



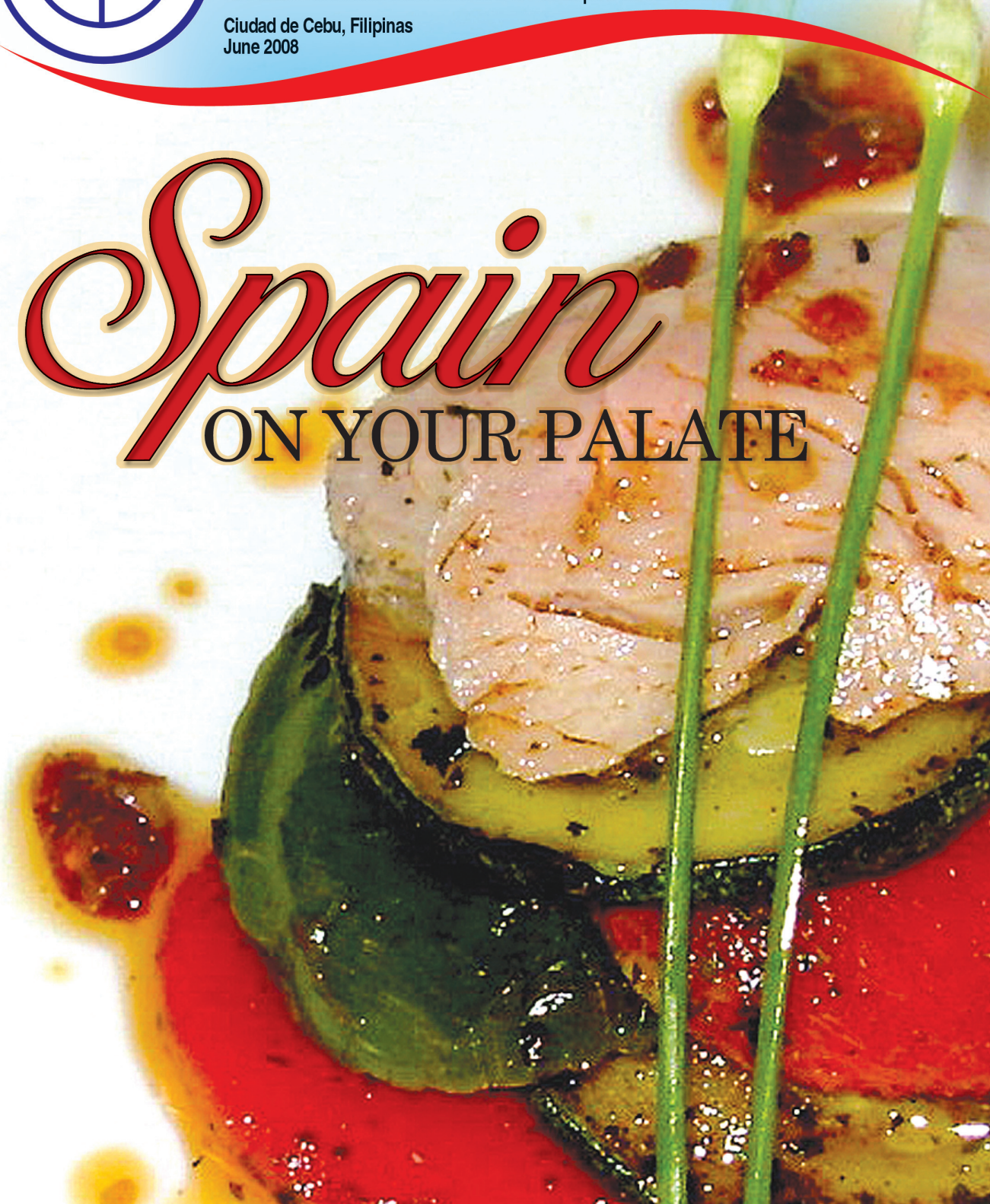
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