



Chef's corner

Ipar Miranda

Aperitivo

Escalera de Verduras a la Plancha con Solomillo de Cerdo Escabechado

Layer of marinated grilled vegetables, pork tenderloin in escabeche

Senorio de Valei, Rias Baixas 2005



POSTRE

Ensalada

Migas de Bacalao Sobre una Cama de Lechugas, Tomate Confitado y Uvas de Mar

Shredded rock cod in bed of lettuce, seaweed, confit of tomato

Sopa

Sopa de Mariscos

Traditional seafood soup

Sorbete

Sorbete de Cava

Champagne sherbet

Plato Principal

Mar y Tierra

Roasted Tenderloin with Red Wine Reduction and Tiger Prawn in Ali-Oli with Fried Garlic, Bell peppers
Two Potato Terrine

Rondan Rioja, Crianza 2001

Postre

Cuajada de Coco Sobre

Cre moso de Arroz con Leche
Coco creme over rice pudding

Cafe o Te Praline



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jose "Cheling" B. Sala
President

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Mark these dates on your calendar and watch out for more details coming soon. This will be a time for you to meet old friends and get to know new members of the Club.

October 6, 2007
OKTOBERFEST

Oktoberfest is a unique Germanic heritage, celebrating a culture which is the true spirit of Gemuetlichkeit.

Casino Español de Cebu joins the rest of the Germans in celebrating the Oktoberfest. We hope that you will experience the warmth of community spirit, fun and fellowship as you enjoy German heritage, food, music and festivities during the celebration. Grab your beer mug and enjoy the German music at the Garden Area from 7:00 p.m. onward. Non-members or guests will be charged Php 388 nett/person.

October 13, 2007
DIA DE LA HISPANIDAD

Holy Mass at 6:00 p.m. at Granada Room

Dia de la Hispanidad, or El Dia de Colon in some places, is a commemoration of the day Christopher Columbus arrived in the Americas. For some countries, as well as at our Club, we call it El Dia de la Hispanidad. It is a day to celebrate one's connection with all other Spanish-speaking people, regardless of their country.

The grand celebration of the Dia de la Hispanidad at our Club and the Filipino-Spanish community is always one of the most anticipated social events. Dia de la Hispanidad is celebrated with the traditional formal dinner—dance at Salon de España at 7:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. A live band, **The Renaissance Band**, will entertain us for the entire affair.



MANAGER'S NOTES

Ed Tongco
Gen. Manager

June and July were again busy months for the Club. The Club was able to host several weddings and other family gatherings. A lot of couples chose the Club as their wedding event venue mainly because of the quality of food and the distinctive service that goes along with it.

The Club's multi-purpose facilities and the staff's individual attention to details, in keeping with the members' and guests' expectations, made it a fast becoming popular venue for weddings and family gatherings. It is perfect for medium or bigger weddings as the Club can accommodate a seating capacity of 200 to 400 guests.

The Board has consistently and enthusiastically supported my team in the development of our operations. And responding to the members' needs and expectations, many improvements and refurbishments have been made. The major constructions in 2004, of course, enabled the Club to attract wedding events, among others.

As we continue to serve you, remember that Casino Español de Cebu, Inc. is always eager to be your host, be it for a simple drink or for another extravagant affair you are planning. We hope to make you feel distinguished and at home.

Casino Español de Cebu celebrates **Dia de Santiago**

By Honey Jarque Loop

The day's festivities are in homage to Santiago, better known as St. James the apostle, the patron saint of Spain, who has become a legendary figure in Spanish history.

The Casino Español de Cebu, whose founding members were mostly Spaniards, joined in the merrymaking as it had through the years, promoting its *culturas y tradiciones* and thereby preserving the Spanish heritage. The Dia, as it is fondly called, was celebrated in true Spanish style.

This year's event was made even more meaningful by the presence of Spanish Ambassador to the Philippines Luis Arias Romero and his charming wife Doña Soledad de Arias.

On hand to warmly welcome guests were the club officers and directors led by its vice president Gabriel Leyson, treasurer Manoling Sainz, house chairman Jimmy Escaño, director for sports Jose Luis Alba, and director for social and cultural affairs Antonio Veloso. Club president Jose Sala was on an extended trip abroad and was sadly missed.

The highlight of the grand event was the formal sit-down dinner meticulously prepared and masterfully created by guest executive chef Ipar Miranda, a graduate of the Les San Jose Culinary School in Cuenca, Spain. The Cebu-born and bred chef whipped up a fabulous menu that consisted of layers of marinated grilled vegetables with pork tenderloin in *escabeche* for *aperitivo*. This was accompanied with *Senorio de Valei*, Rias Baixas 2005. The salad was shredded rock cod in a bed of lettuce, seaweed and confit of tomato. A traditional *sopa de mariscos* shortly followed.



