestrians knew their place – cowering on the pavement. Now they have found a new courage – on pedestrian crossings. No longer do they leap out of the way of on-coming cars, they actually expect drivers to let them walk across. Often they do not even pause to check that it is safe to cross – they leap into the road chatting, sending text messages, etc. We are all used to Spanish cars not being equipped with indicator lights. But please look out for this new hazard.

## Santa Clara Deal

Special low rates are on offer while maintenance work is undertaken. From 6<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> June we can offer 18 holes for 80 € (public price 86 €). Clubs often offer special deals at the last minute, so it is always worth checking with us to see if you can make an extra saving in addition to our normal discounted green fees.

## Cine-Mar

A new centre has recently opened on the sea front in Marbella close to the Skol hotel, called the Plaza del Mar. They have a cinema, which has great comfortable spacious seating and the seats can be pre-booked. If you fancy a nice relaxing night out, why not catch a movie, and then have a lovely stroll along the seafront followed by a meal. Jamie and I recently saw the latest Star Wars movie there, in the original version, so it certainly is up to date. If you would like to know what is showing, just call the office, and we will be able to tell you.

## E111 Form

As a result of recent changes to European law a new E111 form has been introduced: the new form is now issued on an individual, as opposed to a family, basis. However, you will only need to complete one application form in order to receive E111s for you, your spouse/partner and children. The new E111 form will be valid until 31st December 2005.



The second major change is that during the course of 2005 the UK will be adopting the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). This will be automatically issued to those who apply for the new E111 form and tick the box to receive the new card. Please check out <http://www.dh.gov.uk/> for more information for yourselves and your visitors, to avoid any expensive medical costs while in Spain.

## Stop Press

Los Naranjos Golf Club special summer offer for June and July – HPS price for two green fees and a buggy for 115 €. Normal tariff for this period would be 151€.

That's all for now folks. Looking forward to seeing you, family and friends over the coming weeks.

Best wishes

## **Beverley**

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