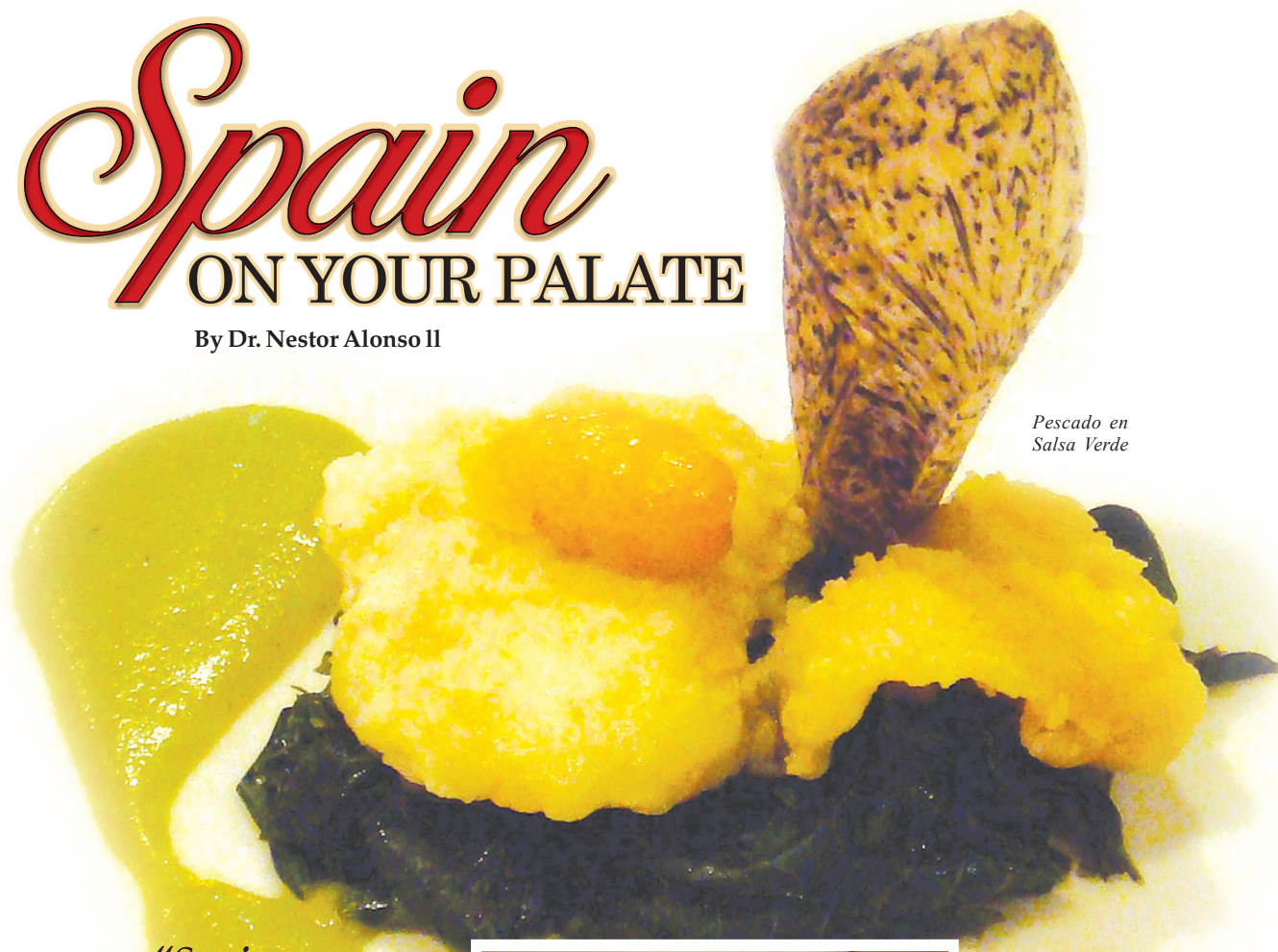
Spain
ON YOUR PALATE



