

Report on Villaitania Poniente – Team Texas Scramble

On the 8th January 2019 U3a Golf Moraira-Teulada played their first game for the year at Villaitana Poniente, the shorter course at the Benidorm complex. This is usually a popular venue and it so it was on this occasion. It's a challenging course albeit with a par of 62 over hilly terrain with deep barancas. Losing balls is part of the game as my partner on the day found out as early as the 5th hole. I always advise having a bag full of those less expensive balls we all have at home. Yes I know negative thoughts are not advisable but I like to be realistic!

The day was again clear with light winds, just another perfect day complemented by beautiful views. We are so lucky to live in such a picturesque area. The course was in fairly good condition but some of the tee positions are unfair; as an example the long par 3, ninth is very difficult. The trees and reeds have grown so tall that the green is impossible to see and has become a lottery. Come on Villaitana either use the right tees or trim the foliage. Nevertheless it's a great little course and well worth a visit. Unfortunately some of their buggies (compulsory on this course) are not great. We had one break down on the first hole. It took over 20 minutes for a replacement to arrive. Not good on a busy day.

We had our usual introduction reminding players to keep up with the group in front and then explaining the format for the day. On this occasion it was Texas Scramble with teams of four, scores adjusted based on the handicaps of the team members. There were some great scores.

The results:

1st Team with a score of 56/47.1 – Myers Logan, Robert Clarke, Keith Simmonds and Pat Jarvis
2nd Team with a score of 60/51.4 - Dave Reynolds, Gordon Mitchell, Bina Tomes and Nessa Hart
3rd Team with a score of 63/53.9 – Adrian Hart, Robin Woods, Betty Reynolds and Elke Woods

Nearest the Pins winners were Betty Reynolds and Chris Witton.

Congratulations to all our winners.

Our next game is at Bonalba on the 24th January, first tee 10 am. There are still vacancies.

To play for the society you first need to be a member of the U3A Moraira/Teulada which meets on the first Monday of every month at the Salóns G.L, Avenida del Mediterráneo 32, Teulada at 10:30 a.m., except July and August. All new members welcome whatever your standard of golf."

Robin Woods.