



The Karen Anne McMahon Trophy

The members of Soroptimist International Costa del Sol are very proud to announce the **Karen Anne McMahon Trophy**. The golf tournament has been organised in memory of Karen who was a well loved member of their group. The event is open to men and women and will be held on Friday 29th May 2020 at the Miraflores Golf Club, Mijas Costa (Spain). The Golf Tournament takes place in the morning followed by a Gala Dinner at the lovely Miraflores Golf Club Restaurant, including an auction, raffle and live entertainment. The tournament registration fee (95€) includes the Gala Dinner; non-golfers (45€) can also join the dinner. All the proceed will go to the Soroptimist Safe House Project, supporting local women and children, victims of domestic violence.

The Soroptimists wouldn't be able to do this alone and are happy with the collaboration of Costa Women's, Ali Meehan, also a personal friend of Karen. Ali says "We are very happy to collaborate. Karen was such an important person for the local expat community, she brought people together and made sure to promote interesting projects and books. Remembering Karen together, knowing she would enjoyed this collaboration, will make the event very special."

Mijas Comunicación and the local counsellors are also a big support promoting the event; her former colleagues have many wonderful memories of Karen and really want to help make this event into a success. The counsellors of the Mijas Town Hall, Andrés Ruiz and Nicolas Cruz joined the official launch of the poster and called on the local golfers of Mijas to join the tournament emphasising the importance of the support the Soroptimist association is giving to local victims and their children.

Daphne Theunissen of SI Costa del Sol says that "Karen joined Soroptimist International, in 2009, but with her busy work schedule, she was not always able to be at the meetings, but she made sure to give us time on her TV show to spread the word about our activities. Karen was a free spirit, she loved her independence, and she loved a good party, even better if accompanied with a glass of cava and dance music. She had some fantastic outfits and looked stunning on high heels, the quirkiest the better and often different colours. Only 56 years old, Karen was taken from us last May, far too early, it is difficult to fill the space she leaves behind".

After running Book World in Fuengirola for many years, Karen worked at Mijas Communication and was a member of the Press Group of the Costa del Sol. Karen was very well known in the Mijas area, she was in touch with many local organisations, especially the ones for expats. Her father is a keen golfer and Karen would have loved this event with such an important cause.

Soroptimist International is a global volunteer movement. Soroptimists have been advocating for women and girls' rights at local, national, and international level since 1921. Today, there are more than 75.000 Soroptimists around the world. SI Costa del Sol was founded in Mijas in November 2006 and has members of different nationalities and ages.

If you are interested in sponsoring a hole or a (raffle) prize, please get in touch with the organisers by e-mail: soroptimist.golf@gmail.com

Information about the program and the sponsors will regularly be updated on the website and via social media, both from Soroptimist International Costa del Sol as well as Mijas Comunicación.

For more information or to register for the event go to: www.soroptimist.es/golf