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By Dr. Nestor Alonso II



*Pescado en
Salsa Verde*

"Spain on your Palate" was the theme of a dinner hosted by the Embassy of Spain at the Casino Español de Cebu, Inc. It was an eight-course dinner which began with an aperitivo, the Escalera de Verduras a la Plancha con Solomillo de Cerdo Escabechado (Layer of marinated grilled vegetables, pork tenderloin in sweet-sour sauce).

*Red wine,
Rondan
Crainza and White
wine, Viña
Mocen
Verdejo*



Chuletillas de Cordero



Spanish cuisine is so easy to understand and *escabeche* seems to be part of our dialect (from the verb *escabechar*, meaning, to pickle). Accompanying, Spanish wine was the *Viña Mocén Verdejo* Special Selection.

Salad was served, which was the *Migas de Bacalao Sobre una Cama de Algas*, Tomato Confitado y *Uvas de Mar* (Shredded cod fish in a bed of lettuce, confit of tomato and seaweed) and with it an enrichment of my Spanish because our humble "lato" has a very nice name, "Uvas de Mar."

The soup was delicious – *Sopa de Mariscos* (Traditional Seafood Soup) followed by a sorbet, the



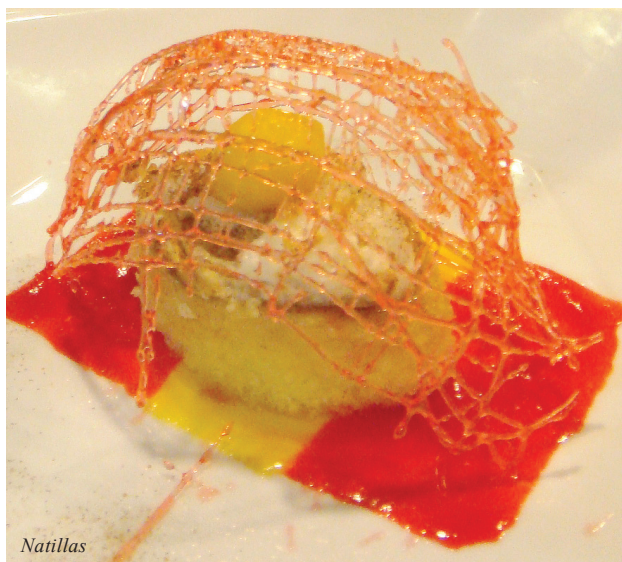
Pralines



Sopa de Mariscos



Sorbete de Cava



Natillas

Sorbete de Cava
(Champagne Sherbet).

For the main course (*Plato Principal*), we had the *Pescado en Salsa Verde* (Fish Fillet in Green Parsley Sauce) and the *Chuletillas de Cordero* (Slow Roasted Rack of Lamb, Two Potato Terrine and Red Wine Reduction). I ate my share of the medium-rare roasted lamb unaltered, because my palate had been acclimatized with an Italian version of this type of roasting (Region of Romano) and gentle assistance of a great red wine, the *Rondan Crainza*.

This special dinner ended with the *Natillas* (Traditional Spanish Custard) and Praline with coffee.

About 20,000 Filipinos visit Spain and the Tourism Counsellor of the Embassy of Spain Enrique de Lera aims to increase tourist arrivals by inviting four million Filipinos who have the financial resources to travel abroad.

My luggage is always ready and I have my own culinary itinerary like the *Sobrino de Botin* (Calle de Cuchilleros 17, 28005 Madrid, Spain) a restaurant established in 1725. It is listed in the Guinness Book of Records as the oldest restaurant in the world. House specialty is *cochinillo asado* (roast suckling pig) and *cochifrito* (lamb) and the "pigs are not allowed to live more than three weeks and the lamb,



Migas de Bacalao Sobre una Cama de Algas, Tomato Confitado y Uvas de Mar

no more than 40 days. Botin looks like it has always existed and as if Adam and Eve had eaten from there."

And now the search for the elusive euros begin...(Reprinted from *The FREEMAN*, May 27, 2008)



(L-R) Director Enrique Ruiz de Lera, Spanish Consul Jaime Picornell and son Louie

An enchanting presentation on Spain

By Flor Yncino



(L-R) Business mogul Michel Lhuillier, Enrique Ruiz de Lera, Amparito Lhuillier and Anthony Jackson

The Tourism Counsellor of the Embassy of Spain and Director of the Spain Tourism Board of S.E. Asia, Australia, New Zealand and India, Mr. Enrique Ruiz de Lera visited Cebu and hosted an enchanting journey and presentation on Spain. It was dubbed "Spain on your Palate," that included wine tasting and authentic Spanish fare at Casino Español de Cebu.

The formal sit down dinner was fabulous with the menu exquisitely selected by Mr. de Lera served with the help, of course, of our very own Spanish Consul of Cebu, Jaime Picornell.

A video presentation was shown, featuring the various historical cities of Spain.