Casino Español directors: Gabriel Leyson, Antonio Veloso, Jose Luis Alba and Manuel Sainz



Ed Tongco, Teresin Mendezona and Honorary Consul Jaime Picornell



Amparito Lhuillier, Rosebud Sala and Annabelle Luym



Vicente del Gallego, Miguel del Gallego, Alberto Rotaache, Leahliz Sia, Mayen Angbetic Tan, Honey and Glenn Loop

The main course was a combination of *mar y tierra* (surf and turf) with roasted tenderloin in red wine reduction and tiger prawns ali-oli with fried garlic, bell peppers and potato terrine. The selected wine was Rondan Rioja, Crianza 2001. After the truly sumptuous meal, chef Ipar Miranda was called upon to accept the warm *felicidades* for a fabulous gastronomic experience.

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Michel Lhuillier with Cebu City Vice Mayor Mike Rama



Alberto Rotaeché, Luis Romero de Arias, Miguel and Vicente del Gallego

The Spanish ambassador's visit

B y J a i m e P i c o r n e l l

His Excellency Don Luis Arias Romero, Spain's Ambassador to the Philippines, came to Cebu recently with his wife Doña Soledad and their son Javier Arias. They stayed at the Marriott and on the evening of their arrival were dinner guests of Michel and Amparito Lhuillier at their Spanish restaurant, *Hola España*.

On July 25 Ambassador Arias paid a courtesy call on Vice Mayor Michael Rama at 10 a.m. Later, being close to the heritage sites, with his family he toured Basilica del Santo Niño, Magellan's Cross and Fort San Pedro.

In the afternoon, there were courtesy calls on Governor Gwendolyn Garcia at the Capitol, and on Cardinal Ricardo Vidal at

the Archbishop's Palace. In the evening there was a reception and formal dinner at Salon de España of the Casino Español de Cebu.

Don Luis, Doña Soledad and Javier had been there earlier in the day, for lunch, and were impressed with the building and its sports facilities. To welcome them at the Salon de España was the club's vice president Gabriel Leyson as acting president in the absence of Jose Sala.

"It is Spanish month throughout July every year at Casino Español," explained Mr. Leyson, adding that July 25 – Dia de Santiago – has been celebrated as "Dia Español" since the Casino's founding in 1920. The day commemorates the feast of St. James, patron saint of Spain.

In charge of the observance was

Antonio Veloso Jr., director for social and cultural events. He opened the brief program with a welcome address in Spanish. Dinner followed, which menu was prepared by Chef Ipar Miranda who has studied in Spain. Present were his parents Jose Mari and Happy, sister Merche, and younger brother Josu.

Nelson Marin performed, and later Vice Mayor Rama was persuaded to render a song, too. Congratulations for the splendid evening are due the Casino's general manager Ed Tongco, and service manager Rudy Ruby. *(Reprinted from Cebu Daily News, August 26, 2007)*



(Left) Our lay-out for that evening. (Below) May Dira, Monina Ortiz, Edwin Ortiz, Winglip Chang, Reynaldo Dira, Jose Luis Alba and Edito Tirol

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Casino Español de Cebu celebrates **Dia de Santiago**

Guests were treated to a lively performance of traditional Spanish favorites by singer Nelson Marin.

Among the evening's prominent guests were Cebu Vice Mayor Michael Rama, Honorary Consul of Spain Jaime Picornell and his wife Cecilia, Michel and Amparito Lhuillier, Choy and Rosebud Sala, Douglas and Annabelle Luym, Louie and Annie Aboitiz, Margot and Chucho Larrañaga, and proud parents of Ipar Mari and Happy Miranda.

Solitos were Julina Muertegui, Conchita Taylor, Miguel del Gallego, his brother Vicente who was on tour from Sydney, Alberto de Rotaeché, Marco Protacio, Leahliz Sia, Marlinda Angbetic Tan, Maribel Antunez, and Ana Escaño.



Manuel Sainz Jr is our host in welcoming our guest.

Rotary Multi District Conference

August 17-18, 2007 were RED letter days for all the Rotarians all over the Philippines for the Multi District Conference hosted by Districts 3850, 3860 and 3870 (Visayas and Mindanao clubs) in Cebu City.

No less than Past Rotary International President Bhichai Rattakul, a former Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand was the guest of honor.

Casino Español was the venue for the Multi District Conference's Tri-Media Conference on August 17, 2007 at the Cervantes Room followed by lunch for all the Rotarian dignitaries: Past Rotary International President Bhichai Rattakul, Rotary International Director Elect John and Janet Lawrence, District Governors and Past District Governors all over the country, District 3860's District Governor and from the Rotary Club of Cebu, Fuente, Joseph Michael "Yumi" P. Espina.



At the media conference (from left) D3860 District Secretary Danny Vicencio, D3860 District Governor Yumi Espina, Past Rotary International Pres. Bhichai Rattakul and D3850 District Governor Renier Gerochi



PRIP Bhichai Rattakul hosts DG Yumi and Sandra together with the other District Governors and their spouses from all over the country

MR. ED TONGCO
General Manager
Casino Español de Cebu

Dear Mr. Tongco,

I am Joseph Michael "Yumi" P. Espina, a member of Casino Español de Cebu since 1998 and a dependent ever since I can remember under my father's membership. I am also a member of the Rotary Club of Cebu Fuente since 1992 and a Past President of the Club. Our Club has been a consistent, avid and loyal client of Casino Español for 25 long years since it's chartering on October 29, 1982.

