

Bulls welcome youngsters



The family day

by Jack Troughton

JAVEA BULLS Rugby Club welcomed 125 boys and girls to the sport over a series of four Come and Try It days at Arenal Beach.

The youngsters aged between five and 16 turned out to have a go at the new sport – which teaches a variety of skills and also helps develop children mentally and socially, through teamwork and discipline.

Representatives of at least five different nationalities in the community, the majority being Spanish and British, took part in a final session at Javea Bulls' new ground playing a variety of games.

After the final whistle, youngsters and their families were able to enjoy a barbeque and the music played by Coast FM's Simon Moody.

Later each young player was presented with a medal and certificate, as well as a variety of 'goodies' and shook hands with coaches and directors of the club.

It was a triumph for both the club and the

local community which rallied round after an arson attack destroyed the clubhouse 24 hours earlier. The police are currently interviewing suspects.

Club President Peter Sowerby thanked sponsors Continental Wealth Management and Hamiltons of London for their generosity and support.

"After the clubhouse was burned to the ground 24 hours before this family event everyone has rallied round and we have managed in the face of adversity to make the day very special for the children involved," he said.

"It just goes to show sport, and especially rugby, is a true team sport which I am proud to say will thrive here in Javea for years to come."

The club has launched an appeal to get a new clubhouse up and running in time for the Summer Sports Camp in August. Anyone able to donate building supplies or their skills is asked to contact Peter on 625 205 125, or Stacy on 650 231 013.

Sunshine on a rainy day

CBBA GOLF day raises money for HELP, despite the rain and poor England performance.

Many people think of a round of golf as a good walk spoilt, but the only thing that spoils the Texas Scramble Charity Golf competition on Sunday 27th June, was the thunderstorm that curtailed proceedings, and England's poor performance against Germany in the World Cup. The competition, sponsored by the Costa Blanca Business Association (CBBA) in collaboration with Campbell Lamont Golf, was held at Oliva Nova golf course, with the aim of raising money for Help of Denia.

Members of the CBBA and the other local businesses had donated prizes for a raffle and an auction, which raised €1,760 to enable Help to continue their work of giving assistance to the expatriate community in times of need. A total of 18 teams enjoyed 14 holes of golf in near perfect conditions until the heavens opened and the



course had to be closed. The players, and their guests, were then treated to a three-course meal with wine, whilst watching in agony as England struggled against Germany. However, this didn't dampen the generosity of the golfers as the auctioneer, John Migan, encouraged them to part with their money for items as varied as the hire of a bouncy castle, to that of a snooker cue.

The organisers would like to thank all the companies and individuals that helped in any way to make this event so successful in raising such a magnificent total. The winners of the competition were Pam Beavis, John Beavis, Neil Rowling and Dave Thomas. 'Longest drive' was won by Ros Fletcher for the ladies

and by Chris Williamson for the men. 'Nearest the pin' on hole 3 was won by Alicia Minaro, and on hole 16 by Dave Pointer. It is hoped that this competition will become an annual event, with the proceeds going to charity once again.

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