I remember years ago, Jaime Picornell, Nelia Neri and this writer, with our dear "amiga" Rosario Muñoz were on a famtour



(L-R) Glenn and Honey Jarque Loop, Susan and Consul Cheling Sala

courtesy of Singapore Lines. We stayed in Madrid for two days, then to Seville where we saw the late Princess Diana and Prince Charles. In Seville, we stayed at the home of Jose and Isa Villafranca. We also visited Cordoba and stayed with Juanito and Lale Villafranca of Puente Genil. We took pictures of the marvelous Cordoba Mosque with hundreds of delicate marble columns and the Cordoba Patio in the old Jewish Quarters. Proceeding to Granada,

capital of Spain's last Moorish kingdom, we had a long walk and saw the awesome snow-capped Sierra Nevada and the famous Granada Alhambra gardens.

Back to Madrid, Jaime brought us to the Madrid Royal Palace. After which, Nene Manguerra treated us to a most delicious "paella."

Yes, for us, Spain is a beautiful place to visit. Should you go to Europe, don't forget to include Spain in your trip! (Reprinted from *The FREEMAN*, June 5, 2008)



(L-R) Baby Adequiña, Stella Bernabe and Joji Alonso



(L-R) Jose Mari and Marilou Cañizares, Tamsin Booth, and Dr. Nestor Alonso



(L-R) Tina Jordana, Gabby Leyson, Kiting Moro and Joe Recio



(L-R) Cecilia Picornell, Angie Matthieu, Quina Melendez, Paqui Aboitiz, Consul Moya Jackson and Julina Muertegui



(L-R) Congressman Raul del Mar, Councilor Jack Jackosalem and wife Sharon, and Consul Tina Benedicto



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Manuel Sainz, Jr.
President

Today, the role that Casino Español de Cebu plays in our community is significantly improving. Our mission has extended far beyond that of increasing membership, it includes creating a strong sense of adaptability to suit members' needs. Thus it is really a place for you!

Plans were developed for both short range (2008) and long range. Changes are on the way to create a better environment, using the solid foundation for the continuous advancement of the Club. I am happy to see so many of our members visiting the club with their families, friends, and business associates taking pleasure in our events or perks and using many of our facilities, be it for a special occasion, family gathering, important meeting or a simple drink after a long day's of work.

I do encourage your continued patronage, because here you don't get any ordinary experience but a Casino Español experience – where to us a meal is more than a meal but an experience. "Just keep coming...."

This is my first year and I am very pleased to spearhead

Casino Español de Cebu. I want to assure you that the club will continue to do what matters – and that is to offer quality food and deliver excellent service to the members, so as to create a place seemingly like home....

On behalf of the Members of the Board and the staff, I want to thank you for your commitment, your generous contributions and patronage to Casino Español de Cebu.

I would like to welcome our new members and the new Directors, Rene Kintanar and John Pages.



Wedding celebration at the club

MANAGER'S NOTES

Ed Tongco
General Manager

The club still has a number of remaining prime 2008 wedding dates available. As a reminder, all club members have the opportunity to sponsor non-members to utilize the club as a historic venue for their special events. Club wedding functions offer one of the best ways to contribute to the long term financial success of our club. These showcase our impressive array of food and beverage, and are programmed without affecting the service for regular members services.

Please do not hesitate to recommend your club with confidence, and encourage interested parties to contact

the club's account executive for catering, Ms. Ritchel Bojos, to arrange for a professionalized tour and discussion of their event's specific details. Ritchel can be contacted by telephone at 253-1260 to 64, with extension 501 or via email at ritchel@casinoespanol.ph

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MEET YOUR TREASURER

Renato Y. Kintanar

An engineer by profession, soon after graduation from the University of San Carlos, Carlos Renato Y. Kintanar lost little time in taking the more challenging path of business. He seemed to seal his resolve by an MBA course from the University of the Philippines.

Like most businessmen, he has ventured into several business endeavors – livestock, marketing, manpower services, banking, among others – but he is now focused on water supply and distribution. He is president of Foremost Water Systems Inc., Helpmate, Inc., Consolacion Water Systems, Inc., and Cebuano Waters Inc. FWSI is a bulk water supplier to MCWD, while the rest are public water supply systems. Asked why he is concentrated on water, his reply was quick: “The business is very liquid.”