We are celebrating our Silver Anniversary this year and still continuing our patronage with Casino Español de Cebu. I would like to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the management of Casino Español de Cebu for having been supportive of our Rotary Club through the years. Let me also thank you for allowing us to set up a signboard at the premises announcing our 25th Charter Anniversary and for considering the prospects of having a marker at the Lobby announcing our Meeting Date.

I have been honored this Rotary Year to serve as District Governor of Rotary International District 3860 representing 99 Rotary Clubs in

the Visayas and Mindanao. It is with pride that we showcase the facilities of Casino Espanol de Cebu to our Rotary guests and dignitaries. This was exemplified by our recent conduct of our hosting no less than our Past Rotary International President, the former deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Thailand, the Honorable Bhichai Rattakul and several other Rotary dignitaries for a press conference and luncheon on the 17th of August. Allow me to thank the management once again for their excellent performance and strict observance of protocol. Our guests were simply impressed.

Thank you once again and may you continue your valuable support to the Rotary Club of Cebu Fuente and Rotary International District 3860.

Sincerely,

Joseph Michael "Yumi" Espina
District Governor, Rotary International District 3860
Past President, Rotary Club of Cebu Fuente

Confrerie de la Chaîne des Rôtisseurs



(Left photo) Choy Sala, Rose Hennessy, Michael Hennessy, Jose Sala and Glenn Loop.

(Below) Margie and Amparito Lhuillier



Chef Dietmar Dietrich with Dr. Vivina Yrastorza Chiu



Cecilia Picornell, Happy Miranda, Merchie Miranda and Jaime Picornell



Teresin Mendezona, Amparito Lhuillier, Michel L huillier and Ipar Miranda



Jake Sungahid, Chef Dietmar Dietrich, Al Evangelio, Teresin Mendezona, Amparito Lhuillier, Michel Lhuillier, Rudy Rubi and Nestor Alonso II

Employee of the month



FEBRUARY 2007

LUISITO EGOS

In 1992, CASINO ESPAÑOL DE CEBU, INC. hired an energetic and hard-working guy in the name of Luisito Egos.

His wholesome attitude towards his colleagues and dedication to his job helped him a lot to grab his prestigious award.



MARCH 2007

GILBERT MARAVILLA SR.

So that everybody may know that after a thorough search, CASINO ESPAÑOL DE CEBU, INC. has finally found a deserving employee to be named Employee of the Month.

Upon entering Bar Mixto, the warm greetings of the friendly bartender, in the person of Gilbert Maravilla Sr., make members, dependents and guests feel welcomed to the CLUB.



MAY 2007

DREXEL PELONE

An employee who has a positive attitude in the work place and demonstrates initiative with high quality work, Drexel Pelone formally joined CASINO ESPAÑOL DE CEBU, INC. back in May 2005.



JUNE 2007

EDUARDO EGOS

Given the excellence with which he performs his many duties and his willingness to stay late until the job is done, Eduardo Egos has been selected as the Employee of the Month.

Amigos launch Premio Zobel Book

B y J a i m e P i c o r n e l l

Amigos de España presented the book "81 Years of Premio Zobel" written by Professor Lourdes Castrillo Brillantes during the regular meeting at Casino Español de Cebu's Salon Madrid.

Georgina Padilla y Zobel (Mrs. Luis Mac-Crohon) came to Cebu for the occasion with the book's author, and her dear

friend Marylou Prieto Lovina. Also here were Esther Vival and son Gaspar Vival of the publishing firm that has printed the book.

Special guest was Ambassador Delfin Colome who when assigned to the Philippines in 1997 gave Georgina the idea of publishing a book about Premio Zobel. It was instituted in 1920 for excellent literature in Spanish by Filipino authors by Georgina's grandfather Don

Enrique Zobel de Ayala.

The book was first written in Spanish by Professor Brillantes, herself a Premio Zobel awardee, and now it has an English version which is being diffused all over the country. *(Reprinted from Cebu Daily News, July 8, 2007)*

Skills upgrading

Driven by the company's goal to improve the level of performance of its service staff, the Casino Español de Cebu, Inc.—through the effort of its dynamic General Manager, Mr. Edgardo C. Tongco—sponsored a Professional Restaurant and Table Service Skills Development Training to all service staff of the Club conducted by Guest Links.

The participants were divided into two (2) batches: the first batch underwent training in July 2007 and the second batch in August 2007.

The training was aimed to professionalize and upgrade the skills of our service staff, conforming to international standards as we join the race towards global competitiveness. We believe that training our staff is one of the key factors in achieving our goals even under the most challenging conditions.

On behalf of all the participants, we wish to thank the Board of Directors for their continued support and commitment to the company's mission.



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

NEW MEMBERS



ALBERTO Y. SOLIS JR



**ALEXANDER DEL ROSARIO
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Casino
Español de Cebu
celebrates

Día de Santiago

*Every year, on July 25, the all-
important Spanish festival of Dia de
Santiago is celebrated throughout
the Iberian Peninsula.*

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