

# WESTWOOD & CLARKE GOLF SCHOOLS ADD TO MACDONALD SUCCESS



LAST YEAR MACDONALD GOLF BROKE NEW GROUND WHEN THEY HOSTED 35 STUDENTS, PLUS SIX STAFF, FROM THE DARREN CLARKE GOLF ACADEMY, FOLLOWED BY 25 STUDENTS, PLUS FOUR STAFF, FROM THE LEE WESTWOOD GOLF SCHOOL FOR A WINTER TRAINING WEEK HONING THEIR GOLFING SKILLS ON THE COSTA DEL SOL DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY.

The ultimate proof that last year's experiment exceeded all expectations may be gleaned from the fact that, in January 2012, the same two prestigious teaching schools had increased their total numbers from 60 to 102.

With coach transfers by the ever dependable Lara Lopez, accommodation at the Macdonald Doña Lola Club and the Macdonald golf assistant Michael Wilson on hand at El Chaparral to ensure that the golf, both practice and playing, all went according to plan, the students, and indeed their teachers, were left basking in the bright sunny weather which the Golfing Gods saw fit to provide.

Speaking about the holiday Stuart Blair, a vastly experienced golf coach with the Lee Westwood School said, "The facilities are as good as you could wish for. The Macdonald Doña Lola Club apartments are first class whilst use of the tennis courts, the indoor heated swimming pool and leisure facilities are bordering on being essential after a long day at the golf course." When questioned regarding the reaction of the students Stuart commented, "They thought the golf course was an excellent challenge, with a number of good colourful holes, while some said it was the best course they had ever played." Warming to his theme Stuart Blair then continued, "Driving from the top bays, of the two-tiered driving range, enabled the students to see the shape of the shots more easily while the large undulating putting green, although driving some to distraction, was good for many applications. All in all both weeks were excellent during which the students improved their games enormously in the delightful weather and I see no reason whatever that these training weeks should not become an annual event at the Macdonald Doña Lola Club."

The success of Macdonald Golf has been based on the fact that their very experienced and friendly golf staff are on hand seven days a week to ensure that holidays run smoothly.

Over fifty years ago Macdonald's Director of Golf, Eamonn Power, paid his first visit to the Costa del Sol when he played at the Parador, the only golf course on the entire coast at that time. Since then Eamonn has watched the coast grow from a very backward and poor area into what is now generally recognized as being the best winter golf holiday destination in Europe. Having played every golf course in the area many times Eamonn is in a unique position to advise Macdonald golfers on the courses best suited to their type of game and they have responded by returning year after year safe in the knowledge that they will receive the personal attention which has become the hallmark of holidays with Macdonald Golf.

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