But Rene, as his friends call him, insists that his first love is music. Not that he is a musician, of which he was no talent except that “he pretends to play the cello.” The nice thing about it, he said, is that the audience also pretends to applaud at his playing.

John Owen Z. Pages

Wife: Jasmin

Daughter: Jana, 9 years old

Age: 36 years old

Dad: Bunny

Mom: Allen

- Eldest of five children

- Vice-President of family-

owned businesses: Thirsty

Juices and Shakes, Bright

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

NEW MEMBERS



Alexander Tan Jr.
Supernumerario



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Supernumerario



Alvin U. Tan
Supernumerario



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Supernumerario



Edwin H. Lim
Supernumerario



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Supernumerario



Hyman Yap
Supernumerario



Barbara May V. Echevarria
Supernumerario



Ronald Anthony Medalle
Supernumerario



Dennis C. Mendoza
Supernumerario



Sabin E. Larrazabal Jr.
Extraradio



Andone E. Larrazabal
Extraradio



Kelly Cheu Uy
Supernumerario



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Supernumerario



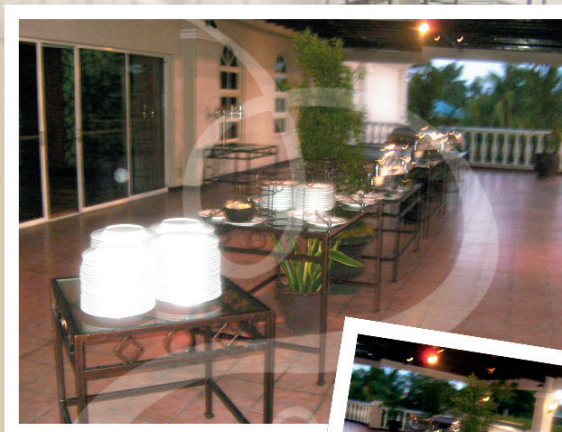
**Michael Douglas L. Sy
Junior**



**Andrew Philip Weigel-
Sarmiento
Junior**



A roofed terrace is the place to be if your activity requires an open space. The Azotea was officially launched last March 17, 2008. Adjoining the popular Granada Room, it is overlooking the tennis court and provides a cozy ambiance of a balcony.



Azotea

With an area of 124 sq. meters is a perfect venue for cocktails, gatherings, product launching and children's party. Granada room and the Azotea altogether can accommodate a total of 180 persons. Rain or shine, your function will turn out as planned. Call our Banquet Reservations at telephone number 253-1260 local 501 for your next function at the Azotea.

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COPA de GOLF

By Edgar R. Chiongbian



The very successful Copa de Casino Español golf tournament went without a hitch at Alta Vista GC. The Alta golf course is in a great shape and in very good condition; reminiscent of the days when the golf course was still new.

The No. 2 hole, which used to be the shortest and easiest hole of the golf course, is no longer a shoe-in shot, as it now has a back tee of about 170 yards.





Albert Sous, Golfer of the Year



GIVING OF
CERTIFICATES
TO THE COPA
DE GOLF
COMMITTEE



Congratulations to the winners of the Copa golf tournament. The team of SPT Trucking, composed of the Mendoza family of Marvin, Nestor, Martin and Marco took the premier division-A, with a total of 126 points. The runner up position went to D' Congtastor (124) with Vic Gocela, Enrico Solon, Edwin Espina and Marlo Cugas. The Black Suede Scandalos team of Edwin Lim, Richard Lim, Alex Yeo and Hansel Ong also had 124 points but lost by count back.

The team of Engineero won Division C and outclassed everyone in the tournament with 132 points. Super-golfer Benedict Uy, who scored 47 points – the highest in the tournament – anchored the Engineero team with teammates Jonathan Yu, Willy Go and Richard Li. The runner up diadem went to the Thunderbirds (127) Albert Solis, Loren Ong, Gene Matiga and Edwin Medalle.

Albert Solis also won the special award as the Casino Español Golfer of the Year.



GOLF TIP. One very important key to a good golf swing is to keep your body level throughout the whole swing. Your head, shoulders and hips must stay leveled during the back swing, downswing and follow-through to get the results you want.

Lifting, tilting and /or swaying during the back swing will move the club off its proper plane and make it very difficult to get back to the right plane on the downswing. When the beginning is bad, the rest of the swing will predictably be bad and your shots will suffer. The easiest way to stay level is to keep your right side as quiet as possible, while keeping your left side more dominant during the back swing.

