

14<sup>th</sup> WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, COSTA DEL SOL, SPAIN

3 – 7 June 2002

The 14<sup>th</sup> World Championship saw us break new ground by conducting a tournament in a Country where there was no established Left-Handed Golf Association. The tournament was organized and run by the Executive Chairman Doug Crosby and WALG Secretary Peter Read from Australia. All ground work in Spain was carried out by Catriona Jennings from CJGOLF, a Spanish group specialising in golf events. The tournament proved a great success and showed the Executive that a tournament could be run without a local Association in place.

The tournament headquarters was the Don Carlos Hotel a 10 minute drive from the centre of Marbella. There were four courses used to conduct the Championship, Santa Maria Golf & Country Club, Mijas Golf Complex, La Quinta Golf & Country Club and the Los Naranjos Golf Course. The tournament was played on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2002.

The welcome Cocktail Party was held at the Don Carlos Hotel on Sunday evening 2<sup>nd</sup> June where, Mr. Doug Crosby, Executive Chairman of WALG welcomed everyone to the Costa Del Sol advising all that the scene was set of a great time in a great location on four great courses.

There were 174 entrants, including 8 ladies from 13 Countries, Australia (22), Canada (9), England (24), Finland (1), Germany (10), Ireland (16), Japan (33), New Zealand (6), Spain (5), Sweden (6), Switzerland (1), Taiwan (11) and U.S.A. (29).

The Presentation dinner was held on Friday evening 7<sup>th</sup> June at the Don Carlos 'Beach Club' where guests were entertained by local Flamingo Dancers.

The World Champion was Kenichi Seta, Japan.

The Senior Champion was Peter Read, Australia.

The Super Senior Champion was Henry Engert, Canada.

The Lady Champion was Claudia Popp, Germany.

The World Cup was won by U.S.A.



L – R Peter Read (Aust), Colin Biar (Aust), Jack Ruhs (USA) Mike Jacobs (Ireland)



L – R Martin and Carola Poertner Germany, Doug Crosby Australia and Cornelia Ulm Germany.



L – R Doug Crosby (Australia), Renate Gloeckle (Germany), Wolfgang Leidle (Austria), George Baumann (Germany), Marie-Luise Deubl (Germany), George Winter and Christa Baumann (Austria) and Viktor Regner (Austria). Relaxing poolside at the Don Carlos Hotel on the Costa Del Sol.



First members to receive the 10 tournament award  
L- R Doug Crosby (Australia), Peter Read (Australia) Ken Ahrens (U.S.A.)