Jun Ruiz with Manuel Sainz



**WINNERS
OF DINNER
CERTIFICATES**



Manuel Sainz
with Mrs.
Ozoa

RAFFLE PRIZES

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	WINNER'S NAME
1 unit	Skygo Motorcycle Eagle prize on par 4	Jun Ruiz
1 unit	Pensonic 21" colored TV	Elmer Co
1 round trip ticket	Philippine Air Lines (No10643) (Cebu-Manila-Cebu)	Chung Myung Hyun
1 round trip ticket	Philippine Air Lines (No10642) (Cebu-Manila-Cebu)	Eduardo Go
1 ticket good for 2	Montebello (RM 292) Overnight stay with breakfast	Edwin Medalle
10 pcs	CEC dinner certificate La Terraza Weekend Buffet Worth P1,000	Dan Reyes Alfredo Tan Joy Anthony Ong Fe Toring Ernie Uy Maria Joegie Jude Cimafranca Edwin Espina Bobby Go Nonoy Tirol
10 pcs	CEC dinner certificate La Terraza Weekend Buffet Worth P500	Marco Mendoza Ed Sy Lida Daitao Ben Villamor Ely Cestino Edna dela Torre Petter Militante Caby Ca Nolan Rada Boby Durano

MULLIGAN PRIZE

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	WINNER'S NAME
1 unit	Kolin TV	Butch Chiongbian

GOLF PRIZES

NOTE: Trophy + Dinner certificates

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	WINNER'S NAME
1 unit	Kia Picanto Hole-in-one prize (Hole #2 and 8)	
4 pcs	CEC dinner certificate La Terraza Weekend Buffet Worth P2,000 Division A,B & C Champion - Golf	SPT Trucking – Division A Nesto Mendoza Marko Mendoza Marvin Mendoza Martin Mendoza Gothong – Division B Felix Villanueva Alvin Suarez Eugene Tio Henry Chu Enginero – Division C Willy T. Go Jonathan Yu Benedict Uy Richard Li
4 pcs	CEC dinner certificate La Terraza Weekend Buffet Worth P1,500 Division A,B & C Runner-up – Golf	D' Congtastar – Division A Enrico Solon Marlo Cugtas Vic Gocela Edwin Espina Rajah Park – Division B Nonoy Tirol Rey Dira Jun Chiongbian Jude Cimafranca Thunderbird – Division C Gene Matiga Edwin Medalle Loren Ong Albert Solis

GOLFER OF THE YEAR

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	WINNER'S NAME
1 pc	Trophy	Albert Solis

TENNIS PRIZES

NOTE: Trophy/medal

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	WINNER'S NAME
8 pcs	Trophy Class A	Danny Mella Jeffrey Dico Carlito Florido Miglin Bernil Fred Quilala Ana Cuenco Jun Teves Kiddy Lim Chao
	Trophy Class C	
	Trophy Doubles	
4 pcs	Medal Class A	Macky Michaels John Ruiz Elmer Co Alvin Ruiz
	Medal Class C	



EASTER EGG HUNT

By Aneth

March 23 was a frenetic day for us in preparing this challenging event after a long holiday.

Kids and even parents were excited to attend this fun-filled event. As the registration started, we were stunned with the number of kids who registered and joined. A total of 54 kids participated!

The basketball games, being teamed up with their mothers, were very exciting and joyful. Here were some of the games lined-up with respective winners:

Egg painting contest – Pauleen Tongco, Samantha, Maris, Coby Co, Kinkai and Cd Libi

Carrot relay – Ilka Garcia, Sheena, Maris, Thia Garcia,

Khatyana, Sam and Jaelyn

The much-awaited part of the event was the announcement of all the participants to find the Golden Egg. The luckiest kid was Casey Denise Co. This was truly a memorable event for the kids to remember.



*A plaque recognizing Casino Español de Cebu, Inc. as an accredited member of Chaîne de Rotisseurs.
(L-R) Manuel Sainz, Michel Lhuillier, Ed Tongco and Amparito Lhuillier*

AMIGOS-AMIGAS GET A FILL-IN ON QATAR AIRWAYS

By Jaime Picornell

They call themselves Amigos de España but most of them are actually “amigas” and they meet regularly with the intention of practicing conversation skills in the Spanish language.

The meetings, always held at Casino Español de Cebu usually have guests who speak on a topic, and in Spanish. The latest meeting had Mary Rose Macapagal as guest speaker and she was given license to say her piece in English.

Mary Rose is the district sales manager of Qatar Airways, and she was there to fill-in the amigos and amigas as to the excellent services the airline offers. Not just thrice weekly flight to Madrid from Doha, capital of the State of Qatar, but to 81 other destinations world wide.

Before Mary Rose spoke, it was Amparito Lhuillier, president of the organization, who said a few words of

welcome, as it was the first meeting for the year 2008. Amparito informed all about the forthcoming “chapitre” or “chapter” of La Chaîne des Rotisseurs to be held for two days in Manila and two days in Cebu, March 11 and 12.

It’s a gastronomic fete, and open to everyone who may care to join the March 11 Filipiniana event at the Capitol Building’s Social Hall, or the grand gala next evening at the Marquee of Shangri-La’s Mactan Resort & Spa.

Going back to Mary Rose, she not only spoke about Qatar, but did a power-point presentation, and graciously answered many queries from the audience. There were copies of the airline’s in-flight magazine Oryz distributed, as well as tokens and gift items awarded to those who were quick with their answers. (Reprinted from Cebu Daily News, February 17, 2008)

PBSP INDUCTS EIGHT NEW MEMBERS

By Ma. Bernadette A. Parco

At least eight new member-companies were added into the roster of the Visayas chapter of the Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP) Visayas chapter, a private and non-profit organization that promotes the advocacy towards corporate social responsibility.

“Member-companies are the lifeblood of PBSP because they volunteer their resources for worthy-causes,” said Jose

Levi S. Villanueva, PBSP Visayas membership committee during the induction of new members held last February 20 at the Casino Español de Cebu.

The new members are A.B. Soberano International Corp., Cebu Graphicstar Imaging Corp., Cebu Northwinds Hotel, Julie’s Franchise Corp., Professional Placement and Recruitment Agency, Recovery House, Shangri-La’s Mactan Resort & Spa and Valiant Bank of Iloilo. (Reprinted from Cebu Daily News, February 23, 2008)

A Milestone Agreement

By Liv G. Campo

Casino Español de Cebu Inc. Employees Union - ALU-TUCP (Associated Labor Unions-Trade Union Congress of the Philippines) has entered into a collective bargaining agreement (CBA) with Casino Español de Cebu Inc. which provides benefits to the club employees, ranging from health care assistance to salary increase.

Local President, Reynaldo Mahinay, who represented the 65 rank-and-file members of the union, said they are very happy with what the two parties have come up with during the four-month collective bargaining.

"Pasalamat ta nga ang negotiation nahuman nga peaceful, ug nahuman na ang mga lalis-lalis," Mahinay explained.

The agreement, sealed last May 22, provides additional benefits to the employees like wage hike, incentives/bonuses, free medical and dental care, health fund, social amelioration fund, educational loan, and job security within the five-year contract.

Apart from that, it is also stipulated in Article V Section 6 of the contract that "the club agrees to charge

its members a 5 percent service charge on all sales." And that 85 percent of the amount collected "shall be divided equally among all regular employees." The remaining 15 percent is retained by the club for any purpose at the discretion of the management.

Last December 1, the club has granted a P400 hike to the club employees' monthly pay. Another increase will be coming up this December, and the rest of the Decembers in the next five years. This is on top of the 13-month pay that the employees receive annually.

What was agreed by the two parties received appreciation from Paciano Murro Jr. of the National Conciliation and Mediation Board, who was there during the signing.

In an interview, Paciano said he observed "openness" between the management and the union federation, which could have been the reason why both parties had agreed like one team.

"So far this year, medyo malaki ang budget na ibinigay ng Casino sa manggagawa... this is a very momentous event," said Paciano, while adding that he could only hope that the

relationship will continue to be that "solid."

Club general manager Edgardo Tongco, for his part, related how this new bargaining was very much different from the past, which he described was a "roller coaster ride." He thanked everyone who was

instrumental in the formulation of a compromise that culminated in this "milestone" contract. He promised too that "everybody will get his share," now that the management is "very active" in supporting all its employees.

KIDS, PARENTS LEARN TENNIS THE BACANI WAY

By Strawberry Yap

Under the blissful heat of the summer sun, wisps of white dust covered the court grounds as eager rubber-soled feet with matching tennis racket-ready hands took purposeful strides in hitting neon green balls to the other side.

With the season of summer in full bloom and with school out of the way, Cebuano tennis enthusiasts – both kids and parents alike – flocked to the Butch Bacani Summer Tennis Camp held at the Casino Español de Cebu to avail of the tennis lessons.

Organized by Smart, the training was offered free of charge.

Trained by Butch Bacani himself, a noted national tennis coach, camp participants – kids aged five to 18 – were given the opportunity to get their tennis skills harnessed and improved. (Reprinted from Sun*Star Cebu, May 3, 2008)



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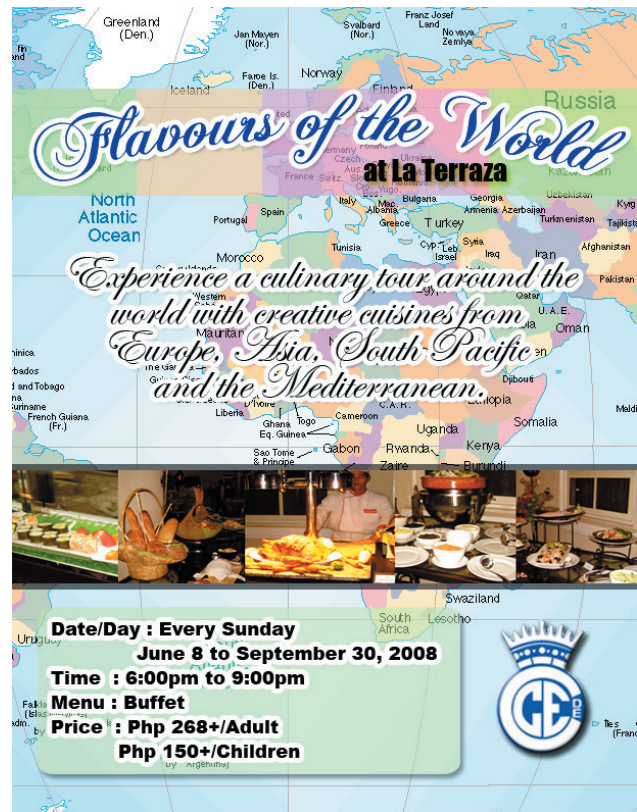
Unveiling of Mr. Jose Sala's portrait during the general membership meeting.



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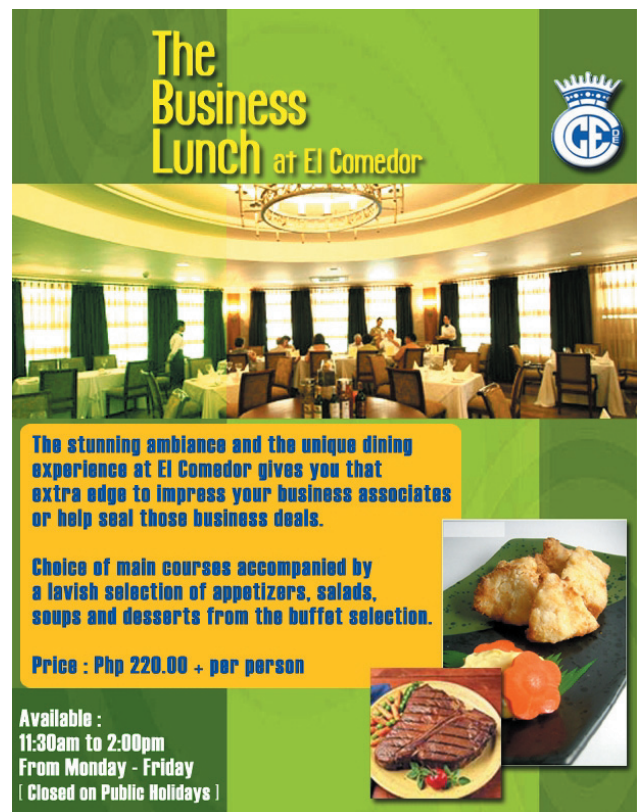


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at La Terraza

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